

Where We Begin

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Norman Grubb's sermon explores our identity as God's sons and the transformative power of love in our lives.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the concept of slavery and how it has been the eternal purpose of God. He explains that as humans, we have been enslaved to our flesh and have gone astray from God's intended plan. The preacher emphasizes the importance of choosing to align ourselves with the spirit rather than the flesh. He also highlights the need to experience and rely on the availability and desirability of God's presence in our lives.

Transcript

Thank you Lord, you have fallen. Long ago you fell, at Pentecost. And you've remained there where you always were, in the hearts of those who see Jesus by you.

So as you said, you are the well in us, and you're the rivers through us. So thank you. And we just, along with you now, in what you're saying, doing, working among us, every moment of the day, not only in these sessions, but when we're eating and talking, praying and praising, and enjoying together.

Thank you for your living self, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Now we're seeking to continue this morning from where we left off yesterday.

Today, as I say, the only way I know how to share what God has given me to share, is by a process of continuity, moving from one session to another, to another. I say to you, my usual calling is not the public ministry like this, I'm usually more in groups, because I like rap sessions. I like to get back as much as I give.

And so I welcome anyone to come and say, hi, I'm sure you're wrong. And I say, of course I know you were, but I'll just permit you. We'll just do that later on.

I knew I should get complaints for being British and too quick. Well, I can't help being British. As for being too quick, I always understood God could do anything, except slow me down.

So there we are. Now we were led yesterday to some, what I understand to be, from God's words, some tremendous facts. The whole universe is one, because he is one, and the whole universe is he expressed in multitudinous forms, one living person through multitudinous manifestations.

And this further revelation, he is only love, so everything is love. Everything is forms of perfection. Even if we mess him up, he reforms into perfection.

That's what he came by his son to do, moving into the ultimate perfection. But we're able to see perfection now. We're seeing him with perfect love, in perfect operation, in all forms, in all ways.

So we saw this as our tremendous basis. We deal with only one. But because, as the scripture says, he is eternal, immortal, invisible, he can't be manifested except by manifested form.

So from eternity, in his own trinity, he has his own son, who is the manifested father, the manifested God, the Lord Jesus Christ. As he moves down to our level, he can move us up to his level. And we're able to know the father through the son.

And as we saw further, he continues to complete his eternal purposes through his son and sons. They become the agents by whom the spirit reproduces, father, son, spirit. The spirit brings, through the word of faith of the son, reproductions into being.

This creation is the first we know of. And the marvel we saw is that it always had been his purpose. Through his son, there should come into being a family of sons, who'd level up with his son.

Fantastic. Created, leveling up with the creator. And forming one in million form of sons.

Sons of persons. Living persons as the fathers of living persons, who by their living personality would express him. Because of tremendous significance of being on the manifested level, the agent of manifestation, is that the eternal one, the universal, is only seen by manifested form.

It's never seen any other way. You never see electricity except by that. You never see electricity except by heat.

You never see it. You see it by its form. You never see the atom, you only see its forms.

And you never see the living God, except by his sons. By his son, and then his sons. And no other way would this living person ever be manifested in the world.

That's why Paul said in Romans 8, The groaning creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God, not the son of God. Not the father. Waits for its deliverance, it should be brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God by the manifestation of the sons of God.

Because the sons are the only means by which the father manifests himself and reproduces his own love purposes. That's a tremendous thing to be a person. And when, as we saw, our destiny is to be co-persons from eternity, to be co-owners, and therefore co-developers, and co-managers of God's universe.

So it's a very responsible thing, as well as a very wonderful thing to be a person. And then we further saw that the key to be a God person is to be a love person. Because that's all he is.

John said the final word when he said, God is love. That's all he is, nothing else. Every single thing he is, has, does, is some form of perfect love.

We said yesterday, we always get out of tune. We question what kind of person God is, in situations. Why he does so and so.

When we say, God, you're perfect, what you do is perfect, I can't understand what you're doing, but it's okay. The light's shining. Therefore we saw, this is the necessary settlement, the eternal settlement of the character of the person.

The person of whom the whole universe is to form, is nothing but love. The nature of him in his own deity-manifested form, the son, is nothing but love. That's why we always know what the father's like, because he saw what the son was like on earth, thank God.

And therefore the co-sons must be as pertenuously, the same kind of sons as the son. And the son is a pertenuous expression of the love father. So he's a lover son, as his father's a lover father.

And therefore we are in tune, in focus, down here, and from eternity, when we've begun to be lover people, and learn what it is to be lover people, our trouble is we don't understand who we are, that's our trouble. Most of our trouble is misunderstanding. We are possessing our possessions.

Knowing what it is to be, and operate as, and affirm we are lover sons on earth, in preparation for being, that would be our spontaneous being, because our being then is a union. Our being then is God, joined to us, expressed by us, it's spontaneity. That's our permanent basis.

So we're spontaneously expressions of him with love, he's lover, so we're lovers. Then we're safe. Just as the whole universe is safe, because the God is a safe God, because he's a lover God.

