

The Super-Eminence Of Christ 2

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[0 : 00] Thank you for choosing to listen to today's message by Reverend Dr. David Entry. We know you will be blessed as you seek and serve God. We believe that this message will stir up a desire for more of God even as you listen.

Be blessed. Lord, give us revelation of yourself through the teaching of your word. Enlighten our understanding, the eyes of our understanding, that we will behold amazing and wondrous things from your word.

Take us into chambers of your word, which no human being can take us. Lord, bring your blessing upon this congregation and those watching and listening all around the world, that your word will come alive, for your word is truth.

Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen. Amen. Last week, I spoke about the... Actually, you titled it The Preeminence of Christ, but actually, I would have preferred to use the supereminence of Christ. The supereminence of Christ. The preeminence. Paul said... Paul said... Paul said in Philippians chapter 3 that...

[1 : 24] Whatsoever was gain to me, I count them as done. Okay? Philippians chapter 3, right from 7 now, it said...

Whatsoever was gain to me, indeed... Whatsoever was gain to me, I have counted as lost.

Whatever was gain to me, I count this as lost for Christ.

Verse 8. Yes, indeed, I also count all things lost. For the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things.

And count them as rubbish, that I may gain him. Verse... I may gain Christ. Verse 9. And be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law.

Watch this. There is a certain type of righteousness that comes from the law. What do we mean by the law? Doing, adhering to the do's and don'ts.

[2 : 34] So if they tell you, don't sit here, and you don't sit here, you've done right. It's a form of righteousness. Not spiritually speaking, but physically speaking or socially speaking.

Don't sit here, you didn't sit. It's righteous. Form of right behavior. Behavior. And now, when it comes to God, God requires righteousness. You can't be walking with God and behave anyhow. And so, there's a righteousness that people attempt to get by following the law of God. But when you watch the commandments that was given, when he gave it to Moses and he read it to the people, he told Moses, after the tabernacle was built, he said, open the tabernacle and put it inside. So the law of God, according to Numbers chapter 17, the law of God was part of the three items that was meant to be put in the ark of the covenant.

So the ark of the covenant had three items. The Aaron's rod, which barred it. The manna, a pot, a pot.

[3 : 44] The Bible says collect a certain portion of the manna, put it in a pot, and keep it, store it in the ark of the covenant. And the third item in the ark of the covenant was the tables of the commandments.

So the commandments were given. It should have been displayed. Notice what? This is how you should behave. But no, he said, yes, put it away. Put it inside. It doesn't mean we shouldn't keep it, but it wasn't given for us to keep.

Wow. It was given for us to see the standard of God. Because it says that for Romans chapter 3, I think 19 and 20, and then 5, the same way, 20, said, Now, we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law that every mouth will be stopped.

Watch this. And all the world will become guilty before God. Oh, okay. So the law is actually making you guilty. It's supposed to make you guilty before God.

So men will be clapping for you, but you know that they think you are that good. But God knows you are guilty. According to the standard of God.

[5 : 00] And look at verse 20. Verse 20. Therefore, by the deeds of the law, no flesh will be justified in God's sight.

Are you getting what I'm saying? So you can't be doing so much that now you have gained righteousness before God by doing the law. So Bible courses, the righteousness according to the law is called self-righteousness or the righteousness of the law.

The law could not give you righteousness. So Christ came and fulfilled the law and the demands of the law. The righteous demands of the law, Christ fulfilled it all.

Because no human being could fulfill it or can fulfill it outside of Christ. That's why there's only one name given. So he fulfilled it. And when you get born again, an account is open for you.

And the credit of the fulfillment of the law he has made, it is transferred, input. Bible call, imputed righteousness. So it's inputted into your account. So it's not just that you are saved from your sins, but you actually have a record or an account of righteousness before God.

[6 : 14] Hey! So Paul says that everything that was gained to me, I count as rubbish. Why? He had an agenda. It's like when a woman wants to win a man.

She knows how to meet you, come early. She knows how to do things the way it must be done.

She knows how to, she can discern when you are hungry. She, she just, by the time she's coming, she said, oh, I bought you some.

And the man would say, how did you know I was hungry? And so I, I, and then most men tell me, no woman really understands, you don't know. You marry her, you see.

He said, no woman really understands me like her. She really gets me because you don't know women. Wait until she gets you.

[7 : 15] Wait, wait until she gets you. And you really know whether she gets you or you get her. She brought me, she brought me soup.

And my favorite soup is, oh, she brought me, um, um, beans stew. Hey! Hey! Hey!

Hey! Hey! Hey! So, suddenly, you are so dazed. Oh, wow. That this, I, I, I've, I've always wanted a woman who actually understands me.

Hey! When she wants to get you, she will understand you. Yes, yes, yes, yes. You see her soft, but she is the hunter.

She has hunted for your dear life without you realizing it. Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey! All right. So, how did I even get here? How did you get here?

[8 : 20] How did you get there? Don't worry. I'm eating you, bitch. So, he said that, um, when a woman wants to get a man, that's why, uh, he knows what to do.

He knows what to do. It's usually intrinsic. It's in a woman. They know what that man I want is likely to need.

Wow. Wow. He likes evangelism a lot. Let me always initiate it. wy And you are saying that you've always been, that you'll get a woman who'll love the things of God.

wy Were there, only can you add one for you.

wy So I've ordered one for you. Don't worry. We are going. They'll call you early. Let's go. No, put Jesus is God. All right, let's go back to this righteousness.

[9 : 33] So that. So not having my own righteousness. So he said, whatever was gained to me, I counted as done.

Why? Because I wanted to gain the righteousness of God in Christ. So suddenly I downgraded and made my gains, my own righteousness and my gains as rubbish.

