

# Qualities That Measure Spiritual Maturity - Part 6 - Understanding the New Covenant

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*Spiritual maturity comes from trusting in Jesus Christ and surrendering to God's grace, which is made possible through the New Covenant.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the profound love and care of God, urging believers to lay their lives at Jesus' feet and recognize their inability to live righteously without divine assistance. He discusses the qualities of spiritual maturity, particularly gentleness, forgiveness, and contentment, contrasting the old covenant's demands with the grace of the new covenant, which offers mercy and transformation through Christ. Beach highlights that true spiritual maturity is not achieved through self-effort but through recognizing one's spiritual poverty and relying on God's grace. He encourages believers to abandon self-reliance and trust fully in Jesus for their spiritual growth and maturity.

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## Transcript

He loves us so much. He cares for us so much. He wants you to be able to lay your lives down at His feet and say, Lord Jesus, I desire you alone.

But I cannot find the resources, or strength, or power to live for you in my own self. And therefore, the need to be subject to child training. Now, you remember that last time we were together, we taught on the word gentle.

How many remember this word gentle? This word gentle gathers in itself quite a comprehensive meaning of what it means to be mature. We discovered that this word actually means being willing to be led by another and allow that person to have his way, as opposed to exerting our own way, or our own will, or our own tenacity. And we saw that this was the quality that Paul possessed when he walked among the believers in Thessalonica.

How well are you doing regarding this quality working in your life? Being willing to be led by another person. Not just the Lord Jesus, but being willing to be among a group of people and not exert yourself,

not exert your way when it comes to non-essential matters. Do you want to know the key to blessed marriage? Learn how to be gentle.

Learn how to let Jesus work in you. The capacity to give way in order to prevent a conflict. This is what spiritual maturity is all about.

Now, firstly, we'd like to turn to Hebrews chapter 8. I want to read a portion of Scripture describing the New Covenant. Listen closely now, okay? Now, a few weeks ago, our last time together, not only did we look at the quality of gentleness, but we also saw that two features of spiritual maturity consists of, number one, a forgiving heart, and number two, contentment. Before we read in Hebrews, I just want to touch on this briefly.

A forgiving heart was one of the features of growing spiritually. We no longer consider ourselves to have the right to hold grudges. We don't have the right to hold a grudge towards someone who has hurt us, someone who has failed us, someone who has sinned against us, someone who has let us down.

As our hearts mature and as God begins to develop the likeness of His Son in our life, we recognize that we are called to exercise forgiveness toward all people. And secondly, we've discovered that spiritual maturity means that we learn contentment in our lives. And we saw how the presence of greed and covetousness and being dissatisfied is running wild in the church today.

It's in the world, but it's coming into the church. And we saw how the desire for more and more and more and the motivation to live that springs out of greed and covetousness destroys families, it destroys marriages, it destroys children, it destroys homes, it destroys the church. And how every person who is destined to come into spiritual maturity will have to come to grips with these two qualities and several more that we're going to be discussing.

And that brings us to where we're at now. Hebrews chapter 8. Beginning in verse number 7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. The first covenant referring to that agreement that God made with Israel while they were at Mount Sinai where God revealed the Ten Commandments.

And He said to Israel, now listen, if you keep these commandments, then I'll bless you. But if you break these commandments, then you're under a curse. That's the old covenant, by the way, which many new believers are still living under.

For finding fault with them, He saith, Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord. Listen carefully to the new covenant.

I will, now this is God speaking, I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts. And I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord.

For all shall know me from the least to the greatest. And I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. And so this is the promise that God has made to those who are partakers of the new covenant.

God promises that He will write His law on our heart, He will write His law in our minds, He will be merciful to our unrighteousness and our iniquities, He will forgive us, and He will take the responsibility to make us into the people that He wants us to be. And so the entire topic that we've been discussing for the past several weeks, spiritual maturity, is not a road that we enter into that we ourselves attain through our own self-effort, and through our works, and through adhering to laws and rules and regulations. That's the old covenant.

The old covenant is, If you do this, then I will do that. If you don't do this, then I will judge you. That's the old covenant.

We're in the new covenant, where God says, I will, I will write my laws upon your heart. I will write my laws upon your mind. I will be merciful to your iniquity and to your unrighteousness.

