

# One Body, One Spirit, One Hope of Your Calling

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[0:00] Hallelujah. Thank you for tuning in to this powerful message by David Entry at Caris Face 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. Let's pray. Father, as we guide into your word, we pray give us illumination. Holy Spirit, be our teacher.

Be our guide. Expose the hidden secrets of man and reveal Jesus to us.

As your word is taught, let the text come alive. In Jesus' name. Amen. Ephesians chapter 4, verse 1.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye were called, with all lowliness and longs and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

[1:12] There is one body, one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in all.

Amen. Amen. How many ones did we just... As I mentioned, there are seven ones. Let's count them. It says that, for there is one body, one, one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all.

Amen. Endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.

I explained that the word translated unity actually means oneness. Oneness is stronger than unity. Oneness, that word, oneness, is stronger than the word unity.

[2:33] Make every effort, in the amplified version, make every effort to keep the words oneness.

oneness. Pastor, what's the difference between oneness and unity? There is certainly a major difference between uniformity and unity, which I mentioned in the previous teachings.

before I go on to what I was talking about, the unity, don't forget, unity and uniformity. And those of you who intend to be preachers, you are joking if you haven't started building a personal relationship with your Bible.

God ain't going to use you. You are going to be a fraud. I said the last Thursday, if any desire to preach, without a discipline to prepare is a desire to perform.

We have a lot of performers behind puppets. Some of them are online. Performing and performing and performing. And what makes a person a preacher is three things.

[4:03] A preacher, God, in fact, you know in Romans chapter 10, it says, whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Then verse 14 says that, how shall they call on him of whom they have no belief?

How shall they believe in whom of whom they have no hurt? How shall they hear without a preacher? So it takes a preacher to hear.

Then, okay, verse 15. How shall they preach except they be sent? That's what I was looking for. Except they be sent. How do you know a preacher who is sent?

A preacher who is sent is the one who speaks the word of God for the word to come after you, for the word to get you, for the word to come alive, for the word to become meaningful.

That's the preacher who is sent from God. So for anyone who wants to be a sent preacher, three things that must be in your life you must do so you can be a sent preacher.

[5:10] You want to know the three things? Ezra chapter 7 verse 10, the three qualifications for God to use you as a preacher. Three things number one, for Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord.

Prepared his heart to seek. Number two, and to do it. Number three, and to teach it.

So, prepare your heart. What does it mean to prepare your heart? search, seek the word of God.

Study the word of God. You want to be a preacher, you are not studying the word of God. What are you going to talk about? Politics? Social issues? The Bible is not for that.

The Bible is not for that. 2 Timothy chapter 4 verse 2, preach the word. That's all your job. The job of a pastor is to what? I can't hear you. What's the job of a preacher?

[ 6 : 20 ] What's the job of a preacher? What are you supposed to preach? The word, not marriage. Preach the word.

Don't stand there to try and talk about your opinion. It doesn't matter. Preach. So, you want to be a preacher, but you don't study the word. What are you going to preach then? Preach the word. Many people are reading the Bible to preach it. No! Wrong approach. Read it to leave it first. Read it to leave it.

So, he read it, he prepared himself to seek, he prepares that to seek the law of the Lord and to do it. Obey it.

Obey it and leave it. Wow. God. So, he said, going back to our text, there is a difference between unity and uniformity and there's certainly a difference between unity and oneness.

[ 7 : 33 ] Unity and uniformity, uniformity is when everything looks the same. So, usually the choir might be in a uniform, police officers might be in uniform, nurses, doctors, so when you go to or even in schools, secondary schools, there's a uniform, you cannot go and wear this school's uniform and go here.

Because when we look at our students, they must all look a certain way. uniformity. In the church, God is not looking for uniformity. We all don't have to have the same hairstyle. We all don't have to wear tie and suit.

We all don't have to wear tie pin. We all don't have to wear the same color. We all don't have to shave our head. There's liberty, variety.

God is a God of variety. Even ice cream has so many varieties. Just ice cream. There is vanilla, there is chocolate, there is what?

Strawberry, there's bubblegum, there's lemon, salted caramel, honeycomb, yeah, Oreo, Oreo, cherry, Biscoff, Biscoff, Biscoff, different varieties.

