

# Truth is Fallen in the Street

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[ 0 : 0 0 ] we go to isaiah 59 and verse 14. talking about the subject of truth man is on a search for truth or at least he should be yet all the while the truth can be hard to get to we see that in isaiah 59 verse 14.

it reads and judgment is turned away backward and justice standeth afar off for truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter truth is fallen in the street is what it says so what does that mean isaiah in the context he's talking about people spreading lies believing lies and of a failure of judgment of justice of a loss of righteousness of morality of truth again and judgment is turned away backward and justice standeth afar off for truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter so there's a loss of truth i'll put to you and we're going to talk on that theme a little today and it's important who do you believe what do you believe in we're in the middle of a truth war you could say every one of us needs to have that ultimate moment of truth which is salvation really when we trust christ as our lord our savior that's the moment of truth isn't it for life and it can seem though that truth is hard to come by it's missing fact is people are regularly being lied to from pulpits from government from all manner of media it's been the modus operandi of the serpent really hasn't it since day dot hath god said genesis 3 verse 1 it says now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the lord god had made and he said unto the woman yea hath god said you shall not eat of every tree of the garden so right in the beginning when god gave clear direction the serpent as we know satan the devil sought to deceive to undermine even the very word of god yea hath god said to cast doubt on the word of god on what god had said lies and deception seem to provoke the word of god had made and i was talking with someone lately this next slide it talks about the so-called the church of the almighty god the church of the almighty god it's also called eastern lightning i know we met some people in in recent months that had been drawn into this cult they're door knocking our region you know we we've met them as far as we've met the people who have been drawn into this cult and even some of our number have had exposure to them because they're very active on social media on youtube they've got very glossy videos movies christian movies if you search christian movies generally these guys are kind of top of the list they're quite high up there and a very glossy presentation this so-called church of the almighty god what do they teach they teach that jesus christ has returned to earth that he has returned to earth and what's more he's presently living as a chinese woman can you believe it he's presently living as a chinese woman of the name yang zing ban who was born in 1973 so sorry mr jesus has already come back and and he is now a shi a chinese woman who lives in the us of a so um that's what they teach and millions of people are being drawn into this it's a lie it's a lie of the devil and it's a very glossy glitzy well-produced well-marketed kind of lie this is happening right here in our city of adelaide they're very active you see actually i had them ring me up some months ago and say oh we're we're a christian group we're looking for a hall to hire and when i got talking with them i found out what they actually were this is what they are this is this very church actually wanted to use our building to promote their lies and to propagatate this false gospel this crazy ludicrous idea that that the lord jesus has come back as a chinese woman so they're very very active right here in australia right here in adelaide in our very local area so it's like there's a a magazine years ago called the plain truth i don't know if people remember that the plain truth by herbert w armstrong the the worldwide church of god and they've got various splinter groups now because it's changed over time and i know one of the people we were door knocking showed some interest and then said he's going back to that church and they teach all kinds of lies too about salvation and virtually they they virtually teach that they are the only church that's going to heaven so that's a cult that's a cultic false gospel it's a lie it's a falsehood it's false doctrine it's false teaching we've got to be really wide eyes wide open about this stuff because it's all happening it's all over the planet today and there's a popular saying these days you've got your truth i've got mine when you're talking to people about the gospel they say oh i've got my truth you've got your truth he or she's got their truth uh you know

the truth is some fuzzy wuzzy airy fairy thing where it's not defined but the bible is different it says that there is absolute truth there is absolute truth that we can believe this book from cover to cover there is absolute truth that doesn't need redefining or reinterpreting it's plain and simple this is the truth and so it's important we understand who are we listening to yeh hath god said they've got their own little book here the word was made flesh is and is now a chinese woman what a ridiculous fanciful idea yet millions of people literally millions of people are in this cult so who are we listening to the next one it says the lord jesus stood before pilate and we can imagine the time where he washed his hands as it were of the wrong verdict that he gave that even though he said this man is innocent he said send him to the cross and he said he's going to wash his hands of him and in in talking with the lord jesus pilate asked him art thou a king then jesus answered thou sayest that i am a king to this end was i born and for this course came i into the world that i should bear witness unto the truth everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice pilate saith unto him what is truth it goes on but that's the point there pilate says what is truth what is truth surely god's word god's voice is what we must listen to how can we hear god's voice above all the noise pilate says what is truth as i spoke of this same reality where the truth is confused there's a confusion of truth and lies and a wholesale abandonment of truth we see this one john 8 44 so in the context is talking about our lord is rebuking the pharisees and he says you're of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you will do he was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him when he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own for he is a liar and the father of it so the bible is here telling us that the devil is the father of lies and that was the hard truth the lord jesus gave the pharisees and it's like isaiah's saying it's the same reality where there's a wholesale abandonment of truth and the devil's the instigator of that such that the truth is falling in the street it's like some rubbish you kick along like you kick a can down the road and it's like it's thrown out it's disregarded and it's treated like rubbish and satan is the mastermind of deception he's the father of lies and the fact is that people prefer reassuring lies to an inconvenient truth it's the way it is isn't it they would rather go to some falsehood to some pleasant discourse about some false gospel than to hear the real hard truth the gospel truth the saving truth of the word of god