Why? Why are you rubbish in it? People would like to have your kind of righteousness. People.

Paul was a good guy, man. He said that when it comes to the Pharisees, he was unequalled.

He was above his colleagues. When it comes to the law, the Bible says that, in fact, the previous verse, from verse 4, verse 3, somewhere. He said, concerning the law, I was blameless. Yeah, he said, circumcised on the eighth day.

How about you? Of the stock of Israel. Of the tribe of Benjamin. A Hebrew of Hebrews. Concerning the law. And Pharisee.

[10 : 38] Go to the next verse. Verse 5. Concerning zeal. Persecuting the church. Concerning the righteousness which is of the law. Blameless. This is Saul.

Some of us, it's very easy for us to be worn. Yeah, yeah. All they have to do is give you a small gift. And then you are gone. Small gift.

[16:57] That's how I paid for a trip to France. That's it. You are gone. You are gone. Your righteousness is a hit. It jumps out of the window.

Yes. Because they have given you a gift. I was telling some people yesterday that the kind of gift you receive will determine the kind of woe that can come into your life.

You must learn how to turn down some gifts like Peter. Acts 8.18 said, you and your money perish. You want to offer me gifts?

Right. For me to compromise on the Holy Ghost? Yeah. If you want to last in your Christian work, walk away from certain offers. Yeah.

They are too desperate. For certain things.

[17:55] Yeah. And Satan has got a lot to offer for you. Yeah. At that time I was teaching about three weeks ago or four weeks, a month ago or so. And I said that everything Satan has got to offer, everything the world has got to offer, that is what naturally we desire.

Okay. Okay. The things that God has got to offer, we don't have a natural taste for it. That's it.

That's it. Does this explain your Christian struggles?

Yes. So you have to work on developing a taste for the things of God. Yeah. Yeah. So. Church activities help. Yeah. Fellowship help. Most of you will go to university.

If you don't find strong company, your university days will become very, very messy days. That's it. Messy days because then you realize that you are not that strong.

Yeah. That's right. That's right. That's right. I appreciate it. Hmm. Hmm. Hmm.

Ma-ga-da-ya-shak-ka-ta-y. All right.

[19:02] Let me. I've actually gone very far, but I'll come back. It says that seeing that we are, that's not part of my text. Okay. I'll go back to the supremacy of Christ. Seeing that we are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance.

In other words, don't stop running when you are tired or because you are tired. Hmm. Most of us have been raised and have been trained to give up when you are tired.

Right. Hmm. You are studying. I'm back on a course. Mid-web course is too hard, so you stop it. Ah. Think about what I'm saying.

Yeah. Yeah. You can never become a medical doctor with that attitude. Hmm. You cannot become somebody very significant with that attitude because you give up when you are tired.

No, you are not. Tiredness does not mean give up. Hmm. You can't, we all get tired. Tiredness is human. Hmm. So everyone who is tired and gives up is a common person.

[20:13] Hmm. You can't be any exceptional in life if you give up because you are tired. Hmm. You are resisting against temptation and now this is too much, so it doesn't matter. I have to give up.

Let's, let's, let's, let's, let's, let's go there. Let's get on with it. He said, you have not resisted unto blood.

Right. Striving against sin. He, um, um, Hebrews chapter 12. I think there's three, four, five, six, somewhere there. Three from four. Hebrews. Hebrews 12, somewhere there.

It's four. Yes. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. So why have you, why have you stopped and said, is it enough? I've tried. God himself understands. But your destiny will punish you.

God may understand, but your destiny won't. Hmm. Hmm. Hmm. Hmm. Hmm. So, let us run with endurance.

[21:13] Hmm. Don't be one who easily gives up. Especially when it comes to spiritual things.

Hmm. Hmm. You have to have this tenacity, this stubborn kind of approach to spiritual things.

No human being can rob it from you. Hmm. Hmm. Hmm. Not a bishop, not a pope, not a pastor, not a church member or not a church worker who take it from you because you are determined that you said, I lay aside my own righteousness that I might guide him.

Wow. Yeah. So you have an objective. Your objective is that you can grab Christ. Yeah. Yeah. Lay aside every sin that so easily beset us and let us run with endurance.

Endurance. So even when you are in church and you feel sleepy, run with endurance. Endurance.

Endurance. The race that is, watch this, watch this.

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before you. Yeah. Amen. As soon as you become born again, come sir.

[22 : 23] Come sir. Can I use this please? I'll give it to you. Can I use it? It will get your name. Give me your book please. Kadabashataya. As soon as, okay, you sit. The two of you sit down.

And then I'll call you to come. So, good eh? As soon as you become a Christian, watch this. You become a Christian. Race. Set before you. Get ready to pick it.

He's become a Christian. Hey, hallelujah. Say hallelujah. Hallelujah. Race, step before you. Hey, become a Christian. Race, step before you.

Wow. As soon as you become a Christian, a race has been set before you. That's why it's called Christian walk. A race is set before you. And he said, now, let us run.

And watch this. Everybody is watching you. The crowd. This is being surrounded. It is a cloud. It's a whole cloud of witnesses.

[23 : 21] They are watching. They are watching. So, you can't say, oh, I'm tired. Oh, I'm tired. You have to run. People are watching you. So, can you imagine, I said, everybody pick it and go.

And then one person, someone of them is standing there. Oh, I really don't feel like. The people are watching. We are, come on. We are, we are life. Oh, oh, oh, oh. You understand that? So, the witnesses are there. So, the race, as soon as you become more, said, let us run with endurance the race that is set before you.

And he began to show us how to run the race. How are you supposed to run the race? Look at the next verse. Come on. Come on. You don't have to look on the track.

