

Christianity is Reasonable

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[0 : 00] Welcome. Thank you for choosing to listen to the Spirit-filled Word by David Entry. A time to hear God's Word is a time to be visited. May you receive a visitation as you listen to this message.

Be blessed. In Acts 5, verse 28, you can tell cities are like containers. Cities, cities, communities are like vessels.

You know, it's because it's that they filled it with the gospel, with their doctrine. So people who live in a particular place can be filled.

A territory can be filled, can be saturated with a certain type of teaching. Teaching.

It can fill a city. It can fill a community. And it can fill a nation. Teaching. The Bible says in Acts chapter 19 that he withdrew the disciples to one school of Tyrannos.

[1 : 09] Acts chapter 19, verse 9, verse 8, 9, and 10. And for two years, he resumed. He resumed. He...

He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He... He divided from them. He drew that his... He said, for... Reasoning... Say reason. Reasoning. Say it again.

Reasoning. Never forget that word. Reasoning. Christianity does not excuse your thinking. The Christianity that doesn't include thinking will crash very soon.

Because Christianity is reasonable. So Bible says that he reasoned with them for two years. He wasn't just preaching.

The Bible say... The Bible say... No. He was reasoning with them for two years. That's why they went to the synagogue often. The Bible says that they reasoned with the people in the synagogue.

[2 : 19] Because how do you reason with the people? Take facts. Let's compare. When they tell you Christianity is... Um... Of faith versus science. It's bolder. What do you mean by faith?

Our... Our faith is very scientific. Our faith is scientific. It's... Our faith is not against reason. Our faith...

Christian faith is not on a collision course with science. It's on a collision course with worldly and carnal and... And satanic ideologies which has been purported as science.

What is scientific about Big Bang? What? What is scientific about it? How can a big blast create order? It's rather unscientific.

Christianity is not on a collision course with science. And science cannot define creation. Because science is based on observation and repeatable events. Creation is not a repeatable event.

[3 : 24] Who will be there to observe how creation happened? So, creation is older than science. Creation is above science. So, Christianity is not on a collision course with science.

In fact, in 2 Peter... 1 Peter 3 verse 15... It says that... Be ready to give a reason. For the hope...

For the hope... That is in you. It says that... Sanctify... Sanctify the Lord in your heart. And always be ready to give a defense... To everyone.

Give me King James. Be ready to give a defense... King James, please. Give an answer to every man that asks you... For the reason of your hope.

Your hope must have a reason behind it. Not feelings. Look, I feel. Put feelings aside and let's use thinking.

[4 : 25] Yes. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth. Not the Spirit of Feelings. Wow. It said when He...

The Spirit of Truth is come. John chapter 6 verse 13. The Spirit of Truth. Truth. Truth. Truth. It connotes thinking. The mind must be engaged.

But I'm talking about sanctified minds. Your mind must be... It said... Be ye renewed in your mind. Sorry.

In the spirit of your... Ephesians chapter 4 verse 23. The spirit of your mind. So we have to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. So then...
Because the problem is that the mind of an unbeliever is blinded. Yeah. In 2 Corinthians chapter 4. Verse 4.

[5 : 25] It says... The God of this world has blinded the minds. Not the eyes. The minds. Of unbelievers. The God of this world has blinded the minds of those who don't believe.

Less... Oh, I like that. Sometimes I don't want to go further because it's too sweet. Less the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. Their minds have been blinded so the light cannot come through. So a non-believer tells you, but why do you have to go to church every Sunday? What has a non-believer got to do with advising you on your church life? It's like a blind person telling you, I want to do makeup for you.

A blind person cannot comment on your makeup. He can't comment on your makeup.

I don't care how many mirrors they've got in their house. It doesn't make any difference. A blind person. So when an unbeliever wants to advise you on your worship life, and you too are following an unbeliever's advice on worship life, I think it's an insult to your intelligence.

[6 : 40] You've really insulted yourself. How can an unbeliever advise me on my worship life? They can advise me on other things, but not the worship life, because the minds of unbelievers have been blinded by the God of this world.

The God of this world. Never envy what Hollywood says. The minds of unbelievers have been blinded by the God of this world.

Lest, lest the light of Jesus. The glorious, the glorious gospel. In our, it's something that you can actually boast.

Pastor, welcome. It's something that you can boast of. You can glory in. The gospel is glorious. That's why he said, I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

I'm not ashamed of the gospel. In 2 Timothy 1, verse 8, Paul told Timothy, that be not ashamed of the God, the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ, nor of me, his prisoner. But share with me in the suffering for the gospel.

[7 : 54] Don't be ashamed of the testimony of Christ. Don't be ashamed of the testimony of Christ. Don't be ashamed of the testimony of Christ. Don't be ashamed of the testimony of Christ. And in 1 Timothy 4, verse 12, don't let anyone despise your youth.

Don't let anyone tell you you're a young person. And so what? Even the younger you are the better your digestive system. Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

The younger you are the better your digestive system. Mary was very young when she conceived Jesus. So, the God of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. That is why an unbeliever's thinking is skewed when it comes to the gospel.

They might be good with maths, history, engineering, science, medicine, architecture, fashion, all that.