they'd rather have the smooth lies than the hard truths and think of it brothers and sisters today this world that we live in modern movies are pushing leftist agendas all the time it's like this product placement of falsehood and and innuendos and and immorality is it's conditioning it's a brainwashing and the world is largely brainwashed the truth is getting eroded and lies are overwhelming us it's like a trojan horse that comes in and we don't even know it's happening next slide we have a picture of a mask of an actor and some bread picturing the expression bread and circuses it's a strategy that the ruling class of ancient rome used it was a way of keeping the population content and compliant so bread and circuses is the expression where in ancient rome they gave the population the basic necessities such as bread so they had something to eat and they gave them entertainment such as circuses bread and circuses and it's the same today in our modern consumer centered world the mass media bread and circuses they're giving it all the time they're distracting the masses they're pacifying the population bread and circuses so you've got enough to eat yeah have a good meal have a good feed you know feed the the belly worship the the god of the god is their belly it talks about of some and then you know just pacify them give them entertainment lots and lots of entertainment like this continual entertainment really isn't there there's continuous entertainment we can have continual screen time and always be entertained and that's the bread and circuses if you like here's a quote here martin i'll said this if people are entertained if the netflix is hooked up and the footy is rolling if the fridge is full and they've got a paycheck dropping into the bank account and the credit card to pick up the slack from time to time if they can do most of the things that they want to do if they can experience the definition of the good life they go to spiritual sleep the more comfortable and richer that we become the more forgetful we become of another kingdom that will outlast this one it's true isn't it bread and circuses the the entertaining of the masses such that they tune out to god god doesn't even feature in their thinking anymore they're believing these lies and friends that's the reality today there's this tendency to silence voices that speak the truth the crowd generally don't want the truth we find that when the majority don't want to hear the gospel let alone to receive christ and the important truth the gospel truth there's so many distractions that would veer people off away from the truth for example and this is more so my own personal take on the matter and you might differ from me on some of these things that i'm going to touch on but climate change environmentalism is one of the big things these days it's like it's virtually become a new world religion the green religion and it's being accepted with

unquestioning belief and to dare to deny or to dare to even question to question the dogma of man-made climate change makes you a heretic a science denier they call you if you would even dare to question is that really true and it seems like there's this rising of a new religion it's the old lie repackaged as the new age that's what it is the old lies the old religion virtually a worship of mother earth it's a big expression now isn't it they credit nature for oh what a wonderful thing mother earth you know mother nature they they would glorify and praise that what that which mother nature has made or or some fairy fairy concept of oh what a wonderful world uh but they don't give praise to the one who's actually created it our maker and so the bible tells of such a time where people are exchanging the truth of god for

