

The Deep Dealings of God Pt 29 - Let Us Go on Unto Perfection - Gods Love [Rejoices Not Iniquity]

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The Holy Spirit's ministry is to accomplish what Christ's death, burial, and resurrection secured for us, and to produce in us a God love, a divine love that enables us to obey God.

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Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the transformative power of God's love and the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding believers towards truth and away from iniquity. He calls for a deep surrender to God, urging the congregation to allow the Holy Spirit to work within them, shaping their hearts to reflect Christ's love. Beach highlights the importance of not being entertained by lawlessness, but rather rejoicing in truth, and encourages families to create homes that honor God's presence. He warns against the dangers of cultural acceptance of sin and the need for repentance to restore purity in the church and homes. Ultimately, he calls for a revival of genuine love that aligns with God's standards and a deeper understanding of the beauty of Jesus Christ.

Transcript

Thank you, Lord. Really and abundantly demonstrate to us, Lord. We're so thankful.

We're so thankful, Lord. Oh, God. Do what only You can do in our midst.

Do what only You can do in our hearts, Lord. We just say, here we are, Lord. Take us.

Receive us, Lord. Change us. Give us hearts that are pliable in Your hands.

Pliable in Your hands, Lord. Give us hearts that are pliable in Your hand, Lord. Father, we pray for all the young people in our midst right now.

All the young people. Father, we pray that You would lay Your hand upon their hearts and awaken them and draw them to You, Lord. Draw them to You.

We recognize, Lord, that only Your Holy Spirit is able to awaken the heart of a child, a teenager, a young adult and enable them to be able to say, Oh, God. Oh, God. I love You.

I give You my all. And so, Father, we ask that the Holy Spirit would move upon every child in this auditorium, soften their heart, awaken them and claim each one. We ask, Lord, for Your glory and Your honor in Your mercy, God, in Your mercy.

For Jesus' sake, Lord. For Jesus' sake. Every one, Lord.

Oh, God. We just offer them to You. Even as Hannah offered her son to You.

We offer them to You. And the children that are not here, Lord. The ones that mom and dads are praying for all over, Lord.

We pray as the great shepherd that You would You would lead them, Lord, and guide them and bring them close to Your heart. Oh, God. We look to You.

We know You're able, Lord. Thank You for the faith this morning by the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to believe. Enabling us to lay hold of Your promise.

We are persuaded even as Abraham was that You who have promised is also able to perform. And we just rest in that great promise this morning, Lord. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Lord. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

He's here in a wonderful way, isn't He? He's here. It's Him. It's His presence.

Working and drawing in our hearts. And we thank Him for it. We thank Him for it.

Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. We just cast ourselves upon You, Lord.

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to everyone here, Lord. Afresh.

Speak afresh, Lord, into our hearts. Thank You, Lord. Let's just sing this one chorus of this song and then we're going to look to God's Word to speak to us this morning and minister to us.

When we sing, O Lord, I surrender all. We pray asking God by His grace to enable us, to strengthen us, to empower us. It's impossible for a man to surrender himself to God except God Himself.

God Himself take hold of that man. And so as we pray, I surrender all. We're saying, God, because of Your grace and because of Your power, because of Your Holy Spirit and trust in Him, we surrender our life to You.

Take it, Lord. It's Yours. Everyone together.

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior.

I surrender all to Jesus. I surrender all. On His feet I bow.

Worldly pleasures all forsaken. Take me, Jesus. Take me now.

I surrender all. I surrender all to Thee, my blessed Savior. I surrender all.

Thank You, Lord. Those who need to go to Children's Church, children, thank You, Lord. Beloved, the Holy Spirit of God as He comes and He works in our lives and in our hearts and in our midst is purposed to accomplish one essential thing.

The Holy Spirit of God is sent into our midst, into our hearts, into our lives in order to accomplish listen closely in order to accomplish in us what Christ's death, burial, and resurrection secured for us. Again, the Holy Spirit's essential purpose in living with us coming into our life is to accomplish or to work in us what the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ accomplished for us. And so it is very important for us to recognize that one of the significant evidences of genuine fellowship with the Holy Spirit, genuine communion with the Holy Spirit, koinonia, sharing of hearts, a significant evidence that the Holy Spirit is truly working in our life is that we are continuously, continuously coming to see all that Christ has done on Calvary and all that it means to God the Father and at the same time experiencing through the Word of God and through the Holy Spirit's power a progressive change in our life producing in us the thing that Christ came to make us.