But when it comes to eternal life, what is above humanity, what goes beyond the physical, just the physical life, what goes beyond that, they are cut.

[9 : 16] So, you might also be very good with academics, science, engineering, all that. That's good. But it does not mean you understand the kingdom matters and kingdom blessing.

Bible says that for sins but through the wisdom of God, 1 Corinthians chapter 1, it has pleased God from verse 21, it has pleased God that the world through wisdom will not know God.

Ah, ah, that's your statement. It, that's God's wisdom, God's own operating system. the wisdom of God's operation is that the world through wisdom, through their path of research cannot know God. I've done a lot of research, you know, and now I understand all these religions. Please, please, you can do a research to understand Islam. You can do a research to understand Hinduism.

You can do a research to understand Mormonism. You can do a research to understand even Judaism. You can do a research to understand all the isms. And so, the gospel has light.

[10 : 30] And what we do in church and what we teach in church should not be something that is unreasonable. Our faith is a scientific faith.

What do I mean? It's reasonable. You can, you can, you can, you don't have to suspend your thinking. You have to engage your thinking in Christianity. Christianity. So then, if you say, Jesus said it, it is, it must be proved that he said it and spiritual backing why he said that.

If we say, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy, God the Holy Spirit, we say, it doesn't mean three gods. But Islam will say, but why do you say, you Christians believe in three gods? No, we don't. We don't. Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one God. We don't believe in three gods. First Timothy chapter one, verse five, there is one God and one mediator, even the Lord. It's only one God. So, Islam should get their acts together, their thinking together. They are missing, they are missing basic thinking. So, the fact that we say, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, doesn't mean there are three.

[11:41] Because he said, three gods, doesn't mean three gods. because he says, Matthew chapter 28, verse 19, go into the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name, if it were three, you would have said in the names.

He didn't say, he didn't say in the names of the Father, the Son, he said in the name, it's one God. In the name of the Father, not in the names of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

So, it's not three, it is not three gods, it's one God. One God. Our God is one God. Ephesians chapter 4, he said, one God and Father of all, verse 6.

Ephesians 4, 6, one God and Father, one God. How many gods? How many gods? It is listed in scripture that God is one.

I'm talking about the true God. God. But the true God we worship is different from the others, other ones that people say is also one God. Because the fact that you say your God is one God, there's only one God and that's your God doesn't mean it's the same God we are worshipping because the God we are worshipping is one God but three persons.

[12:57] so now when we come to describing this God we worship, you find out that, oh, okay, your own is not three pairs different. Your own has he got a son?

God, Jesus Christ. No, our God can never have a son. Then he can never be our God because your God does not save. The other time I was teaching and I was saying one of the reasons some people would say this is called Theodicy.

Why, if there's God, why should there be evil? Why didn't God stop Satan from coming in the garden and this whole problem will not exist? Why? Why? Why didn't God stop Eve from eating that fruit?

It's not apple for your information. From eating that fruit. It's not an apple. Why didn't God stop Eve from eating it? Why didn't God block the devil the serpent from coming?

I know some of you have been thinking about that because if the serpent hadn't come look, we'd have had a wonderful time. So you see, if God has this, how come the devil came into his garden?

[14:12] Just like the devil has been coming to church. Oh yeah. Satan likes coming to church. Not to come and worship. but to come and create confusion.

To come and fight. So people who are in church and creating confusion and gossiping, yeah, Satan is using them. Because Jesus said, have I not chosen 12 of you yet? One of you is a devil.

So you can be part of the team and yet you are the agent of the devil. Not because you want to be the devil himself but your behavior becomes the platform for the devil.

the way you are very contentious, the way you always gossiping about people in church, the way you are always upset about anything in church and you are not quiet.

You keep talking, talking, talking, talking, talking, talking, talking, talking. Oh, they didn't like me in the choir. No one likes me in the choir. This church, anytime you see someone who says that there's no love in this church, the person is a suspect.

[15:13] Suspect. Mark them, mark them. He says, mark them and avoid them. You see, you are the only one who can understand what I'm saying.

Because, you see, people in the church, they don't understand me. But I know as for you, I can confide in you. Hey, it's about to kill you. The poison is coming to you. The poison of the devil is coming to you. Yeah. When they tell you you are the only one, meanwhile, you know that you are even trying to pursue God.

There's a lot of work on your love. And then they begin to make you the only one. Even pastor, I can't talk to the pastor. So, they say, why, why if God, why should God allow the devil to come into the garden?

Because if the devil had not come into the garden, but the serpent hadn't come into the garden, there would be a problem. You know, but it's necessary because permit me to say this in, not in the strictest sense, but in the truest sense, that even the devil, even Satan, is ghost devil.

He works for the Lord. Oh, yeah. How can you say that? Yes, because Bible says that unto him be all the glory. Whatever happens, it will end up in ghost glory.

[16:32] Pastor, can you give me an example? Oh, that's just scriptures, so many scriptures. Let me even give you the story of Jesus Christ. They were killing Jesus not because they liked him. They killed Jesus because they were envious of him.

They killed Jesus because they hated him. Satan tried to get rid of him, but he didn't know that by getting rid of Jesus, he's actually fulfilling God's plan. In Acts chapter 2, verse 23, the Bible says, verse 22 says, Jesus Christ, a man attested by God with signs, oneness, and miracles, and company, and then verse 23 says that, whom?

