

Full Sermon Transcript: True Church, What is April 19, 2025

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How many songs in traditional false religion sing about the Passover, the communion, the true Biblical holy days? Amen?

So, it's an important song...

It's a blessing to the church. God is so good and merciful and powerful, and he has very high standards, requirements. The Bible says that he's a tough man, a rough man. That very parable I just mentioned about the talents, the one man that had only one talent and did not use it but buried it, he said basically 'I was afraid of you.

I knew that you're a rough or tough man that you require a lot.'

Good fathers are tough.

Good fathers are tough because a good father doesn't want his boys growing up to be wimps. Amen.

So good father is tough, but he is loving and merciful and compassionate. Amen.

Today's sermon is what is the true church?

What is it? What does that mean? What does that phrase mean, true church? So we'll get into many Bible verses about that.

It's going to take quite a few Bible verses to explain that. It's not something you can explain with one or two or three Bible verses.

It really isn't. It takes a lot of Bible verses to explain that, but I'm going to try to blow the shofar.

And I praise Jesus that I'm not in the hospital right now.

I'm not dead. I'm able to stand here and preach today. Praise Jesus. I'm going to try to blow the shofar...(Trumpet blows). Praise Jesus.

Let us go in prayer. Lord, heavenly father, in Jesus' wonderful and perfect name, thank you, Lord, for these days of unleavened bread and all of the significance thereof.

Thank you for this seventh day, last day of unleavened bread. Thank you for this gathering around the world, our true brothers and sisters and those that are seeking you, that are to become our true brothers and sisters.

Thank you for Brother J that has come to be with us in person, that traveled over 800 miles to do so.

Thank you that he was able to get his car fixed while he was here so that he would have a safe return, that he got his car back in plenty of time.

Thank you for his resources in which he's able to get that fixed. Thank you, Father, for all the work that J and R both have done this week to help us, to help me, to help the Church, to help this place where you have brought us.

Thank you for all the improvements in my life. Thank you for the re-baptisms. Thank you for the new men in prison that are learning and growing under the guidance of Brother J.

Please bless his witnessing, his evangelism, his words, his methods. Please help him with his back.

Thank you that there is improvement there with his sciatic, and may that continue to improve greatly.

Thank you for preserving me even though I have really struggled in my health, that you have kept me and preserved me, and that you are faithful.

Thank you, Father, for this message that the Church is about to receive. We pray for your anointing and sacred blessing upon it, that it not be in vain, but that your word will prosper, that it will not return empty or void, but accomplish your purpose, your kingdom, your church, your people, to be built, to be increased, to be edified, to grow in understanding and truth, to grow in maturity.

We pray for your church to grow in communication skills, to grow in love and compassion, to grow in self-sacrifice, to grow in integrity, common sense, logic, to grow in ever measure to the full statue of Christ Jesus.

Thank you for your mercy and your grace that it takes us a long time. Praise your holy name.

Heavenly Father, this Church is yours. This sermon is yours. We are your people. We are your church.

We are your called out ones, your elect. Thank you for choosing us. May we make you proud of us, that you may say

unto us, well done, faithful servants, and that you may call us even a friend, as Abraham was.
Help us to follow you in spirit and in truth. Your spirit and your will prevail and grow in us, every one of us individually and as your church.

May this all be in the mighty and holy and perfect name of Jesus. And the Church said, Amen.

You may be seated. Praise Jesus.

Let's go to Matthew 24 verse 24, reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible.

Talking about the end times because false crisis and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders so as to deceive.

If possible, even the elect, even the elect, most people are not going to know what that word elect means.

You have to look it up. You always have to look it up. What does it mean, the elect? So we're going to scratch out the elect and we're going to put the chosen ones.

The chosen ones. Make sure that's sent to me in email, my two scribes because I have not written that down yet to make that replacement.

For the Greek Strong's Concordance, word 1588, it is spelled eklektos. You can see the word elect in there. And it's not that far away also from another Greek word, ekklesia, which is Greek Strong's 1577, only 11 words away in the Dictionary of Strong's Concordance.

There's a relationship between these two words. The word elect means chosen ones.

And if you would look up the word church in the Bible, the Greek word would be 1577, ekklesia.

Some people spell it with two Cs. Some people spell it with two Ks. Both ways is correct because the K and the C have interchanged throughout the millenniums, throughout the centuries.

The K and C interchanged, so both ways would be correct. There's a great deception in the world, always has been, ever since the deception of Adam and Eve.

But this particular context of this particular bible verse here in Matthew 24, verse 24, is the great tribulation and the end time generation, when I believe that the deception actually increases in the world as you have an increase in war, famine, disease, pestilence, all these different things.

You also increase in false crises, false prophets, an increase in evil in the world, even as it increased up until the time of Noah and the flood and the destruction and the end of that generation, you also have an increase up into the great tribulation of our day and time and the end of this generation until God is fed up and we'll have no more. Amen.

He comes in great wrath. The ekklesia, or I mean the elect here, is the chosen ones. So that's referring to the true church.

The chosen ones, even though you don't have the word ekklesia or church here, it is talking about the chosen ones.

So if we ask the question of what is the true church, part of the answer, but not the complete answer, part of the answer would be they are the ones that God has chosen to save in this generation.

One of the false doctrines of the false church, not the true church, the false church teaches is that everybody must get saved in this lifetime before you die and as soon as you die there's no possibility of a future salvation.

You have your reward immediately upon death, you go to heaven or hell, and that's permanent, which is exactly opposite of what scripture teaches of two resurrections and the second resurrection having the hundred years of Isaiah 65 verse 20 where Matthew 25 verse 31, I think it is, or 36, that it picks up talking about that time frame of Isaiah 65 verse 20, that 100 years.

Revelation 20 speaks of it as the short season. So the resurrections, and even the Bible says in Hebrews 11 that these people died, the saints died without receiving the promises.

But we are chosen, some people are chosen to be saved in this generation, other people are chosen to be saved in the second life that Jesus spoke about where it's translated as regeneration in most Bibles.

The Alpha Bible translated as the next life because it's exactly what it means in that context, the next life, the second life.

The Bible, Revelation 20, speaks about a second death. If there's a second death, there must be a second life.

You can't have a second death without a second life, it's impossible, amen. You cannot have a second death without a second life, it's impossible, amen.

So chosen to be saved in this life. Yes, the Bible does say that God is not willing for anyone to perish, but for all to have everlasting life.

He does want everyone to be saved eventually, he wants that, but he's not trying to call everyone in the same life.

There are two harvests. Jesus used the analogy of farming and harvests over and over and over again. There are two harvests, a spring harvest and a fall harvest is the symbolism of that. The early, as the Bible also calls it, the early rains and the latter rains, the Bible also calls it, amen. So you have to be chosen for whichever generation, whichever lifetime that you're chosen for. So not everybody's meant to be part of the true church in this lifetime. Now, let's go to John 4, John chapter 4. And if they're not chosen for this lifetime, it don't matter how much truth you share with them. They're not going to accept it because they're not yet chosen for this lifetime, some of them.

John 4 verse 23.

Verse 23 says, but an hour is coming.

And now it is when the true worshipers, it doesn't say true believers, the true worshipers, will worship the Father in spirit and truth, not just in truth, but in spirit and not just in spirit, but in truth.

So to be part of the true church, to be the true worshipers, then you must worship the Father both in spirit and in truth.

For such a people the Father seeks or searches for to be his worshipers, not believers, worshipers.

Theos is spirit and those that worship him must worship him, must, must, must worship him in spirit and truth. Amen.

What does it mean, worship him in spirit? We know what worship him in truth means, correct doctrine. What does correct, what does worship him in spirit?

That means that the true church must allow freedom of worship, worship him in spirit, freedom of worship, that the congregation is allowed and encouraged to raise their hands during worship.

And when I say worship, that's not just music, but even during the sermon. That when, when something in the sermon hits you as being worthy of worshiping God for that, you're welcome and encouraged to raise your hands in worship of God, to God at that moment.

When I say something that you're really special thankful for, like mercy, grace, salvation, the truth itself, whatever.

And that, that line is like, oh, I'm very thankful for that. So at that moment, whether with your eyes open or your eyes closed, you raise your hands to thank the Father at that moment.

Not being timid, too shy, too bashful, not worrying about what other people see or hear, that you're free to worship.

That you can say amen, as that one song that God was playing automatically by computer, that I did not tell the computer to pray.

At the start of services, that one song, that young man singing that song, that Jesus is his best friend, amen.