a lie for example in romans 12:5 it says of some that they've changed the truth of god into a lie and they've worshipped and served the creature more than the creator who is blessed forever so we think of evolution that's one example of this isn't it this really it is a totally ludicrous idea and i was talking with someone uh recently the whole idea of evolution is utterly ludicrous that everything came about by chance when design is written all over the planet it's all over you it's within you your very dna to think that this all was conjured up out of sheer chance and fluke of circumstance it's a ridiculous idea because design is written all over this creation but people will not bow down their knee to the creator who's made them the designer of it all we see as i say as i see it climate alarmism has all these characteristics of a religion that you would even dare to question such a thing and their message is basically you're doomed and you need salvation we need to save humanity you know we've got to get rid of our gas stoves we've got to uh all of these crazy ideas now we've got to eat fake meat they're staggering really isn't it you've got to get an electric car and unless you do that you're doomed this new age religion it's got its prophets like greater thunberg and al gore it's got its priests and believers and the truth is that the worship of creation of mother earth is a pagan thing it's what pagan religion has always done it's worship mother earth it's animism isn't it it's the worship of the creation rather than the creator and really it stems back to the babylonians back to the the one world religion and so nowadays what are we being told the ultimate sin is consumption capitalism co2 emissions you're doing it right now co2 emissions coming out of your mouth you know this new religion has its commandments thou shalt not emit co2 thou shalt build solar panels and wind turbines there's so much climate hysteria going on about the supposed man-made climate catastrophe that threatens us and the need for protection for planet earth you know god forbid that you have another child for you know that's going to create more co2 emissions there's so much climate hysteria going on and it's it's madness really that we are supposedly the answer for the protection of mother earth of planet earth and so the world is hurtling towards this apocalypse it's a crisis caused by man and man must save himself you know turn off the electricity you know don't waste that electricity because you're hurting the planet don't have the a piece of meat whatever it be the climate alarmists are calling this the biggest moral challenge that's what they're calling it the biggest moral challenge facing a global civilization we're told that carbon dioxide is a dangerous chemical fueling dangerous global warming and yet the truth is that this evil carbon dioxide is the gas of life it's a naturally occurring gas that is essential for life on earth if we didn't have carbon dioxide we'd be in big trouble that's for sure so zero carbon is a fanciful thought really but what i'm trying to make the point of here this morning i'm not meaning to go off onto tangents here because there's different views on some of this stuff but the point i'm trying to make is that the truth is being redefined and there's so many radical voices here that are telling us some extremist agendas think about australia day it's just around the corner the left hate australia they hate australia day they want to cancel australia day they want your kids to think that the national identity of this country is racist and oppressive white privilege and all that the education system has been dumbed down

[ 16 : 31 ] schools have become indoctrination centers that exert a powerful influence over the next generation here's what abraham lincoln said the philosophy of the school room in one generation will it be will be the philosophy of the government in the next it's true isn't it what your children are getting your children your grandchildren uh there's in the uh those indoctrination centers called schools uh they're they're getting these values uh so-called values and the real values are being eroded it's like they're killing the australasian way of life and our children are actually being indoctrinated to become political activists so they're getting all this leftist agenda so that's what they're going to be believing and spouting and following when they become adults what is truth that is the question it was pilot's question of our lord and truth was staring pilot square in the face but he couldn't see it on another front there's a call these days i'm just giving you some examples of the

erosion of truth so bear with me while i'm elaborating i believe there's a scriptural context a scriptural connection to what i'm saying because we can see in the current events of news of current events that there's a there's a connection with what the bible tells will happen so one of the big things lately is the great reset of the global economy the great reset they're calling it so what it means is a fundamental change in the economy society politics in response to the covert 19 pandemic basically the great reset is the destruction of capitalism it's basically communism socialism the great reset would could lead to increased government control over the economy and the erosion of personal freedoms think of what's been happening the last two or three years especially this erosion of personal freedoms and intruding even into our worship such that we had to wear masks and all that stuff and there's much talk now of new variants and there's this crafting of the news that we hear there's a constant threat another threat another variant another danger another lockdown another restriction to control people and take away freedom of choice talks of new strains of covert calls for more shots more and more shots get another shot and vaccine passports now i know there's different views amongst us some of us have been vaccinated some of us have not i'm not saying uh necessarily one thing or the other i'm just saying there's a conditioning there's a constant messaging there's a mantra here that the shots are going to save you the vaccine passports are going to save us all of this talk and you wonder where's the truth the facts are supposedly healthy and safe but there's all these reports that are kind of being filtered out of adverse events of vaccine failure people dying suddenly i think we've been lied to by government i think we've been lied to people i think there's some danger out there another factor in this war against the truth is how the leftists are protesting more and more in radical ways there's some crazy antics people gluing themselves to make a point and causing all kinds of stirring you know going into art museums and gluing themselves i know in recent news i heard there's people in adelaide that glued themselves to some bicycles with the tour down under because it's sponsored by santos they've obviously they're destroying the planet so they've got to glue themselves to bicycles to make a point to protest uh in more and more radical ways and this is the leftist agenda they've been on the rejection of what's even more telling is the rejection of traditional social hierarchies redefining the concept of family these are fundamentals that are not to be redefined god says a man and a woman for life that's marriage he doesn't there's no other definition