And we know what that is. The beauty of Jesus Christ shining ever through our life. I believe the Holy Spirit is grieved as He looks and beholds so much of what's going on in the house that's called by the name of God, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in the church.

I believe the Holy Spirit is grieved or He is made sorry. The reason why is because He is not being given the place in our lives that our Father wants Him to have. And a sure sign that the Holy Spirit is not being given the place that He is deserving of in our lives is the preoccupation that we have in our minds, we have in our hearts' affections, we have in our desires.

With ourself there is an extremely unhealthy and dangerous preoccupation within the church today with self. Amazingly, Jesus said that if a man will follow Him he is required to do what with self? Disown. The word deny can actually be translated I don't know the man.

You remember what Peter said when he was asked whether or not he knew Jesus when he was around the fire warming himself? He said, I don't know the man. He denied the Lord. Same word.

I don't know the man. The Spirit that is working in the world today continuously, relentlessly seeks to promote and stir up preoccupation with ourself. But the Holy Spirit who is sent from God is dedicated to promote the power the dynamite power within the church to deny self.

To be able to increasingly live a life where we say I don't know the man. The man being that part in us that pertains to the sinful passions the sinful desires the sinful impulses that are at enmity with God. The corruption that resides in the flesh.

The Holy Spirit is sent from God the Father to the church to empower us to enable us to be able to live a life where we are able to deny ourself and our preoccupation. The thing that has our thoughts the thing that has our hearts affections is the Lord Jesus Christ. In John chapter 14 before we look into 1 Corinthians chapter 13 for a few moments John chapter 14 beginning in verse number 15 just let's read some words that were spoken by our Lord Jesus and let's become acquainted with the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Because beloved it is our Father's will that not only do we experience when we gather together in a corporate setting the effects of the Holy Spirit and isn't it true continuously week after week month after

month when we gather together in a corporate way like this the effects of the Holy Spirit's ministry is always the same thing isn't it? Our hearts are turned toward the Lord Jesus Christ. We become recipients of overflowing overwhelming grace. We are enabled to experience the impartation of faith from the presence of Jesus.

The joy that comes from the presence of Jesus. Our thoughts are moved heavenward. Our affections are moved heavenward.

The things of this earth become very, very insignificant don't they? In the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is the distinct characteristic of the work of the Holy Spirit. But brothers and sisters did you know that God wants your home to be a sanctuary a place where the same thing is happening that happens when we gather together here? He wants your home to be a place where the environment is charged with the presence of God.

He wants your home to be a place where the same Jesus that walks in our midst as we gather together here walks in your home ministering grace and ministering love.

Just imagine, can you imagine hundreds of families in any given area converting their homes into sanctuaries into little churches where the presence of God is dwelling where the Word of God is honored where problems and struggles and difficulties are dealt with not like the world deals with them yelling and screaming and arguing but how God would want us to deal with them where we take things to God in prayer we go to His Word we cry out to God we pray we sing it is God's desire to recapture the home it is God's desire to recapture the home for His glory and in order for God to recapture the home every single family that trusts in Christ must reaffirm the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit's presence in the home the enemy has taken the home captive and it becomes a place where we do our own

thing it's my castle don't bother me but the Lord would bid us this morning to consider making our homes a church John 14 if you love me keep my commandments the purpose of the new covenant is to produce in a people a God love a divine love that enables them to obey God that empowers them to obey God the effects of the grace of God the effects of the Word of God the effects of the Holy Spirit in our life will in fact be the producing of an obedient heart toward the Lord that's the effects of grace obedience does not merit God does not owe us anything obedience is not part of salvation it is the fruit it is the effects of a transformed heart it's the effects and we can never offer our obedience to God as if they are good works as if we can glory in them as if God is then obligated to do

something for us because the moment we begin to suppose that obedience to God obligates God then we are no longer trusting in a salvation by grace through faith alone but then we've come into debt and works and that is another gospel Paul said another gospel and so God must thoroughly purge us from the stench of self-righteousness we're supposing that the keeping of God's commandments is somehow making us deserving of anything verse 16 and I will pray or ask the Father and He shall give you another comforter that He may abide with you forever even the spirit of truth oh brothers and sisters another comforter comforter means one that stands by our side as a defense attorney as one who pleads our case before God on the merits of Jesus Christ as one of the precious ministries of the Holy