That there was people in the background saying amen, because they relate to that, even though that's a Babylonian church, of where that recording occurred at.

But in their mind, in their heart, in their mentality, they relate to, even though they're not truly saved, they think that they relate to Jesus being close to them, being a true friend to them, so on. Amen.

So they're like, amen, brother. I agree with that. That word amen means I agree to that. Amen.

And the Pentecostals have a little phrase that they go by, that is, if somebody, if one person likes a little fire, the fire can spread and grow.

And they use that for a symbolism that if just one person say amen, if just one person raises their hand, if just one person gets on their knees during the sermon or during the music, if just one person does something for the Lord, give a testimony, give a song, say something for God or praise God or say amen to the sermon, if one person just does something, then it makes everybody else loosen up, not be timid, not be afraid to worship.

It gets the flow started. Amen. And that's important. Amen. It's important. Otherwise, the pastor feels like he's speaking to a dead wall, honestly. Amen.

If I say amen, am I amen and manning myself? So he's seeking a people that we all worship and to worship him in spirit, with passion, with feeling, with emotion, not be robots.

And in truth, in correct doctrine. So the true church is people that have been chosen by God for that particular specific lifetime, that particular generation that he's working with.

And that they're willing and they actually want to worship God and to worship him with feeling, with freedom of worship, with expression of worship, verbally, outwardly, that's not afraid to worship outwardly, that's not afraid to raise their voices in worship.

And will worship him in correct doctrine. You've got several many different denominations of Baptist church, and most of the Baptist does not believe in that freedom of worship, of raising hands, saying amen, speaking in tongues and so forth.

And a lot of churches, Lutheran, Catholic, a lot of that, it's like you're going to a funeral. Nobody says a word, nobody moves a muscle, just dead robots, zombies in those churches. So it would be impossible for Lutheran church or a Catholic church to be the true church when they don't have freedom of worship, when everybody sits still, don't move a muscle, and it's like you're at a funeral. But even a funeral has more emotion, amen. Even a funeral has more emotion, even a funeral has more passion than a dead lecture of a false church.

Let's go to Revelation 18 verse 4. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues. Come out of what? Her. What's that referring to? Babylon. What is Babylon? It's not only a city, but in this context, it is false religion in this context.

We know that there is a great city on earth, whether it's known in Saudi Arabia, which I believe it to be, or whether it's a different city.

But that city is also symbolic of the people that would promote that city as well.

The government of that city, the culture of that city, the mentality of that city, the type of people that would want to move there, the type of people that would support such a thing, false religion, amen.

That would include false Christians, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Hinduism, all that, all the isms of the world, Catholic Church, Baptist, and many others, many, many, many others, all false.

Anything that is a false religion, come out of her, my people. Now, when he calls certain people, my people, and says to leave false religion, that does not mean that those people are part of the true church, or ever will be.

When he says my people, he means the people that he is trying to save in that particular generation, in that particular lifetime.

People that he's trying to talk to, trying to communicate to, trying to save, trying to deliver from false religion.

They're not part of the true church yet, because they're still in false religion.

They're not saved yet. They've not come to the true church yet, so it's not referencing the true church at all.

It's referencing people that are still part of the false church, but he's trying to save them.

They are chosen, but they might reject the election. They might reject the calling.

They might reject his voice as a warning to not partake in the sins of false religion, and the consequences, the result, the verdict of staying in that, and they might not leave it.

There's no promise in this verse, or the next verse, or the next verse, or the next verse, that they will leave Babylon.

So it's not a promise that they will become part of the true church, but he wants them to be.

It's a warning to them, and it's saying to them, I want to save you, I want to deliver you, but you've got to do it.

I'm not going to snap a finger or wave a magic wand. You've got to take the step to walk out of the Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and Trinity churches, and the churches that deny that Jesus is God, and the churches that don't keep the Sabbath, and the churches that don't keep the biblical holy days.

You have to leave those churches, stop promoting them, stop listening to their sermons on the radio and TV, stop buying their crap, stop reading their books.

You have to come all the way out, not leave one foot in the door. That's not leaving Babylon if you've still got a foot in the door. Amen.

If you're still watching them on TV, you have not left them. You either leave or you don't. You can't have it both ways.

2 Corinthians 6, verse 14, talks about do not be unequally joined together with the unbelievers and with the idolaters and the unfaithful, and they are idolaters.

If you believe in a Trinity or Christmas or Easter or Sunday worship, any of those things, they are idolaters.

We're not to be joined with them at all. We can work with them on a job, but we're not to go to church with them, and we have to be careful how much we associate with them, how much we befriend them if they're not willing to repent and hear the truth.

Be careful how much we associate with them. Amen.

Let's go to Matthew chapter 6. We know this entire chapter pretty much by heart.

It's summed up in verse 33. Matthew 6, verse 33 sums it up. But seek first, not last, not second, not third, not fourth, but first, his kingdom and his righteousness. Amen.

Then God will take care of you. God will take care of the food and the shelter and the clothes and the things that you

need.

But you can't put the money first. You can't put the clothes and the rent and the electric first.

You can't even put the groceries first. You have to put God and his righteousness first, and then he'll bless you.

You're not rich. You may not have everything that you want, but he'll bless you and he'll take care of you.

There might be certain times of struggle, even like Job. But Job eventually had everything doubled after he got through his trial and tribulation. Amen.

But we have to put his kingdom and his righteousness first, not second. Now, righteousness is obvious, but his kingdom means governments. And a government has a king and a government has laws and regulations.

There's no such thing of any kingdom or any government on earth in all of history, pre-human and after Adam and Eve, and never will be such a thing as a government without law or a kingdom in all existence. Amen.

A government has law, authority. When there is law, there is authority and there are people that are responsible for administering that authority.

So when it says to put his kingdom first, that's more than just putting God first.

It's also putting his church first and the members of that church, the true church, to put those church members first in your life over and above yourself.

We're members of his kingdom. If you are saved, truly, truly, which most people are not, but if you are truly saved and truly a member of the true church, then you are a member of the kingdom.

And the kingdom are all the same citizens.

So there's a lot of people on the Republican side in the United States which say we should never say African American or Greek American or Spanish American or Mexican American, but rather you're either American or you're not American.

So in the true church and the true kingdom, then we are either part of the family of God, of that tribe, of the Jewish tribe.

We're either Jews spiritually or we are not. I know that there's a verse that says there's neither Jew nor Gentile.

But that's only teaching that all races of the world are welcome into the body of Christ.

That's what that's teaching. But the Bible also teaches in Romans 2 that if you're truly a member of the church, then you are a member of the kingdom.

That's teaching. But the Bible also teaches in Romans 2 that if you're truly saved, then you are a Jew spiritually.

That a true Jew is not one of the flesh circumcised of the flesh, but one that is circumcised of the heart.

And when Jesus spoke of the synagogue of Satan that claimed to be Jews but are not, he was not speaking about any bloodline at all.

He was speaking about whether you are saved or not saved and using the word Jew as reference to a person that is saved.

By the Jewish blood of Christ, we become spiritual Jews if we are truly saved. So we become part of that kingdom of Jews, a nation of Jews.

We are a spiritual nation of spiritual Jews. And of course, Jews would keep the Sabbath and the biblical holy days.

But we also now are under the new covenant where we no longer have the circumcision of the flesh, we no longer have the animal sacrifices, and therefore we no longer have the clean and unclean animals because that is a fleshly, legalistic thing.

The skin on a man's penis, animal flesh, circumcision of the flesh, animal sacrifices, and clean and unclean animals, they are physical, carnal, physical, physical things.

They have nothing to do with the spirit. Jesus himself said that it's not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but rather what comes out of the mouth, out of the heart. Amen.

It's not what you put in the mouth that defiles you. It's not the beer, it's not the liquor that defiles you. It's not the food that defiles you unless it is halal marked because then it's dedicated to Satan, sacrificed to Satan, and Jesus said that he did not like the doctrine of those that said it's acceptable to eat things sacrificed.

So that's the exception. But outside that exception, that has nothing to do with clean and unclean meats as far as pork and shrimp and stuff like that, because that's typically not sacrificed.

The Moslems don't believe in eating pork. So those things are not sacrificed. It's a different topic. Amen.

So putting the church first, as all of us are members of a spiritual family, a spiritual kingdom, a spiritual church, putting others before ourselves, self-sacrifice, as Matthew 10 talks about, to deny yourself, to take up your death stake, deny

yourself, and follow Christ.

That's more than just believing. That's why we should never, ever, ever use that word believers, ever, because as much even the devils believe that tremble, rightfully so.