Kings and rulers and people down here are not safe when they're, all through history, self-loving people, so you get chaos. When the ruler is another person, that which he manages, those who he manages, move into harmony. And so this whole universe would be a harmonious universe, because he has spontaneously millions of us, co-lovers, co-manifesters of what he is, co-developers, whatever that means, with his own son.

So we saw that the next stage of fundamental importance is for us to know what it is to be the person we really are and being. What it is to be a person and to be that person, and then to function as that person. So that's what we're talking about these days.

What is it to be the person, be that person, and then function as that person. That's yourself, that's all, and yourself as the real self. That's all we were talking about yesterday, that new man.

Then we saw, we're really only, I'd say, talking still on foundations this morning. I shan't actually get on as far as I'm concerned, the practical application to our daily lives, about tomorrow, but we're still laying the foundations. We saw this, perhaps usually unnoticed fact, that you can never be a competent person in anything until you first learn how not to do it, before you know how to do it.

Because all life has this strange basis, it's only manifestable, it's only a conscious act because it has two sides to it, because it has its opposites. You cannot have light without knowing there's dark. You can't have sweet without knowing there's bitter.

You can't have yes without knowing there's no. As I said yesterday, you come here because you're a cog that knows. You're a yes cog that knows.

You started, no, no, no, I can't, I'm too busy. Finally you say, yes, I will, and your yes swallows up your nose. Yes, he would only have a strong yes because he's had a good meal of nose, that's all.

So life cannot be any other way. That is the meaning of being, as I say. So we saw yesterday, we have to say that living God is a person who has conquered the opposite.

He cannot lie. If he's a person he could, unless some fixation has taken place by which something by his own free choice, he cannot. That's what choice does, it fixes you in the one.

The one swallows up the other. And that's the whole purpose of a person, to discover why it is to be a fixed person, and to be that fixed person. That's why I always love that cry of the psalmist, Oh God, my heart is fixed.

My heart is fixed, I will sing praise. And we are fixed if we know it now, if we are redeemed. We just haven't discovered how fixed we are, that's all.

So it's phases and phases of rediscovery we need, that's all. But now, as I say, a person isn't fixed in the positive until he's fixed in the negative. That's what training is, that's what graduation is.

Nobody is fixed as a carpenter, or a plumber, or an electrician, or a doctor, or a lawyer, until he first says, I don't teach it that way. I don't handle my electrical things that way. I don't handle my tools that way.

It becomes fixed with, ah yeah, that's right, I've settled, I don't do it that way. In general speaking, he's discarded the wrong ways. We all can make mistakes, we humans, and we all have more to learn, but generally speaking, we discard the wrong ways, and we're confident we're able to handle our situations.

That's being fixed. Always on the inner level. Because to make consciousness, all you are is a consciousness.

All you are is the spirit, which is I am. All I am is a consciousness. And all operation is from the consciousness, which is I am.

I desire, I know, I will, all rest falls. So everything is your consciousness. A carpenter doesn't operate by his outer tools.

He operates by his consciousness. Oh, I know how to use that, his tools are the agents of his consciousness. Oh, I know how to do that.

From the knowing comes the operation. Nothing's ever done from outside, because we're never outside people. That's why outside religion is no good.

That's why God has to destroy it. There's a great deal of good came in communism, by destroying external forms of ritualism. God has to use negatives to handle positives.

Destroy external forms of outer gods. That's no good, but it is no good either. It's only when the outer gods become the inner gods, it's any good.

It's only when the outer Jesus is the inner Jesus, it's any good. Only when the outer world is the inner world, it's any good. Because I'm only a person of my consciousness.

So on every level of life you operate, not from your tools, not from your outer knowledge. You operate by that which has become you. Now you are operating from the inside you, expressing it through your tools and agencies and so on.

So we saw that the central inner consciousness, the central being of the universe, fixed in love and can be nothing else. It's tremendous. It has a purpose in creating people like himself, made in his image, spirit, spirit, united spirit, possible spirits like himself, who can be co-fixed with him.

And as the Bible says, co-gods with him, or co-operators with him, in whatever there is to be done, in whatever there is in the eternal development of the universe, by his sons, that's it. So you see, it's the same as, you don't become fixed as a carpenter without training, or fixed as a doctor, or fixed as a lawyer, or fixed as a teacher. We don't become fixed as a person without training.

We've got to discover personhood and then get it fixed. Or, in this case, have it fixed for us. And then only can we move on competently, from whom I am to being who I am, and functioning as who I am.

And that's the history of the human family. And it's always been in God's purpose. God wasn't fooled by the sudden discovery about the devil or Ford.

He meant it to be. He had to be. So because we had become unhealthily healthy, you have to be unhealthy before you're healthy.

So we had to be unhealthy sinners before we're healthy saints. Had to be. It's all part of eternal purpose.

I proved it to you yesterday. I said the Bible said, he foreordained his son to be a sacrifice for a lost world, before there was a lost world. So he knew all about the lost world coming before it started.

