Christ is Our Life

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[0:00] Hallelujah. Thank you for tuning in to this powerful message by David Entry at Caris Phase 2, our Christ-centered youth services. You can never find Christ outside of the open word of God.

May Jesus Christ reveal himself to you as you listen. Amen. Why don't you clap? Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Please be seated.

Ephesians chapter 2. And you, her secret kind, who were dead in trespasses and sins, wherein in time past ye walked according to the cause of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works or worketh in the children of disobedience, among whom also we all had our conversation in times past, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Here ends the reading of God's word. Amen. Father, what we don't know, teach us. Who we are not make us, where we are not take us, all to the glory of your name.

In Jesus' name. Amen. Amen. Praise God.

[1:56] So, last week, where exactly did I end? Well, the text we just read, it's a very interesting, very powerful text.

Last week, I attempted to draw your attention to the fact that, oh, Jesus is the image of God, and God had a plan to form the church, and the church is like the bride of Christ, even as Eve was the bride of Adam, you remember.

And that God, we ended much more, we couldn't go too much into chapter two, because I spent so much time in chapter one, trying to explain how the church, which is his body, and I explained how in the Old Testament, there are different imageries, or portraits, given by the Bible to Israel, as the people of God.

They are the house of God, they are the family of God, they are the chosen people. And all these portraits were, reflect, they are the sheepfold of God. All these portraits were, have now, like, the church is that portrait.

Okay, so, whatever portrait they use to typify, or to exemplify, or reflect Israel, the same portrait can be used to reflect the church now.

But there's one portrait that can be used to reflect the church, which was never used to, as a portrait of Israel, which is the church as the body of Christ.

Right, so, what I was trying to establish is that, from heaven, when you look at the intentions of God from chapter one, according to Ephesians chapter one, when you look at it carefully, it tells us about God's perspective, so long as the church is concerned.

And God's, in God's mind, and God's perspective, the church is the body of Christ, and is the bride of Christ.

Now, then you go to chapter two, and then this is a letter addressing the church, which is supposed to be the body of Christ. So, chapter two starts with, and you.

So, it's a continuation of the last verse, chapter two, verse 23, of chapter one. So, if we go back to verse 23, it says that he gave him to be the head of the church, 22.

[4:37] Then 23 says that, the church, all things for the church. Then 23 says that, the church is his body. The church is the body of Christ.

Right. Right. The fullness of God, who, sorry, of Christ, who fills all in all. That is, watch this, this is very important.

That is, heaven's perspective, not government perspective, not society's perspective, but the perspective of heaven, concerning the church, is that, the church is the body of Christ, the church is the fullness of Christ.

So, outside of the church, there is no proper way, Christ can be exemplified, or typified, I don't have to be, I don't want to be using the word typified, can be reflected, or portrayed, outside of the church.

There's no other way, Christ can be portrayed, effectively, like, the fact that, he, that outside of the church, you can't find Christ.

[5:46] That, that's a very serious statement, I'm just with, you can't find Christ, outside of the church. That's God's plan. Excuse me, how can you say that?

So, if someone is knowing that, he doesn't go to church, he can't find Christ. Saul of Tarsus, he wasn't in church. He was on his way to go, and kill the church, and he met Christ.

But then he said, Christ, you know what, now, it's just between me and you, let me, show me, tell me what I'll do, I'll do, he said, I don't have anything to tell you, go to church. Go to, Acts chapter nine, he said, go to church.

And then guess what, verse 11 says that, there was a certain disciple, a certain, say disciple, who is a disciple? Look, there was a certain disciple, certain church member, someone who has been in the church, and has been groomed in the church.

He has a better understanding, on what church life is, who God is, who Christ is, so go to him, he'll tell you about what I want you to do. The church is the fullness of Christ.

[6:51] So there's no anything you can discover better about Christ, outside of church. You can, you can hear about Christ, you can, history can tell you about Christ, but not the way the church, church can tell you.

Let me digress before I go to chapter two, again. Last Thursday, I was teaching about, who is Christ? The only way you find out who Christ is, is in the church.

Well, I can read my Bible, I don't have to go to church. I can read my Bible, if you read it properly, it will tell you that, go to church. Because, the full picture, of whatever the Bible is saying, to experience it, must be within the church.

He said, therefore, I pray for you, that God will give you the spirit of wisdom, revelation, and knowledge of him. That the eyes of your understanding, if you are not in the church, will he be praying for you? He was praying for the people in the church.

That, even though they can read, now there's a spiritual dimension about our discovery. The discovery of Christ is intensely spiritual, it's not just intellectual.

[7:56] So, if you exempt yourself from the spiritual atmosphere, he said, where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there. The reason why, all right, okay, let me put it this way.

Ha ha, oh, thank you Jesus. This is even better. For those of you, think that you can just read your Bible and know God, you are joking. You are joking.

The reason why I'm standing here, is because, if you try to read the Bible and know God yourself, you are joking. That's why I'm standing here. Ah, so I'm trying to say, you are the only one who can teach, ask God, did I say that?

What did you get the idea from? What did you get the idea from? He said, how can they be saved? Without believing? How can they believe?

Without hearing? How can they hear without a preacher? What's that? What's that? God establishes you according to my gospel. Ah, Ephesians, Romans chapter 16, I think verse 25 or somewhere there.

[9:04] It says that God establishes you. What? Now unto him, who is able to establish you, by his power. No. According to what?

Not the gospel, my gospel, the gospel I have been given to preach. God wants to establish you, by has committed the gospel to preach, to me. And that is the gospel, that he will use to establish you.