[ 9 : 11 ] Variety is a spice of life. It's beautiful. It's nice. So, God, when you become born, it's called when everybody must be in a certain form and shape.

You all must wear this. It's a must, else God cannot be upset with you must wear this, you must do this, you must go here, you must do that.

Then we are beginning to move into the realm of cults because everybody must operate like a zombie, the same way. Okay, so God is not expecting the church to be uniform, but expects the church to have unity.

Unity, Jesus says that love one another and by this the world will know that you are of me. John chapter 13 verse 35.

We have to be united. Bible talks in Colossians chapter 2, it said have the same mind.

[ 10 : 17 ] Have the same mind. The same mind is not uniformity, but oneness. Before the Holy Ghost came, Acts chapter 2 verse 1.

On the day of Pentecost, they were all together in one place. How? With one accord. That's this oneness. There's unity going there.

But in Ephesians chapter 4, as I told you, King James uses the word unity of the spirit, but the original Greek is oneness of the spirit.

What's the difference between unity and oneness? Unity is where the hair is cohesiveness.

Everything is like we're working together, flowing together.

So you can bring him, bring this one, let's all sit together and talk or have fun together. We are doing this. That's unity. Okay. Whilst oneness is quite a different thing altogether.

[ 11 : 17 ] If you pull a strand of hair from this gentleman and you pull a strand of hair from this gentleman, when you take it to the lab, you can tell that these are from two different people.

But if you take his nail and his hair and you take it to the lab, you can tell that they have something in common. It is the same life. So oneness talks about life.

It's like there's, so, so, so, I might not know you, but the fact that you are Christian, watch this, this is a serious thing, I might not know you, but you can be a Christian in Japan, and I'm a Christian in England, and yet we have oneness.

We have oneness. So, the boundaries of Christianity is not defined by geographical location. The boundaries of Christianity is not defined by denomination.

The boundary of Christianity is not defined by culture or race. You can be in a different culture from somebody else, and yet you still have oneness. We might not even speak the same language, but we still have oneness.

[12:31] So, oneness, for instance, the blood that flows in my toe is the same blood that flows in my ear. Why? Because they have oneness.

My body is one body. Every part of my body shares this oneness. shares this, what makes the body one is that it shares one life, a shared life, a shared life.

That is what makes the church an organism more than an organization. The difference between an organism and an organization is an organization is amalgamation or bringing together of different components.

So, when you look at your car, your car is made up of parts. So, in some countries, they don't manufacture the car, but they assemble the car.

It's called an assembling plant. They have a plant that assembles different, different things. So, like, this microphone, this microphone is very interesting. Just let me let you in on this.

[13:48] This microphone is very interesting. They don't sell it like this. They sell it as parts. Not all microphones. Many microphones are used, but this is professional microphones.

So, you buy this. You buy, it's called a capsule. You buy the capsule, which is a different price. So, there are different types of capsules you can buy.

This is one amazing one. Okay? So, you buy the capsule and then you buy the battery. So, they sell this separately. And now, you get a professional microphone.

And it's, you assemble them together. So, it's one unit, but it's made up of assembled parts. The difference between this and my arm is that even though my arm has also got parts, really, I've got the fingers and I've got the hand, I've got the wrists and all these parts.

The parts, what makes it an organism is that, it shares one life. So, it's the same life that over time has become this. I didn't buy my, if the battery goes wrong, you can buy another one, but not your hand.

[15:15] You can't go and buy somebody's hand and start using. That's why you have prosthetic limbs. It's not, it's not organic. organic. The body of Christ, the church is organic.

It's organism. So, if you become born again, it's an organic extension of the, so I'm an organic part of Jesus. this. And the fact, this is the message, the fact that you have become a Christian means you share one life with me.

And so, we are organic, we have an organic union. Wow. Not just an organization, but organism which have an organic union.

So, when you become born again, God asks himself organically to you. Is someone getting what I'm saying? Yes.

So, now, when you look at the Christian church, what is the basis of our oneness?

[16:31] The basis of our oneness, the Bible didn't leave us in the dark. It makes it clear to us, Ephesians chapter 4, verse 3, endeavor to keep the oneness of the Spirit.