Spirit another is to comfort us and encourage us and strengthen us but notice Jesus identifies Him as the spirit of truth the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth as the Holy Spirit is more and more given a place in our life as we are awakened more and more to sensitivity to the Holy Spirit we will increasingly grow in a love for truth truth sanctify them by thy Word thy Word is truth the spirit of this world is a spirit of error a spirit of

darkness a spirit of deception and so we must pray oh God please take the spirit of truth the Holy Spirit and let Him once again come into our midst and into our lives let Him reign supreme chapter 16 beginning in verse number 13 how be it for but when He the spirit of truth has come He will guide you into all truth Jesus said in John 14 6 I am the way

the truth and the life the ministry of the Holy Spirit is one of guiding us one of leading us into all truth and all truth is comprehensively seen in the person of Jesus Christ He is all truth I am the truth and so the Holy Spirit enables us to deny I don't know the man and empowers us to be preoccupied in our thoughts and in our hearts and in our meditations with the man in glory who is the embodiment of truth it troubles me to see in the Christian world today such little preoccupation with the beauty and glory and majesty and worthiness of the Lord Jesus Christ and it is simply an evidence of the grieved Holy Spirit whose ministry is no longer welcome in the house that's called by His name the Holy Spirit is no man's personal servant the Holy Spirit is not obligated to fulfill any man's

desire the Holy Spirit is commissioned and committed to the Father to reveal the Son and His glory and His majesty a Christianity that is preoccupied with the creature rather than the Creator who alone is blessed is in danger of apostasy it's in danger of being rejected by God it's in danger of being infested with corruption and every manner of evil work the only element that preserves Christianity that preserves a company of people that preserves a home is the element of God's truth and the spirit of truth having preeminence in our life He shall guide us for He shall not speak of Himself number one He will guide us to Jesus number two He will not speak of self Himself brothers and sisters the Holy Spirit of God does not speak of Himself He speaks of Christ He doesn't promote flesh He

doesn't promote personalities He doesn't promote Christian facts or Christian factions and Christian denominations or anything He doesn't speak of Himself The Holy Spirit's eternal passion The Holy Spirit's eternal passion is coming to the church and delighting her with revelation of the beauty and perfections of the blessed Son of God He doesn't speak of Himself He doesn't inspire men to speak of Themselves He doesn't inspire men to make of Themselves a great name He speaks of the worthy One the deserving One Have you come to hear His voice?

Have you come to learn the voice of the Spirit of Truth? He shall not speak of Himself but whatsoever He shall hear The Holy Spirit only hears one voice and faithfully speaks of it and that's the voice of the Savior The Holy Spirit hears what the Savior is saying and speaks that to us and He will show you things to come Not only does that mean that He will show us things to come that relate to future events but that means that He will show us things that are yet to come in relation to a further unveiling of the glories of Jesus He will show us things yet to come He will show us things not yet seen not yet understood that pertain to the depths and the height and the width and the length of God's love and God's majesty revealed in the person of Jesus Christ He will show us the ocean the bottomless ocean of the person of Christ Oh yes The Holy Spirit will show us things to come He shall glorify me Jesus He shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you The Holy Spirit shall glorify Christ and shall show it unto us You see beloved He shall guide you He shall not speak of Himself He shall only speak what He hears the Son say He shall show us yet more more of Jesus yet to come deeper things Beloved Beware of being preoccupied with end time events Beware He will show us Christ And so I'd like to ask this morning Is the ministry of the Holy Spirit working in your life?

Are you finding power to deny and disown yourself? I should use my new toy Check this out Forgive me for That's my new pointer Is the Holy Spirit giving you power to deny yourself? Listen beloved Listen Is He

guiding you into all truth making the eyes of your heart see more and more of Jesus? Do you hear Him speaking not of you or others but do you hear Him speaking those things that pertain to Christ and His Kingdom? Do you see more and more of Jesus Christ?