By the predetermined, the foreknowledge, and the predetermined counsel of God. You see? the determined counsel, and the foreknowledge of God.

Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain. So, they are crucifying and slaying him was in line with God's foreknowledge, and determined counsel.

Do you know what determined counsel? God has had a meeting, and have decided that this is what must happen, that Jesus is coming, and he's coming to die. He's coming to die, so that you don't die in your sins. So, because of that, Jesus needed to be sinless.

[17:45] He needed to be innocent. So, as I've been saying, the execution of Jesus, the murder of Jesus, was the most lawless act of humanity. The greatest miscarriage of justice ever in the universe is the execution of Jesus.

the perfect person who ever lived. They murdered him and crucified him, and desired a murderer. They said, get rid of the giver of life, and give us the taker of life.

Yes. Yes, that's what they did. In Acts chapter 3, verse 13, 14, and 15, it's there. It talks about Jesus Christ, the servant of God.

God has raised. Acts chapter said that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his son Jesus, whom he delivered up and denied him in the presence of Pilate, who, watch this, when he was determined to let, Pilate said me, I will use my political powers and make sure Jesus will not die.

Pilate! He said me, I will use my, he was a very powerful guy. Pilate, he was a very powerful guy. When he speaks, Caesar has spoken. He was a very powerful guy.

[19:07] So he said, I'm going to use my political, all my political machinery, I'm going to use it to make sure Jesus will not die. But it wasn't within his power, he didn't know. Yes.

That's why he was boasting, he was bragging before the execution of Jesus in John chapter 19. He said, don't you know, verse 8, don't you know I have the power to kill you or to release you?

He said, hey, don't go there, don't go there. You are going above your pay grade. When Pilate ever, he was a best man.

But went again into the judgment hall and said to Jesus, where's that? Where do you come from? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then he verse 10 says that, are you not answering me? Hey, you don't answer me?

Don't you know I'm powerful? Don't you know I can't release you? Look at you, look at that. Sometimes people don't know they don't have power. God is in charge. Either your bosses, the mayor, your leaders, something.

[20:09] They don't have power when you are working with God. No one can have power over you. Then Pilate said unto him, I think even you King James so that they speak a thing, people might know.

Let's go to the King James. Wow. Then Pilate said unto you, are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify you and power to release you?

Jesus said you? Did you know what you are talking about? Jesus has said to him, you have no power at all against me unless it has been given to you from above.

Therefore, the one who delivered me to you has greater sin. Look at the next verse. from that time, from then on, Pilate sought to release him by the Jews.

He couldn't. He attempted to release Jesus. He couldn't. So, now in Acts 3 verse 13, it says that God, you delivered him to be crucified to Pilate.

[21:10] He said when he delivered him up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Jesus go, Pilate wanted to let Jesus go, but he couldn't do it.

Why? Because it wasn't in his power. Jesus had to die. The death of Jesus was, according to Acts chapter 1, chapter 2, verse 23, was based on the determined counsel of God.

It was God who was working. It wasn't Pilate who was working. It was God. Okay, so Pilate was innocent. No. He used Pilate's dodgy political misbehavior.

Yes. Political fraud. corruption. The corruption of men. If God had not planned for Jesus to die, they would have still been corrupt.

So, he allowed their corruption to fulfill his purpose. Am I communicating something? So, Bible says that, look at the, back to Acts chapter 3, verse 13, 14, and 15.

[22 : 17] That's so nice. they requested for a murderer. See, he says that, let's go to the next verse, verse 14. Verse 14 says that, but you denied the holy one and the just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.

Barnabas was a murderer. He said, give us the murderer. And he said, and you killed the prince of life. Look at the next verse. And you killed the prince of life. That word prince is the originator.

The originator, the prince, the leader, the captain. It's the same word that was translated, he's the captain of our salvation. The originator, the prince, the giver, the origin of life.

He is the giver of life. You killed the giver of life and asked for the taker of life to be given to you.

That's the human nature. The human nature.

So, then, the execution of Jesus, the killing of Jesus, was not an accident. It was a plan. It was a plan.

[23 : 27] Who planned it? God. Who executed it? The enemies of God. So, now, theodicy, in the garden, what was the devil doing in the garden?

What was the serpent doing in the garden? what was he doing in the garden? So, the devil comes and he says that God is lying.

What? First of all, he came to challenge, did God really say what God has said? He likes to challenge what God has said. So, when they tell you that the Bible is not the word of God, especially those Muslims who see you say that the word of God is Quran, it's not the Bible, they're trying to replace the word of God.

That's the same thing the devil did from the beginning. It's not the word of God. So, he comes to challenge the word of God. He said, has God really said he should eat of the fruit of the woman?

The woman said, God said, then she added some to the word of God. And the devil said, no, God is lying. God doesn't want you to be better.

[24 : 34] He doesn't want you to pass your exam. He doesn't want you to be rich. He doesn't want you to enjoy sex. That's why he said, break up with your boyfriend. God doesn't want you to enjoy your life.