You didn't start the oneness, the Spirit of God who does it. Keep it. your job is to keep it. Do anything possible to keep this oneness. Endeavor to keep the oneness in the bond of peace. Then he begins to tell us the seven what makes areas of oneness. Number one, he says that there is one body. One body. I know of, I have friends who are in redeemed Christian church of God. church. I have friends who are in the Presbyterian church. I have friends who are in the Baptist church.

I have friends who are brothers who are in the Assemblies of God church. I have friends who are in First Love. I have friends who are in Winner's Chapel.

[17:44] I have friends who are in Church of God in Christ. I have friends who are in different churches. We can be here and maybe another church is also going on somewhere in another auditorium.

As long as it's a Christian church, we have oneness. Why? Because it's the same body. It's not like this one is European body and this is American body of Christ.

No, no. There is only one body. So he said there is one body. Let's all say one body. Romans chapter 12 verse 4 and 5.

1 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 12. Somebody learn it out. Romans chapter 12 verse 5. Let's go to verse 5. It says that so we be I think I like it when we're all ready together. Is that okay? Shall we all read there? Let's go. So we be many are one body in Christ and everyone members upon our love.

[18:54] Wow. We are all interconnected. As soon as you become born again, you are my responsibility, I'm your responsibility. because it's it said we being many are one body in Christ.

You see, it's not human beings that are one body. It's the in Christness that defines our oneness. If you are in Christ, I have an organic, don't forget that phrase, organic union with you.

If she's in Christ, he's in Christ. Even though you might come from different postcodes. Even though you used to be in rivalry gangs, once your ex becomes born again, there is this oneness.

Not physical oneness, please. Let me give you a proper phraseology for this. It's mystical oneness. Mystical union with Christ. It's a mystery. It's mystical. It's not physical. It's mystical.

[20:09] So the theological term is mystical union. We have mystical union one with another because even though we are many, are we?

Yes. Even though we are many, we are one body in Christ. Ephesians chapter 2 verse 16, this is simple. I'm glad somebody's learning something.

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 16, it says that, and that he might reconcile both, you know that, remember the both, that he might reconcile both Jews and Gentiles unto God.

How? In one body. Christians are one body. That's why you don't have to rejoice because some Christian sister is in trouble.

Don't join unbelievers in attacking your fellow Christian. We are one body. 1 Corinthians chapter 12 verse 12.

[21:19] For us the body is how many? One. Three? One. Four? One. Many? One. The body is how many?

One. But how many members? Many members. Even in church today, look at the number of members. But we are one. We are one.

Tell somebody we are one. So learn to forgive. Learn to forgive. Forgive me. Forgive me if I step on your toe. Forgive me. And all the members of that one body be many are one body.

So also is Christ. Christ is one body. So seven ones. The first one is one body. Let's all say one body. Everybody say one body.

Can somebody say one body? One body. Number two. What is there?

[22:24] One spirit. What is there? One spirit. So there is one body, one spirit. One spirit here means the spirit operating in you that is responsible for your being born again.

It's not different from if you are born again, there is the same spirit. It's the same spirit. It's the same spirit. In fact, in Romans chapter 8 verse 11, it said, verse 9 first, verse 9 first, if you don't have the spirit of Christ, you are none of his.

That's strong. Romans chapter 8 verse 9, but ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit. If so be that the spirit of God dwells in you.

Now, if any man has not the spirit of Christ, what is the person? He is none of his. Don't be dizzy. What makes you part of Christ is the spirit of Christ.

The spirit of Christ. And so, watch this. That means that there can be people walking on earth who don't have the spirit of Christ. Because not everybody has the spirit of Christ, and those who don't have the spirit of Christ, it's evident that they don't belong to him.

[23:40] They are none of his. You are not his. You are not his. What makes you part of Christ is not just coming to a church. What makes you part of Christ is his spirit dwelling in you.

I taught you the other time, it's called the indwelling spirits. The spirit of God indwells us. That's what makes us children of God.

That's what makes us part of Christ. Being regenerated by the spirit. The God is regenerated now by the works not by the works of righteousness which you have done but according to his mercy he has saved us and by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

It's the Holy Spirit that renews us. It's the Holy Spirit that does the work of God in us. Jesus said the spirit is with you.