You cannot be, you can never know God unilaturally. Nobody can know God unilaturally. Listen, brothers and sisters, a lot of the things I'm saying here, it's not because I slept and I had an idea, or I read my Bible and found it all.

No! A lot of things I say, I wouldn't have found out, just reading my Bible. Because the Bible has to be explained, by people who have been taught, a disciple named Ananias, by a disciple who has been discipled, who has been discipled, who discipled, second, first Timothy chapter two, oh, chapter two, verse one, oh, second Timothy, sorry, second Timothy chapter two, verse one, and verse two.

This is again Timothy, my son, verse two, the things, verse two, the things which you have heard from me, what are you supposed to do? Among me, what are you supposed to do? Commit to faithful men.

[10:22] Now watch this. It is that the things you have taken from me, or physical things you have received, it's that things you have heard. You don't hear money from a person, do you? You don't hear tangible things.

You hear something, an information. He said, that information you have heard from me, what are you supposed to do? Commit to faithful people who also do what? Who also be able to teach. So that is how I ended up getting to understand the scriptures.

Because somebody who has been taught, taught me. And I'm still being taught. I'm still reading books of people who have understanding. I don't read one person's book. But I read books from people who have understanding.

I listen to preaching of people who are sound and serious. I'm always listening to preaching. You can never be an effective man of God without listening to preaching.

When you see a man of God preaching, and he says things that, wow, I've never heard anything like this before. It means that he has also been taught by somebody. Revelation does not come from self.

[11:26] Well, you are dead. They begin to know everything. No, it doesn't happen like that. The text is standard. The text cannot be changed. It is there, but it must be explained.

This is the job of a pastor. And the job of a Christian is to explain the text to other Christians. So when you get born again, you make friends with someone, some people who already also sound in Christ, who can also help you to understand the scriptures, and understand church life, understand how you handle some things.

That's how we all grow. Have you seen a child who was born and left to grow by himself? Nobody grows by yourself. Nobody grows up by yourself.

Even as an adult, once you grow up, most of you are still children, or some of you are still children, but once you hit 20, 21, even 30-year-old one can not live by himself.

You need people. So where do you get this idea that I can serve God by myself? Didn't the Bible tell you it's not good? Where from chapter 2 of Genesis it's not good for man to be alone?

[12:32] But you to serve God, you don't know what you're talking about. I can be by myself alone. Let me show you something else. So okay, I was saying something.

Let me finish that. Jesus said, who do men say I am? He said, some people said, and he said, who do you say I am? The Bible said, Peter, Samuel, Peter said, Matthew chapter 16, verse 16, you are the Christ, the son of the living God.

And Jesus said, blessed are you, Samuel, by Jonah, for flesh and blood does not reveal this unto you, but my father who is in heaven. I tell you, Peter, upon this rock, I'll build my chair. Jesus is very interested in who you say he is, who you know him to be.

But that cannot be, it's not just purely left to you to discover. You have to be taught from this, the text to reveal Jesus.

You have to be taught and teachings gradually help you to understand. Now watch this. I said last, as the every religion, and many of the major religions, do acknowledge Jesus.

[13:46] So when you hear a Muslim telling you Jesus is in the Quran, it really, you will see, and that be Isa somewhere. That's Quranic terminology. Isa.

Jesus. Somewhere in the Quran, but it doesn't necessarily mean it's the same Jesus who died on the cross. But somewhere in the Quran, they make reference to Jesus. And they say good things about Jesus.

One of the greatest things the Quran, Quran says about Jesus is that Jesus is a prophet. That's it.

He's not God. He said he's a prophet. But he's a prophet who is inferior to Prophet Muhammad. So they need him to elevate, to give Muhammad a certain status.

Church of the Mormons, Latter-day Saints, they say Jesus is a great man, a great teacher, almost like God, but he's not God. He has powers like deity.

[14:48] He has some godly, or he's like, he can operate in a certain level, above human level, as God. But he's not God. There's God the Father. The main God is there and then he's a assistant God, like next.

Church, Latter-day Saints. Jehovah Witnesses is like a prophet, he's like an angel. He's like he was created to be an archangel. He's not normal person.

So Jehovah Witnesses believed that he was a human being, but he's not a normal human being. He has archangel, angelic powers. He's supernatural. He's above the normal people.

So you see, they don't say anything bad about Jesus. They all say, but the problem is that that's why it makes sense when Jesus says, who do you say I am? Do you understand that?

Matthew chapter 16, verse 16, says that, who do you, verse 15, who do you say I am? Peter said, you are the Christ. Who is Jesus? Jesus.

[15:46] The Christ. Who is Jesus? The Christ. The son of the living God. Who is Jesus? The Christ. The son of the living God. So all the religious that say they also believe in Jesus or accept Jesus, ask them, ask Jesus, is he the Christ, the son of the living God?

If they say no, then maybe you are free to politely let them know that. I think it's a different one. It's a different one from the one Christian's worship.

right? It's okay to say we worship Jesus. Yeah. The ones Christians worship. We are, he is not just our, the leader or founder of Christianity. He is the life of Christians.

Our other religion is based on the philosophies and the teachings of their founders. Right. So Islam is primarily about Muhammad. He's a great prophet and they say, is he Sha Allah or something like that.

Peace be upon him or something like that. Yeah. Muhammad, you know, is the greatest of all prophets and he taught them how to live.

[16:55] He taught them and that's it. Which, that's how the, what the religion is based on the teachings of Muhammad. Christianity is not based on the teachings of Jesus. Hinduism is based on teachings.

Mormonism is based on teachings. Christianity is not based on, is it, I'm saying something very strong. It's not based on the teachings of, so you can be a theologian and not a Christian. You can know all the teachings of Christ and all the teachings in the Bible and still not be a Christian.