there's no other way of putting it it says god made them male and female not some gender fluidity it seems like the truth is no longer respected or valued as it should be friends we've got to be awake to this stuff we should be the real woke ones we should be awake you know to this distorted view of reality that's happening this obsession on social media many worshippers of materialism their lives consumed with all these superficial values we see modern culture is driven by narcissism in other words it's self-centered you know as i said before the selfie generation just got to keep taking photos of yourself and plastering everywhere and i'm guilty sometimes but there's that deception that's all about the self isn't it it's the self-centered generation rather than what is the truth what is the credibility of the truth and that should be the what we pay attention to and put our emphasis on but there's a disregard for that today sound doctrine matters too there's a crying need for the truth there's so much error out there sound doctrine matters we must get to a bible church like this one or others that we can recommend like-minded churches that care about the truth care about the truth enough to tell you the truth to warn you against error there's falsehood there's false doctrine the charismatic movement the pentecostal movement it's thick with error and falsehood and false teaching and we deny it and we reject it there's a crying need for the truth friends sound doctrine matters the bible foretells a time when there's going to be a famine in the land of hearing the word of god in 2 timothy 4 it talks about the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but after their own lust shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears they just want more and more of all the prosperity gospel the health and wealth gospel you name it anything but the truth and they'll turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables this is the world we're living in people biblical values are lost and it's like as a society we've lost that essential foundation of the truth we've got away from the bible that such that even the bible we use this there's doubts cast upon it hath god said we have got a bible we can trust we can believe what it says we can put it into practice think of the errors the falsehoods we're being told today a lack of respect of human life even human life a disregard for the inherent value of people abortion you know the basic value of a human life human life when you are pregnant what is it inside you it's life it's life it's another life you can't redefine it if you're pregnant there's another life inside you another human being but with

modern culture or relativism their truth says i've got a baby i'm nine months pregnant i can kill it it's okay it's my choice it's my body now please understand if if you're in a situation where you've that's happened for you god's got grace to forgive to heal to take away that hurt to help you with that because it's a burden for some when they've done that and we don't want to put you under any burden in that regard but the truth is that it is a baby it's a baby it's not just a clump of cells it's a baby and it's not okay to take that life and modern progressive thinking would try to justify this merciless act it's all about me me me me and my rights it's a sad truth a sad fact that some babies are actually born alive in some australian hospitals and because it's marked for an abortion they leave it there to die they leave the baby there to die this is shocking stuff this is happening in some australian hospitals today the truth is this is the taking of a life and then on the other side you've got the birth side then on the dying side you've got what they call assisted voluntary dying now it starts in south australia in just over two weeks from now so in just over two weeks and from now you can book yourself in for an assisted voluntary death suicide starting in australia in south australia just over two weeks from now so the lawmakers of our land are endorsing this deliberate taking of a life of the people who live around us maybe they'll say oh this one's not worth living this life is not worth living uh whoever it be they might make judgments on behalf of those who can't make their own judgments and say oh this life's not as valuable as another life so we'll take that life those that have the say so for that life people know what i'm talking about working in situations where people can't give their own consent that this is shocking stuff that could be a reality it is a reality two weeks from now pharmacists are going to literally be able to dispense poisons for people to kill themselves go down to your local pharmacy and get your prescription for your voluntary assisted dying this is shocking stuff now look that's not to say the situations are very difficult i understand when someone is on their deathbed but god helping us we can get palliative care we can get compassionate care we can help make their lives as comfortable as we can and i'm not meaning to be um lacking compassion if that it might be your situation it could be my situation one day with a loved one but there's this wholesale abandonment where it's almost like life isn't worth anything anymore not even life the value of the life these are strange things that are happening they're even talking about implanting wombs into men there's apparently some talk of that now where these men who who say they're a woman uh they actually can get their own womb uh there's talk of doing that these days this is this is mind-blowing stuff and our children meantime they're being taught this gender fluidity such that uh oh i'm a i'm a woman this day i'm a man this day i'm a i'm in between this day madness i'm telling you the truth today the unvarnished truth the truth is fallen in the street it's fallen in the street and it's like we're in a battle for truth this is the reality we're in a war and this battle has been raging since the arch deceiver began his conflict with god right back in the garden one john 4 verse 6 it says we are of god he that knoweth god heareth us he that is not of god heareth not us hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error basically there's only two spirits the spirit of truth and the spirit of error and we're called to be counter cultural revolutionaries we need to have the discernment that says actually this is the measure of what is true or not true this is god's standard how we measure what is right and wrong the bible is that palm line that we can use to discern what is straight or crooked and so there's basically only two spirits the spirit of error and the spirit of truth so if something looks like it's accommodating some kind of error then it's got the devil's fingerprints on it leave it alone don't go there don't buy that book from the the pentecostal false teacher and follow the wild and wacky teachings or tune into their rubbish on the internet don't have a bar of it because there's a spirit of error and a spirit of truth and if it smacks of error even in the least part don't touch it here's another quote beware of false knowledge it's more dangerous than ignorance there's a lot of false knowledge out there we're living in a time of supposed knowledge but it's ignorance a rejection of truth of god the bible tells us in 2 timothy 3 verse 7 of son they're ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth so there's many people that are like this they're ever learning they might have phds a master or a a doctorate a doctorate in in whatever field or multiple doctorates and still be as ignorant as ignorant as can be because there is false knowledge and it's more dangerous than ignorance so many people fall into this trap they do not know the truth think about our world and where it's going now again i'm using some matters to illustrate the point here it's like we can expect more and more totalitarian government i'll put to you there's almost a an appetite for that now isn't it oh we've got to protect the population from covid from whatever it be from whatever the next uh plague is whatever the next epidemic is we need government to protect us we need government to save us we need this or that that the government's telling us we need to save us to save the planet