That's the perfect God. You can't fool him. Heads he wins, tails he loses.

We lose every time. We are. Praise God.

So it's clear. So there had to be a Garden of Eden. There had to be alternative trees.

And that naughty God stuck a serpent in one of them. Rather naughty of him, wasn't he? He might have left the wrong tree in the serpent's house. Just left the right tree.

We all need the right tree to be a bunch of babies. God doesn't want a bunch of babies who just know things unconsciously. He wants people who know consciously who they are and function as such.

You only know consciously by finding out. That's why there are the three stages you have to pass through. What John says, we discuss as we go on.

From infancy, to adolescence, to adulthood. Little children, young men, fathers. A little child is unconscious.

A little child is very precious because he can't manage the world. And so if there had been one tree, it would be useless. We should just be unconscious beings.

Consciousness came by the opposite. Consciousness came by all is yours. Adam and Eve, all is yours.

I'm your father. How did you sit unconscious? Like a child, automatically receives from his parents. It's all yours.

But one thing, don't touch that one. Had to be. And behind the don't touch that one was this person who did that kind of thing.

Satan. Now we don't know very much about him, except he revealed to us that he was a person who consciously rejected being another lover. Became a self-lover.

We're just told a little about him in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. They're the two key passages. When he was made as probably God's highest creation.

But as a free person, he was to be a light bearer. I say it was Lucifer, which is the Latin for bearing light. He was to be an expression of him who is a light, which reveals him who is a love.

That's what we are. Lambs that reveal lights. Now I'm not being there.

I'm a free person. I'm beautiful. I have infinite capacity.

I'll be for myself. In fact, I'll kick him out and take his place. That's Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28.

Ezekiel 28 is his beauty. Isaiah 14 is his purpose to take God's place. So he did take God's place as a false god.

That's the blindness in which we live. If the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness? We live in light and think it's light and it's only dark. That's the self-centered world.

If the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness? So self-centeredness has become a false light. Where we've been living until we've been disillusioned, thank God. So that's what started.

And God used him. Now get this into... Satan's a convenient agent. Don't fuss about Satan.

Thank God for him, sir. Satan's always God's convenient agent. God uses him for better purposes.

Whenever you see Satan turn up, say, OK, Satan, you come in one way. I'm going to watch you go out seven ways now. Have fun.

Have faith. Don't fuss about Satan. He's God's convenient agent.

We shall see what goes on. What useful things God's done in the world through Satan. And it still is.

He got you saved through Satan. If Satan hadn't got you lost, you wouldn't get saved, would you? So you'd better get... So you'd better get him praise meeting with Satan. And this is the first way he used him.

To get man into focus on the negative. To get man into focus on the negative. So he used Satan to endorse Adam and Eve.

We poor men always have followed women all our lives. We just do what the women do. So it starts with Eve, as usual.

You didn't clap that one. And so Satan got her. Oh, this tree is very nice.

What? This tree is very nice. It's a tree they shouldn't have. Oh, there's something in it, you see.

I shouldn't have it, but it's very nice. Now that's the only way in which we can discover being persons. To discover being persons, I've got to discover I have appetite.

I have sight. I have mental ability. Tremendous.

We, like God, have tremendous potential. We have to discover we've got it. We can only discover it by being tempted to be something for ourselves.

So it had to come that way. It had to be somebody who said to us, Hi, you should be able to eat that tree. Oh, I'd like to.

I've got appetite. I'd like to. Look to me, it'll taste nice.

I've got appetite. Come on, let's taste them. Beautiful.

I've never saw beauty before. Oh, my eyes are open. Endless beauty.

Of course, for self reasons. But the point is, to discover they had the capacity of art and science and what comes through the eye gate and through what comes through the flesh. Oh, the flesh is beautiful.

Don't allow flesh to die. It's only its misuse that's wrong. It's God's precious agent.

Jesus Christ came in the flesh. He didn't come in the sinful flesh. He came in the flesh.

It's only the sinful part of the flesh. It's not the flesh which is wrong. So the appetite factor is a mind.

Satan says, you've got a mind. I said, yes, my, I have. And so they began to discover personality had to be.

So they couldn't discover personality except it had to be for themselves. Now, we had to be for ourselves but put ourselves back into focus and then be ourselves on a new level. That's what life is, to be for yourself.

It's what it is, in the right relationship. And then you can't be yourself under new motivation. And so they had this temptation and then they went all the way.

They didn't know much more. It was mainly ignorance. You know, God's so beautiful.

God doesn't throw sticks and bombs at his precious people. He never judges them. He just told them they're silly, that's all.

He didn't judge them. He judged Satan. When the animal evil fell, it wasn't God that hid.

It was Satan that hid. God never hides. There's no wrath in God.

There's no judgment in God. There's no guilt in us. We project it onto God.

It wasn't God who hid in the garden. It wasn't the animal evil who hid. God called him out, came in the cool of the day and called him out.