You can call yourself a Christian but it doesn't make you a Christian. It doesn't make you part of the church. You can be going to church all your life and still not part of the church.

Christianity is not built on the, just the teachings of Jesus and the, the philosophies that Jesus chained out.

He chained out philosophies that were unparalleled, unrivaled philosophies. He said that love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

[18:07] Wow, these are, these are above the law of Moses. What the things he's teaching, who can keep them? The things he's teaching, he said, I didn't come to condemn.

The Ten Commandments were 100, oh sorry, that's very interesting, the Ten Commandments. The Commandments of Moses were 613. So you know, that's why I said the Ten Commandments were 613.

But he said Ten Commandments, but he said usually we use the word, the phrase, the Ten Commandments to represent the law. So really it's not Dasha, only the two things, no, no, no, the Decalogue, that's why the Decalogue, but the commandments of God that came through Moses, the law, it's called the law, 613 different laws.

And yet they couldn't keep them, no one could keep them. And you would think that Jesus would come and make it easier. Rather, the teachings of Jesus, if you add them, they are about 1,002.

So it's more. We are struggling if they take them. I mean, I mean, Moses, Moses didn't say. So you can look at a man who you have a crush on and not get his picture on Instagram or Snapchat and be, hmm, I like this guy.

[19:27] I like this guy. And boys like that a lot. You can look at a girl, a girl's picture and say, hmm, this girl, and you finish and continue your religion, you have not sinned because you have not done anything.

You've not done anything. She doesn't even know that you have been fisting your eyes on her. You can see her pass. You can see her pass and shaking her and then you are looking, ah, this is amazing. This girl is, ah, and you haven't sinned.

So long as the law of Moses is concerned, then Jesus comes. He says that if you look at her and, ah, Jesus, ah, no, Jesus. So the Bible's higher.

But it didn't come to give us laws. That's why the church is not built on the laws or the teachings of Jesus. So the law, the church said, the church is built on who is Jesus.

That's what the church is built on. Who do you say Jesus is? That's what determines whether you are in the church or not. If you get it wrong, you are not part of the church of God. Ah, are you guys saying it? If you get the answer wrong, it doesn't matter how good you are.

[20:41] It doesn't matter how nice you are. It doesn't matter how kind you are. You are not part of the church of God. So Jesus said, who do men say I am?

Is someone getting something? Who, but who do you say I am? And Samuel Peter, he said, you are the Christ, the son of the living God.

Then Jesus said, blessed are you. It's a blessing to know that. That's why it's good to have a good teacher. It brings, the, the blessings in your life who is determined by your revelations that you have understood.

He said, blessed are you, Simon Bajona. You are Peter. I tell you the truth. Upon this rock. Hmm. Upon, let's all say, upon this rock.

Upon this rock. Say it louder. Upon this rock. Say it very loud. Upon this rock. Upon this rock, I will build, oh, oh, Jesus will build, so he came to build.

[21:40] And what is he going to build? The church. So the church is built upon a certain rock. What is the rock? The rock is the revelation of who Jesus is. It's not the teachings of Jesus, but who Jesus is.

That's what determines whether you are part of the church. Because the church is built on that foundation. If you don't have that foundation, you can't be part of the church. Upon this rock.

So, when it comes to all other religions, it's about the teachings of their leader. When it comes to Christianity, it's about not just the teachings, the person.

The person of Jesus. Listen, you can have all the teachings. If you don't have a personal relationship with him, you are not part of his. So, it's a, watch this, it's a personal, I can regulate your relation with Jesus.

It's not in my power, not in the power of your mother. It's not in the power of any man. It's in your own power. To determine who he is to you based on what you have discovered about him here. So, when, then you determine, you build your relationship with him and it makes you, you see someone building their relationship with him, you flow with them, then we become the church.

[22:56] So, the church is a combination of people, not one person, a combination of people who have had a personal relationship with Jesus based on who they see Jesus to be and see him to be the savior or the Christ and son of God.

Jesus is Christ, the son of God. That's what makes Christianity different from every other religion. All other religions is the teachings, the teachings, Christianity is the life and the person of Jesus. is, madam, I have the life of Jesus in me.

That's what makes me a Christian. Then, we can now begin to teach you about his teachings. It's his life in you first. So, he encountered, Saul of Tarsus encountered Jesus and he received him and he said, now go and Damascus, they will teach you and the disciple will tell you the rest of their story.

So, the teachings of Jesus come to those who have not received and have a relationship with him. So, then that makes it very interesting to attempt to pastor people who are not born again.

So, so, Christianity is built on me and Jesus. You know him. So, you know him, you know him, you know him, I know him.

[24:12] That's what makes us the church. And then, now there are people who he has given the responsibility based on how well they have been discipled to disciple others.

Then you also disciple others. Others who already have a relationship with Jesus. So, we evangelize people who don't have a relationship with Jesus. And what is the message of our evangelism? Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God.

Once you believe that, you are part of the church. So, maybe you have even not found a church or your name is not in the books of a church but you are already part of the church in the eyes of God. Because why?

You have come to believe and accept that Jesus is the Christ. Who is Jesus? The Christ, the son of the living God. Who is Jesus? The Christ, the son of the living God.

Hallelujah. Amen. Everybody thinks they reserve the right to tell you who Jesus is. Don't take lectures about Jesus from Mohammed.

[25:11] Don't take lectures about Jesus from Joseph Smith. Don't take lectures about Jesus from Buddha. Don't take lectures about Jesus from Discovery Channel.

Or the Simpsons. No. Take lectures about Jesus from eyewitnesses who knew him and saw him.