That's why he doesn't want you to do fraud. God doesn't know how much money you can get when you do fraud. Yes. Yes. He's telling you, who told all these bastards, they are fake.

Yes. Yes. So, he'll be lying to you that you need to you.

You are you? The pressure is getting. So, the devil comes. Banana.

And you're wondering. You're wondering, oh, can someone stop? Can someone stop this devil?

God, where are you? Look at what's about to happen.

[25 : 39] He's about to spot this beautiful, beautiful scene in the garden. Beautiful tranquility in the garden. Oh, the devil. God, God, please, please do something.

Don't let the devil do it. So, somebody then later asks, if God is good, if God is powerful, why did he let the devil come into the garden? Oh, but what you don't know is God needed the devil.

a clap for Jesus. Pastor, did you just say God needed the devil?

God just used the devil. For what? Why would God use the devil? In theology, we call something the attributes of God.

God, or in a layman's language, the characteristics of God, the manner is love, the characteristics of God. So, some of the attributes of God is that God is love. I mean, the attribute of the sun, characteristics of the sun, first, is what?

[26 : 49] It's hot. Anywhere there is sun, there will be heat. Anywhere there is sun, there will be light. That's, it's just, that's, so, in the same way, God also has attributes.

attributes, but all God's attributes cannot be in display the way it should be. If the garden had been like that, I will explain it. God is a God of love.

God is a God of all power, right? God is a God of all knowledge. His omniscient God is all-knowing. God is holy, and God is just.

God is righteous, right? And the angels of heaven, they knew these things, these attributes of God. But there are other attributes of God that could have never been known if they had not been seen. How would God show how merciful how can the mercy of God be on display in the absence of sinners?

[28 : 01] How can we know God is a redeemer? If there's no one to redeem. How can we know if God is a forgiving God in the absence of sin?

So actually, the fall of man paved the way for more of God's attributes to be on display. If I were you, I really shouted big hallelujah.

God's mercies. It's a big thing. None of us could be here in the absence of the mercy of God. I'm preaching with excitement.

I'm preaching with joy and confidence. Not because I have been a perfect person, but because I've encountered God of perfect mercy. Listen, I talk the way I talk because I have at least a little understanding of the mercy of God.

God is merciful. I don't care what you have done in your past. There is enough mercy. God says that for his mercies and dears.

[29 : 23] For his mercies and dears. For his mercies and dears. For his mercies and dears. Dears. For his mercies and dears.

So in revelation chapter 5, let me rush you to something. Chapter 5, Bible talks about how I saw a throne and there were four and twenty elders around the throne and then I saw he on the in the right hand of him that seated on the throne with the right hand there was a scroll there was a scroll that was sealed and then I searched through and the angel asked me who is worthy to open take the scroll and to break the seal and to open that thereof, read what is inside it and I searched in heaven on earth and under the earth and I found no man worthy to take the oh and no man in heaven on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and to look at it and look at the verse 4 and he said so I wept much why did I weep? because there was no one found worthy to open and to read the scroll or to look at it, no man, no man and yet the scroll had to be opened, the scroll had to be read, the seals had to be broken and yet there was no man and yet there was no man and the angel that spoke to me said to me, weep not, weep not weep not oh John weep not oh John do not weep, behold the lion of the tribe of Judah the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David hath prevailed to open the scroll and to lose his seals shout hallelujah then I turned and behold in the midst of the 24 elders in the midst of the 4 living creatures there stood a lamb as though it had just been slain there stood a lamb there stood a lamb there stood a lamb and the lamb what happened look at it and I looked verse 7 as to the full of eyes verse 7 and he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne and he opened it then he came in verse 8 now when he had taken the scroll the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders fell before the lamb each having a harp and golden bowl full of incense which are the prayers of the saints and what did they say watch this said and they sang a new song they sang a new song in chapter 4 in chapter 4 it says that and I was in the spirit chapter 4 verse 1 and verse 2 chapter 4 of revelations

I want to run you through something quickly chapter 4 immediately I was in the spirit and behold a throne in heaven and one sat on the throne now it's telling you the scene before the crucifixion one sat on the throne before the heaven in heaven now look at the next verse and the next verse please work with me quickly and he said he that sat on the throne was like a jasper and sardine stone in appearance and there was there was a rainbow around the throne in appearance like an emerald let's go on let's go on around the throne were 24 thrones and on on the thrones I saw 24 elders sitting clothed in white robes and her crown on their head what did they do the next verse quickly what did they do and and from the throne proceeded lightning and thunderings and voices seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne which are the seven spirits of God let's go on verse 6 before before the throne there was a sea of blood like crystal and in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back the first creature looked like a lion second looked like a calf second the third creature had a face like a man and the fourth like an eagle flying eagle verse 7 8 quickly

I want to show you some verse 8 and the and four and the four living creatures each having six wings were full of eyes round about and within and they do not rest day or night saying holy holy holy lord god almighty who was and is and is and is to come what were they saying holy holy holy

Sing. Thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

We sing hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

[43 : 44] Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For the Lord God Almighty reigns.

We sing hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You are holy.

Holy. Holy. Are you Lord? I love God. Almighty. Say, worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. You are holy. You are holy. Holy.