The true worshipers, those that are surrendered to Christ, those that are committed to Christ.

So when we ask who is the true church or what is the true church, it is the people that have surrendered to Christ, that have taken up their death stake, denied themselves, repented and changed their lives from the creature that they used to be, to the new creation that they are now.

Romans 6, that they have been crucified with Christ and resurrected with Christ. That they are new creation in Christ Jesus.

That they do much way more than just believe. They have been crucified with Christ and resurrected with Christ.

They have become a new creation in Christ Jesus, as the scripture says. Amen.

John 15 verse 18,

Verse 18 says, If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, you're called out. Amen. You're chosen. But I chose you right there. I chose you out of the world because of this, the world hates you. Notice it doesn't say the world might hate you, but it does hate you. Amen.

The world hates you. It hates you because you have verbalized the truth that God is not three, but he is one.

That you have verbalized to your family and to your best friends, to those that you associate the most with, outside of work, because work is not the appropriate place.

Sometimes you can do that if God leads you, if you felt led, if you feel like it's an appropriate person to talk to, appropriate time, appropriate place, you can do it.

But overall, work is not the appropriate place, normally. It just depends on the situation, the people you're working with.

But your family is very appropriate to witness with. The people that you party with, the people that you hang out with in your home, the people that you hang out with on your day off from work or after work, the people that you consider your best friends, your buddies, your boyfriends, your girlfriends, your spouse.

These are people that you definitely should be verbalizing. That you go to church on Saturday, that you listen to the sermon on Saturday, that you don't want visitors on Saturday, that you don't want to talk bull crap on Saturday, that you don't want to work on Saturday, that you don't work on Saturday, that you're not going to help your friend mow his yard on Saturday, all these different things.

They have verbalized your obedience to God, and therefore they hate you because they think that you're lost, they think you're deceived, they think that you're teaching wrong, that you're evangelizing lies, deceptions, false doctrines, they think.

They call you deceived. A lot of times they'll call you crazy, amen. A lot of times they will because you speak the truth. They will call you crazy.

They will call you satanic, demonic. They will say that you're a member of a cult.

All these different things, they will. Maybe not every one of them, but somebody will.

If you're opening in your mouth like you should, amen, there's going to be people that would do that.

And if they haven't yet, then you've not been opening in your mouth enough.

The Bible says, how can you hide your light, amen?

Our light needs to be shining to the world. Putting lights on the porch or in the window at Hanukkah, we need to let our light shine to the world.

Tell our spouse, our boyfriend, our girlfriend, our best friends, our buddies, our family that I'm keeping the Sabbath so I don't want to waste, like go over to your house and watch football with you on the Sabbath. Amen.

So the world's going to hate us for this. They will, absolutely. If you're not hated by the world for God, you're not part of the true church, or you are, but you hide in your light and you will eventually die because you hide in your light.

Die of salvation, lose your salvation. A light that will not shine will lose its electricity, its power source. Amen.

If you're not hated by the world, by false Christians, you're not part of the true church.

I don't care if you're baptized, I don't care if you keep the Sabbath and the biblical holy days.

If you're not hated by somebody for your religion, you're not part of the true church or you're hiding your light too much. Amen.

Luke chapter 12 verse 32.

Do not be afraid, the little flock, for your father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

I didn't know that multiple bible verses would have that word chose or chosen. I wasn't expecting that, didn't realize that.

I only knew the first verse that did it. Matthew 24. But now we see two additional verses with that word in it and I didn't even realize it.

That's God confirming His word. That's God showing Himself right here, right now in front of you as a miracle.

It proves God's presence in these sermons and in His church. You never see that in the false churches.

They don't even read two verses. Right, they don't even read but one or two verses and that's it. Amen.

Good point, Brother R. But notice how Jesus calls the true church the little flock. He doesn't say the huge flock, the mega church. Amen.

The true church cannot be a mega church. It's impossible at this point of time, up until we get to the last year of the great tribulation.

Up until that time in the future, it's totally impossible for the true church to be a mega church.

Jesus Himself called the true church the little flock, not the large or huge or major flock. Amen.

Why? Because we speak the truth. We will be hated. And therefore all these false Christians that believe in Sunday and Trinity and Christmas and Easter or deny Jesus, or deny Jesus' name or deny His divinity as God, all those cults that claim to be the true church, but they are cults, they are the synagogue of Satan, they will hate us and therefore they will not attend services with us.

They don't agree with us. They think we're lost but yet they are the synagogue of Satan. Amen.

Hypocrites, lost, blind and ignorant. Amen. So it's impossible for the true church to ever, ever, ever be large in comparison to the false churches because the false churches will flock to one another, as the Bible says in the book of Timothy, that they will heap unto themselves teachers that tickle the ears, that give them the false doctrines.

The pre-tribulation rapture and other false doctrines that they love. Hyper-grace, no law, no authority, where the pastor exercises no authority, where the pastor does not call out sin within the church, where the pastor will not disfellowship from long-term members because he don't want to lose the money. Amen.

Amen. To be the true church it has to be a little flock. Small gathering.

And not only small, but scattered. Scattered. Why do I say it must be a scattered people? Revelation chapter 3.

We know it, but we'll turn there. Revelation 3 verse 14, talking to the church of Laodicea.

These people in verse 17, they think they are spiritually rich. They think they have the correct doctrine.

But they are blind and ignorant. Wretched and miserable. Blind and spiritually naked. That's the end time.

Now this is the true church. The true church. This ain't talking about the false Christians. The true church.

Having a major, major, major, major weakness. Amen. And it says that in verse... Where does it say I would vomit you out of my mouth?

Where does it say that? In verse 16. Huh? In verse 16. In verse 16. Verse 16. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth.

So this is a prophecy that in the end time generation that he would take the true church and vomit them out of his mouth.

What happens when you vomit? Does it all stay within a nice little neat pile of exactly one cup measurement?

Does it go within that one spot that measures two inches by two inches or four inches by four inches or six inches by six inches?

No, it goes all over the place. It's scattered. It goes all over the wall. It goes all over the floor.

It goes just everywhere. So it's scattered. The true church has already, this has already been fulfilled, has already been scattered out of God's mouth because it was not passionate.

It was not hot on fire for the Lord. And it was too proud for it, and it was too stubborn to grow in the truth. Amen.

So the true church is small flock but scattered everywhere across the world.

You're only going to find one member here, one member there, one or two there, one or two there for the most part.

Sometimes you might have 10 or 20 here and there, but for the most part it's only one or two people per town.

Sometimes one or two people per nation. Amen. It's scattered until the final year of the Great Tribulation. Amen.

So we can't use Revelation 7 and Revelation 14 talking about the great unnumberable multitude for the current timeframe.

We can't use that for the current timeframe when we're talking about what is the true church right now. That's only a prophecy for the future that has not yet been fulfilled. It doesn't apply to really any of us if we're already part of the true church.

That's going to be a future event and a future people, the people that he saves in the final year. Amen.

Look at Revelation 12, verse 9. We know that Revelation 12, verse 9, the great dragon was thrown down the serpent of the old called devil, the Satan, who deceives the entire world.

So if the entire world is deceived, how can the church be large? Amen. It's impossible for the church to be large until the final year when it is fulfilled about Revelation 7 and Revelation 14, about, well, only one of those chapters, about the unnumberable multitude.

The church must be small and scattered. Amen. That doesn't fit most denominations. Amen.

Most denominations have millions of followers, millions of false worshipers. Amen.

Now let's go to Mark 16 verse 15.

And he said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved. The he who has not believed shall be condemned.

Now that word believed in Greek can be translated two main different ways of translating it.

You can translate it as believed or you can translate it as committed. Committed.

And in many times throughout the Alpha and Omega Bible, we actually did translate it as committed.

Committed to Christ. More than just believing in Christ. Matthew 7, verse 21. Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, should enter in. Amen.

So it's more than just believing. But sometimes we do keep it as the word believed because certain other contexts, this one ain't as clear.

But there's some verses, the context is more about believing that Jesus is the Messiah.

That he is the Messiah. That he is the Son of God. And that he is God in the flesh. Sometimes the context is very demanding.

That it's believing in Christ Jesus. But then we have a ton of other verses that talks about more than believing, but also doing the works.

Book of James. And cleansing herself. And repenting. Changing. Becoming a new creation. All these different things.

We have tons of Bible verses to confirm. So it's more than just believing.

Although certain verses talk about the need to believe in Jesus as God and as the Messiah. Amen.