They were there Mohammed never saw him. I'm telling you something very important. Eyewitnesses like Peter, like James, like John. John, the book of John said in the beginning was the word.

Why is he talking the way he's talking? He said, and the word became flesh, verse 14, and we beheld his glory. We saw it. Just eyewitness. He reserved the right to tell me who Jesus is than someone who never knew about him, who never saw him.

Are you learning something? Very important. Don't let us reduce church to the way you feel. Sometimes, we might not even touch on your sins, but it's okay if we help somebody to understand what this whole thing is about.

[26 : 28] That's why I'm never shy and afraid to correct someone who is in church with a certain type of attitude. God is not marketing. Not marketing.

We are happy to see you here. It's so nice. I mean, it feels different to have you here. But we are also happy to let you go if you don't value what is going on here.

We are very pleased to let you go. We can book Uber for you. Because we are having a good time before you showed up.

Oh, yeah! So much. So, when you look at Ephesians chapter 1, it tells you Heaven's portrait about the church.

And what's Heaven's portrait about the church? The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ. What's the church? The body of Christ. No, no.

[27:26] Answer it away. The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ. What's the church? The church is the body of Christ and the fullness One more time, what's the church? The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ.

Who is Christ? Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. You guys are amazing. I'm sure you never filled any exam. Let's try it again.

Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. How can you all get it as him? Are you copying somebody's new source? Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. Says who? Me? No, the scripture. I'm not a printing press. I have no written, it's the scripture.

And what is the church? The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ. What is the church? The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of Christ. These things are very important.

[28:29] And then you build your understanding on that. As you grow in Christ, you begin to understand it more and more and more. How can you know Jesus without the church when the church is the fullness of Christ?

That's right. Did you understand that? Yeah. How can you know when the church is the body of Christ? How can you know Jesus without the church? So, in Ephesians chapter 1, verse 22 and then 23, it tells us what the church is.

The church is the, verse 23 particularly. The church is the body of Christ and the fullness of him who fills all things. Then we go to verse 2. And it says, chapter 2, I'm sorry.

And it says that, and you, talking about you, the church I'm talking to. This is very interesting. You, the church I'm talking to. I've already told you what the church is. Looking at the church from 40 feet above sea level.

All right. With a bear's eye view. From heavenly view, sorry. With a heaven's view. Looking at the church. And when you look at heaven's view, the church is the body of Christ. But now let's look at the church from the earth.

[29:37] Ah, you. So, he says, and you, who you were dead, or he has made alive, who were dead in your trespasses and sins.

Say dead. Dead. Say dead. Dead. Dead. I want one of the text, or versions.

I want a version that probably will bring, you, who were dead, has he made alive. Because maybe some people might not be so good with grammar. But it's the same thing.

See, you, has he made alive, who were dead in your trespasses and sins. Okay. English term verses. And you, and you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

All right. So, he said, we were dead, you were dead in your trespasses and sins. That's what we actually are. Oh, that's what, sorry, we were.

[30:36] That's what we actually were. We were dead in our trespasses and sins. Hallelujah. Watch this.

How can a dead man produce a living church? Now, we have, it didn't say some of you were dead, though. It's you talking about the church.

You. So, before we go, in the last week I spoke about, before you start boasting about who you are, who you are, I know who God says are just true.

But don't forget, you have to tread softly. You don't know, don't forget who you actually are.

Who you actually are. Some of you, it's unbelievable that you have to have funigating. Sure.

[31:29] No, you know, how many of you have, have friends in the past who they found out, who found out that you are now in church and preaching and they are shocked.

Yes. Yes. People, for us, you. You. Oh, no, come on. No, no, no, no, no, no. Sometimes when you, some people, when they change, other people say, no, I will change.

If this guy has changed, I'm also going to change. When I got born again, even though I was not a bad boy doing, but when I changed, people said, no, if David has changed, I will also change. Some of you, your salvation is a testimony to others.

That's true. That's true. Since you became born again, other people have followed suit. Because you used to be in the gangs. You used to be messing up. You used to be a very troublesome person and you changed.

And people were shocked. It made people realize that this thing is real. And they saw that you have actually changed. You changed. They saw you going to church.

[32:37] Huh? Huh? Now your mother's pastor even started calling you. No. We haven't seen you in a while, but you never saw me.

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. And you, who were dead in your sin, trespasses and sin, has he made alive?

Okay. So King James again, I don't know you, King James. You were dead in your trespasses or NIV. You were dead in your trespasses. Let's look at how the NIV puts it. NIV. You has he made alive.

As for you. That's what I was looking for. Wow. Now, think about this. Who was he talking to?

Oh, no, no. Let's look at that text. All right. Who was he talking to? Yes, sir. The people he has written verse one to. He's not talking to a different set of.

The people he wrote the verse one to. Look at verse one, verse four. Chapter one, verse 14. What he said about them. If you remember. Therefore, since verse 14. Says that.

Chapter one, verse 14. No, sorry. Let's go 15. Sorry. I'm sorry. Verse 15. Thank you. Therefore. I therefore. After I heard of your faith. Watch this.

Your faith. Talking about people who have faith. And what? Your love. Your faith in Jesus. These are people who have believed that Jesus. Who is Jesus? The son of the.

So these are people who have believed that Jesus is the Christ. The son of the living God. He said. When I heard of your faith. In the Lord Jesus Christ. And it has manifested in the way you love other people in church.

You love the same. And you love for the same. You say I can't stand church people. He says. You are not born again. Yeah. As for me. Church people. I don't believe in anybody. It's because you are fake.