He said he was hiding. God said, come out, you silly fellow. I'll talk to you.

But he got him out. He never said one judge, a man or woman. He judged Satan.

He said, you're the curse. You eat dust. You're symbolically.

That's spiritual self-sufficiency. That's hell. That's the curse.

Spiritual self-sufficiency. A few dear people, you'll have some sorrow. That's all he offered.

Sorrow. Sorrow is a reaction to suffering. So he says, things will go wrong and those things that go wrong will make you feel uncomfortable.

Thank God you'll be uncomfortable. If we weren't first uncomfortable, we shouldn't get comfort in Jesus. So he said, you'll be made sorrowful.

As all he said, you'll have sorrow because certain things in life will happen to you we don't like. That's all God gave. He's always on the side of man.

At the same time, he says, already there's a hidden seed you can find, which is Christ. Christ was always there. Christ was the Lamb saved from the foundation of the world.

Revelation says, he was always there. Like a seed form. So you can find Christ.

Abel found him. Probably Adam found him. Seth found him.

They found him. He was there to be found. Lots of you will find you've found Christ with me as known to come out the way we came.

That's the way, you see, he's always like that. So, you see, this is tremendous. This world.

We had to go wrong. Thoroughly wrong. We had to become captives of this spirit of self-centeredness.

You see, humans are captives. Humans are manifestors. We are never anything by ourselves.

We are manifestors of a deity. That's why the Bible calls us vessels. The Bible says every human being is either a vessel of wrath, you say wrath or something but I say wrath the best I can get.

A vessel of wrath or a vessel of mercy. The vessel is a container. We are containers of a God to whom wrath comes.

Or we are containers of a God to whom mercy comes. The container doesn't change. All the gospel is changing God's inside, that's all.

It isn't the change of us. The change of the God that motivates us, that's all. Because we are always God-motivated.

What happened at the fore was we became motivated by the false God. He didn't make us. He only stole us.

He was only a thief. We always did belong to God. Our very being was in God.

That's why people know how to respond to God. Thank God they do. The being of every person.

I've been in a mission in Africa. I know in the Africans there's always a spiritual response. Everybody, you around the world, you know about the role of the world.

There's a spirit everywhere. Because we're in His being. So basically Satan simply stole us and distorted us, that's all.

But he captures made us slaves. And so in that slavery we went the self way. The self-centered, self-seeking, self-gratifying, self-affirming way.

And thank God gradually, by this way, by this knock and that knock we find it doesn't work. We get disillusioned. If you're a redeemed person here you've been a disillusioned person, haven't you? It's been a rock-bottom disillusion.

You found that old life's wrong. Not outside you. It helped by being told before you're inside.

Inside you find, I'm a wrong person. I'm away from God. I'm in no peace.

I'm living a rotten life. I'm doing rotten things I shouldn't do. There's something wrong with me.

God have mercy on me. There isn't a person here who's been redeemed who didn't first say, I'm a wrong person, have mercy on me. Not because of outer forms.

May have come through outer forms but by inner consciousness. So that's been the whole purpose. Thank God.

Because we couldn't be right unless we'd first been wrong. Because we might go do it again. You see, if you've been in a thoroughly wrong way and you've been torn to pieces by it and you go out and say, I'm not going back there again.

Of course, we may visit when there was looking but we won't live there again. Difference, you see what I mean? If you're born again you will never go back. You can't go back.

You can't go back. I'll tell you why later on. As I say, we may visit when there was looking but you won't live there any longer.

I don't mind paying visits as long as I don't live. I can see my English doesn't get a course so you don't get the point but it's a pretty good point. So you see, if you're a redeemed person you've been basically a disillusioned person.

You've had to be wrong and known you were wrong and been disgusted with it and cried for mercy and whatever form it takes, whether towards yourself, towards other people, towards God. Somewhere, if it likes to mean anything you've got to find the change. Now how can the change take place? That's what sends us everything in the sun.

The sun. Everything. Because slaves can't redeem slaves.

Slaves can't redeem slaves. We're a captive race. Slaves can't receive slaves.

A slave may express a little freedom in trying to be somebody else. Like we, in our unsaved days, tried a little to be good. That didn't make us good.

We just tried and came back where we belonged and we came. Slaves have little freedom they can express for their slaves. Can't get out.

Slavery. This has been the eternal purpose of the father from eternity. That his son should be the head of the true race.

The head of the eternal family. The founder, source and head brother of the family of the spirit dimension. Because the old family is a flesh dimension.

Flesh is good, only misused. It's been misused. It's a precious flesh.

It's to be redeemed flesh now. We'd have redeemed bodies. But it's been a misused flesh.

It's so our flesh and so our agreement with our flesh we've gone these other ways. So we've been a flesh people and after that marvels come. Look at this universe.

Look at this world. Marvels come out of fallen men. Look at the marvels of invention and investigation.

If that comes out of fallen men what's got to come out of unfallen men? When the whole son family is in full redemption. So this was the situation. Now this is where the only person who could redeem us was a person who had a claim on us who had a basic relationship with us and could do something for us we couldn't do for ourselves.