Don't look on the track. Look onto Jesus. The Christian race is the only race you run without looking on the track by looking onto something else. Let us run with endurance.

The race, so sometimes you feel like falling. And, and, but you don't look at the track to be discouraged. Keep looking at Jesus. Keep looking at Jesus. As long as you keep looking at Jesus, you can keep running.

[24 : 31] Amen. Amen. Amen. You can keep, you stop looking at Jesus. That's why you are offended in church. Amen. I thought you wanted to be a powerful woman of God.

You remember when you were crying and vowing to God, God, this thing, I will save you. Where has all that run away to? You taught you anything you set your mind to do. You're able to do it. So you, you bring it on Christianity. No, Christianity is not because you set your mind to do it. You are able to do the Christian thing because you are looking. Amen. Hallelujah. Thank you very much. Be positive. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Look at Jesus, the altar and the finisher of our faith, who also, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame.

And because of that, he sat at the right hand of the throne of God. So, Paul said in Philippians chapter 3 verse 9, that I have anything whatsoever was gained to me.

[25 : 33] Nothing, not having my, that I might be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is true.

You see, there is a righteousness you can choose which way you want to go. There is a righteousness which comes through the law, or you can go for the righteousness that comes by faith in Christ.

All right. But the righteousness that comes from the law, it cannot keep you justified in the sight of God. Right. That's it. Okay. Okay.

So, God can't be impressed by anything you do. Wow. What impresses God is the Christ that is set before you, which you are watching and running towards.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. So, stop bragging about, as for me, I don't do this. I don't do that. I'm always fasting. I'm always in church. I'm always there. It's good, as long as it is due to your looking after Christ.

[26 : 35] Okay. But if it's due to your ability of me to, you know, you know, some of us are naturally very well-mannered. Yes. That's true. Yeah. So, in certain circumstances and conditions, you will argue with somebody on the road.

Who do you think you are? While some of us do, hey, you stop your car and say, my friend. Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

So, if the righteousness has to do with comportment on the road, you will call yourself righteous because, naturally, you are disposed towards that way. Yeah. You are disposed. You have a natural inclination, disposition for non-misbehaving in public.

Mm. Mm. You will never throw yourself at a man. No, no, no. Your mom didn't threaten you like that. No, no. You will never do it. So, you are in church and you've been in church all your life and, you know, there are a lot of things you don't do, but you have realized that you're actually not looking up to Jesus.

Wow. Wow. So, God is not impressed with you. No, I'm not impressed with you. What you are doing, you are doing it for yourself. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow.

[27 : 43] Huh. Ha. Would you believe I have not started my actual message? I believe it. I believe it. I believe it. You are flowing. You are flowing too. It's a preamble.

You are flowing. Yeah. Magadash Akata. Magadash Akata. Magadash Akata. Magadash Akata. So, Paul said, let's get to Paul again in the same text. Verse 10.

Verse 10. Verse 10, that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering being conformed to his death.

When you start from the verse 7 and the verse 8, he speaks about for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ. He counts and considers the knowledge of Christ higher than all other things. So he came to understand, watch this, the excellence of Christ, the super eminence of Christ, the supreme preciousness of Christ.

[28 : 49] He came to understand the surpassing worth of Christ. And so he put everything aside and focused on the surpassing worth of Christ, the supreme preciousness of Christ.

That is what the Christian life is about. And so when you come to Colossians, he said that he has delivered us from the power of darkness into the Colossians 1 verse 13.

He has delivered us into the kingdom from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of his love.

Anything God does for us is because of his love for Christ. I told you. Yes. I told you. Anything. Watch this. Of his love. Now, look at the next verse.

Verse 14. In whom we have redemption through his blood. No, no. Watch this. Let me say this. I just have to throw everything in as I get the chance. No religion and no human institution can give you this.

[30 : 01] Forgiveness of sins. It cannot be found anywhere amongst men. So the best way they can escape their conscience or they can try to pretend it doesn't exist is to say, oh, there are other ways.

Or to say, really, sin is not a problem. Why are you talking to me about sin? Because if we bring sin, if we make sin the subject, there's no human remedy and answer to the sin problem.

No human remedy. Ask any religion and ask them if they can guarantee forgiveness of sin. No religion can guarantee forgiveness of sin. Islam says that it's God's own prerogative and it's not guaranteed.

You may, you may get about 90% or 30% or 50%. We don't know. We don't know. Even our leader said he doesn't know. So we actually are not aware whether he's in heaven or...

We don't know. We don't know. In Jesus' days on earth, he didn't even have to die on the cross first.

[31 : 15] Just to prove that he's God and he has deity. They brought this crippled man, Mark chapter 2. They brought this man crippled and they put him before him. Jesus looked at the man and he said, man, chapter 2, verse 4, 5, 6.

Mark said, your sins are forgiven. When he just saw the affair, he said to the man, son, your sins are forgiven. Look at the next verse. Verse 6 is the interesting one. And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts.

These are aspects of the law. Aspects of God's book. They were the aspects. They knew everything about the law. Watch this. They were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts. So that tells you the mind is part of the heart, the human heart.

That's another subject. Reasoning in the heart. Okay. They were reasoning in their hearts. Verse 7. Okay. Why did this man speak blasphemies like this?

Who can forgive sins but God alone? The God that cannot forgive sins whilst you are on earth is not the God who forgives sins when you die.

[32 : 23] He said that's what I'm saying. That's what I'm saying. Hallelujah. That's the person. That's what I'm saying. He said, who does the aspects knew something? That it's only God who forgives sin.

He was just trying to let them know God is around. God is here. He was just trying to tell them that I'm God. Because he wasn't ignorant. He knew it. He said, I'm God. I'm forgiving sins. How about that?