[34:37] That's why. Fake people think others are fake. Fake people think. Genuine people think everybody is genuine. So when people are very genuine.

You have to caution them that not everybody is genuine. You know what I'm talking about. People who are trustworthy. People who will not hurt anybody. They easily believe everybody.

Because they think everybody is like that. They judge people from their perspective. The reason why you believe all men are trash. Is because. So he said.

When I saw. I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And your love for the saints. I did not cease to pray for you. And he began to tell us. These grandiose prayers he was making for them. Then after that.

He tells them that. He was given to be the. Head of the church. Which is the body of Christ. Which is the fullness. Then after that he turns on them. He said. As for you. Okay.

[35:40] And I have you again. In the first verse. Chapter 2 verse 1. As for you. You were. It didn't say you are. So he is talking to people who were. Dead.

You were dead. In your transgressions. And sins. Most people who are living comfortably in sins.

There is no greater sign. Of the void. Of the life. Of God in them. Than. The way you are comfortable about sinning. It shows you don't have the life of God.

You don't. You might be religious. You might come from a very decent background. But the way you are comfortable in sinning. You don't have the life of God. And crossing. Trespassing.

Everything you are not supposed to be doing. You don't care. You are doing it. And sometimes you care. But you don't. You can't help him. I keep doing it. And you are comfortable in your sins. No. It's a sign that you don't have the life of God.

[36:39] And you. Who are dead. Because. The reason why you are so comfortable in your sins. Is because you are dead. Do you know a dead person can be lying under the sea. And you do be bothered. He's not bothered.

Oh. A dead person. A dead person can be lying under the river. River Thames. And he cannot be bothered. If sharks are dead. He can't be bothered. Why? Because he's dead.

So when you are dead. In your transgressions and your sins. You are not bothered about what you do. You are not bothered what you have. Whether. Whether you are lying. You are having. Fornicating. You are doing other things.

And you are fighting people. You are gossiping. You are not bothered. You are not bothered. Why? Because I can't be bothered. You are dead. The sign.

That shows that you don't have the life of God. Is that. Sin doesn't do anything against you. You don't. You don't. What's wrong if I do this?

[37:37] What's wrong if I do this? What's wrong? That's my feelings. I just. I'm not hurting anybody. It's just. That's a thing. That's. That's. Yeah. Yeah. You are dead. But there's good news for the dead man.

Because you are not the only one dead. All of us were dead. Some of us are now living. And we want to introduce the new life to you. So you can also live. You were.

Look at verse five. It mentions death again. Verse five says that. Even when you were. Dead. I can't hear you. Even when you were. Dead.

Even when you were. Dead. In your trespasses. God made you alive. So you see. Bible says in Romans chapter four.

Verse. 17. 18. 17 particularly. He believed in God. Who gives life. To the dead. Ah. I like that. I like that.

[38:33] I like that. He says that. As he's written. I've made you. I've made you. A father of many nations. In. In the presence of him. Whom he believed.

So in the presence of God. Whom Abraham believed. That's God. What did he say about God? Who gives life to the dead. Wow. In the days of Abraham. Abraham had.

This understanding about God. That people can be born again. He saw Ephesians. Chapter. Two. Ephesians chapter two. Verse one.

People who were dead. Verse five. Has he made alive. In verse chapter two. Verse one. He said. You. Has he made alive. You. Has he quickened. Who were dead. You.

Has he quickened. Who were dead. Abraham saw that God. Gives life to the dead. Let's all say that together. God gives life to the dead.

[39:28] Let's say it again. God gives life to the dead. Say it again. God gives life to the dead. Yes. God gives life to the dead. That's why. If you are in Christ. You have life.

He said. The thief comes not to. But to steal. Kill and destroy. But I have come. That you may have life. And have it more. John 10. 10. In Colossians chapter three.

Verse four. He said. When Christ. Who is our life. Wow. God lives life. So if you have Christ. You have life. First John chapter five. Verse 11.

And verse 12. It says that this is the record. Or this is the testimony. That God has given us eternal life. And this life is in Christ Jesus. Verse 12.

Hallelujah. Verse 12. He who has the son. I can't hear you. He who has the son. Has God. I can't hear you. He who has the son. Has God.

[40:23] So you see where life comes from. Life comes from having the son. That's why. Christianity is life. Life. Not teaches per se. His life. First.

He who has the son. Has life. Then you can be taught. He who has the son. Has life. In the book of. John chapter one.

Verse four. He said. In him. Is life. In him was. Life. I can't hear you. Read it aloud. In him was life. Louder.

In him was life. If you have life. Why don't you read it aloud. God. In him was life. I think you are being a bit diplomatic. You can be louder than this. Come on. In him was life.

Jump to your feet and shout it out. In him was life. Hallelujah. In him was life. Hallelujah. Please be seated. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

[41:21] Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. In him was life. So if you have Christ.

You have life. He says that anyone who believes the son. Has. Has crossed. Who doesn't believe you? He said he's condemned already. John chapter five. Verse 24.

He said. If you don't believe Jesus Christ. You are condemned already. Most assuredly I say unto you. He who hears my voice. And believes. In. In him who sent me. Has everlasting life.

He. He shall not come into judgment. But has crossed from. Death to life. Did you see that? So you are already in death. All of us. For all have sinned.

And fallen short of the glory of God. Romans chapter five. Verse 12. It says that. By one man. Sin entered into the world. So by one man. What? Death. What is it? So just as through one man.

[42:15] Sin entered the world. And death through sin. That death spread. To how many men? Amen. So when you are born. You are dead. On arrival.

You are growing up. But you are dead. What does that mean? You don't have the life of God. But when you. You come into Christ. And Christ comes into your life. You receive. Christ is the life.