And the one person who could do that was our creator. He who created us. He who we belong to.

He could do something for us. That's the Lord Jesus Christ. So there's no way in which the human race could be redeemed from slavery unless there was one who was our basic creator created our spirits and our souls and bodies who in some way could represent us and get us out of our bondage.

That's what Jesus Christ did. Our history and glory and our songs for eternity is the Lamb that was slain. The Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and risen.

So that's why to my mind the supreme title for him is the last Adam. It only comes in that form actually once. It's implied in Romans 5. It's said you can go to Romans 15.

In 1 Corinthians 15. The last Adam. Why? Adam's head of a race.

Adam's a progenitor. We're all reproductions of the flesh Adams. We're flesh people.

Came under the slain slavery our father had for good purposes. We had to learn the slavery before we learned the freedom. That's alright.

But he's the last Adam. He's taken the place. The first Adam in the Bible is only called a figure.

Only a shadow. The last Adam is the real Adam. Spirit is real.

This is figure. This is shadow. We've got to get out of living on a shadow relationship to reality.

Spiritist relationship. This is this one. He came to bring into being the human family on his true spirit dimension.

God dimension. He did that by becoming one of us. Becoming an ordinary human.

That's why we always preserve the incarnation. The Bible never says the key to your faith is the cross. The key to your faith is did Jesus Christ come in the flesh? That's one John.

That's the key test of a person. If he's a believer he says Jesus Christ God's son became a flesh Christ. A human being.

Incarnation. So we're faced with a unique person. He was us but he wasn't us.

He was a unique son. So he never touches uniqueness. He's the creator's son.

We're the creator's sons. He's the deity's son. We're the kind of I don't want to call it because we move migration onto the level of brotherhood.

I suppose that's the best I can say. Now we all know what he did. The first time he had the prudence of a true human to be hit by all humanity as a hit.

So he was hit by the devil. Not only in the 40 days all the time. But the devil was never getting inside him.

You are an inner consciousness not an outer person. Anybody can do anything on the outer it's how you take it matters. We'll talk about that later on.

All life is how you see it and take it not how it happens to you. You manage life because you manage it as you see it and take it from within. That's how you are.

And so Satan could never get Jesus because he couldn't get him inside. When he tempted Jesus oh no my wordly father he was he always was a a vessel of his father not a vessel of God a vessel of mercy he always had the living God inside him. So he could be hit Satan could hit him every way outside couldn't touch him inside.

But he was a real man and went through everything we go through. Then he came to the final end. We call the final end death.

The real final end is hell. Don't be too body minded don't be too much of a body fusser. Who cares about your body get a new one quick.

Don't be so busy keeping people on the earth hurry them up to heaven. In our mission we always have a congratulation when someone dies for Jesus. We sing your dance when people die because they've gone on to be real people.

We don't say oh dear dear dear we say praise God you've gone may I follow you quickly. So don't be body fussers. Be spirit enjoyers.

And don't take too much fuss about your body. Praise the Lord anyhow as long as the spirit shines out that's what matters. As long as the spirit shines out.

If a person is sick help them to be sure one thing they are praising Jesus. If they get praising Jesus they will probably get healed quicker too. Death, physical death isn't the point.

Destiny is the point. Death is part of this corruption ended in death that's not the point destiny is the point. This dies, where does this go? And that's why the Bible again says we are spirits.

Because the Bible says there are two ways. For the unredeemed the spirit in prison to whom Jesus went to preach. The redeemed spirits have just been made perfect.

Hebrews 12. So you see it's destiny. Now that's seriousness.

That's the seriousness of the blood of Christ. That's the blood of Christ and the body of Christ. That's where they are subdivided in the Lord's Supper.

The blood of Christ and the body of Christ with two vitally important meanings to them. The blood of Christ was his own blood. That's himself.

That person uniquely risked hell for us. That's where he went. Suffered on the cross? I think we make too much of the sufferings of Christ.

We should see the glory there. He saw glory in it. They saw glory and they saw a king up there.

You see faith transcends suffering. Jesus never acted as a sufferer on the cross. Think of a person in that agony considering did they mean it.

Isn't that beautiful? In that agony they didn't mean it Father. Those soldiers didn't know what they were doing. They didn't mean it.

Forgive them. Isn't that beautiful? Isn't that seeing God's beauty in everybody? Forgive them Father. They didn't know what they were doing.

They were just in their duty to crucify me. It wasn't his crucifixion bothering him. It was those that God shouldn't those people out there should have their forgiveness.

Isn't that beautiful? See it wasn't his physical He transcended his physical in the glory. So I think I think we shouldn't make glorify the misery we should make it a praise. Not the Easter Sunday.

Because that teaches us praise in your sufferings that's our glory. We won't be able to praise in our sufferings. That's our glory.

No one's thinking how to do it. And so he went that wasn't the problem. The problem was he went to hell.