In Micah, the Bible says that the new covenant promises to remove our sins as far as the east is from the west. And to bury them in the depths of the sea, and there to put a sign, No fishing! No fishing! This is the power of the new covenant that God secured through His Son, Jesus Christ, and we who trust in Christ. So this road to spiritual maturity hangs upon you and I trusting in the God who promised His Son, Jesus Christ, that He would have a people who would be transformed into His image and into His likeness.

And so, before we continued on in these spiritual qualities that are present in a maturing heart, I felt it necessary to reaffirm that these qualities do not come to us through our own self-righteous attempts to look like a Christian or to try and look like we're holy. They actually come to us only after we are brought to the position by God's Holy Spirit where we realize there is no good thing that dwells in us. We can't offer any of our own works, any of our own self-righteousness, any of our obedience to God as if we're gaining merit in His eyes.

Spiritual maturity comes to the soul that has been subject to child training where you've come to see, as Paul did, there is no good thing that dwells in my flesh. Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are those who recognize their spiritual poverty.

Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually bankrupt. Blessed are those who recognize their cupboards are empty. There's no bread.

There's no sustenance. No matter where you delve to find resources, you've got none. And so the secret to know the power of the New Covenant hangs upon the soul's vision of seeing the all-sufficiency of Christ's finished work and its inability to do anything except cry out to God for mercy that God might enable us and empower us and energize us to do His will.

And so God is in the process of accomplishing that spiritual reality in our lives. Whatever you're going through this morning, whatever you have gone through, whatever your past is, it is God's intention this morning to use it to show you how utterly foolish it is to think that you can do anything to obtain God's favor. Whatever you've gone through is intended by God to awaken your soul to this spiritual reality.

Listen to the words of our dear brother. This is a new book that David Wilkerson has released. The New Covenant Unveiled.

In my opinion, one of the greatest books our dear brother has ever written. He talks about his journey. Bear with me for a few moments.

He talks about his journey as a minister, as a pastor, as one that has known international ministry. He's talked about his journey of struggling and struggling and struggling as a Christian over issues of sin in his heart, over issues of lust in his heart, over issues of various other different kinds of sin. And he goes to a wonderful story of how all his life he has tried so hard to please God.

He has tried so hard to live a holy life. He's preached from the pulpit that God is a holy God and He requires His people to be holy. And he agrees that what he was preaching was right, but he didn't understand how to get there.

And he didn't know how to teach the people to get there. And there's a refreshing transparency in the book. And he shares how, and I'm summing this up because it's a 150, 160 page book, and I'm on my second reading.

He comes to the place where he begins to recognize that he has unknowingly been a partaker of the new covenant, yet in his mind he was still under the old covenant. Still thinking that somehow he was going to muster up the power and muster up the strength and muster up the ability to serve God and to be everything that he knew God's Word said he should be. And he came to the place of utter despair and he got tired of repenting.

He got tired of weeping. He got tired of making promises to God. He got tired of making vows.

He got tired of trying to follow the rules that he set for himself and the regulations that he set for himself. And he cried out in despair. And he said, Oh my God, how do I know the power that you promised? And God finally spoke to him after many, many years.

And this is in the book. And basically said this, David, the power of the new covenant is realized when the law has done its job and has revealed to you how sinful you are, how wicked you are. And instead of trying to cover it, instead of trying to think that you could cover it by trying to be holy and trying to be righteous, you fall in defeat and acknowledge your guilt before me.

The strength of the new covenant comes when men and women have come to the end of their self and they stop trying to offer to God something other than their wretched sinful condition. It revolutionized his entire ministry, which I think those who have been receiving his newsletters have seen the work of grace, the message of grace, the message of God's love and God's forgiveness more and more and more permeate our dear brother's writings. And he came to this wonderful realization that the old covenant was intended by God to reveal the sinfulness of sin.

It was never intended by God to make you holy. It was never intended by God to make you righteous. The old covenant was never intended by God to become a set of rules that you determine to live by.

And if you obey them, then you are accepted in God's eyes. And many Christians are living under that lie. They're new covenant believers, but they're still trying by their own effort to please God.

And this is the kind of life you live there. You're up when you feel like you've done a good job, and you're down in the doldrums when you come to see you've failed. And you live a life like this.