But here in Mark 16:16, even here, whether you translate it as believe or not translate it as believe, it requires more than believing.

You have to be baptized. Those that believe and have been baptized, it's both. And yet there's a lot of people who believe, but they don't believe in baptism. Or if they be baptized, they say it's not for salvation.

We're just doing it just to be doing it. It's just a symbol, but it doesn't save me, they say.

It's not necessary for salvation. So then that baptism is not a real baptism. They're just getting wet. They're just playing games.

They're just doing it to be doing it. It's not for the forgiveness of sins. It's not for the receipt of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

So the baptism is in vain. It's worthless. It's not even considered as a baptism by God himself. He sees it as just being a game, as being empty and vain and without purpose.

Just getting wet. Nothing more than that. Amen. So he's talking about baptism with true surrender.

Right? It's talking more, it's not talking about just getting wet and just believing.

So with this being said, we will now at this time change it from believed both times in that verse, both times where it says believed, to committed or surrendered.

Let's do committed. He who has committed and has been baptized. Amen.

But then in verse 17, these signs can come from commitment in my name, more than just believing in my name.

It's the same Greek word there. Commitment. In my name, casting out demons, speaking with new languages, that's speaking with unknown tongues.

So why do certain churches and certain denominations, a lot of them, most of them, in fact, the majority of so-called Christian denominations don't believe in speaking in tongues.

They believe it was done away with during the first century AD, that that's the last time that existed.

The majority of so-called Christians believe that. And yet there's not one single, not any Bible verse at all, absolutely zero, that says that tongues are the other gifts of the Spirit or that apostles or prophets were done away with in the first century.

Zero. Amen. But these are things that can occur in the true church. The speaking of tongues could occur.

They're not against it. They don't teach against it. Amen. Casting out demons is that we do believe in it and it can occur in the true church.

Verse 18, picking up serpents. We believe in it and it could occur in the true church.

And if drinking any deadly poison, it will not hurt them. Laying on of the hands and they will recover.

We believe in laying on of the hands for healing is the context, as well as for anointing and other Bible verses, as well as for baptism, if possible.

Sometimes we have to baptize people over the phone or internet. But if possible, the laying on of hands at baptism, the laying on of hands and the anointing of oil in the book of James, chapter five, for healing.

We believe in these things and they can occur and people can sometimes be healed by the laying on of hands or the anointing of oil.

It can occur. It can occur in the true church. Now picking up serpents. Is it talking about only if by accident, like we have the example in the scripture of the Apostle Paul, was bitten by a serpent, a snake, and he recovered.

He was okay. Is it talking about that or is it talking about picking up a serpent during a worship service and then also about drinking deadly poison and it would not hurt them?

Well, as far as drinking deadly poison, that's the easier one. Of course, we should never say, I got a cup of poison here. I'm going to drink it and prove to you God protects me. We'd never do that on purpose. Amen.

That would never happen in the true church. Amen. Unless you was about to be captured and tortured and you decided to do a suicide.

We had a sermon about that. There are certain contexts that suicide is appropriate, but it's not something that we're planning six months from now or a year from now or two years from now or three years from now or a certain year in the future or in the Great Tribulation that we would definitely do a mass suicide.

No, that's crazy talk. That's only something that would come up only at a spur of the moment situation where you're surrounded and that particular capture, you know that they're not just going to kill you, that they're going to torture you. Now, you could accept torture as it is in the book of Maccabees, but there's also scriptures in the book of the Bible that talked about suicide, that they threw themselves from the sword or whatever to avoid giving the enemy the pleasure of torturing you or the pleasure of capturing you.

We had a whole sermon about that. We have no plans for mass suicide whatsoever at all, zero.

But there is scripture that does teach that a saint could commit suicide without sin if it's in that particular context.

But that never is something that is planned ahead of time. That is never ever and never will be anything that is planned ahead of time.

That's a personal choice at that moment. Amen. So the deadly poison here is talking about if you accidentally drink poison is the context and what it's really talking about, that it would not hurt you.

Sometimes, sometimes it will. Most of the time it will. It will kill you even if you are truly saved.

But it's possible that somebody in the church might accidentally pick up a snake or drink poison and not be hurt.

Just like the one time that me and Brother R were out on a mission against Satan in the middle of the night in the dark and I accidentally ran into the tree limb and the tree limb rammed into my left eye and I pulled it out, yanked it out and several inches of the tree limb came out of my eye and there was no blood.

I did not turn blind. I did not need to go to the hospital. That was a miracle. That's what it's talking about.

That miracles can occur. Now let's talk a little bit more about picking up a serpent.

The serpents is where there's a two-fold context. One thing it's talking about, we've already mentioned accidentally if we get bitten by a snake that God sometimes might divinely protect us in the same way he did with the tree branch.

It's not a promise that's going to occur every time, but it's possible in the true church that he might protect you at that moment of that accident of a snake bite.

But the second part of this is we have to remember Moses. If we remember the account of Paul being bitten by a snake, then we must also remember the Bible verse because we are a people that consider everything written in the Bible.

Amen?

We consider everything written in the Bible that Moses was instructed by God to pick up the serpent and it turned into a cane.

Or he took the cane, he laid it down, it turned into the serpent, then he picked it up while it was still a serpent, and it turned into a cane, back into a cane again, in his hand. Amen?

Now everything we go through in life has been planned by God, not every little thing, but some things in life in our past have been planned by God to bring us to where we are now and where we're going to be brought spiritually and physically and mentally and emotionally in the future.

In my childhood, my grandmother went to the Pentecostal churches and some of those did pick up snakes during the worship service.

I've never done that in my life, but I saw my grandmother do that when I was a child and other people in the church there.

And they wasn't truly saved, and they wasn't true Christians, they wasn't the true church.

But they had such great faith in God's protection. And sometimes when you're exercising great faith or doing something else for the Lord, sometimes even in Babylon, God blesses it, even in Babylon.

For example, after I truly got saved as a grown man, there was no Pastor Tim to go to, there was not yet I saw the light ministries to go to, there was not yet the Alpha and the Mega Bible to go to.

I had to go to Babylon, and God warned me to go to Babylon, but He didn't want me to stay in Babylon forever and stay stuck in that.

Of course not. It says in Revelation 18 verse 4, come out of her my people. Amen. But I had to go to Babylon for a while.

God sent me to the right congregation to learn to praise, to encourage the speaking in tongues, to encourage the lifting up of hands and reading of the Bible, and living a clean and holy life for God, cleaning up your lifestyle.

These are things I needed at that time. I already had a lot of correct doctrine from my studies ever since I was 10 years old that I had studied the Bible and had been led by what used to be called the worldwide Church of God and Mr.

Herbert W. Armstrong.

They had a lot of truth, but they had zero spirit, and that's why they were vomited out of their mouth, of God's mouth, is because they had too much pride of doctrine, not willing to grow in doctrine, not worshiping in spirit.

They were not hot on fire for the Lord.

I do believe that the worldwide Church of God at that time was the true church, but they lacked the spirit, and they was vomited out of the mouth and then scattered into literally hundreds, perhaps thousands of groups across the world, scattered.

I believe that was the fulfillment in the 1990s, that that was the fulfillment of that verse in Revelation 3.

I do believe that, even though they lacked the spirit, but that's why they was vomited out. Amen.

They thought they were spiritually rich. They thought they did not need to grow in doctrine. They thought they didn't need to grow in passion.

They thought they didn't need to grow in the spirit and worship. Amen.

So I had a foundation of a lot of correct doctrine, but not all of it was correct.

And then, once I got truly saved as an adult, having the foundation of a lot of correct doctrine, then I needed to supplement that.

God needed to teach me the spirit part, the tongues, not that I have to speak in tongues.

It's not a requirement. It's not a requirement that I pick up snakes. It's not a requirement for me to drink poison. It's not a requirement of any of these things.

But I needed to learn that we can't forbid picking up snakes. Well, I already knew that as a child.

But we can't forbid speaking in tongues. Amen. We can't forbid freedom of worship. And sometimes we don't know what God has spoken to someone.

You don't know if God did tell me to pick up a serpent. But what I was going to say is even in those Babylon church that I went to when I first truly got saved as an adult, I saw God move because I was present.

Even though they were not saved, even though they were in Babylon, for two years I went to that church and I never heard anything incorrect come out of their mouth for two years other than one visiting preacher that was trying to get everybody to speak in tongues.

But they wasn't teaching Trinity. Of course, I didn't go to church for like a week or two or two weeks every year around Christmas time and Easter time because I knew they would say something wrong at that time.