now there's a novel called brave new world now i haven't read this book and i'm just reading from quotes about it but the brave new world it tells about a society where the government uses advanced technology to control the population where people are genetically engineered and conditioned and controlled through technology through drugs through psychological manipulation and this novel brave new world in this novel it says that the object of this government is conformity of the cost of personal freedom and we see this book it's giving a kind of warning about the dangers of technology and what it could bring to a society now of course we know we're not against technology necessarily especially it's ideal when it works but we know technology is a good thing in many ways but we see that this there's an increasing appetite for surveillance isn't there there's cameras everywhere and as i was talking about recently about shops where you you walk in and walk out you don't even go to the cashier because the the cameras have already captured what you've bought who you are they've recognized your identity you're on their database so they know your credit card you'll just get charged as you walk out the door easy peasy another novel 1984 tells about a government run by big brother who exercises total control over every aspect of the citizens lives and the book 1984 tells about a government again using constant surveillance propaganda punishment to maintain power and suppress dissent and this government in this novel employs the thought police so even your thoughts have got to be governed to monitor citizens and eliminate any hints of dissent you don't say anything against the government or what the government agenda is and so citizens are stopped from having any dissenting thoughts and they have to yield blind obedience to the state and this novel warns about the dangers of totalitarianism so in other words a government without restraint without any checks and balances a government that's totally dictating a government that's got complete control over every aspect of people's lives and this novel portrays the dangers of censorship and propaganda it tells how it can be used to control and manipulate society now i'm not recommending either book today definitely not there there's some elements that we wouldn't endorse you know the brave new world 1984 but the point i'm trying to make is even secular writers have seen this kind of seen this kind of agenda that could unfold and one thing george orwell said is this however much you deny the truth the truth goes on existing now they can deny the truth the government of our day can tell us marriage has been redefined now uh you know all kinds of sinfulness is now to be celebrated and to be taught to your children so they know how to become this perverse kind of idea about how they who they marry what they marry and what they do in their marriage that they're being taught all kinds of evil and perversity but no matter how you redefine the truth however much you deny the truth the truth goes on existing this is the truth the bible the word of god and there's no denying that and so what am i saying today is there's an escalating threat of technologies we're constantly being surveilled that and there's a real threat of a surveillance state what is actually happening in our day the 2030 agenda is another big thing a 2030 agenda could mean that our own government the australian government could hand over control to the united nations of our rights laws freedoms private property energy use and lifestyle their tagline the 2030 agenda is transforming our world that's what they want to do that it's really a an extreme element there there's there's extreme risks there that they're going to exercise control over you your family over everything you've got everything that you do our freedoms are under real threat these are things that are planned they're being rolled out and our government's buying into this stuff so we need to speak truth today the 2030 agenda is a united nations driven master plan they're calling it a road map to global socialism aimed at controlling the planet basically it's a transfer of power from nation states to the united nations and the united nations are an international unaccountable policemen so friends australia is not going to have its own sovereignty really so much there's going to be a loss of that uh to this united nations that they can really set their own agenda that's the truth of it friends that's the truth of it today that this affects you it affects us it affects every australian that's the truth yet the truth is fallen in the street so let me get back more on a scriptural line i guess i'm just highlighting some of the current trends what is the truth the bible asks us what is the truth pilate asked the question what is the truth friends god's word must be that ultimate reliable source in john 17 verse 17 our lord jesus says as he prays for us yet to come he says sanctify them he says make them holy through thy truth thy word is truth it seems that those who speak the truth are often silenced or ignored there's a real censorship a real clamping down a real stopping of those that would dare to speak the truth they're being shouted down de-platformed and cancelled and we can expect that i was talking with someone lately who was saying how they were bold enough to speak to someone who's into reiki and and all of these new age healing type things all of the eastern mysticism kind of mantra