Up and down and up and down. I experienced the going down into nothingness. Now, I'm not interested in the dictionary's definition of nothingness.

All I know is that I came to the end of myself. Down, down, down, down into a place of total helplessness. I have struggled so hard and for so long to please the Lord, striving earnestly to live holy and to be pure.

I had tried diligently to beat down every passion and lust in my body and mind. I had read so many books and listened to so many tapes, looking for keys, insights, secrets to living the life of an overcomer. I wept until there were no more tears in me.

I walked and prayed. I knelt and prayed. I lay on my face and prayed.

I wanted to be a pleasure to my Lord so badly, I read my Bible until my eyes were weary. I begged the Holy Spirit to cut off my offending right arm, pluck out my offending right eye, do whatever He had to do to rid me of all these besetting sins. Then one day I could take it no more.

On that day I could not even pray. All I could do was lie on the floor, empty in the Spirit, with no tears left. Engulfed in a sense of total failure, I could only say, Lord, I cannot go on like this anymore.

I am worn out. I have tried and failed. After all my searching through books, all my study, all my efforts to be a conqueror and an overcomer, I still battle with the flesh.

My temptations have not left up. I have tried to be a living sacrifice. I have struggled to live by faith.

I have diligently tried to live and walk in the Spirit, to allow Him to lead me and to empower me, but I still don't get it. I still don't understand why it's not getting through to me. Down to nothingness I went, where the cry became, Lord, I can't struggle anymore.

I have nothing in me to offer You. No merit, no plea. I have no power, no more fight.

I am weak, helpless. I am clueless as to what to do. Down deeper into nothingness, where you know nobody on this earth can help you.

No counselor, no loved one, no friend, no minister. It is a place where you know that unless the Lord comes to change you, to open your eyes and to show you the way, it can't be done. It is a place where you know beyond any shadow of a doubt that you can do nothing of your own.

It is where you once and for all face the truth that all your struggling and striving and the power of the flesh have gotten you nowhere. And now everything depends on Him. If there's going to be a revelation, He has to give it.

If there's going to be deliverance from besetting sins, the Holy Ghost has to do it. If things in my life need fixing, He has to fix them. If I am to be a blessing and joy to Him, He has to make it so.

If I am to walk in the Spirit, He has to show me how. If the Holy Spirit is to empower me to defeat lust or passion, it must happen by imputed faith alone from His hand. My promises are worthless because I can't keep any of them.

My striving is in vain because I have nothing to work with. Down to nothingness where I no longer have a will of my own, where I realize I am helpless. Willpower doesn't do it.

I've given up my will because it's failed me. I found myself on solid ground to remind Jesus that He Himself could do nothing on His own. And then He goes on to say, if Jesus could do nothing on His own, how

much more am I in need of Christ's power? Do you see where spiritual maturity comes from? It doesn't come from listening to these things, recognizing what the Bible says characterizes spiritual people, and then say, hmm, yeah, that's what I'm going to do.

Or, hmm, yeah, I see those qualities in my life, praise God. God have mercy on us. If you ever hear a word from God, or receive a teaching from the Word of God, and you say, well, I think I do pretty good.

Brothers and sisters, let me tell you something. That reveals an inherent weakness in your life that needs to be dealt with. There is never a time when you are on the road to spiritual maturity where you discover something that God wants, and then you begin to think, oh yes, boy, I see that in my life.

Never. You come to the place where you realize the sum total of spiritual maturity is found in the person of Jesus Christ, and anything in me that has the slightest resemblance to spiritual maturity comes from Him, by Him, and is the product of His grace, and He alone can receive the glory. We can't boast in anything except that we're terrible sinners, and God had mercy on us through Jesus.

That's what spiritual maturity is. And so I felt the need this morning, as I was considering this topic of spiritual maturity, and felt the Lord very clearly reminded me the need to reaffirm that the qualities of spiritual maturity are inherent in the person of Jesus Christ, and that we're not to compare ourselves with one another, we're not to suppose that as we see these things, we can look into our own lives and be encouraged as if we've got these goods in ourselves. The only place your eyes can be in order to grow spiritually is turned away from yourself, away from others, and on to the person and finished work of Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah to God! What freedom! What joy! Are you still trusting in the beauty that you see in yourself or in your works? Are you still trusting in something in you? If you are, then be assured that God loves you so much that He will be sure and strip you from that. But that's what the promise of the New Covenant is. He said He'll do it.