Now I don't know. But he had to walk by faith as we did. And he might might he well be he might have said and he might remain there.

See he represented the whole sins the products the consequences the sins of the world. The consequences of the sins of the world is our guilt the wrath the judgement the eternal destiny. That's the point of our sins.

The things we've done. He bore our sins. That's not our sin.

That's different. I'm talking about our sins. Sins are the product.

Sin is the producing principle. That's different. He bore our sins.

And our sins take us into guilt into judgement into wrath into hell. And the Bible simply says if you are fixed in that condition that's why it does. That's the blood of Christ.

The blood of Christ was the blood symbolised outpoured life. That he really did die. When your blood is gone you're dead.

So it's a symbol to us that he really did die. He didn't die physically. I mean he did but physical body died he went to hell.

That's the first thing Peter said in the great speech after Pentecost. Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell. So he must really have settled in hell if he wasn't even left there at some point.

Jesus Christ went to hell. He went where you and I are destined to go. That's the risk he took.

I took quite a risk. He had all my faith. Could it be he'd be left there on our behalf? Of course he couldn't be he didn't belong there.

Satan had no control over him. So as I was saying a sin race with its sins staying its sin guilt its sin wrath its sins judgement its sins destiny all those sins represented he came out left them behind. He shut that door of hell for all who received him.

For the whole human race the world was reconciled unto him. Except they hadn't found out that's all. This gospel had been a world gospel.

There's never been a little bit few Christian gospels but a world gospel. Of the world so we might be saved. Reconciled the world unto him.

I love the world mindedness you get in the in the both the gospel of John and the epistle of John. And so in that one act he wiped out all that would come to us out of our guilt a condemnation wrath judgement don't have any of it. You sin by retaining any sense of guilt or wrath or judgement about you.

Your fast is is out of sight it's out of God's sight it's out of your sight we'll leave it out of sight. If it's as far as from the East as from the West that's a pretty good distance I reckon. If it's the depths of the sea they're trying to find power or something down there and they're having a hard work.

The strong terms he was God wiped the thing it's wiped out. That's the precious blood of Christ. Sometimes people sort of squirm at the blood they don't understand they don't mean it.

Like a Mohammed I worked among Mohammedans they don't understand they've got a prejudiced idea of Jesus Christ so they skit on him. They're not to blame for that they don't understand the perfect Jesus we mean. They've got distorted images.

There are some people who sort of say they squirm at the blood they don't understand the preciousness. It's a symbol of this God-life outpoured went where I should go to cut me off sight never need go I never had the guilt or the wrath or judgement which belongs there it's out. That's the the death and resurrection of Jesus on that level.

The other level is the crucified body. Now that's very remarkable. We do not participate in the blood that's his blood we do participate in the body.

That's why in communion it says you take communion with the mother of Christ yes you take it recognising his blood shed for you you participate in the body for we being one bread one body we participate in the body. Why? Because we are that body. Now that's great significance we are that body.

How do I know we are that body? The Bible says you were crucified with Christ you were buried with him you were risen with him you were sent with him that's why all those Romans and Galatians comes up again and again Colossians all those those letters. Now we were there why? Because you see our bodies contain the sin principle. Sins were the products which came out the hates, fears, lies all these things for which we've broken the law for which there was a judgement and wrath and all that.

Christ has become the end of the law wiped it out or become the completion of the law shall we say so we know what that left. Now that's not our problem our problem isn't the product it's the producer our problem is the motivation which causes me to be self-centred out of my self-centredness comes my hates and my fears and my lust and so on they are products what matters is motivation in the body.

Now that's sin in the body sin is the principle of self-centredness it's really another term for Satan love is it's another term for love is God of course it's the principle of being which is God's being and sin self-centredness is the principle of false being which is Satan's being so you may speak of the spirit it speaks to the spirit of the principle of how the error was in us speaks to one of the spirit in error call him sin call him spirit it doesn't matter that's the person who's possessed us through the fall we are vessels with a wrong owner in us that owner went out in the death and resurrection of the body of Jesus see the body contains the owner now that body represents us we were crucified we were died we were buried a dead body has no spirit in it and when that dead body laid

it says we were buried with him there was no longer left the spirit of self-centredness which grabbed us and saved us that's the completion out that went it's that empty dead body put to death in the flesh quickened by the spirit in 1 Peter 3 now into that dead body came the new spirit his spirit here's the fixation of the spirit of self-giving love taking the place of the spirit of self-loving love that's the gospel that both removes what should come to us as a consequence of our sin our sin life wrath judgment so and so and it changes our condition which Lola was bringing out so beautifully yesterday changed our condition which we put off the old man put on the new man we've got to understand a little more what that means so the gospel means out goes hell and the wrath and the judgment

and the fear of death and the condemnation and all that not there we become precious in God's sight see yourself you're perfectly precious God delights in you I have a laugh always think God delights in me he says he does so he does and when I look down on you I say well he makes pretty poor choices somehow that's his business not mine if he loves you OK I'll love you too so there he has he's precious precious don't downgrade yourself when you cease to downgrade yourself don't downgrade your neighbour upgrade yourself you're precious every bit of you is precious cut out taken out that old spirit out and the stain's gone in Jesus Christ raised again now there are now we come back to ourselves we begin to be little ourselves there are certain phases of consciousness which have to become us