Thank you Lord 1st Corinthians chapter 13 just for a few moments we want to look at one point here Thank God for His presence We have been for several months now looking together in 1st Corinthians chapter 13 and we have been discovering the heavenly qualities that God desires to form in our life We've learned that love is long-suffering it's kind it doesn't brag it's not puffed up it doesn't behave itself unseemly it is not selfish it doesn't seek its own it's not easily provoked it thinks no evil We learned last week that to think no evil simply means that when listen carefully when it is wronged it doesn't keep an account of the wrong deeds that are done against it it forgives and forgets how well are you doing when you come to see this feature of love that Christ alone possesses how

well are you doing regarding the hurts and offenses that have happened to you over the years are you keeping a record in the depths of your mind in the depths of your heart do you have a running ledger and there you have meticulously marked very carefully specifically the wrongs that have been done against you brother, sister mom, dad well God's word tells us that love does not do such a thing and we are in need of the power of the Holy Spirit to release us from our natural tendency to record the wrongs that have been done against us 1st Corinthians 13 5b love is a forgetting love it does not keep the record of wrongs it does not bring up the past when angry or hurt at someone love does not bring up past failures in order to punish or hurt someone love does not hold grudges love blots out

to smear out so as to completely remove to obliterate to erase to wipe away the offenses that have been committed against it I want to encourage you today brothers and sisters as we mentioned weeks ago buy a plot and bury all the offenses and all the hurts that have been against you bury them once and for all by the grace of God beware of the snare that can come without this grace working in your life Micah chapter 7 verse 19 says that God casts our iniquities in the depths of the sea and remembers them no more have you done that with those who have hurt you betrayed you failed you unjustly treated you you say Micah I can't help myself you're right you can't but there is a God in heaven who can help you next we see verse number 6 love rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoices in the truth

rejoices not in iniquity but rejoices in the truth there are two times in the King James version the word rejoice is used in that particular scripture beginning in verse 6 rejoices not in iniquity so it's rejoicing in relation to iniquity but also the word rejoice is used in relation to truth now listen carefully these are two different words that are used the word that's used in relation to iniquity is one word and the word which of course they're both translated in the King James rejoice but they have different meanings and it's very important to understand this so that we can sense what the what the Holy Spirit is trying to tell us about this perfect love and so there's two different words firstly we'll look at rejoiceth in iniquity it does not rejoice in iniquity in that particular

usage of the word it means to be happy to be glad even listen carefully to be entertained by so the true nature of agape love is not happy with it does not derive a sense of joy nor is entertained by iniquity now the word iniquity there means lawlessness made up of two words one is means no and the other means law so no law lawlessness God's love working and growing in our heart will free us from our natural tendency which is to take joy in or be entertained by evil you might be saying right now well brother I don't see where I am happy with or entertained by evil well ninety nine percent maybe consider what society esteems and values lawlessness success through deceit brothers and sisters I simply ask you to pray and

ask the Lord himself to instruct your heart in these things lawlessness

is simply seen by understanding the ten commandments lawlessness is stealing lawlessness is murder lawlessness is immorality in every shape or form lawlessness is adultery lawlessness is swearing and cussing lawlessness is violence lawlessness is dishonoring mom dishonoring dad lawlessness is rebellion isn't it? listen love does not find joy in these things love does not rejoice listen love doesn't laugh at these things love is not entertained by lawlessness what has happened to us what has happened to us oh God the 21st century church calls us heaven to weep they look down and they say oh dear God what is it that we hear within the borders of your house we hear joy we hear rejoicing we hear laughing but it's not over truth it's over lawlessness lawlessness entertains us lawlessness makes

us laugh we stand at the place where the Corinthians stood where within their own ranks there was a young man who was sleeping with his father's wife his father's wife he was sleeping with her he was committing fornication and Paul said how is it that you are not weeping how is it that you are not mourning over this how is it that you look at such a thing and casually blow it off Paul's saying don't be deceived by the culture that you live in you see in the day when Paul walked the earth and he ministered to the Corinthians they lived in a perverse culture where such an act was common but yet he even said that such an act wasn't too common it was the epitome of lawlessness and how did it affect the church it didn't affect them they were numb brothers and sisters hear the heart cry of God

this morning hear the heart cry of His word hear the heart cry of all of heaven we must pray oh God restore back into our lives into our homes the capacity by your love and by your grace to stop being entertained by lawlessness when I went to buy my laser doesn't that work great look at that anywhere that's really a great pointer I like that I'll start using it more once I feel comfortable I'm not comfortable with it yet when I went to buy this I went to a store in Rockaway Mall I had never been in this store before and so having walked in and I talked to the young man at the counter and he he said oh yeah we have those laser pointers and you have this and he had another one that was actually another inch and a half larger but I figured this was adequate and I looked around and I said boy