You know the greatest hindrance to God working in your life and my life? Our strength. Our strength. Our defensiveness.

Our pride. I'm not as bad as God says I am. Don't you tell me I am.

Down. Down. Down.

Down. That's where we're heading on this road to spiritual maturity. So let me say, let me say, beloved, listen carefully.

Be sure and realize that the purpose of God revealing our sin, our selfishness, our immaturities, through the Word, through conviction of the Holy Spirit, is never to generate in us some kind of self-effort to put a cover on our sin and dress it up and make it look holy. It is to produce in us the awareness. Yes, Lord, You're right.

In myself, I see how awful I am. But I thank You, Lord, that through faith, Jesus Christ is now my life. And by the power of Your Holy Spirit, I'm believing You to change my heart into the image of Your Son.

Never allow yourself to go under the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant is, this is what God expects of you. And then the Old Covenant people would say, OK, now I'm gonna try and do it in myself.

I'm gonna try and be like that. No. When we see what God expects of us in the New Covenant, then we look to Jesus Christ and we say, Thank You, Jesus, that You are my life and that You are my righteousness and that these qualities are found in You and by faith, I receive Your life, Your Spirit, Your enabling, Your power, Your energizing grace to become what You want me to be.

Now, listen carefully. We have a few more minutes. Please turn your Bibles to Philippians.

Now that we have again laid the foundation to spiritual maturity, you know, there was a printed message that we published a number of years ago. It's in tract form. The name of it is entitled, Our Acceptance, Our Purging.

How many have read that? A few. Our Acceptance, Our Purging. The basic message of that tract is this.

Before God can purge us and cleanse us and grow us up, He has to first lay a foundation in our life and that is show us that we are accepted by Him, not based on our performance, not based on our righteousness, not based on our goodness, not based on our works, but based on the finished work of Jesus Christ. Do you know that many, many believers have not even come to that position yet? Where they're still struggling with acceptance before God based on performance? If I do this, if I'm like this, God loves me today. But if I fail or falter or stumble, God no longer loves me today.

How many have struggled with that mentality? Sure. And so the basis of that message is we have to come to see that we are accepted in the Beloved because of the blood of Jesus Christ. And God has to secure us in that revelation.

Listen, the Lord is hindered in bringing about deep works of maturity in our life until He can secure in us a knowledge of our acceptance of Him that doesn't hang on anything going on in us, but hangs on the finished work of Jesus Christ. And here's why. Because God cannot reveal the depths of our sin and the depths of our self-life and the depths of how at enmity we are with Him and our self until we are secure in His love.

Because once we come to see how altogether evil we are, we will fear that God will reject us because of it. Or that God will not love us because of it. Or that God will not bless us because of it.

And so God has to get deeply in us that rest and that peace and that assurance that it is by grace through faith and that not of ourselves. It is the gift of God. Once He does that, hold on.

Hold on tight. Because once He convinces you through His Word and through Revelation that you are loved, that you are the apple of His eye, that He loves you in spite of you, then He is free to go into the depths of your being and strip you. Because He knows that you will continue to rest in His love until He's finished with what He's doing.

Now watch this. We're not going to get into this today, but we're going to lay the foundation for the next time we get together. Spiritual maturity.

Okay? Here it is. Listen carefully. Philippians 2. Beginning in verse number 19.

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort when I know your state. For I have no man like-minded. Now, like-minded.

This is an all-important word in this portion of Scripture because it captures what the Lord is after. Now watch. Watch this.

I have no man like-minded who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own. Now did Paul say, for some seek their own? Did he say, for many seek their own? Did he say, for most seek their own? What word did he use? All.

You know that word all is inclusive. Basically what that means is there's nothing outside of it. All seek their own and not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Now the Moffat translation is very candid. This is how Moffat translates it. For every single person is selfish.

God bless Moffat, huh? Every single person is selfish and no one's interested in the interests of Jesus Christ. Now, I'm going to whet your appetite. The key word is like-minded.