and he was bold enough to challenge her to urge her to that this is wrong and he was basically you know shown the door and matthew 5 talks about blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the king of heaven he says blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you as we stand for the truth we can expect persecution we can expect people to revile us you know julie and i've had experience with someone that's quite hostile towards us it's been like this for 20 plus years for for nothing we can understand that we have done and yet she's believing her own lies such that she is spouting this constantly

[ 36 : 44 ] against us and so we know what it's like to be hated and to be spoken against and to be you know mocked and and scorned and and stigmatized and and falsehood said about us slander the bible says rejoice and be exceeding glad for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you now there's a there's a reward there the lord jesus says rejoice and be exceeding glad it's got the sense of jump for joy now when you are persecuted when someone ridicules you for standing for christ for doing something for the lord don't be ashamed we're called to be such a people a people of truth so let's be the ones that stand for what is right even though it go against popular opinion have the courage to speak the truth and that can be hard we know in work settings in social settings it can be hard but god will give you the opportunity and you can exercise the tact to speak the truth we're called to speak the truth and even when it is difficult the bible talks about speaking the truth in love phasians 4 verse 15 so friends let's be alert that the truth is being redefined today the bible declares absolute truth what truth is our source for truth is not the opinions of men it's not the opinions of the world the opinions of preachers but it is the word of god this is the definition of truth god's truth the word of god and it's by the truth the word of god that we can discern truth from lies our lord talks about the spirit of truth how he's going to guide us into all truth so we cannot stay silent when we know the truth the prophet jeremiah said over time he said i will not mention of him and i'll speak any more in his name but his word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones and i was wearing with forbearing and i could not stay you know when god puts his word into your heart you can't help but tell it and friends we've got a truth to tell we must speak up even if our words are met with resistance or hostility friends the transformative power of the gospel is the only real solution for mankind today there's many lies being told today again think of the lies that we're constantly being told masculinity is inherently negative that's what they're telling us so you that are men that look like a man that act like a man that's toxic toxic masculinity you've got to be a little little wimpy you know sensitive new age guy you know don't be a masculine man is what they're telling you the bible says masculinity is a good thing it's good to be a man be a man more especially be a man of god a man who stands for the truth a man with courage a man with conviction there's a good kind of masculinity of course we're not endorsing men being ogres and you know under the thumb kind of you know dictatorial a a man that's uh you know basically a a braggart and a big shot and just putting everybody down but there's a godly masculinity that's a good thing and these ones are telling us that the new thought police are saying that deviant sexuality is good it should be encouraged no sir there's no room for any accommodation for anything other than marriage as the place for that and they're telling us capitalism is inherently bad so there's this thought of um universal basic income so basically uh you get to eat no matter what but the bible says if you don't work you don't eat there's a sense where work is is a valuable thing of course you might get so old in life that you can't work and that's understood but you can hopefully have savings or preparations such that you

are funding your own retirement but we've been told that patriarchy is all bad so oh we've got a a female pastor in our church and uh oh you know there's a sense where patriarchy is seen as something that is bad where really the bible calls the men to be men to stand up and be the man to be the man to be the man of the house to be the the man who is a standing in the gap there's a call to men to be men to rise up and be man you know to be brave quit you like men in other words act like man have courage have boldness and so the world is telling us all these warped values which are contrary to the bible the bible says let every man speak truth to his neighbor so think of it for yourself are you one who speaks truth someone has said if everybody were just like me what kind of church would this church be if we all just have that attitude where we don't really realize the church is you and me it's all of us doing all of our parts and friends the truth has fallen in the street the truth has fallen in the street we've missed something we've become way too tolerant and