Holy. Are you Lord? Are you Lord God? Almighty. We say, worthy is the Lamb.

[44 : 44] Worthy is the Lamb. We say, worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen. Amen.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The Bible says we are a chosen generation. A royal priesthood.

A peculiar people. Who have been called out of darkness. To show forth the praises of Him. Oh come on, somebody show forth His praises. Show forth His praises.

Show forth His praises. Show forth His praises. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. From today, I must never live your life. Hallelujah-less.

Hallelujah. And anytime you are saying hallelujah, let your mind not be on your finances. Let your mind not be on material things.

[45 : 49] Let your mind be on the Lamb who sits upon the throne. The Lamb who sits upon the throne. The Lamb who sits upon the throne. The Lamb of God. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. It said, for... Hallelujah.

The Bible says, hallelujah. Salvation and glory, honor and power be unto the Lord. For the Lord our God omnipotent.

It says that, for the marriage of the Lamb has come. And His bride has made Himself ready.

Hallelujah.

We'll never cease. As long as... As long as we understand and appreciate the goodness of God in redemption. So as I was saying, the devil is never a threat to God.

[46 : 52] He came in the garden. You were worried. Thinking that He's about to spoil the plan of God. No. He actually came. So that the Lamb, according to Revelation chapter 13 verse 8.

The Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the earth. So before Adam was created, there was a blood. There was the Lamb whose blood was already speaking.

Yeah. The Lamb of...

All the great men of old, including Rahab. They were all forgiven on one account.

Because there cannot be forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. Yeah, yeah.

[48 : 11] That's... That's... That's Hebrews. Hebrews chapter 9 verse 22. For by the law, almost all things are purged and cleansed by blood.

And for without the shedding of blood, there cannot be remissioned. So if you are telling me Abraham had his sins forgiven. Unless you say...

You tell me he's perfect. From the time of Adam, no human being was sinless. It is not the sins you commit that makes you a sinner initially.

It is the nature of sin we inherited from Adam. Bible says that Adam bore a son after his image and likeness.

He should have given birth before he sinned. That means that the child he bore a son. Would have been according to his initial sin-free image.

[49 : 14] But now in Genesis, it says that Adam lived 130 years and begot a son. Ah! In his... Oh no! In his image.

Oh no! Oh no! Oh no! Oh no! Oh no! So then afterwards, everyone who came was damaged on arrival.

The same image. The same image. The same image. The same image. Was being passed on from generation to generation. So Abraham was born with the image of sin. Everyone came like that.

That is why no one taught you how to lie. Yes sir. From the age of two, you started lying. No! No!

No! No! No! Johnny, sit down. No! Johnny, don't go there. No! Johnny, do you want to eat anything?

No! Would you want to eat ice cream? No!

[50 : 15] Would you want to eat salad? No! Chicken? No! Milk? No! Johnny, what? No! No! It's called human nature.

That is why Jesus said in John chapter 8, he who is without a sin, let him condemn somebody. Who gives you the audacity to point fingers at somebody because of what you know against them? The Bible says that according to the law, no man. In fact, God gave the commandment that the mouth of everyone will be stopped.

Romans chapter 3, verse 19. Romans chapter 3, verse 19. It said the law was given to those who are not the law so that all mouth will be stopped before God.

Yeah. God wanted to say, shut up! You are not clean enough. Shut up! You cannot do good. Yes, that's all. We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are not the law. What's the purpose? That every mouth, every mouth may be stopped and all the world become guilty before God.

[51 : 22] That is why this message that the church has started preaching, God is good. You are wonderful. It doesn't save you. It doesn't save. People must know they are sinners.

That's why the salvation can kick in. The 10 commandments is meant to make you look bad before God. It's not meant to save you because the commandments could not save.

The commandments could not save and cannot save. Why can't the commandments save?

Because the commandment came from God. The commandment is good. Romans chapter 7, verse 11, verse 12, verse 13.

It says the law is good. The law is pure. The law is holy. But the problem is me. I am a sinner. I am a sinner. I am a sinner. I am a sinner. I am a sinner. There is a problem with man.

And so when what came from God got to us, it started making us look so bad. God is so pure. God is so righteous. We thought we were okay until we came into contact with the law of God.

[52 : 23] Then it's, oh my goodness, I look so bad. I look so bad. I look so bad. It's in your Bible. It says that, verse 12. Verse 12, please.

Therefore, the law is what? Holy. The commandments is what? Holy. And? God. And? Good. Why? Because nothing bad comes from God. The law came from God.

The commandments came from God. It's holy. It's just. It's good. But the problem is not the law. The problem is verse 14. What does it say in verse 14?

For we know that the law is spiritual. But I am. The problem is me. The problem is you.

So when Abraham came on the scene, he was carnal. God didn't deal with Abraham based on law. He dealt with Abraham based on faith.

[53 : 22] God didn't deal with Abraham based on law. How about the Jews? That's why he gave them a law they couldn't keep.

So that the law would drag them, drive them, drive them to, drive them to their knees. The law drove them to their knees. They felt so helpless.

They felt so hopeless. Because they thought they were good enough. They had good intentions.

Listen, good intentions. Your good intentions alone can't help you. Oh yeah.