He is the life of God. Christians. Listen. It's not the teachings of Christ. But what? The life. It says when Christ. Who is our life? Christ is my life. Christ is my life.

Say that together. Christ is my life. Say it again. Christ is my life. Say it again. Christ is my life. And that's what makes you a Christian. That's what makes you part of the church.

Christ is my life. Not the fact that you don't steal. Not the fact that you don't fornicate. Not the fact that you don't fight. You don't lie. Those things.

[43:11] It's not what. There are people who don't do all those things. But they don't have the life of God. What makes you a Christian. What makes you a child of God. Is that Christ is your life.

That's where it starts from. Then you begin to follow the guide. The instructions. The teachings of Christ. The teachings of Christ. Is not for the dead people. So don't go around telling an unbeliever.

What you are doing is a sin. Excuse me. There's only one thing unbeliever does. Sinning. Sinning. Sinning. So don't go. Be quoting. Why. It's sin to do this.

It's sin to fornicate. It's sin to an unbeliever. What's it got to do with what you. This is your Bible. True. It's a get out. Take this. Take it out of my face. What has that got to do with my life. Yes. obviously he's not got anything to do with his life what has the bible got to do with the life of an unbeliever why are you going around telling an unbeliever to live based on the scriptures the reason why you can't do that is main reason they don't have the life of god to it takes the life of god to live to please god you can't please god by yourself you need the life of god he gave them the ten commandments they were breaking it they were breaking it so he told moses that the ten commandments put it in the ark of the covenant and cover it if you want them to obey you should have put it on the notice board but i said put it in the ark and cover it because they can't keep it and grace will help them to walk with me grace will help them to live with me grace will help them to live for me grace will help them so i can live through them that's that's the foundation of christianity and you who were dead has he made alive let's go back to the text ephesians chapter 2 and you has he made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins verse 2 this is getting our end on this one this is even getting interesting he says that in which you once walked according to the course of this world not only that and according to the prince of the power of the air you are living you thought you were free but something was controlling you oh no you annoy yourself how come you were you were doing things you didn't want to do how come you were eating food you didn't want to eat how come you went back to places you vowed never to go how come you said the things you didn't want to tell her is it possible something else was controlling you something outside of yourself is there's an external influence on your life that's why you you watch three hours of porn who are you proud that you will watch it again how many of you have watched one before and you didn't plan to watch it didn't want to watch it again how many of you have done things you proud you vowed never to do again you in fact you vowed i would never do this again in fact there are times that some of you listen put your hand up how many of you have gone as far that's extreme but you went as far as saying god if i do this thing you can kill me so then how many of you agree with me that it's not every prayer god must answer say thank you jesus for not answering all my prayers yes he said one you lived according to the course of this world what was what on earth does that mean that's how you do bible studies you don't just read read it what does that mean you worked according to the course of this world so when i'm studying my bible that's a bit tiring isn't it when i'm studying my bible i okay what does that mean you have to ask questions don't just read it

and don't just say that is that's what it means because a pastor said it quite a lot of pastors are saying things they can say things the bible didn't mean but many christians don't take the time to read your bible and study some read but they don't study there's a difference between reading your bible and studying your bible studying your bible is taking time to make reference in which in what is there in which in what is there in which so then there might be something that i said in which you once walked what did you you can't take this text alone so you have to go back to the pretext the text before tells you what the subject matter is you were dead in your transgressions and in transgressions and sins in which you were you used to walk in transgressions and sins but how can a dirt person walk so that walk doesn't mean taking steps it means that way of life that means you are not really dead because if you are really dead you will have a way of life it's not talking about natural life so you had the natural life and the natural life was built on a certain system and because of that you are void of the life of god so when you are preaching to people to come to jesus the message is not commandments you don't need the ten commandments because it can save you what people need is jesus why do people need jesus because his life bible said god has given us eternal life and this life first john 5 11 and this life where it's found in jesus so why do i come and preach to you about do's and don'ts i have to preach jesus to you then you find life then when you find life among the living we know what not to do what to do we can talk about don't do that don't do that don't do that but for outsiders it's about christ okay in which so we need to live in transgressions and sins we need to walk in it we need to conduct our lives based on transgressions and sins i'm not please remember it didn't say crime there's no crime here so you don't have to be a criminal to be a sinner it's not crime crime is based on human law so there are some things the government will say is okay but the government cannot legislate how you find how you are thinking about a woman you're thinking about a man this woman when i get here this woman when i get here i'll tear him apart you cannot be taken to court for what you are even thinking in your head but it's a sign of voidness of the life of god at work in your mind so it says that in which you once walked let's okay because of time according to the course of the world give us new living translation niv first niv in in which you used to live can you imagine you were dead in transgressions look at ms2 you were dead and it wasn't you were you were dead in your transgressions in which you used to live can you imagine am i living in it or am dead in it so it looks like you are living in it but you are really dead can you imagine a christian man or a christian woman having sex with an unbeliever you are having a sex with a dead person you go back to that boyfriend

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you are having sex with a dead man yes go back to your former girlfriend you are having sex with a dead woman in which you are dead in transgressions in which you live this is very interesting in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world so the world has gone ways KJF said the cause of this world it has ways we do things and when you do it like that people don't see anything wrong no no what's wrong with that what's wrong with that unless sometimes people who are given to fairness and it's not fair it's not good then they may say that's not right it's not right to do that but some places there's some people to do it depends on your system of judgment do you know that many years ago killing a slave was nothing wrong with some people the conscience it was the normal life you will not be in prison you will not be taken to court for shooting your slave you will not be taken to court the police will not do anything because that's that's your commodity just get rid of it and it was so can you imagine you grew up in an environment you grew up in a family grew up in a culture where you just kill slaves in fact you saw one slave argue with somebody you said no dad