So I didn't show up for services like a week or two before and after Christmas and Easter each time because I knew that they would do something wrong at that particular season.

So I wasn't there for that. Amen. But the times that I was there, which was mostly two and three times a week and even five times a week, that it was correct.

It was teaching, read the Bible, pray, fast, live clean, live holy, worship God. These basic principles, and that's what I needed to learn, to supplement other things that I had learned earlier. Amen.

So God can move in Babylon, but he moved in Babylon because I was there to serve God, to learn, to grow, to seek the Lord, and he was moving because I was there.

Seeking him in truth and in spirit. If I had not been there during that time, he would not have moved as powerfully among them.

I heard God speak to me not just once, not just twice, not just three times and four times and five times and six and seven and eight and nine and ten times, but I heard from God every time I walked in that door.

And I do not exaggerate on this. I'm not exaggerating. God spoke powerfully to me every time I walked in that door. The sermon was about me and to me.

Not to them, but to me. He moved in Babylon not because they were saved, but because I was seeking God and his word and his speech of why he was speaking to me. Amen.

And eventually, I grew enough in the Lord, in his spirit, in the measure of the Holy Ghost, and in doctrine, spirit and truth, to where I said, okay, I no longer need to suck on the baby's bottle.

Now I have the foundation. Now I have the elementary baby-like milk of the Word of God.

Now I know the importance of a holy, clean life. Lifting my arms, lifting my hands, lifting my voice.

When I sing, I sing! I don't mumble. Make a joyful noise. Act like you have some feeling instead of praise Jesus. Praise Jesus! There's some passion to it. Amen.

Learning these basic, basic, basic, basic, basic elementary baby-like foundational elementary principles.

I no longer need the milk. Now I can leave Babylon, grow up, and preach the Word of God, because there's nowhere to go that had the meat and the spirit.

There was nowhere to go to have both the truth and the spirit both. You could choose 80% truth, or you could choose all spirit, but not all so much truth.

And I knew even from childhood that God was training me for a position in the church. Amen.

And I went to my grandmother's house one day, and I was outside, standing outside for a few minutes.

And this older woman comes up to me, and she knew my grandmother, but she didn't know me, had never met me before.

And she was Babylonian Christian, but she said, God is telling me to say this to you, and it was God.

God was speaking directly to me. He wants you to start your ministry. She didn't know that that was already in my heart, my mind, my soul, that I need to begin my ministry.

Rather than staying with Babylon, I need to start my ministry. I need to teach. This is my calling. God has chosen me.

God has called me to teach. I have to share. I have to shine my light. I can't hide my light.

I got to vent. I got to speak forth what I know and provide it. I see a need. That's the same principle of helping the widow and helping the orphan.

The very same principle. You see a need, you fulfill the need. If you see the floor needs mop, you don't have to be told to mop it, you mop it. Sweet, picking up, picking up after yourself, cleaning, helping out, helping others, serving others, self-sacrifice. Amen?

But that was the confirmation. God is telling me to tell you, He wants you to start your ministry. Okay?

Then I've heard it from the Lord. Amen? A lot of people have started ministries and churches and denominations without ever hearing from the Lord. Amen?

The true church is chosen. True pastors are chosen. They don't do it just because they want to, but they feel the calling and then they have the confirmation of God's voice to proceed with it.

Yes, I want you to do it. Amen. They're chosen by God. Not only the pastors, but the members are chosen by God. Amen?

But Mark 16 is teaching us that there must be miracles. There must be some miracles. I have a testimony to give that the tree branch in my eye, I was not made blind.

That is a miracle. There's been all kinds of miracles. There's a whole box of miracles over here underneath this right

here, this blue thing.

I'll pull the wires down. I've got this box of miracles. This is a miracle. This is a miracle.

The set of chains that God gave me, the two giant hooks of Ezekiel 38 verse 4. God gave me that.

That was a miracle. This razor, I think it's not the original one, or is it the original one?

I'm not sure, but God gave me the \$1.99 or the \$2.99 miracle written on the website.

God gave me that. It's like a \$30 or \$50 razor that bought for \$1.99 or \$2.99. And the employee said, I can't explain it.

We don't carry it.

It's not in the store. I don't understand where it came from. It don't belong here. But hey, it's ringing up for this price if you want it.

That was a miracle. Amen. She couldn't explain it. Amen. She just kept on saying, I can't explain it. Amen. How can somebody that works there can't explain why that razor and only one in the whole store and why it's ringing up that price?

A box full of miracles right there. If you're part of the true church, you're going to see miracles.

You saw a miracle earlier about the word chosen repeatedly popping up when I did not know it would do that.

We have that type of miracle even like recently where two or three members had read Bible verses for the sermon.

They didn't know what I was going to preach. Amen. Not just one member, but two or three members of the church reading Bible verses that was quoted or read in the sermon or very extremely relevant to the sermon, extremely relevant for that same sermon.

And that's all the time. It's over and over and over and over. Amen. In the true church, there would be miracles.

That's the point of this verse. Now, miracles by itself does not prove it's the true church because you have miracles even in the false church.

You have the Catholics casting out demons. You have Catholic statues of Jesus bleeding, statues of Mary crying.

So miracles by themselves does not prove it's the true church. But miracles must be present in the true church.

And there's a lot of churches where there's never a miracle. And somebody recovering from cancer because they have undergone chemotherapy or radiation is not a miracle.

The chemotherapy worked. The radiation worked. The doctor gave them the right treatment. It's not a miracle.

Even though they stand up every Sunday and say, God healed me when it was just the right treatment and it worked. It's not a miracle. Amen.

Let's go to 1 Thessalonians 5, verse 19.

Extinguish not or suppress not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. That word prophesying can mean do two different things. It can mean speaking in tongues.

If you look throughout the Old Testament, the speaking in tongues was already occurring even in the Old Testament.

But they didn't translate it as speaking in tongues until the Alpha Bible came along and we translated it correctly.

But all the other translations traditionally translated it wrong as prophesying in the Old Testament when it was very clearly in the context speaking in other languages.

Very, very, very, very clearly in the context. So speaking in tongues did not begin on the day of Pentecost like the false churches teach. Amen.

Their Bibles have wrong traditional translations of a lot of different words throughout the Bible. Amen.

But it can be speaking in tongues. It can also be referring also to giving prophesy. But I say actually it is talking about tongues more than it's talking about giving prophesy because that is connected with do not suppress the Spirit.

Do not suppress the movement of the Spirit. Don't forbid speaking in tongues. Don't forbid people from even getting on their knees during the worship. And when I say worship, I'm not referring specifically only to the music.

The sermon itself, you can be worshipping God. You can be closing your eyes at certain moments.

You can be praying at certain moments. You can be saying amen as part of your worship.

You can be lifting your hands during the sermon. All this is part of worship. It's not just the music part of the worship.

Do not suppress the movement of the Spirit.

Forbid not speaking in tongues. Forbid not prophesying. Forbid not prophecy as well because all these different things are biblical.

Verse 21, but prove all things carefully and hold very tight to that which is good.

So the true church will have the movement of the Spirit, the freedom of Spirit. They will not forbid speaking in tongues, although they did in the Word of God, but God vomited them out and punished them for forbidding it.

And then, as also important in the true church, you cannot be the true church if you're not proving things. Amen? The true church has proven doctrine. They don't teach you blind faith. They don't teach you that just accept everything, but don't study for yourself.

I encourage people to have a copy of The Strong's Concordance. I promote that. I encourage everyone to read every word of the Bible. I have repeatedly and repeatedly and repeatedly told people to make for sure that you read every word of Scripture, to buy A Strong's Concordance, to have a hard copy of Strong's Concordance.

Learn how to use it and use it. Use blueletterbible.com. I have referenced that many times. Use Biblehub.com as a great resource as well.

Biblehub.com is an excellent resource in addition to blueletterbible.com. Have a physical copy of Strong's Concordance.

Use multiple translations. I have never said that the only translation that you can own is the Alpha and Omega Bible. I have never said you must throw away everything else and use only the AOB. I have never, ever, ever said that.

It's good to compare other translations. The best translations to compare the AOB with is the NIV and the Net Bible. Net Bible is an excellent translation, not as good as the AOB, but an excellent translation nevertheless.

NIV is very good, but Net is even better. New American Standard is pretty good. Very good. The Apostolic Bible Polyglot, that is an excellent translation as well.

It gives you the Greek inner literal, the Greek words, not the original Greek words in every case, but gives you Greek words nevertheless.