He was doing it on purpose. So that's what they say is blasphemy. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. No one can forgive sins but God. Yeah. And God can never forgive sins outside of Christ.

Mm. Mm. That's what people did know. God cannot forgive sins outside of Christ. Wow.

Wow. So he said, in him, verse 14, in him we have redemption through his blood. Don't mind the ignorant people who tell you that about the death of Jesus.

[33 : 24] It didn't matter. He just said, no, no, no. Their blood was necessary for forgiveness of sin, for redemption. Say redemption. Redemption. In whom we have obtained redemption through his blood.

The forgiveness of sin. Ha. Now I'm going into it. Who? Talking about Jesus. Verse 15. Who? Him. He is the image of the invisible God. The firstborn over all creation.

I am talking about Christ is the super eminent one. He's above all. I said it last week that who do you know Christ to be?

Who is Christ? And what is he to you? Your relationship with Christ. Who you know him to be in your relationship with Christ. If you get this wrong, you cannot.

You are not a Christian. Right. You cannot get this wrong and have it right with God. It's just fundamental. Who is Christ?

[34 : 22] Who is Christ? Who is Christ? And what is your relation with him? If you get these two questions wrong, you cannot be right with God. Wow. Wow. Yes. Wow. So who is Christ?

So who is Christ? Some of us are born again. We are Christians. And we know he died for our sins. But we have to. You see, this whole thing is about knowing Christ and be found in him. That's what Paul said.

That I might know him and be found in him, not having my own righteousness. Thank you. We just read it. Yes. Then when you read down, down, down, down, it talks about forgetting all the things that lie behind me.

I press towards the mark of the price of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. So Colossians says that in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

The next verse. I went there. Who? He is the image. Christ is the image. Say Christ is the image. Christ is the image. Please say it again. Christ is the image.

[35 : 23] The Greek word translated image is icon. And it's pronounced the same in English. But spelled differently by icon. He's the icon. On your phone or something, the icon.

It represents. When you want to see that. Christ is the express image of God. According to 2 Corinthians 4, verse 4. It talks about Christ being the image of God.

Christ is the image of God. God created us in his image. But Adam. That's very important. Adam was. The Bible says that. Let's make man in our image.

So God made Adam in his image. And all that was left for was for Adam to receive the life of God. God. So then Adam is kind of like a vessel.

An image to receive the life of God. Then the whole cycle is completed. But Adam didn't receive the image of God. The nature of God. Do you know what he received? He received the nature of the devil inside him.

[36 : 25] That's why you struggle. To please God. Because it's a nature problem. Naturally, you can't please God. You didn't know that. No. Naturally, you can't please God.

It's called the old man. Aye, aye, aye. Naturally, you can't please God. You don't have what it takes. Do you think I have what it takes to get pregnant?

I have to put my stomach in. But my stomach looks like slightly. No man has what it takes to get pregnant. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. In the same way, no human being has what it takes to please God.

Okay. Am I communicating? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Oh, it's too much for you. No man. No man. You don't have what it takes to please God. What your desire is, is what Satan has got to offer. Why do you think we struggle with worldliness?

[37 : 29] Why do you think you are struggling so much in your flesh to just sometimes just remain clean for one week? It's a major problem. It's a long journey.

And Satan is cashing in on that and making you always feel guilty. If you can look up to Christ, you'll be okay. I had a meeting with missionaries and I was talking to them about how outside of Christ, you can't grasp what God has got to give.

The Bible says that the Old Testament was being read week after week in the synagogue, but they didn't understand it because a veil covered their face every time it's read.

2 Corinthians 3, verse 14, it talks about Moses is read every week. The law. The law. They read the law. They read the Old Testament in those times.

That's the scripture they have. But their minds said, but their minds were blinded. For until this day, the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament because the veil is taken away in Christ.

[38 : 57] When you come into Christ, the veil is removed. So now the Bible begins to make spirit. Wow. Thank you, Lord.

I'm in church. But Pastor, when I read the Bible, I really don't get it. I think you shouldn't be worried about what you are not getting.

You should be concerned about the ones you are getting. How to do the ones you are getting. It's more important than the ones you are not getting.

If you can work with the ones you are getting, you'll be fine. You begin to get. The Bible says that from glory to glory.

It's comparing spiritual things with spiritual. It's which things the Holy Spirit has revealed to us.

Comparing 1 Corinthians 2 from verse, I think, 12 and 13.

[40 : 02] Comparing spiritual things with spiritual. So for you to have a grasp of spiritual things, first of all, your platform must be spiritual. Right. Start from where you are. Walk in the spirit.

And then that empowers you to be able to appreciate the other things, the deeper things of God.

Yeah. Yeah. Comparing spiritual things with spiritual. So what it essentially means is that you have to keep your eye on Christ.

Because I just read that verse 14 of 2 Corinthians chapter 3, verse 14, that when they come to Christ, the veil is taken away.

Now watch, look at the next verse. Look at the next. But even until this day, when Moses is read, the veil lies on their heart. But even if you are raised, the veil is taken away.

Hmm. And then, secondly, you can be a Christian and you have a stunted revelation or growth in the Lord. Why? Because it always boils down to one thing.

[41 : 28] Look at it. We put the screen, the verse on the screen again. I want to show you something. I'm interested in this. Yes. Put it on the screen. But until this, until, even to this day, when Moses is read, when the Old Testament is read, the Bible is read to them.

A veil lies on their heart. Look at the next verse. Look at the next. You like this. Nevertheless, when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Watch this.

You are busy going. Turn. Remember, you have to look. Turn to the Lord. Give God, give Christ your attention. Let Christ be the center. If you can look at Christ, you will see it through Christ.