I've never been in this store before so I began to walk around and I was amazed at what I saw it was a store full of gags a gag store licentious humor and there were a lot of people in there and as I looked over the counters I was watching reactions from people most everybody was laughing they were listen they were being entertained by the risqué jokes and the gag comedy that these items that were for sale were offering people 99% 98% of the comedy was of immoral content they laughed they were laughing love does not rejoice in iniquity brothers and sisters we're going to go to the next point but I'm just going to be as plain as I can the church should not be entertained by evil period and the fact that we are and I pray that God will deal with any self righteous heart mine first I pray

that God will awaken our hearts so that we can see how if we are not careful we will we will depart from God's standard and accept what the culture says is okay isn't that true it's very easy to do it and do you know what the effects will be we will raise a generation who will call good evil and who will call evil good and who will no longer be able to distinguish between the clean and the unclean the right and the wrong but everything will be okay whatever you want to do brother it's okay we will fall into the lie of tolerance let's be tolerant let's not judge anything and when that happens the Lord sounds a warning He sounds it again and again and again and if we don't repent He will take His presence and His Holy Spirit somewhere else somewhere where He will find a people who will

agree with Him love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth the second word that's used there is a different word this word means to be happy to be glad or to be entertained by but this word means this is so incredible it means to sympathize with and feel the joy of knowing and seeing the reality of something God's love is not entertained by lawlessness but is able to sympathize and to share in the joy that comes whenever there is a display of truth reality genuineness that which is wholesome that which is pure that which is honest that which is right that which is just that which is virtuous that which is worthy of praise God's love jumps inside of us when there's any kind of a demonstration of truth that word truth means reality and so the ever increasing love of God in

the church will enable them to do two things cease from being entertained by evil and lawlessness and seek after reality and truth and experience the ecstasy and joy of sympathizing and feeling the joy of that truth Philippians we're closing chapter 4 listen carefully chapter 8 verse 8 Philippians 4 verse 8 listen to the words of the Holy Spirit here as we close and consider this don't these words perfectly fit together with this admonition love will not be entertained by will not take joy or pleasure will not laugh at lawlessness but it will derive tremendous joy in sharing in the truth watch the words finally brethren brethren whatsoever things are true whatsoever things are honest whatsoever things are just whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely whatsoever things are

of good rapport if there's any virtue if there's any praise listen think on these things the mind of the Christian should be thinking on these things I ask this question and I believe the spirit of God is asking this question do you want the spirit of truth in your life do I want the spirit of truth in my life do I want to see Jesus in His glory may God deliver us from iniquity from being entertained by lawlessness and may the Holy Spirit begin to show us the joy that we will find in seeking out and thinking upon truth we live in a generation where there's a danger there is a danger right now in this generation that we live in none of us are exempt the danger is we are forgetting what is holy what is pure what is right what is just we're forgetting it we are entertained by iniquity you

know what a gladiator was back in the days of Paul a Roman gladiator you know what they did they went into an arena and what did they do what did they do they fought until the death guess what one of the hottest forms of entertainment was back then that see Paul knew what he was talking about the Holy Spirit knew what he was talking about he was saying to the church then he's saying to us now don't be entertained by lawlessness but seek to see Jesus let's bow our hearts Father we thank you for a clear word that you give us every time we open up your word Lord it's a challenging word Lord we all stand before you guilty of finding ourselves entertained by lawlessness we pray that you'll deliver us you'll rescue us you'll rescue our children you'll rescue our homes from such a snare and that

you will once again restore into our hearts a fresh vision of the purity and beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ so that our minds can be stayed upon him Lord we lay these things before you do this Lord uproot the world out of our homes out of our hearts Lord we confess our sin we've let the culture define for us what's right and wrong we've let the culture tell us what is acceptable and what is not acceptable Lord if we continue on this path we will in fact if not in word in deed we will call that which is good evil and we will call evil good but in your mercy Lord you are coming to us weak poor and feeble and you're drawing us back to yourself I pray for a sovereign move of the Holy Spirit in every home every hearer of this message that you would speak and perform your word and uproot even

as Gideon did the altars that have been built to strange gods uproot them and tear them down Gideon began in his father's house do it Lord so that we can be able to receive the spirit of truth and the things

that you yet want to reveal to us but you can't we commit this word into your hands Amen and Amen

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