These are all excellent references. And when I talk about the five biblical holy days in the prophetic timeline for the end, that the strong delusion of 2 Thessalonians 2 will occur on the date of Purim, and then we can count 1,335 days until the coming of Christ, I don't accept nor want you to immediately believe that without examining and proving it to yourself.

I encourage and I promote, I want you to study it for yourself. You're never going to hear that hardly ever, ever, ever in Babylon. Amen.

They give you one or two verses, like Brother R said earlier, they give you one or two verses, and then you must believe everything I say after that. Amen.

That's the way they do it. But I give you 10, 20 verses to prove the points, and then I encourage you to look at the transcript, to look at the outline, to review the outline of the sermon that I provide and review it later on that same day or the next day or throughout that next week, I do encourage and promote that you go back, review the sermon notes, and see if there's any question to anything that I have taught.

I encourage that. The Bible says to prove all things, talking about spiritual things, talking about doctrines is what it's talking about.

The true church would do that. The false church doesn't want you to get deep into the scripture.

The false church doesn't want you to study the Word of God and prove anything, because if you did that, you would prove those preachers wrong very quickly and very, very easily. Amen.

Amen. It doesn't take much effort to prove what the truth is. It really doesn't.

Even Christmas and Easter and even the Trinity, all you've got to do is pull up the encyclopedia, any encyclopedia of your choice, and look up Christmas and Easter and the Trinity and even Sunday worship, and it would tell you straight out point blank.

Even the Star of David, when I was pulling up research on the Star of David just the other day, it's point blank.

Even the Jewish encyclopedia, even the Jews confess in black and white writing that the Star of David has absolutely no evidence at all connecting with David himself and his empire, his kingdom, and his dynasty, and anything related to David.

There's no evidence from his time frame and location pointing to David as the origin of the so-called, falsely called Star of David.

It actually admits this in every encyclopedia, any encyclopedia of your choice, even the Jewish encyclopedia.

Astounding. They don't even hide this. It's easy to prove the truth, and it's easy to prove the false church incorrect. That means wrong.

So it really upsets me when these people email me and say, I don't know what to believe.

I'm confused. Take the time to study it, and you won't be confused. It's not complicated. Hebrews 4, verse 9, The Sabbath still remains to the people of God.

It's not difficult to find that. It's not difficult to find the true origin of the Star of David.

It's not difficult to find that the YHWH is used by Satanists and witches. It's not hard to find that.
It's not hard to find. Amen? The truth is simple and easy to find. The Bible says seek, and you will find.
The true church will seek out the truth, even as the Father is seeking for the people that will worship Him.
In spirit and truth, it goes the opposite direction as well. It goes both ways that the true worshipers will seek the truth and find the truth.
If you want the truth, you'll seek for it. You'll find it. If you seek, you will find it. Amen?
And quench not the spirit. Amen?

And it has the footnote there already in verse 19 for 1 Corinthians 14, verse 39, where it actually says, Forbid not speaking in tongues.
I know speaking in tongues, I know it scares people because they never experienced it before, but it shouldn't scare you.
It's the movement of God speaking verbally aloud. And there's nothing wrong with that.
Now sometimes there's gibberish, which is the majority in these false churches. Just gibberish, just made up.
And sometimes it can be satanic that a demon is speaking through a person and it be a real foreign language.
But a person that is truly saved will be able to distinguish. You have a discernment.
If you are truly saved, you'll be able to tell it's just only gibberish. It doesn't mean anything.
Or it's demonic. A demon is speaking. It would sound like Klingon from Star Trek, literally. I saw, I heard that one time in one church.
It was like Klingons speaking. Perfectly Klingon language. And I knew that was demonic. Or maybe they were Star Trek fans and was literally putting on a show.
That was possible, too, if it wasn't demonic. Amen. And that's so blasphemous to actually literally, if that's what they was doing, literally speaking, Klingon on purpose in order to deceive people is very blasphemous.
So whether it was a demon or whether they was doing the other thing, both is blasphemous. Amen.
But a person that's truly saved, you got God inside you, you're going to know what it is, whether it's true or correct or demonic, or at least that it's not true. Amen.
You at least know that it's not God speaking. I've heard true speaking in tongues. I have heard true speaking in tongues.
And you don't always need an interpretation, even though Paul did say at one time, you must have an interpreter.
But in Acts 2, they did not have an interpreter because they didn't need it in Acts 2 because they understood it in their own language.
So there was no need for an interpreter. So it depends on the situation about whether you need an interpreter or not.

Now let's move on to Acts 2. Those people in South Africa, let's see how many, if you're seven hours, then you're 9:46 p.m.
so you're already past sunset and you may be, but you're not able to enjoy the bread yet because you wasn't able to go to the store unless you had some set aside somewhere.
We're not going to be able to eat no bread here until we wake up tomorrow morning.
We might head out to Hardee's is the plan. Hardee's, everybody can't afford it, but we'll make it work somehow or another.
God will provide. Amen. But that's the plan. Acts 2, verse 37. Now when they heard this, Peter's sermon, they were pierced to the heart, meaning convicted of their sins, and they said to Peter What must we do?
And Peter said to them, Repent, that means turn around, change your life. Then each of you will be baptized in the authority or name of Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, for this reason, for the forgiveness of your sins, not just as a symbol, but so that your sins will be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
That's how you get saved. And you receive the Holy Ghost is at the moment of salvation, is at the moment of baptism, immersion.
Now there are exceptions. But in general, most of the time, that is the moment that the person receives the Holy Ghost. There are exceptions. There are scriptures where they receive the Holy Ghost first, and then they got baptized immediately.
And I know I did receive the Holy Ghost first and then later got baptized. But in general, as a general way that life works, most of the time, most people don't ever receive the Holy Ghost until they are baptized.
And that's what Peter is teaching here. You get baptized and you're saved at that moment.
And you receive the Holy Ghost at that moment. And you're sealed at that moment. You have the seal, the same seal

that the 144,000 have, but without the protection from the wind, stuff like that.

But it's the seal of salvation. It's the seal of the Holy Ghost. The Bible says that you are sealed with the Holy Ghost. It says that.

Okay? And it's also a Holy Day branding. You're sealed with that Holy Day branding by keeping the Ten Commandments, by keeping the Ten Commandments, by keeping the true Sabbath, and by keeping the Biblical Holy Days Passover, taking that bread of life. Amen?

The blood of Christ, the Feast of Tabernacles, Pentecost, so forth. Amen? So the true Church will keep the Passover, the bread of life, John 3 or John 6.

Which is it? The bread of life. If you don't take it, John 6:53? That if you don't take, if you don't drink His blood and eat His body, that's the communion, then you have no life in yourself.

You're not saved. It's easy stuff. It's easy. There's no reason to be confused if you read the Bible, if you just read it and believe it, instead of what these traditional synagogue of Satan false Christians teach and other religions teach.

Study it for yourself. Prove it for yourself. Amen?

Baptism. If you're not baptized, you're not part of the true Church. Okay? And yet most churches don't believe in baptism. Even the Baptist Churches.

Even what's called the Baptist Church, at one time they did believe in baptism. And they fell away upon that foundational doctrine that they built their Church upon, which was a correct doctrine, and fell away from it.

Very sad. Very sad. Amen? So the world grows more and more wicked. The true Church is baptized. So when you have somebody listening to our sermons every week, but they're not baptized yet, they are not yet part of the Church.

They're seeking. They're listening. They're growing, hopefully. They're learning.

They're preparing. They're in that movement of repentance. It says, Repent and be baptized. So they're in that first stage of changing their life, coming out of Babylon, growing up, maturing, getting rid of just, or not getting rid of, but weaning themselves all from the milk of Babylon.

That's where they are, but they are not yet part of the true Church until they are baptized.

You have to understand that very basic doctrine that you're saved at baptism, and if you're not baptized in the truth by a truly chosen pastor of God with correct doctrine, then you're not part of the true Church yet, although you may be in that process of repenting and coming out of false religion and coming to the true Church, but you're not part of the Church until you're saved.

You're not part of the Church until you are baptized, because the Church is not only chosen and called out, but the Church is saved.

The Church is the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is saved. You can't be part of the Church and not be part of the Body of Christ, and this is why I can't understand when people don't understand.

I cannot understand it when people do not understand very, very basic, that if you're kicked out of the Church, you're not saved, because you're either part of the Church or you're not part of the Church.

You can't have it both ways. This is so elementary baby talk. Amen? You're either part of the Church or you're not part of the Church.