Wow. Wow. Come on. Come on. So, most of us are born again, but you are not turning to the Lord. You are born again, but you are not turning to the Lord.

You just do your own things. You have to turn. And when you turn to Christ, that word, when he says that for, run the race that he said before you, looking unto Jesus. The original Greek sounds like looking away from other things unto Jesus.

[42 : 34] Similar, turn to the Lord. Turn. Some things are said before you. Some things are just in your view. Turn your eyes from that and look unto Jesus.

He said, because when you turn and look unto Jesus, suddenly, all this Jesus thing begins to make sense. But if you said, watch this. I like this.

I like this. Never the less. Say, never the less. I like the never the less in the Bible. Say, never the less. Some of you are not saying it. You are just looking at me like that. I said, say, never the less. Nevertheless, when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

And the next verse says that, and the Lord is the Spirit. The Lord is the Spirit. You didn't get it.

You didn't get it. The Lord is the Spirit. The Spirit is not different from the Lord. That's why I said, walk in the Spirit. Turn to the Spirit.

[43 : 36] And where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. Then he goes on to say that, watch this. Look at the next verse. We caught it, but we didn't get the statement there. He said, but we all,

we unveiled. Watch this.

Your face must be unveiled. Before you continue reading what he says. Wow. Wow. How is the veil removed? Turn! So, in other words, when we all turn to Jesus, beholding something us in the mirror, we ask in the mirror, the glory of the Lord.

We are being transformed. You can't be transformed if you don't turn to Jesus. We can preach power. We can preach revelations.

You see the image of Christ? That's what I'm going. We can preach revelations. Open revelations. Until you turn to the Lord, this revelation, it will mean squat to you. Come on. Wow.

Turn to the Lord. Turn to the Lord. Turn to the Lord. Turn to the Lord. Turn to the Lord. Turn to the Lord. I'm beginning to understand. And as I grow in my passage of Jesus Christ.

[44 : 41] Listen. What I'm seeking is not church growth. I'm seeking Christ. I love the things he loves. And I hate the things he hates.

We do church work not because we are looking for work to do. We do church work because the love of Christ constrains us. Turn to the Lord.

Yeah. Amen. I turn. We have to turn daily. Yeah. Turn daily. Come on. Turn daily. Thank you. And naturally, your head goes back.

Amen. So like a spring. You know, the door with the spring in, I don't know how they call it. Yeah. With the spring when you open it. Especially in Africa, they had, it's called mosquito net.

Yes, yes. And it has hinges and a spring. So that just in case you forgot to shut the door, the door will shut by itself.

[45 : 44] And most, most properties here have got door closes at the top.

So when you open the door, the door will shut by itself. So it's the fourth position is the shut position. Your default position is away from Christ.

Yeah. Lord, have mercy. Come on. Come on. So you have to always stand. Turn. Always stand. But pastor, I want to do it, but I don't have the strength to do it because you are not coming to church enough.

Yeah. Because you are not reading your Bible enough. Yeah. Because it comes by the strength. When you read your Bible, you get the strength. Thank you. Then your spirit is nourished. When you pray, some of you don't listen to any preaching message.

You have listened. You have watched movies. Now your hair is moving. Movies upon movies.

[46 : 40] You are given to entertainment too much. Entertainment. Entertainment. You can do a lot of meaningful things in life if you are given to extreme entertainment. That's true.

One of the problems of certain nations that are given to entertainment. You can see. You can see. You can see the prosperity of the nations.

Most of us like entertainment. But you know, you can. When we are. It's time for work. You go. Tomorrow morning, you come to Victoria Station. You see people like zombies. So everybody. Zombies. Everybody. You have to. Some of you, you know. You don't look forward to tomorrow morning. But you have to go. You have to go. You don't have a choice. You have to go. And the system has been designed that if you don't go, you will lose your house.

You can't wear nice wigs. You can't wear those shoes that make you feel important. You are looking important. But something is forcing you to behave a certain way. Do some things.

Something is driving you. So your money, the money you earn is determined.

[47 : 38] They make the money you earn determine how much you are driven. You have to. You have to. You have to move yourself. So you have to take responsibility.

Your relaxation is eroding your peace. Future peace away. Wow. Entertainment upon entertainment. Sometimes put a pause on entertainment.

Get the word of God inside your system. Preaching. Get the word of God. It's not every day you have to be listening to music. Oh, I know. Pastor, that means only gospel music.

But obviously. What else? I thought you were a serious Christian. Well, okay. But only gospel music. I don't know. Sometimes stop the music. Play preaching.

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Oh, but the music too has a message. Music has a message. Hey. Music has a message. Hey. Music has a message. Hey. Message is good.

[48 : 38] Message is nice. Music. Hey. How much message is it? Hey. How much message is it in that industry? Praise God.

Hey. Hey. Hey. Is someone who gets you something? Yes. Yes. He says that the Lord is the Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. And he said, we all with unveiled faces, okay, unveiled face, beholding us in a mirror, the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is the Spirit. The glory of the Lord. And it's very interesting. I said the other time how the Holy Ghost, Bible says in Acts chapter 13, they were all praying and the Holy Ghost said, separate unto me. But meanwhile, the Bible said, they minister to the Lord.

You should have seen the Lord said. But the Holy Spirit said, so the Holy Spirit is the Lord. And the Holy Spirit said, separate unto the Lord. No, separate unto me. I'm the Lord. So Bible says the Lord is the Spirit.