I'm a good person. Please, please. You're a good person who can't help you. So God gave a law that can render, that would render everyone sinful.

The law didn't make them sinful. But it helped them to see how sinful they were. In Romans chapter 5 verse 20. It says, the law came so that sin can increase.

[54 : 24] What? What? So good. Is that why you gave the law? So I can look so bad? Moreover, the law entered that offense might abound.

But the good news is that we're sinned. I'm going to grace. I'm going to grace.

I'm going to grace. I am going to grace. I am going. Shout hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. That's why the violent offender who truly believes.

That moment a pardon from Jesus receives. The violent offender who truly believes. That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. The violent offender who truly believes.

believes that very moment from Jesus a pardon received to God be the glory great things he has done so loving the world that he gave us his son who yielded his life and atonement for sin and open the life gate that all may go in praise the Lord praise the Lord let the earth hear his voice praise the Lord praise the Lord let the people rejoice all come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory great things he has done shout hallelujah the entry point into the church is acknowledging you are a sinner so the gospel pure gospel starts with helping people to identify acknowledge and recognize they are sinners that their gospel the pure gospel true gospel when sinners come into contact with true gospel they feel so sinful and it's meant the true gospel is meant

to drive you to a place where you feel very helpless and you can't tend to yourself but you have to come to romans chapter 7 verse 24 oh wretched man that i am who can deliver me oh oh my goodness oh wretched that's what the law is meant to do the law of god is meant to push you to a state where you cry oh wretched man that i am who can deliver me from this body of death from this body of death that is a thanks be to god through christ jesus for there is now no condemnation there is now no condemnation to those who are in christ jesus really for the law of life has set me free from the law of sin and death verse 2 i'm talking about for the law of for the law of the spirit of life in christ jesus has made me free from the law of sin because as once as soon as adam sinned the law of sin and death checked in into humanity and so when the law of god came you want to obey the law of god but there's another law inside you it's called the law of sin and death so then that's the problem of humanity is you you can try and everything but because of adam's sin the nature of sin that's why jesus could look at them and say you brood of vipers generation of vipers why are you calling human being vipers because of the nature of the serpent has entered us and from that time onwards no one could please god no one that is why i said i wept because there's no one worthy to take this so god's commandment has come give the commandments try and take it by the law of sin is this in your bible i don't know why you don't it's in your bible romans chapter 7 verse 15 verse 16 verse 17 verse 18 verse 19 verse 20 i'm talking about romans chapter 7 it's in your bible in french we said dan la bible dan tabibu or dan la bible it's in your bible it's in your bible it's your bible he said that for what i'm doing i do not understand for what i will to do that i do not practice but what i hate that i am i talking to somebody else

[59 : 15] so you see don't pretend like you are so good you know that there are things you don't want to do but there is a law in your system that is making you do what you don't want to do and the thing you i'm talking about relationship with god and the things you want to do there's something inside you that is not letting you do what you want to do it's blocking you from doing what you want to do and so you have become like a slave it's like there's look look at the text it says that look at the next verse look at the next verses if i so if then i do what i do not to do i go sorry if i do what i will not to do i agree with the law that is good the law of god is good i agree so what's the problem look at the next verse 16 verse 17 sorry it says that but now it is no longer i who do it so you see sin here is like a personality it's not an action no sin we are dealing with didn't say sins sins no sin it's like there's somebody inside me called sin it's a personal yeah but seeing that he's living inside me so god created me for something to live inside me yes what was supposed to live inside me god created for himself to live inside us and before we could eat the tree from the the tree of life we went to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil which represented the nature of the devil and that entered us so the nature of god could enter us from the beginning sin dwell in me tell somebody sin dwell in the flesh look at someone and tell them sin dwells in the flesh now look at the next verse for i know that in me that is in my that is in my flesh nothing good dwells your feelings the pornography yes it's this it's all in the flesh it's in the flesh in the flesh and i have a story for a news for you god doesn't have plans to redeem your flesh so you can be born again and so your flesh is a problem you can be born again you are redeemed in your spirit but your flesh is not redeemed it's a problem sell a problem that's why you are in church but still some things are still troubling you that's why we have to strive strive agonizo maya you have to strive you have to strive

Paul puts it this way that he that strives for mastery is temperate in all things he says that you have to run in such a way that you obtain first corinthians chapter 9 verse 24 25 you have to run in such a way that you will obtain he said i do not fight as one beating the air i fight with the purpose he said i press on towards the mark of the price of the high calling of christ he said whatsoever things were gained to me philippians chapter 3 i count them as that for the excellency of the knowledge of christ yeah i count all things but done that i might be found in him not having my own righteousness that is of the law but the righteousness that is of christ which is by faith i'm talking about philippians chapter 3 verse 8 9 10 10 says that 10 says that indeed that i verse 10 says that that i may know him hey that is that is the ultimate desire for a christian not not that you'll be known but you will know him some people are christians because of selfish reasons some people are let me know him say they are christians they are coming to church for selfish reasons don't reduce their church to just a social organization it's far above that it's the life it's the body of christ it's the bride of christ it's the house of god it's the habitation of god the church is the habitation of god it's not just a social groupings habitation of god that encompasses and embraces people from all walks of life all backgrounds as long as the only one condition is you must be in christ so he says that i i strive so