I think you should kill him because it's nothing to you you see it's your that's why they have to teach children some things to change the way they see the world when you are growing up how your world exposure some of you never knew there was anything wrong with sleeping with people lots of boys on the streets don't see anything wrong carrying a knife is that government has made this wrong but you don't see anything if you can hide it and if someone is crossing you'll choke him some of you have stabbed before and then they go if you think there's something wrong you wouldn't film it you even hide watching pornography you will share it on your status but you will share stabbing on your status because you don't think there's anything wrong with it those who say pornography is not wrong why don't you watch it on a tube why don't you watch it on a bus in class and then you are watching it in porn

I don't know if you are watching something and you saw somebody quickly change it one of the things that mobile phones and tablets do is it gives you a private world it's not worse what has made it even worse it's those it's those you are listening to things no one and if you're able to be smart enough to have privacy screen you have privacy screen it's everything you see in your ears you are in a different world even though you are in a crowd you are in a different private world yes yeah technology you are doing FaceTime and you are laughing with somebody but the one around doesn't hear what they are saying everything is in your ear and they are telling you a lot of bad things but your mom didn't know that they are telling you bad things because she can't hear what you are hearing and you are laughing really Tom you can't hear that if your mom should hear praise the Lord so some things are so normal for you or for us it's called the cause of this world even though it is against what God wants to do the beautiful thing

God wants to do in your life it's blocking the blessings of God it's blocking the flow of God it's blocking the life of God in your life but you don't know why because you used to live your life according to the cause of this world 1 John chapter 5 verse 18 and 19 said for the whole world lies under the sway of the enemy the whole world can you imagine all the world lies under the sway under the it says that and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one so in other ways the wicked one is sway you know when you when you put a ball in a flowing water it doesn't stay in one place it's going it's going you have to run my ball my ball it lies under the sway of the water the passing water the whole world is being swayed that's why you can't live your life just because it feels good or it's popular or just because people don't have problems with the way you are living you have to check with the life of God and the status of God check with it check with it how many of you know pornography puts people into trouble yeah even if you are not caught you end up catching yourself so those of you who have not started watching

Paul stay safe don't start I'm begging don't start don't start when you start girl you are in deep trouble because to come out how many of you know that sometimes you'll be free for a month then you go deep again how many of you guys know what I'm talking about I know you raised your hand you think I don't know you are here I'm saying all this is because of you I know you are here see you baby don't start because sometimes it takes away your human freedom that's why when I see anyone who is addicted my first reaction is not to condemn mentally and internally something has gone off so they have lost sense of restriction there are some things that you shouldn't do if you are in control but what the sway of this world is it takes you along you don't have a choice you are going oh no

I don't want to go but you are going oh no oh no and most of you most people here there [58:27] are people in London especially who are just swaying it's like they are on a tube the tube is going and it's not stopping and they don't have enemies that's why we cannot stop preaching preaching is the only thing that can yank you out because you know what when you believe in the life in Jesus Christ you receive life to be able to jump out so my pastor how about those of us I'm born again but I'm struggling yeah because you are not feeding you are not feeding you are not living the life if you live the life you will not be a victim you will not be under the influence of the world so it says that you were under the sway you lived according verse 2 you live in the time you live according to the course of this world and not just that according to the prince which prince are you talking about prince William anytime you are reading your newsletter you came across the word prince it also means ruler so let's see how the NIV put it maybe NIV might use the ruler see there have you seen it follow the ways of the world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air there's not only one united kingdom and you let's say one united kingdom you know the kingdom of Swaziland there's another kingdom it's called the kingdom of the air and you used to live according to the prince the ruler of the kingdom of the earth was controlling your life so the course of the world you are living according to the course of the world and not just that the master behind the master mind the master hand the puppet master himself he's a ruler not rulers there's one prince there's a ruler of the power of the air he is the spirit who is at work in those who say

I don't believe in God those who listen there's the spirit that's working in them and the same spirit was working in you the same spirit was working in you and you were being swayed you and I all of us this is not a matter of law law cannot save you ten commandments cannot save you when you are being swayed ten I want to obey the ten command backhand I can't I'm going so you need life to stand up and say no I'm not flowing this way when you are not in Christ you are not able not to sin I thought you would write that down when you don't have Christ you are not able not to sin in other words I don't want to sin you don't have what it takes not to sin oh yes if you are not in Christ you are not able not to sin but if you are in Christ you are able not to sin but why do we keep sinning if you are in

Christ because you are not using your abilities in Christ how many of you since you became born again have been able not to sin in areas that you used not to be able not to do it when you are in Christ you are able not to sin I'm not talking about not to break societal laws I'm talking about not to sin against God you are able you are able if you are in Christ why because the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus Romans chapter 8 verse 2 the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets you free from the law of sin and death so people who are not in Christ or people who are not part of the church of God what is their status they are dead in their transgressions and sins in which they live according they are living in transgressions and sins according to the cause of this world and not only according to the cause of this world but according to the prince of the power of the air or the kingdom of the air who is working where works inside the sons so inside everyone who is not in Christ there is an operation going on and the source of there is like remote control