It's very interesting, isn't it? Second Corinthians. We just read it. Isn't you just it? Most of us, we have a nice Bible which is never opened. The other time I was talking to a certain Christian brother. [49 : 52] And sometimes when I'm having a chat, I just, every now and then, I don't enjoy quoting the scriptures without looking at it. Because you know, there's something about reading. I actually enjoy reading the Bible more than preaching.

Yeah. I enjoy it more than preaching. If I read the Bible too, that's why I get so excited and animated when we read the Bible. Yeah! Because that's, I just love it. So sometimes I'm having a discussion, a conversation with you.

I say, oh, you know, Bible says in Matthew. Okay, open the Bible. So we didn't have a Bible at hand. But everyone of us practically has a smartphone. So I asked the brother, okay, but don't you have it?

He said, no. I said, ah! With the kind of car you drive, you don't have a smartphone. Hey, you don't have a Bible app on your phone. On your phone. But you have every other thing.

On your phone. On your phone. What is on the phone? Some of you have got all kinds of pictures. Ah! Pictures on the, ah! Ah! My God!

[50 : 55] My God! Hold my Bible for me. Listen, if you don't have Bible app on your phone, share.

Ah! Ah! A Christian like you.

How? Come on, how? No, if you're not a Christian, don't worry. You're not the one to. Man, you're a Christian. A Christian? How? How? How? How?

You don't have a Bible app on your phone. Do you have it on your phone? He said, that's one. Get it on all of them. Because you don't know which one will run out of battery.

I actually feel like preaching, you know? Get the Bible app. Get a Bible app.

[51 : 55] And then when you come to church, use your actual Bible. Use your actual Bible, but make sure there's always a Bible at hand. Because you never know when God wants to reveal something to you and you have to go into the text and you don't have anyone around you.

But you're always checking your WhatsApp. You're always checking on Instagram. You're Snapchat. Snapchat.

Snapchat. But until you look into the book, you won't see the image of God. We are beholding. I said, we all with unveiled face, with an unveiled face, beholding us in a glass.

In a mirror. I've been transformed, watched, into the same image. There's an image you see. When the veil is taken, there's an image you see. And then the image is what determines how you are being, what you are being changed into.

What you see is what you are changed into. are being changed into the same image from glory to glory. Christ, the image of God.

[53 : 05] Who being the image of the invisible God? Colossians 1, 15. Who being the image of the invisible God?

Markata. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of our own creation. verse 16.

I'm about to run up now. I'm running up now. Verse 16. For by him, all things were created. By him, all things were created that are in heaven, that are on earth, visible and invisible.

So you haven't seen your husband, but he's already created, you know? Yeah. There are things that are created, but you haven't seen them. Yes. Visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created through him and for him.

We are talking about who is Jesus? By him, all things were created. So last week, I said, who is Jesus? The image of the invisible God. Two, who is Jesus? By him, all things were created, visible or invisible, thrones or dominions, principalities or powers.

[54 : 24] All things were created through him and they were created for him. That's our Jesus. So if all things were created by him or through him, he is the creator.

The agent of creation is Jesus. nothing exists that came to exist outside of him. Let me go to the verse 70 and run it out.

I want to show you something in the verse 70. I thought I could get to verse 20, but I've spoken about too many things. And he is before all things and in him all things consist. All things hold together.

Oh, your marriage will fail when it's in Christ. No marriage has ever failed in Christ. All things consist in him.

So, the things that are falling apart, maybe you need the cement of Jesus. put Jesus glue inside it. But let me refine what I said.

[55 : 42] I said put Jesus glue inside it. That's not the right way of putting it. Put it inside Jesus. You call it inside him. He must be the sphere inside him. He must be the sphere.

Don't try and add him on. It's other things that are added when you seek first the kingdom of God. It's not God must be added to. other things you are seeking.

So, you have added God. Okay, nowadays I try to go to church at least once a week or once a month. I really find it difficult to understand how a normal Christian, healthy Christian in his right mind will go to church once a month.

Unless for extreme professional reasons or other unavoidable reasons. so maybe you are a nursing mother or you work at the hospital or just work or health because of health situations.

But if everything is okay and you are supposedly a Christian, normal Christian and you go to church once a month or twice a month, you are not healthy at all.

[56 : 54] Satan really finds you fun. And you said, I'm glad you understood what I said so that tomorrow you can't say you didn't know.

I don't agree with you. No problem. At least you have heard it. No problem at all.

I am challenging and making an appeal to your Christian conscience. I'm not talking to your flesh, you know. I want to challenge your Christian life.

You, you as a Christian, the life of God, the seed of God, the nature of God inside you. I'm making an appeal to the nature of God inside you. So I'm not trying to reason with you.

I'm trying to wake you, your spirit up. Is somebody, the place is too quiet for my life. Oh, I should talk about marriage. Christians, there is no way any religion can take over anywhere when Christians are just being normal Christians.

[58 : 10] It's funny, fake, sleeping Christians, sleeping Christians that are always threatened by other offers and other religions. So some of us, if we don't wake up, God and the generations to come will hold us responsible because it's under our watch when you were a Christian your day that things went down.

Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Because you have become a Christian for bread and butter. Wow. You are in church because of what you get.

The pastor prophesies and jobs are happening. That's why you are in church. Yeah, it's not bad. It's not bad. Some of you are in church because you are looking for a wife. Some of you are in church because you are looking for a husband.

A Lord. At least it's good it's driving you here. God, God, God, at least it's a starting point. We can start from somewhere so it's okay. Let's start from somewhere.

I'm aware. I'm aware. I'm aware. Listen, I'm aware. I'm aware. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. It's okay. It's okay. Let's start. Some of you, you have vowed from Adam that you won't spend your energy in God.

[59 : 21] Yeah. Wow. Because you see the church as, oh, they are church. They are church. Right. Somebody's church. Wow. And some of us have a convenient way of putting our feet in.