every christian must strive now so when the law was given the law was given not to help us the law was given to drive us to a helpless state so in so in galatians chapter 4 it says that the law was like a school master the law was like a school master to hold our hands till that until grace comes so the law is meant is meant it's meant to drive us to a place where we will come for fall to our knees and and say just as i am without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me you come to a place where you feel all you need is jesus you want to obey god you want to please god he said here take the law obey me the law makes demand on us based on god's standard and you can meet god's standard and yet to have any meaningful relationship with god you must come to a certain level so we can relate to god but because of sin we can't we couldn't we were all struggling bible says in matthew chapter 4 they that sat in darkness great light has appeared hallelujah matthew chapter 4 verse 14 15 16 somewhere there it says that the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light hallelujah i'll get there i'll get there i'll get there is someone learning something and and and the bible says that the law which was meant to bring life is rather sin in fact in verse 11 of roman chapter 7 it says that sin took advantage of the law and killed me and by it i died no the law is from god is good but rather producing death inside us that's it for sin taking occasion by the commandment deceived me and by the commandment killed me so the commandment that was meant to bring life it was producing death inside me what was the problem me i am canal sold under sin and so the things i want to do i cannot do because there is a certain law inside me that's why he said the 16 17 said there is a law look at it let's go to verse 16 verse 16 says that verse 16 please if then i do what i will i will not to do i agree with the law that's the law of god that it is good 17 17 that it is good 17 please but now it is no longer i who do it but sin that dwells in me look at 18 let's look at that for i know that in me that is in my flesh nothing good dwells for to will is present with me but how to perform what is good i don't find it that the thing is that all these good things talking about god to be godly to work with god it's not just being nice person don't confuse that because anybody at all can be a nice person yes a thief can even be a nice person some of my bin laden was nice to nice to some people yeah that's why he had a lot of followers because his followers are very nice man so don't don't talk about niceness many years ago i had a man of god say this in in the midlands yeah i think many years ago a guy a guy traveled he's a christian guy he traveled outside the country and the wife was not well sorry was unwell and their neighbor was there trying to always coming to attend to her doing meals for her i mean so helpful so when the man returned from his trip he his wife was okay so they went to go and thank their neighbor and he told his neighbor you have been a very thank you you've been such a good christian and the man said excuse me what i'm not a christian i'm a muslim i'm not a christian you see if we base christianity on good works then then people can say but this one doesn't even attend church by saving better person christianity is not based on good works it's based on christ in christ alone in christ alone in christ alone it's about are you in christ if you are not in christ you are in sin in christ in christ alone my hope is found he is my life my strength my song this solid rock this cornerstone firm through that fierce dead draw the stone in christ alone the songwriter said christ alone my hope is built on nothing less than jesus blood and righteousness i dare not trust in sweetest frame but only lean on jesus on christ the son of the world i like the song where it says that i come clothed in christ's righteousness so it's not my righteousness but i go and take christ's righteousness and wait and come before god that's christianity that's christianity jesus said in mark chapter 2 verse 17 that i came i did not come to save the righteous but for sinners for sinners ah that's good news good news for bad boys good news for sinners good news for sinners good news for sinners hallelujah that's the good news the good news is the the the the good news for you to enjoy the good news is necessary as part of good news for you to know you are a sinner i find then a law a law that evil is present with me the one who wills to do good that's i want to do the law of god but there's evil present with me it's a law so there's a glow of god there's a law of sin and death that's inside me that's and the law of my members that i actually i have i want to do it i want to do it but there's another law that is preventing me from doing what i want to do because i've seen the law of god i think i want the law of god but there's a law inside of me that is stopping me from doing the law of god and so resultant effect is oh wretched man that i am look at verse 22 verse 22 verse 22 for i delight in the law of god according to my inward man 23 but i see another law did you see that there are laws there's another law in my members what are your members your flesh your physical nature human nature has got law human nature has got law within humanity that that want to stop you from doing the world of god nobody gets saved by their own strength god has to call you that is why you can't be in church and be proud anybody who has genuinely met the forgiveness of god is

be that's what my song will be that's what my song will be hallelujah hallelujah that's what my song will be that's what my song will be watch watch this watch this can i take it further i think i'm having more fun than most of you i think i'm enjoying i'm enjoying this thing the most of you the psalmist said oh how love i your lord psalm 119 verse 97 i love the law of god i love the word of god i love the word of god i love the word of god i love the word of god your excitement in church should not be based on the music if you are a thriving christian your excitement in worship should be based upon pleasant is the man that works not in the counsel of the ungodly not standing the way of sinners not sitting and seeing others but his delight

by his delight by his delight By his delight, by his delight, by his delight, by his delight, by his delight, by his delight, by his delight.

His delight is in the law. And in his law, does he meditate day and night. The clearest sign that you are genuinely born again does not consist in the perfection of your life.

You are so perfect. No. But in the direction of your life. There's something that's driving you towards God's word. If you love Jesus, it shows in the way you handle his word.

If the word of God doesn't excite you, I think there's something wrong about your redemption. What really shows that you are a child of God is that you have an insatiable taste for his word.