like any person being educated in a profession you learn phases oh I've got it I know I'll do it I know I'll do it that's consciousness there are certain phases the Bible puts them as a three-fold set I'll quote it to you the Bible says you start as a little kid little children you go on to an adolescent who's found his own abilities

that's the firmament of adolescence a young man you go into fatherhood when you're reproducing bringing out to the world there are three phases crucifixion resurrection ascension Romans 1-5 Romans 6-8 Romans 9-16 and all these things all through the Bible so now we're back on a person now the royalty of a person is my ability to choose now the simplest word for choice is faith it's unfortunate and that's why new translations are good that we tighten up

religious words and make them have religious connotations so we've put little things into a little framework faith is a universal action of the personality the only action of the personality the only basic action of the few is faith because faith isn't some religious idea faith is your inner capacity for choice with the heart man believes with the mind you can accept you've got to stop there I agree with that but you don't operate on your mind you operate your inner self which really we use the word choose which put yourself to something that faith you put yourself to something look here you didn't come here by your thinking you had to have thoughts you were invited and here's the place and so on what did you do? you came because you chose you said I'll come you didn't come here by your

body you came here by your choice your automobile or your airplane just bought your faith that's all because faith is a tremendous it's the capacity for choice but that's the moment of choice that's the word of faith you say I'll do that I'll take that I'll go there all life is that a word is a person in action a word is a person in action a word of faith everything you do comes out of a word and that becomes an act on earth and you take it and the law of faith is that's how you get experience alright now here's some food well you believe in it you see it that's alright that's a limit that's good enough you believe in it and see it I think we're pretty eager in going farther over here lining up and taking rather enjoy it don't we we take it you don't take it of your body you take it

because you choose to take it oh I'm going to have that inwardly you've chosen you're going to take this now what happens poor you you're thinking about what you take if you have that tummy ache it's your fault for eating too much that's all your food takes you the law of experience is the takers took them what you take takes you all life is that all life is you're taken over by that which you take you come here well you take instead of staying at home or going to some other job you take coming here alright you take coming I'll come you come it's got you now you're here stuck here for a few more days of course the basic idea is because you freely choose you like to be taken over so everyone's a slave to their choices because you freely choose you're meant to like it doesn't always work

out quite like that on earth you're meant to so you enjoy being here because you chose to it's taken you over so all eternally is being is freely through your mind come now it really takes lots of things lots of things temporarily or for longer times you're taken over what you take now the supreme moment in your human history beyond which higher than which we'll never go is when you and I voluntarily transferred our capacity of taking from things material to a person who's immaterial from matter to spirit now you see even your religion can be made that's why I say this book can't save you until it becomes a person inside you it can only lead you you can't save by a book you're saved by receiving a person through the book and that person becomes you you're saved by the person not the book

the words I speak are to their spirit their life nothing outside you takes you that's why outside religion's got to go that's why I say it's quite good in many ways that communism blew up false professions of religion in Russia to start again communism has shaken us back to proper faith we owe that to the devil from communism shaken us back to find a real faith instead of phony externally ritualistic stuff I don't say it's the place for some ritualism but you know it can eat you up so you see the outside because you're never held

by the outside you're only held by what you're inside nothing otherwise ever holds you neither this world or any other world now then what did we do in this moment of choice you've become some way or another disillusioned with your present condition that's the

word probably of the gospel or perhaps exalted by other people you felt they got something you hadn't got you were missing something there was a defeat and a hate and a fear and a strain and wrong things in your life whatever form it took you felt you were a wrong person somewhere out from God somewhere now that was your disturbed background now that disturbed your faith up to that time you tried to have a faith in your present condition you tried to laugh it off we try to laugh life off last fun but often behind laugh is a horror ring underneath is a torn up person's side you try to laugh it off or you try to philosophise you go oh I don't believe that stuff or you've tried to have some outer religion oh I'm a church person I've been baptised and so on you try but all that's outer stuff

and somehow that's not settling you that's not satisfying you that's why you're here something's wrong so you've had the disillusioned faith you've had a material faith on a philosophy on a religion or maybe on your good works on your good resolution or on your bad works and the bad way you've been and the wrong things all that that's been shaken up in the that upon which your faith has centred now that's been shaken up that's not good enough but where else can I believe? now this is the critical moment when you turn to the Jesus Christ to say that he was the Bible that's why we have the word of God that's why we have the gospel that's why we have the witness to show us him the son who became one of us and then went through a process of redemption we didn't understand all the Bible when