Easy. That's easy to understand. A child could understand that. It's baby talk. When I say baby talk, it's so basic. It's so easy, simple to understand. You're either part of the Church or you're not part of the Church. Amen?

When the Apostle Paul kicked the man out of the Church for having sex with his dad's wife, when Paul kicked that man out of the Church, was he saved?

Of course he wasn't saved. Amen? You're either part of the Church or you're not part of the Church. The Body of Christ. Amen?

Baptism by a Trinity pastor is not, you're not part of the True Church. You have to be baptized by a chosen pastor.

Now, next on my list of the outline I had drew up for the sermon, it says that the True Church is not legalistic, but rather we have the proper amount of freedom and law.

It's the proper balance between law and grace. That would take a whole sermon itself to teach that, but you can read Romans, you can read Galatians, you can read Corinthians, so on, so on, so on, so on.

Matthew 5, Jesus said, I've not come to destroy the law and the prophets, and he was specifically talking about the Ten Commandments.

He was not talking about circumcision, cleaning unclean meats, and animal sacrifices.

So all these time, with the clean and unclean meats, they always, always, always, always want to bring up that scripture

that says God changes not.

And yet, most of those same people that bring up that scripture will confess very quickly, very easily if you ask them, did God remove the animal sacrifices?

Yeah, I see, removed the animal sacrifices. Well, then why in the world are you throwing out this Bible verse that God changes not concerning his commandments, his laws, his requirements?

If you're saying that he did do away with the law of animal sacrifices, then you cannot use that verse that God changes not to try to say that he has not changed any law at all of the entire Bible.

You can't do it. You can't have it both ways. Either he has changed some law, or he didn't change any law. Which way is it?

It's very hypocritical the way they do that. Majorly, majorly hypocritical. He either changed some law or he didn't. You can't have it both ways.

Obviously, he did change some law. Obviously, very clearly, you would have to throw out the entire Old Testament if you believed that God has never changed any law at all.

They always want to bring up Matthew 5, that I'm not coming to destroy the law. And yet, if you read that whole chapter, the context of what he's talking about is the Ten Commandments.

That chapter never mentions animal sacrifices, clean and unclean meats, or circuses.

It mentions the Ten Commandments over and over and over and over and over, talking very specifically about some of those commandments about how to apply it.

He was teaching that he did not come to destroy the Ten Commandments. That's the law he was talking about.

He never said that he did not come to destroy animal sacrifices. In fact, there's a verse that says that he never wanted the animal sacrifices to begin with. Amen.

People just need to read the whole Bible. I'm convinced if we can just get the Bible into people's hands and have them to actually read it and read it slow and carefully and take notes with a open mind to grow and learn, which is the problem because people don't read it that way.

But if we can get people to just read the Bible with the mind frame of learning and read it slow and carefully and study it more than just reading it as quickly as you can to just check off the list, to just check it off that you read the Bible that day, but to read it slow and carefully and study it that people would grow in the truth by heaps, leaps, and bounds.

That people would just read it that way and study it. They would grow in the truth tremendously.

You would learn more in one day than you would a whole year in Babylon if you would just read the Bible slow and carefully and study it.

You'll never hear that in Babylon, ever, in any denomination. You won't never hear a pastor say that in Babylon. Amen.

Not be legalistic. Not be Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah, Torah. Not have the ministry named after the Torah.

It's not the Church of Torah. Torah is not our messiahs. But they believe it is. Amen.

Not being legalistic. Having the proper balance between law and grace and not being hyper-grace where there's no law. It's the proper balance between law and grace.

Let's go to 1 Corinthians 12 verse 28.

And Theos has appointed in the congregation of called out ones chiefly the apostles, second the prophets, and third the teachers.

Also the miracles. The gifts of healings that helps the administration as a type of languages.

Well, that verse really sums up a lot of this that we've talked about. Amen. So the point here I'm going to give now is that the true church is the kingdom of God which means the government of God which comes with authority from the top down.

You look at Presbyterian Church is authority from the bottom up. They vote in their pastors.

They vote out their pastors. They vote on a lot of what happens in the church. Hey, do you all want to have a meeting? Let's vote on it.

It's crazy. Leadership from the bottom up where people that just supposedly got saved that same day and they just became a member of that church the same day and have a vote on which direction that the church is going, what they do, what they don't do, and who's going to be the pastor and who won't be the pastor.

That's crazy. That's not biblical. You can't find that in the Bible anywhere. The government of God which is the church right here in the Bible is chiefly the apostles and then secondly the prophets and then your teachers which would be your pastors and your evangelists and your deacons.

We know that this coincides also with Ephesians 4 that we read almost every, every week. Amen.

Because Ephesians 4 is so extremely important. Extremely important. So it's not one verse theology. We're not going by one verse. Ephesians 4 and also 1 Corinthians 12 verse 28 agrees and confirms our understanding. Not what we want it to say. Not what we want to believe. Not the way we want to interpret it. But it confirms the teaching of this ministry, the true church. The word confirms itself. Amen. We're allowing the Bible to change us, to lead us, to teach us, to correct doctrine, to grow in doctrine. As I've said many times before if we go a whole year and not change anything about what we believe on anything at all then we're not growing sufficiently in Christ and therefore we are in danger of dying out spiritually and losing our salvation if we're not growing. A plant grows. A tree grows. And the Bible describes the church as being a tree in John 15. With Jesus being the main trunk, the main vine. Or you could call it a grape vine if you don't want to call it a tree. But it's the same analogy. So, administration from the top down. That's God the Father and then Christ the Father. And they're both God the Father. And I say it as two different, even though they're one being, because they did separate. Christ came to earth. And there was a greater measure of Himself that stayed throughout the entire universe that did not come to the earth. There was a separation there. So if you look into heaven right now you could see the Father and the Son both talking to each other, handing scrolls to one another, communicating to one another, talking, having conversations. Absolutely. John saw that, did he not, in the book of Revelation? That doesn't prove that there's two gods. It just means that our carnal flesh cannot comprehend fully and perfectly at all times, we do better sometimes and we're weaker at other times, the majesty of God, the mystery of God. But He is one spirit, one being, where a measure of Himself, a portion of Himself, the logos, came to earth, submitted to the Father, prayed to the Father, went back to the Father, at the right hand of the Father. But 1 Corinthians 15 says that He will combine back again, become whole again, that He will become whole again, it says it.

So let's read it, 1 Corinthians 15 verse 26.

The last enemy to be abolished is death, that's at the lake of fire when people die, but it would be like if they exist, never did exist, so it would be like if they never died, because it would be like they never lived.

So this is paradise beginning, this is the end of the hundred years, this is at the great white throne judgment, death, even death is abolished.

Revelation 20 or 21 says that even the death is thrown into the lake of fire, even Gehenna is thrown into the lake of fire, everything is thrown into the lake of fire.

So these things cease to exist, the past is gone, the past is burnt up, even time cease to exist.

Verse 27, for it has been put all things in subjection under His feet, but when it says all things are put in subjection, it is evident that even He is accepted who put all things in subjection to Him, but when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself, Christ, the Messiah, also will be subjected to the one that subjected all things to Him, so that the Theos will become whole.

What this means is, at the lake of fire, at the moment of paradise, the Messiah will be re-submersed, re-consumed back into the greater measure of Himself, and be one again.

In paradise we won't see two. In paradise there would be no such thing as the Father and the Son speaking to one another and exchanging scrolls.

That would be impossible. It would be as if Christ never existed. It would be as if Passover never existed. It would be as if the fall of Lucifer never existed.

It never happened. It would be as if Adam and Eve, the fall of Adam and Eve never existed other than that they're present in salvation, if they will be, that they'd be present, that their sin never existed, that the fall never existed, that temptation never existed, that the sacrifice of Christ never existed because sin never existed.

It would be absolute, perfect paradise in every degree of that word. Perfect paradise.

No memory of Christ's death. No memory of people spitting on Him, piercing Him with the sword, crucifying Him. No memory of that. Because we won't need that anymore. Because it would be accomplished that all things be finished in Christ, that we be completed, that we are a completed, perfected creation.

This is why there must be extremely, extremely, extremely high standards to be turned to Spirit.

Because God will not repeat what happened with Lucifer. He will not repeat that. He will not allow that. We have to be perfected and completed in Christ to the same measure that belongs to Christ.

We have to eventually learn how to say no to every sin possible so that once returned to Spirit, we won't fall. We won't repeat Lucifer's fall. We won't repeat Adam and Eve's fall. We would have been complete and learned discipline, how to discipline ourselves, how to control ourselves, how to be complete in Christ to the same measure that belongs to Christ.