[83 : 58] Man must not live everywhere. But everywhere. Matthew chapter 4 verse 4. So, he said, For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free.

From the law of sin. It's not so much about willpower. It's about the life of Christ inside you.

You can't live the life of God unless you have the life of Christ. Because that's what gives you the law of life. Of Christ.

The law of the life of God. So, you can live the way you want to live. Or the way he wants you to live. You can walk with God. Think about walking with God. Excuse me.

When a child, an infant is trying to walk with an adult to go and catch a train. You know what's the problem? Because either he runs. Or the adult just takes little steps.

[85 : 10] When adults are trying to walk with a child. But God is not going to slow down because of you. Jesus did not come because we could not fulfill.

We could not meet the standard of God. He didn't come to lower the standard of God. No, no, no, no. He didn't come to lower the standard. He actually came to empower us. To raise us.

To meet God's standard. That is why he gives us his life. That's what it means to be a Christian. What does it mean to be a Christian?

Somebody whose sins have been forgiven. And the person is living by the life of Christ. That's what it means to be. Not because you are in the church. Please. But if you live by the life of Christ.

You won't be outside of the church. What makes you a Christian is that you are in Christ. That's what makes you a Christian. Period. Period.

[86 : 10] So, stop judging people in church. You are saying you are a Christian. Please. Don't join believers in saying those things. Run your own race. Who are you to judge another man servant? Romans chapter 14.

That's 4. Hallelujah. Now. So. He says that. He says that. For the life. For the law. It's nice to hear these laws. Please don't underestimate the power of laws.

Law. Laws are powerful. Laws are powerful. Once you turn a certain age. Your strength begins to go down. Yeah.

That's why whatever you have to do for God. Do it when you are young. Don't join the people who have the philosophy. I wait. When I am retiring before I serve God. They are not serious. Serve God in your strength. Because it says that.

Thou shall love the Lord your God. With all your strength. With all your might. When your strength is great. That's the best time to serve God fully. Many organizations will not employ certain people.

[87 : 16] At a certain age. Because you don't have the strength. Security. Companies will never employ my dad. Because he's not strong.

He might be a spirit. He might work in the office. But to stand at the. No. He can't. He can't. So. The older you are. There are certain things.

That you cannot be made to do. Because of strength. I found out recently. That if you are a captain. Alright. Flying pilot. You are a captain. At the age of 60.

They don't allow you to fly. You can be a co-pilot. But you cannot be the man. Because you are your age. You cannot. You are not allowed to. Because.

And if you want to be an astronaut. And you decide at the age of 20. It's too late. Because they start training people. Who will be astronauts. When they are young. Some of you want to be a great revivalist.

[88 : 14] This is the time. It's the time. Don't wait till you are older. If you can get pregnant now.

That means that you are. You are good enough for God. Yes. Yes. If you can get pregnant. You can produce another human being. Then you can produce disciples.

Yes. Let me finish this thing. So you guys can. So.

Romans again. Please. Romans chapter 8. Verse 2. For the law of the spirit of life. In Christ Jesus. Has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Are you ready for this? Yes. It says that. This is one of my favorite scriptures. In Romans chapter 8. I like a lot of them in Romans chapter 8.

[89 : 11] Romans chapter 8 is so loaded. But this. The one I'm about to read. Is one of my favorite in Romans chapter 8. It said. For what the law could not do. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow.

Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. Wow. For what the law. This is the law of God. The law of God. Could not do.

Why? Because it was weak through the flesh. The flesh has got another law. That is strong. So it doesn't allow the flesh to fulfill the law of God. So what the law could not do.

In that it was weak through the flesh. God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh for sin condemned sin in the flesh for the first time the law of sin that is preventing for the first time Jesus Christ comes in the nature, the likeness of the sinful flesh but without the sin so without the sin that law of sin couldn't have an upper hand over him so he condemned that's the flesh that's the law of sin in the flesh try to control Jesus for the first time he couldn't control him and he condemned he condemned sin in the flesh you understand that?

Jesus condemned sin in the flesh and after and he fulfilled all the law of God and now the one in the yellow now when you come to Jesus Jesus when you become born again Jesus has fulfilled all the law of God Matthew chapter 5 he said I did not come to condemn the law and the prophets but I came to fulfill them okay so when you come to Jesus no when you come to Jesus he then gives you Jesus gives you his righteousness as someone who has fulfilled all the demands of God and now the writer of Hebrews says therefore let us come boldly before the throne oh ah hallelujah

[91 : 49] Hebrews chapter 4 verse 16 therefore let us come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain grace and mercy and find grace to help in time of need hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah he puts it this way Hebrews chapter 10 verse 18 and 19 having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holies how when you are Christian you are such a privileged person.

The best thing that ever happened to your family is that you became a Christian. Your sister may not know it because she's blind.

Because the God of this world has blinded the eyes of unbelievers. Your cousins may not know it. Maybe sometimes your mom might not know it. Your dad might not know it.

They might not know that being a Christian is the best thing that has ever happened to your family. Because you are not an honorary person. You carry the seed of God.

You carry the nature of God. The Bible says that we have become partakers of the divine nature. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Thank you for listening to this message by David Entry.

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