we first come to him and held up again we have this person the critical moment is you try to follow your faith not to crucify Jesus but to risen Jesus you see crucifixion is history anybody can believe a crucified Jesus just in history you can't believe a risen Jesus in history that's beyond history that's the new dimension the risen Jesus is the spirit dimension and you're never saved just by seeing a Christ who died well you may in the evening or so but I mean generally speaking you're not saved by believing a Christ who died you're saved by perceiving the Lord Jesus Christ as alive and that means you've moved into the spirit dimension you've dared now for the first time in your human history to attach your inner diversity of choice to one you can't see can't face can't touch can't hear

but something in you sets you this is the one this is the son of God died for me rose again loves me accepts me gives me puts me in the family of God this is what I receive so faith means somewhere along the line you're consciously related to yourself to this one who did die who does arrive who does live and you've moved in to relate yourself to a person which is the true dimension which is the spirit dimension not the earthly now the law of faith the principle of faith always has the operation you experience what you take what you take takes you you move in it takes you and you experience it it takes you whether temporarily or permanently now this is this is the consequence now this is the first time up to that time your material faith is just as material as ours you've taken food

there's the food take a chair there's the chair take here here you are so you get material evidences of your faith this is immaterial you're now believing in a person you can't see you can't feel you can't touch you can't hear in that sense the words of God can only guide you you're receiving him now the material you get into you is the witness inside you yes he does love me yes he is my father now that's the first great reality you'll have in eternity consciousness is reality and if you're a born again person that's come into your heart well he does love me God is my father Jesus is my saviour he did change his blood for me he is my lord a new level of thrill has come into you a level of light you see light isn't this this is the external form God is

light light's a person these are

forms of light by which things are materialised everything is materialised light he is the light now with our eyes we see light in certain form with our ears we hear that it comes in sound form and light comes in atomic form we touch it so you touch the outbreaks of light outwardly in all those forms when you're born again you can be touched with him who is light and inward you're conscious now real light is inspiration real life oh that's it if you're born again somehow I saw him Jesus does love me he is my saviour somehow I can't prove a thing but somewhere inside me there's my saviour he's all my past there's God I belong to him he belongs to me God's my father a thrill has come to you true light is inspiration and ecstasy and every born again person is in a permanent inner ecstasy

which may take out of fun but the ecstasy is there whether the outer fun is there or not because that's light true light is a person and we are part of that person we are the light we've come into union with him who is light and we take it oh that's it how well I know the day oh that's it I've been brought up a church foe but the moment came when I had to receive him as a personal saviour when I asked him to forgive my sins meaning it oh that's what the blood means light I heard about the blood across all my church days oh that's what it means I saw oh I don't go to hell then because of that precious blood now Jesus has become real to me in my consciousness God's my father I was in the middle of the football season as a young man then and I well remember saying oh dear that's emotion we

English are always afraid of emotion oh that's emotion to go tomorrow first thing when I woke up the next morning Jesus Jesus is my saviour God's my father I'm still there after millions of years I'm still this is a permanent thing light is inspirational and extraordinary now that's it if you're a born again person you've been taken not you took in your need you took him he took you and you're born again not because you say I hold him but somehow it's a deed I don't know how he loves me I don't know how he's forgiven me I don't know how he's my saviour something's happened in you which has settled that's a permanent consciousness you'll die for that one you'll burn for that one because this is the new spirit reality and you moved into the new spirit dimension now the last thing I'm saying

and I'll have to move on to the next one tomorrow is this the evidences there are two evidences which can be handled by as you like they are peace and love they both come in the Romans 5 chapter which explains what you get when you receive Jesus peace means if you're born again oh there's nothing that actually is God I'm not afraid of my sins and hell I'm not afraid somehow it's right with God peace peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ if you're born again a person has come into you the peace of God has somehow settled you up you're happy because God's your father and you're at peace with God that's your inner experience that's the first fruit of the new birth the other I'd say more important fruit is you can't help it you begin to love you cannot help it it's not you loving your

love by itself is self-loving self but into you has come the spirit of love what happens Romans 5 tells us it says for God's love God's love not yours is shed aboard in your heart by the Holy Spirit giving us and you can't help beginning to love and every born again person is a lover you can't help it because the revelation of Christ in you you can't oh I can't help loving you think you're loving it isn't it it's his love began to operate in you you begin to love Christ with his own love you can't help it life is spontaneous it isn't oh I've got to do it you can't help it you can't help it you're a driven poor thing you're a poor driven slave I've been trying to wriggle out for 40 years and can't wriggle out anyhow once you're caught there's no escape you see now that's the proof you

become a lover now you don't know much about it yet but you've begun to be a lover son he first loved you you love and this is the evidence you're a new person the first baby evidence you have peace and you've got to be a lover and you can't help it you begin to love him who died for you and then you want to tell your friends you've found the secret it's in the secret of ecstasy and peace within you now that's just kid stuff that's all I've given you we'll move on to adolescent stuff next time where we know because there are problems it's alright to have love but my point is oh I'm not such a messy kind of person to learn how you can be a Christian and yet a messy person we'll discuss that oh what shall I do with this and this and this we'll get down a little more to earth next time thank

you very much God bless you

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