But we are not really in. Bible said, don't be deceived. God is not mocked. Whatsoever you sow is the same thing. I've brought that you will repeat. Ah! This doesn't seem to be a nice message at all. Is it a good message? It's a good message. I have to run up. So, let me ask.

Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. So, he says, I think, let me take you to the verse 18.

I'm reading Colossians 1. Okay. So, that Bible says that he's the firstborn of all creation. For him all things do consist. Okay. Things hold together in Christ. Look at verse 18.

[60 : 38] And he is the head of the body. What's the body? Which body is he talking about? The body of Christ. That, the church. Who is Jesus? He's the head of the church. Excuse me. He's not a queen, okay? Yes.

He's not a pope. Thank you, sir. But, I thought we are reading from the Bible. Yeah, we are reading. Who is the head of the church? Jesus. Who is the head of the church?

Jesus. The Bible says that this is what he says. He that holds the seven, who walks amongst the seven candlesticks.

And it said, Revelation 1 to 18, the candlesticks are the churches. And Jesus Christ walks amongst the seven candlesticks. He walks within the churches. And the Bible says that, and he holds the seven stars in his hands.

And he says, the stars are the messengers of the church, the leaders of the church. They are in his hands. Okay. Wow. A lying pastor, if he's genuinely a pastor, leave him.

[61 : 37] Jesus will squeeze him. Amen. Jesus will squeeze him. A phony, fake pastor, if he's genuinely a god, and he's supposed to be doing God's work, and he's peddling it for profit.

Mmm. My God. Mmm. She don't be his judge. Oh, no. He's walking amongst his churches. Jesus is walking amongst his churches, dressed as a high priest, with his belt not on his waist, on his chest. Yes. Golden sash on his chest. You put belt on your chest. No. It's on the way, but Jesus has his own, it's on his chest. What do you say? Jesus.

Okay. It's Revelation chapter. It's there in your Bible. It's Revelation chapter 1 from verse 11. That was it. Anyway, let me, I'm getting something at all. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Yeah. So Jesus, Jesus' focus at the moment is building the church. Now watch this. Bible says he's the head of the church who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead that in all things he might have the preeminence.

[62 : 45] When we come to church, everything we do, our songs must not be about your breakthrough. Thanks. Our praise and worship mustn't be about your enjoyment.

Some of the songs we actually sing thing as praise and worship is actually not praise and worship. There's no element of praise and worship inside it. No element of honor exalting him.

Everything in the church, he is supposed to have the preeminence, not the pastor. The pastor must be pointing you to Jesus. Yes. We like, you see, we are many pastors of our generation, our type especially, are competing with celebrities.

So we want to look like celebrities within, you know, and then where we come, we know. We all have to have celebrities because most of us don't have anything in our background. So it's the opportunity to also look important.

It's like a traffic warden. You know, when the traffic warden is in power, it feels like it's in a struggle. It feels like it thinks it's also a policeman, a police officer. The lamb best ones.

[64 : 00] They said the lamb best ones. The lamb best ones. Christ must have the preeminence. Excuse me, not our screens. No.

That's it. No. Not our setting. Excuse me. Let's not be a backsliding church and take Christ out of the church. Can you imagine in Revelation chapter 3, the Bible said, he said, I stand at the door and knock.

He's knocking at his own church. They won't let him in. Revelation 3.20. We use it for our believers. He was writing to the church with the Bible. That main letter was to the church.

The church of Laodicea. The church of Laodicea. He said, I stand at the, behold, I stand at the door and knock. Can you let me come into the church?

He said, Jesus, wait. We are having a good time here. We are doing seven days program. We are doing 21 days of fasting. Jesus, wait.

[64 : 55] Jesus, wait. Because Satan must bow. We must collect everything that belongs to us. Jesus, you wait. In the name of Jesus. Satan, we bind you. Satan, we bind. Hey. Some of us are seated here.

Some of us are seated here. And you don't have any interest in what I'm saying. I don't care. I don't care. I'm looking for Jesus.

So he will have the preeminence. We must bow at any cost that Christ must have the preeminence. Even if it must be unto death for us, he must have the preeminence.

He said, be faithful unto death. You have to be faithful. It is required of a steward to be found faithful. 1 Corinthians 4, verse 2. It is required of a steward to be found faithful.

I have vowed that we have to be faithful. And the only way we can maintain faithfulness by keeping turning to him. Keeping turning to him. Because we don't have it naturally in us. We can't be faithful to God naturally.

[66 : 15] We have to keep turning to Christ. He must have the preeminence. I think next week, remind me, I want to go into the new creation.

He said, for you are chosen generation. Sorry, he said, anyone with, anyone being Christ. 2 Corinthians 5, verse 17. He said, I'm going to that. And I'm going to show you how the church, the constituent element and the nature of the church.

The nature, the inward, the intrinsic constituent of the church is the new man. Anything outside of the new man is not the church.

And I'm going to take my time to explain why Christ has the preeminence and why we are the sons of God. God's eternal desire and plan was to work himself into a corporate sonship.

Is to work himself into a corporate sonship.

[67 : 36] God has, that's his eternal plan. So that he will work himself into a corporate divine sonship. That's always been his eternal plan. That's why Bible even called Adam, Adam the son of God.

Because God's eternal plan is to work. That's why he says that for, you know my favorite scripture for the past one month or so. For those he foreknew. For those he foreknew.

He also predestined to be conformed into the image. Say image. Ah, you see the image. Say image. Who is Christ? He's the image of invisible God.

And those God foreloved. He has also predestined that we will be conformed into the image of his son. That, that Christ or he, Christ, might be the firstborn amongst many brethren.