compromising as a nation there's an accommodation of error it's been said that it's on small hinges that big doors swing if you accommodate one little thing it's a wide opening of all sorts of things now talking about this theme of truth a phrase that people often use to describe the ultimate truth is the expression the gospel truth the gospel truth now really this is probably the most important point i want to make today is that there's many false ideas about what the gospel is i know when we're going door knocking when you're doing witnessing in your own ways you come across people with many false ideas and they say oh yeah i'll go to church oh yeah i've been baptized yeah i've done my catechism class and and i've um yeah i give to charity oh i i live by the ten commandments as as much as i can and i try to live right and they think that that is the gospel they cannot articulate the gospel that's not the gospel it's not the way to be saved it's not about baptism it's not about living right it's not about trying to be good it's not about your works all manner of good works none of your works it's about christ it's about christ and him crucified do you know jesus as your lord and savior have you trusted in his dying on your part have you trusted his blood shed for your sins to be forgiven the most essential truth is how to be saved and it's really staggering like i say when you're talking with people when you're conversing with people oh yeah i'm a christian i think i'm a christian how do you become a christian oh well um you know the i said a prayer or or you know there was this or that that i've done or yeah i've um i've done these good things i go to church every so often and so i'm a christian but the bible says it's not of that it's trusting christ as your lord and savior it's by faith that you are saved it's not of works lest any man should boast it's by faith by god's grace you're saved so don't kid yourself today if you think well i think i'm a christian the bible says believe on the lord jesus christ and thou shalt be saved it's it's faith it's believing on the lord jesus christ that saves people in churches many churches are being taught lies it's not by works of righteousness that we have done it's not of works that we have done lest any man should boast this is the gospel truth and you know we come across it all the time i've had people saying oh you've got to keep the law oh you've got to worship on a sabbath or you've got to speak in tongues or you've got to have you've got to be a good person to get to heaven none of that rubbish it's not that it's by faith you're saved through grace it's not of yourselves it's the gift of god the gift of god you mustn't confuse that now that's not to say once you are saved grow as a christian once you are saved yes go to church once you are saying get in the bible once you are saved do good works once you are saved live right live holy do right do godly but that's not the saving part that's the after the saving friends we live in a world where there's lies everywhere lies are prevailing and it seems like we can make little or no impact how can we speak truth in a world of lies where truth seems to have lost its value we must be people of truth so i urge you today have the courage to speak the truth to others to speak the truth to your neighbor it says live it out let's be a faithful people in the face of a world of lies a world where where the truth has fallen in the street and really the gospel truth is the ultimate truth isn't it how to be saved that you will place your trust in christ as savior that you would trust him alone to save you it's not faith plus it's faith alone faith alone it's christ has done everything absolutely everything he's done 100 of what needs to be done to save you simply trust that simply trust him trust his saving grace and then he'll lead you on he'll help you grow he'll make you strong you can grow in that relationship as you are the son of god the daughter of god now he is your father that's a relationship that never stops he is always your father so trust him now trust him now that's the gospel truth we must know the truth and lift the truth in a world where the truth has fallen in the street and true change and hope only comes through that personal relationship with jesus christ and that starts as you trust him it starts there if you know the truth the truth shall make you free the truth shall make you free are you in the truth and we receive that by faith the lord says according to your faith be it unto you trust in him today let us pray lord we thank you that you are the truth the way the truth and the life we thank you your word is the word of truth thank you lord that your truth is unchanging it's forever it's not redefined as much as men may try it's absolute it's never changing lord and this gospel truth that we can trust you as our savior we pray each one might have that trust that it's not trusting in our own works or what our church tells us or what the priest has said to us or what we've done to save ourselves lord it's about what you have done that's our only saving hope is that you died on the cross for our sin lord that you are the savior of the world for those that trust you lord we can know that that gift that you give but we praise you pray for each one here today for our families our lives ahead for this nation of australia for your grace upon us for our governors for the leaders of our land lord of every persuasion lord may your grace prevail may truth prevail may righteousness exalt this nation lord we pray for wisdom but especially we pray for salvation that people might know how to

be saved and to simply trust that saving gospel truth that you save to the utmost those that come unto you lord we pray for each one to know that heart trust today and thank you lord for this time we've shared together in jesus name amen