In other words, Paul is connecting Timothy to himself. I have no man that is like-minded. Like-minded with who? I like what Alan shared earlier.

Something about how we're growing together in the unity of the faith. How many people did Paul know? Just, I want four people to yell out a random number. How many people do you think Paul knew that perhaps could have been included in this statement but weren't? Fifty? Twenty? Anyone? A thousand? I have, what did he say? No man.

Oh, we could touch on this for weeks. Months. The true cry of a real shepherd, a real pastor, a real leader, the true cry is to find others like-minded.

But we're not going to just leave your imagination to run wild when you begin to try and understand, well, what was Paul talking about when he said like-minded? What was he looking for in another person that made him like-minded with him? I don't know how Joshua got the time to stop. Wasn't it Joshua? The word like-minded comes from two different Greek words. The first Greek word is isos, I-S-O-S, and it means to be equal.

Equal. And the second word is psuchi, which is the word meaning soul or mind. And so when Paul said, I have no man like-minded, what he was saying is this, I have no man who is equal in his mind and soul as I am in relation to my care for the church.

I have no man who shares the same selfless passion that is working in me through Jesus Christ for the church except Timothy. Oh yes, I know of a lot of preachers, Paul says. I know of a lot of so-called apostles and prophets.

I know of a lot of gifted people. But you know what? Paul wasn't looking for them. He wasn't impressed with them.

He was looking for someone like-minded. Now this is what we're going to leave for next time we get together. We're going to go into a profile of Paul and discover the quality of love that he had for the church, the self-sacrificing, no interest that he had for the church, no interest for himself.

We're going to see in Paul the willingness to literally lay his life down for the brothers and sisters, literally be abused and misunderstood and defamed and accused of wrongdoing and yet continue right on in there

and love them and bless them and teach them the truth, taken advantage of, but yet bless them. We're going to look into a profile and we're going to see the spiritual maturity that was in Paul. And then we're going to discover that the same Paul that had this burden is still speaking to us today through the Word.

And we're going to get a picture of spiritual maturity. Look up to verse 17 as a preview. And then we're going to close.

Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of Your faith, I joy and rejoice. Where is this right now? Where are those? And now while Paul was talking about young Timothy, who was a minister, who was a shepherd, under-shepherd among the flock of God, this does not only relate to the under-shepherds and those called in that function of ministry, but this relates to a character quality that God is desiring to be in all of us. How many of us are touching the realm of spiritual life where there is joy and there is rejoicing and there is great, great happiness in our heart when we have the opportunity to offer ourselves in sacrifice for others? No, others aren't in our equation.

Because we're too busy with who? Ourselves. How much of your life is being poured into others? You see why we have to have grace? You see why we have to have a foundation? Because when we really see the truth, it will devastate us. Paul was looking for a like-minded man.

If he walked in our midst this morning, would he find one? If Paul came into our midst this morning and was looking for some men who he could say, now there's a like-minded man, what would he find? Let's bow our hearts. One of the greatest struggles in my life has been this way for many, many years is the fear that the truth of God's heart would not be understood by the saints and that it would result in a drawing back rather than in a running to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the greatest desires of my life is to properly represent the Lord's heart and not only be able to faithfully minister the truth of God's heart that will in fact show us how totally unable we are in ourselves to do anything for God.

There is at the same time an element of hope, an element of fear, an element of love, an element of life that in our devastation we will remember that God still loves us and that Jesus Christ in our devastation is inviting us to come to Him to do the work. And so I'm praying that every soul here who has heard the Word and has felt the edge of the sword will also feel the healing balm and hear Him call you to come to Him. We're going to sing this song and during this time simply want to invite you.

You've heard the Lord. You've been hearing the Lord week after week. But perhaps today it has awakened in your heart and you've heard the Lord say it's time for you to look to Me to bring spiritual maturity in your life.

If that's you, I want to encourage you to respond to the Lord in whatever way He's asking you to. If you want special prayer, come on up. If you just simply want the Lord to touch you, ask Him to do it.

Let's believe Him right now to awaken our hearts to this truth. You so loved by Me to be poured upon the altar be poured upon the altar is to Thee You so loved by Me to be poured upon the altar is to Thee You so loved by Me to be poured upon the altar upon the altar higher to the Father my desire is to be missed a lot by Thee to be called out upon the altar There's those here in our midst you have agreed with the Spirit of God. You know that your heart is dedicated to Jesus.