Satan is the one so that's why you have to be careful suddenly your ex has sent you a very nice message and it's like it's just we are about to start the June fasting how did this is set up suddenly your ex messages you oh I just came passed by your neighborhood I just felt I wanted to say hello to you because for some reason you have been on my mind all week or you know there are times people can come on your mind so he came on your mind you are thinking wow I remember when we went to Ayana I remember when we went to you know we went for that event and he was so nice to me but I'm in Christ you just thought about him then minutes later you see a message from me oh girl why are you ghosting me is it coincidental no the devil knows so he has started operating you started you wanted to fast that very day you wanted to fast that is the day your boss invited you for lunch it's like it's like you've always wanted to have lunch with everybody just they attend to have lunch with this you know the swabises and the day you were fasting that's the day they called you know what we were supposed to go but we felt like we wanted to go with you and you were saying oh the prince of the power of the air is at work in the sense of expressing buttons my boss is born again he's not even praying again because you give certain platform to preach so when you are born again he doesn't have a food store but you can create space ephesians chapter 4 verse 27 he said don't give him a food store a place to put his feet he doesn't have it but you can give him he said give give give not give place to the devil you can give place an ivy he said don't give him a foot hold he's put his feet in and he doesn't want to move you created a chance for him why did you even respond to his text why did you respond to a text why did you go back to that party you know things that can happen there you know she's also going to be there and when she likes party riders and you can't stand party riders you know when you see it's like somebody sent me

I've seen party riders and you know that's the only thing she's going to wear and because of the way her body is by when she wears it it's like sedation so they say let's go yeah summertime summertime you're the only honest person there summertime summertime summer is coming pastor what should I do with my eyes read more of the scriptures when you read your bible your life strength you become so strong you can look at something and walk away from it but if you're spiritually not strong if you have not fed your spirit man you see something you don't want to go his body it's like they put a kryptonite on you and then you hold how many of you have kissed when you didn't want to kiss you kissed before you didn't want to kiss back you remember now you are not stopping one minute you are not stopping three minutes you are not stopping then you are taking when you finish you say oh god forgive me what have done praise god feed your inner man read your bible listen to messages spend time praying be in safe environment there are some places you shouldn't be found there because it's not safe for you it's not because you are bad but it's not just safe for you if you have allergy okay and it's hay fever time or some place you can't go because you react it's not that you are bad you know you shouldn't have gone there you shouldn't have gone there but so

I'm taking medication medication doesn't mean you are safe it will save you but it doesn't mean you are safe so that's how the church used to be anybody in the church used to be under the power of the spirit that is at work in the children of disobedience wow there are people called sons of disobedience anyone who is not in Christ son of disobedience son of it's by nature we rebel against God so when you see someone say don't do church don't be angry it's only religious people who get very angry about people who are not practicing their religion don't never take it personal rather be merciful be compassionate God they don't know they are blind they don't know religious people say if you don't worship my God I will kill you that's the language of the devil the devil uses force force to control people that's why addiction is demonic because the devil is using force over your life any religion that pushes force on you to do it is not of

God that's why how many of you since you became Christians have sinned before yeah and God didn't slap you he didn't kill you he's rather willing to help you so you can stay safe why won't you serve a God like this why won't you serve a God like this look at your life full of drama maybe if you have done a bit of church it should reduce that drama out of your life there's too much drama in your life be honest and admit it face the fact your life is like a merry-go-round there's no direction just going round round no direction I think you need life the reason why you're there to kill yourself is because you don't have life life doesn't you're confused about life you're angry with life you feel like tired of life yes because you don't have the life of Christ if you have the life of God you'll never be bored of life because you have a reason for living meaning to life and you who were dead in your transgressions and sins as he made alive you used to live in these sins walking it and you're walking it according to the cause of this world and according to the prince of the power or the spirit according to the spirit who is at work right according to the power of the air which is the spirit that is working now in the sense of disobedience is it possible your cousin is a son of disobedience is it possible your sister oh yes

Satan can use human beings the way the holy spirit can use human beings Satan also uses human beings never forget that so the person who is sending you that invitation is possible they are genuine and they are good will well meaning but they are just being controlled by Satan unconscious didn't Satan control Peter Satan get behind me someone who has been working with Jesus for 30 years sorry for three years Jesus had to say Satan get behind me so Satan can use anybody even can use a pastor to tell you how can you leave the church in which you were born you have to be in the church where you were born meanwhile the church where I was born couldn't when it comes to your external salvation don't play religion don't play I'll be sure made a statement when we finish he made a statement very strong he says that you have to your purpose in God you have to love your purpose in God more than your children wow you have to love your assignment in God more than your children if I should love if I love my assignment in God more than my children how about my my sisters how much more my wife how much more my cousins how much more my mom

I love my assignment in God more than any other thing but that is the only thing that will determine my reward in heaven and how I'll be judged praise God praise God praise God I see God blessing you I see you enjoying peace listen my heart really feels sorrowful for certain people here you are young but you don't have peace you don't have peace you don't have peace you don't have peace you are young but you don't have peace I think it's not fair the devil is just vandalizing your life but that's why we are in church the answer is in God God can help you never give up on yourself never give up on God God can help you you've made a lot of mistakes people make mistakes people have done other mistakes than you and have found Christ and are doing well you can do better you can do well you might not have the strength but God will give you the strength

Christ will give you the strength that's why I like preaching because I know God is establishing somebody's destiny you will not fail even if everybody in your family has failed at least you are going to be a different statistic you are going to defy the odds you are going to be a game changer in Christ Jesus this is your time don't postpone it and don't embrace the lie of the devil that nothing good can come out of you tell the devil shut up when the devil reminds you of your past remind him of his future thank you for choosing to listen to this message by David Entry we hope you are blessed by it you can connect with David Entry on all relevant social media platforms including TikTok and Threads there's also many more messages to listen to from David Entry on all relevant streaming platforms and on the Karish Church app be blessed you the other Hey you the other you know you and