And once we reach that perfection, be ye perfect, even as my Father is perfect, be ye holy.

Once we reach that perfection, which is not impossible but required, once we reach that perfection, then we pass the test, turn to Spirit, and no longer under the curses of Adam and Eve, or of any race, curses upon certain races.

The Bible says in Revelation 20 or 21 that there be no longer a curse. Amen? If there's no longer a curse, then we no longer have to drink of the wrath of God, which right now it says everyone must drink of, I'm not talking about the final 41 days, but right now the Scripture teaches that everybody drinks of the wrath of God, which means partake in the curses of Adam and Eve.

But there's authority in the Church. There's authority in the government. There's authority in the Kingdom of God. It's not ruled from the bottom up, but it's God, it's the Apostles, and then the prophets.

Sometimes they're the one and the same, the evangelists, and then the pastors. Sometimes they're one and the same, even as Paul had multiple roles, Christ had multiple roles, and then your deacons underneath the pastors, and then your deaconess underneath the deacon, and underneath the pastor.

And the deaconess does not preach. Amen. She does not preach.

And the final two things that I got on here in the list is one thing is that they are pro-Israel.

For that, just read the whole Bible. It's everywhere. Amen. Pro-Israel. You can't be anti-Zionist. You can't be anti-Israel. You can't be posting on social media that Israel is wicked. You've got to be pro-Israel.

Read the whole Bible. We've done entire sermons on this before. I'm confident of that. Read the whole Bible.

The whole entire Bible is about Israel. The entire Bible is about us becoming Israel.

The whole Bible that God chose Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, which is Israel, and his sons and his grandsons, and that there are promises and covenants with Israel even when Israel is sinful.

Even when God divorced Israel and pushed Israel away for a time in the season, He brought her back.

And He brings her back every time. And there's a covenant and a promise that would never, ever, ever, even in paradise, never be broken, that Israel will be eternally favored and blessed, eternally without end.

Even in paradise, Israel will have a greater inheritance. Even in paradise, that the Israel will have a greater measure of inheritance.

That is God's covenant with them, and that's a never-ending covenant. It will never disappear, even their names written in paradise.

Not only the names of the apostles, but the twelve tribes as well, written eternally in paradise.

Nigeria is not on that list. You're not going to see the word Nigeria and the Nigers (Nigerians), I know I'm saying that word wrong on purpose because some people can't handle it yet.

I'm still babying people. It's not called Niger, is it? Of course not. I'm trying to get people to slowly learn the truth and think for yourself.

Think for yourself. It's not going to be written in paradise, but you can be spiritual Israel, no matter what, no matter who you are, no matter where you come from, and they won't be a curse upon Niger.

In paradise, you can be spiritual Israel. Amen. Everybody in paradise will be spiritual Israel. Everybody in paradise will be spiritual Israel.

Why are you against Israel? Israel is not perfect right now. They keep going back and forth. They're like a yo-yo.

They're not perfect right now, but they will be perfected. And read Ezekiel 37 of the promise of their deliverance and redemption and many other verses.

Just read the whole Bible. The whole Bible is about Israel and us becoming spiritual Israelites and spiritual Jews, even though Jews is only one tribe of Israel, but Jesus was specifically of the tribe of the Judeans, and therefore we are to be all into that one tribe of Israel, the Judean tribe.

We're all going to be adopted into that one tribe, and we're saved by Jewish blood.

So to be anti-Israel is to be anti-Jesus, pure and simple. Anti-Israel is to be anti-paradise, is to be anti-God's people

because Israel is God's chosen people.

There's that word chosen again. Israel is God's chosen people. You're against Israel, even though they're sinful and wicked with the star of the devil, but they will be brought back to Jesus.

They will be brought back to Jesus, and that's a promise of God. Amen. Not every single person, but the nation will be brought back to God in the truth and with true redemption. Amen.

And the very last thing is the true church must have common sense, which is hard to find in this generation today. But the true church must have common sense, intelligence of some level, some common sense, as that word logic is connected with the word logos, and that the Bible teaches very abundantly that Christ is the essence of wisdom. He is the essence of wisdom. Amen. So the true church has wisdom, logic, common sense, some measure of intelligence in comparison to these people that believe that the earth is flat, and you've got to be out of your mind plain dog-stupid to believe that the earth is flat.

And I don't care if that offends you. I don't care if you get angry at me. You've got to be, I won't say dog-stupid, because dogs are more intelligent than these people that believe that the earth is flat.

You've got to be dirt-stupid to believe that the earth is flat. You've got to be dirt-stupid.

I can understand questioning, but once you question it more than 30 minutes, logic should kick in, get you a cup of coffee or something, that logic should kick in that the earth is a sphere, a globe.

That people ain't got no common sense anymore. And that's just the reality. I don't care who it offends. The truth is the truth, and the truth will always be the truth.

So you see, what is the true church is a very long, very long explanation. You can't explain it with one sentence or one paragraph. Amen.

The true church is God's chosen people. They love the truth. They seek the truth.

They seek God. They put God first. They put the church first. They put other members of the church first.

They keep the holy days, the biblical holy days, that is. They give their tithes, because you can't be part of the government without paying your taxes to the government that you belong to.

It's impossible. If you don't pay tithes, then you're not respecting the government of God, and you're not putting God first.

That is the taxes of God's kingdom. You cannot be part of the true church without paying tithes.

You can't. You can't. The true church is hated, despised, persecuted, separated from the world, separated from the false church.

You're called out of the false church. You may be in the false church for a time and a season, but you're called out of the false church.

It's a small church. It's not a mega church. It's not going to be a great multitude until only the last year of the great tribulation right now.

It is not a great multitude. It is a small church. There must be miracles present, especially in the pastor, in the leader, of course. Amen.

It allows the movement of the spirit, including speaking of tongues, raising of hands.

It must be both spirit and truth both. It can't be just one or the other anymore.

It can't be God has got high standards, high requirements. The true church must seek perfection.

It must press for perfection, but also allow for time to get for perfection. Amen.

It's got to have the proper balance between grace and law and commandments. It is ruled from the top up, not from the bottom up.

It is the government of God, the government of God as the kingdom of God upon this earth, with God's authority being spoken as a powerful authority.

It's not a wimpy pastor. Baptism is required. Absolutely. Ten Commandments. Jesus' name, not the demonic letter Y Assyrian names that the Satan worshippers worship.

It's not legalistic. It is pro-Israel. The true church is pro-Israel. How can you be anti-Israel and be spiritual Israel?

It doesn't make sense. You're pro-Israel, even though you're accepting that we are not perfect yet, Israel is not perfect yet, but God will redeem Israel.

God favors Israel. Those that bless Israel will be blessed, and those that curse Israel will be cursed.

It's a dangerous thing to be going on social media posting against Israel. It's a dangerous thing.

You curse Israel, you will be cursed. Amen. People don't fear God. I could add that to the list, too.

The true church fears God. They don't fear God when you're posting against Israel. You don't fear God when you post against Israel. Hatred against Israel. Amen. The true church has common sense. They have logic. They have wisdom. Matthew 25, the wise versus the foolish. The true church has wisdom, intelligence, common sense. We're not stupid as dirt like the Flat Earth people are. Amen. There's a lot to it, and I could probably add more to that. Amen.

But God is good, and we thank God Almighty, Jesus Christ, for this sermon, Heavenly Father. Thank you for giving me enough breath, although I'm out of breath. But thank you, Father, for this breath. Thank you, Lord, for this message. We accept your anointing that it will not stop here. Help your people to share this message. Help your people to vent this message. Help your people, Father, to be more hot on fire for you, to not hide their lights, to use all their talents, to use every talent wisely, carefully, not foolishly. Lord, help us, Father, to be your church. Help us with the right balance between law and grace, freedom, liberty. Help us with a proper understanding of that, a proper practice of that, that we not be Torah, Torah, Torah fools. Help us never forsake Jesus' name, no matter what. That we not forsake Jesus' name. Hold us tight, Father, hold us tight. Keep us. Deliver us from the enemy. Thank you for your mercy and your grace. Thank you for this word today. Thank you for this seventh day, last day of unleavened bread. Thank you for these holy days. Thank you for this branding. Thank you for one another. Thank you for your mercy on me. Thank you for all of our true brothers and sisters. And thank you for those that are coming to you, your church, your kingdom. Praise the holy name of Jesus. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, and forever without end, praise the name of Jesus. And the church say, Amen. Praise Jesus.

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