Hallelujah. Praise God. Praise God. Image. So you see, until you know who Christ is, it's going to be a problem. He's the image.

[68 : 48] And we are now being cloned into the image. Can you imagine Galatians chapter 4 verse 19. Paul, he was writing to Christian. He said, my children, of whom I labor for travail until Christ be formed in you.

What do you think that Christian life is about? Christ must be constituted in you. See, the purpose of every preaching is to make sure Christ is being dispensed into his people.

That's the purpose of Christian preaching. Christian preaching is to, for the dispensation of Christ. In other words, Christ is being dispensed into his people.

Christ. He's not to educate you. No. Wow. He's to feed you. Yes. He said, until you eat me, you don't have life. I'm the bread of life. Amen.

We have been created to feed. Peter, do you love me more than this? Feed. Come on. Feed my sheep. Church leaders' job is to feed.

[69 : 55] We can do other organizational activities, but our fundamental responsibility, our fundamental job. That is why he said, the elders that labor, let the elders be counted worthy of double honor.

First Timothy chapter 5 verse 17. Especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. Study to show yourself approved. Second Timothy chapter 2 verse 15. Study to show yourself approved unto God. A workman who needs not to be ashamed.

Rightly dividing the word, the word of truth. The word. You don't have any business in the pulpit. If you can't teach the word to point to Christ.

Thank you. You don't have any business. Yeah, you can cast out devils. Yeah, that's okay. You can prophesy. That's okay. You can do other things. A lot of people can do that. Yeah, they can do that. But the fundamental responsibility of a man of God. What makes you a man of God? Your man of Godship is predicated on your ability to dispense Christ. That in the church, he might have the preeminence.

[71 : 03] Come on. The way you are looking at me like that. Wow. I just don't have a choice but to end.

That's right. Oh. Oh. Oh. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Wow.

Next Sunday, by God's grace, I will take it from there, but I will prefer to go more into sonship and the creation. He said, the new man. I will talk more about the new man. The new man.

Put on the new man. Hallelujah. The new man. The new man. Created in Christ Jesus. Circumcision doesn't matter. Circumcision doesn't matter. But what matters is Christ in all. He said, you are the sons of God in Abraham. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the spirit of his son into your heart. The Christ. Abba, Father. Abba, Father. Abba, Father. We love Jesus.

[72 : 16] You are here. You want to say, Pastor, God has spoken to me today. And I want to start a new walk in Jesus. To run the race that is set before me.

I want to invite Jesus into my heart. I want to start afresh with Jesus. This is very personal. It's between you and God. It's so personal that you do not know how to give anybody the privilege and the right to interfere with it by virtue of what you think they will think about you.

It doesn't matter. But you want to say, Pastor, I need you to pray with me because to this day, this afternoon, I've heard the voice of God.

And I want to make it right with Jesus. I want to invite him into my heart so I can start a new walk with him. I want to start a new walk with him. And if that is your genuine prayer, please lift up your right hand.

You want to say, Pastor, pray with me. I want to start a new walk with Jesus. Lift it up high. Don't feel shy. It's personal. It's personal. Lift it up. Lift it up. It's personal. Now, maybe you have done that before, but you have backslided and your relationship with Jesus is all time low.

[73 : 21] You have backslided. Things are not good. And you know God can spill you out of his mouth because your life, your walk with Christ is bad. But now you want to tend to Jesus.

You want to rededicate your life to Jesus. You want to recommit to Jesus. You two lift up your hand. And I'm going to pray with you. Lift up your hand. Lift up your hand. Lift it up. Lift it up. It's personal. Lift it up. He wants to say, Pastor, pray with me.

I want to start a fresh with Jesus. Pastor, pray with me. I want to rededicate my life to Jesus. Pastor, pray with me. I want to take a step. I want to tend to Jesus. No, I can't do it in my strength. That's why I keep failing.

But this afternoon, I've heard the voice of God. I know God is speaking to me. I can't pretend about it. I cannot pretend. Don't give up on yourself. God hasn't given up on you.

Just take a step of faith in obedience. Bible says that we have been given apostleship for the obedience of faith. Obedience.

[74 : 17] God counts obedience. And your step of faith will make a difference for you. God bless you. I am a child.

God was telling me that somebody is trying to say, but the person doesn't know. God was telling me the person is talking to the person. But for some reason, the person's heart has been hardened. And he's trying to talk to the person.

I know it. I am a child. Amen. Amen. Please, God bless you. Please lift up your two hands. Lift up your two hands.

We're going to pray. I want you to pray from your heart and make it your personal prayer. As you do that, turn to Jesus in your heart and look up to Jesus. Say this after me. These words after me. We can all join.

Say this. Say, Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus. I know I am a sinner. And I have sinned against you. But I believe that you died on the cross to save me from my sins.

[75 : 15] Today, I've heard your word. And I repent from my sins. I invite you into my heart to be my Lord and my Savior.

I make a commitment that I will serve you. I will walk with you. I will always stand to you. I will always look unto you. Thank you, Lord, for this great thing you have done for me.

I appreciate you. And I will never let you go. In Jesus' name. Amen. Father, we thank you for our precious brethren who have heard your voice, heard your word, and have taken a step of obedience in line with what they have heard.

I pray for them that, Lord, they'll be strong in you. I pray for them for grace that they'll keep looking up to you, looking unto you, turning to you for any veil and every veil to remain removed.

Father, I thank you. Help them to grow in you. Help them to do exploits in your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen. Wow. Wow.

[76 : 19] We thank God for using his servant, Reverend Dr. David Entry, to share this awesome word. If this message has blessed you in any way, please spread the word by sharing it and send

us an email to amen at charis.org.

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Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.