You know that you love Him because He loves you and that you really want Him. But today you have seen something perhaps for the first time perhaps you've seen it before but now it's a little clearer. Here's what

you've seen.

You've seen that mixed in with your passion for God and your desire for God is that you're still trying to do it in your own strength in your own power. You're still mixing God's grace with your works. God wants to free your heart today and bring it to the place where you are able to renounce dependence on yourself any hope that you can offer anything to God and He wants to free your heart so that it can fully trust in Jesus alone and in His grace to perfect what concerns you and your Christian life.

I want to ask the... I can't say girls because Norm is there. I always have to catch myself on this. I want to ask the dear saints to sing that song once again and I feel inclined to do this so I'm going to.

We don't normally do it. If this is you and you feel God is speaking to you that you need to renounce any trust you see a struggle in your life and it still has to do with you're trying to find some kind of goodness in yourself if that's you I want to challenge you and invite you to come forward to stand here and we'll pray together and believe God to do this work of grace in your heart. Okay? Let's sing this song and if God is speaking to you come because this is your moment when God will do a work in your spirit.

Thank you Lord. Thank you Lord. Come on.

You know you love Jesus but you've seen that terrible thing in you. You're still trying to trust in something other than Christ. You want freedom.

You want God to free your heart. Thank you Lord. Thank you Lord.

Let's sing it again. Anyone else? We want to give you opportunity. You want to renounce your own efforts.

You want to affirm my hope is in Jesus Christ and Him alone. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but holy lean on Jesus name. Anyone? Okay now brothers and sisters I'm asking you to lift your hands toward these dear ones that have come forward.

They're being transparent now. They're being vulnerable before you. They're admitting weakness.

They're admitting that they want their heart to be able to trust in Christ alone. Lift our hands and our hearts toward our brothers and sisters. Now Father, we pray in the name of Jesus that by the power of your Holy Spirit you would reveal the grace of God and the all sufficiency of the finished work of Jesus Christ when He laid there upon the cross and said, It is finished.

Salvation paid for in full. No more work to be done. Lord, I pray that the grace of God would shine in these dear hearts Lord and that they would be enabled by the gift of your grace and by the power of your Spirit Lord to be free from that conflict of trying to offer something other than the merits of Christ into your presence.

And that you would make them secure in your love and in your love alone that they are accepted before you because the blood ever liveth ever speaketh. In the name of Jesus Christ as we sing this song let's rejoice and believe God for this. Amen.

Everyone together. Here I am. I need you my Jesus.

May I know Jesus more and come breathe in me all my life. Take over me. He's doing the work now.

He's doing the work. He's going to bring you down Lord. He's going to bring you down.

But He's going to show you the highest thing at that low point and that's Himself. Come breathe in me. Hallelujah.

Thank you Lord. Thank you Lord. Hallelujah.

Let's sing it again. Come on. The spirit is moving.

You want God to bring you down lower. You feel God is saying I want to bring you lower because the lower we get the higher He becomes. If that's you respond today.

Come up forward. I want to pray the prayer of faith for you. You want God to bring you down a little lower so He can be a little higher.

Anyone. Hallelujah. Bring us down Lord.

Down to your knees. Down to your feet. Yes Lord.

Do it in us Lord we pray. Thank you Lord Jesus. Hallelujah.

Yes brothers and sisters. He's here in our midst. He's here to reveal to us His glory and His grace.

Thank you for the healing Lord. Thank you for the ministry of the Word. Listen, if you have any responsibilities regarding cleaning up, if you are inclined to help with the nursery, we'll ask you at this time.

If you can, you can be dismissed. As you notice with our bulletin, if you'll get the bulletin insert on the back, we made a little note about our often times where we feel rushed at the end because of our time constraint. So we're looking to the Lord to enable us to try and keep things moving so that we have time for all the different aspects of our purpose of why we're gathering here.

We believe the Lord will work with us on this because He knows of the difficulty. And so we have to begin clean up now. But we do invite you to just keep worshiping Jesus and ministering before Him in His presence.

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