He said I'm going and you are not happy I'm going but it's good that I go because when I go if I don't go he will not come. He says now he is with you. John chapter 14 16 17 now he is with you but he shall be in you.

[ 25 : 07 ] Wow. Wow. What's the meaning of thank you? Thank you. I will pray the father and he shall give you another that he may abide with you forever.

The next verse. The spirit of two whom the world cannot receive. Why? Because it seeth him not. Neither knoweth him but ye have known him for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. Before Jesus went to the cross the spirit was with them. But now after the cross the spirit and when you watch some of those wild movies that maybe somebody drinks concoction horror movie or something you know when the Dracula bites you what happens?

You also become vampire vampire yeah you become a vampire in the same way when I preach to you the word of truth and you receive Jesus oh I've infected you with the spirit of God hallelujah the spirit has entered you and you are a different person you are a different person you have changed and sometimes people think we who are those of us who are Christian our behavior is based on our merely and purely our decision to behave no our behavior is built on our nature inside something has happened to us something has happened to us so it says that because you are sons God has sent Galatians chapter 4 verse 5 because you are sons

God has sent the spirit of his son into your heart which Christ when the Christian shout Lord Jesus is not just from the mind it's from his inner man what makes you a Christian is what has happened in your inner man Ephesians chapter 3 verse 16 he said I pray that God will strengthen you by his akashadah by his by his spirits in your inner man 2nd Corinthians chapter 4 verse 16 and 17 since he says that even though our outward man perishes our inward man our inward man the spirit works works with our inner mind works in our inner mind works in our inner mind Romans chapter 8 verse 14 and verse 16

[ 28 : 03 ] Romans says that for as many as are led by the spirit of God they are the sons of God I like verse 15 too it says for God for ye have not received the spirit of bondage that means when you're born again you receive a spirit and he said the spirit you have received is not a spirit of bondage my goodness but you have received a spirit of adoption you have been adopted into the family of God whereby whereby we cry Abba Father they can copy our cry but they can't mimic our adoption they can't copy the way we cry but they can't copy our nature because this nature thing is a spiritual thing verse 16 says that for the spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God the children of God there is an there is an internal evidence

I might not be able to articulate it to you but I know listen Bishop I like the way he put it let me say that before I say what I say Bishop Pope said you cannot love without knowing how can you say I love I don't know I love I didn't know I love him I didn't know I love him you cannot love without knowing that's why Jesus asked Peter do you love me do you love me John chapter 21 verse 15 16 do you love me do you love me you cannot love without knowing in the same way you cannot be born again without knowing you can't say I'm not ready I don't know I'm not born again you are not born again because those of us who are born again we know it we know it oh yes we know it it's not because of our behavior but it's because of our inner man something has happened to me on the inside something has happened to me something has happened to me he that is joined to Christ is one spirit this thing is more spiritual than you think you can only serve him with your spirit thanks be to God Romans chapter 1 verse 9 Romans chapter 1 verse 9 Romans chapter 1 verse 9 for God is my witness whom I serve with my spirit it's a spiritual thing this is a spiritual thing it's not behavioral thing it's a spiritual thing it's a spiritual thing so Romans chapter 8 verse 9 as I read earlier on said if you don't have the spirit of Christ he who doesn't have the spirit of Christ is none of his verse 10 but if Christ be in you so Christ can be inside you oh my goodness where is Christ is inside me where is Christ is inside me where is Christ some religious say oh we also believe in Jesus but you come back because their

God their God hates Jesus and he's coming Jesus is somewhere no no it's not anywhere he's inside me he's inside me he's inside me he's inside me John the Baptist said behold the lamb behold the lamb that's him he's coming but we said no he's inside me I'm not telling he's coming I'm carrying him I'm walking with him he's inside me he says that if Christ be Romans chapter! verse 10 that if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin the body is dead because of but the spirit is alive because of righteous did you see how righteous behavior matters?

[ 31 : 44 ] because of righteousness your righteous behavior makes the spirit come alive oh my goodness your fornication makes the spirit die! you withdraw the spirit withdraws oh no oh no but as you begin to walk in righteousness a born again sister a born again believer as you walk in righteousness you empower the spirit the spirit comes alive he can talk to you he can guide you he

can direct you he can instruct you he can teach you but when you live in sin you mute him he can't talk you know when you watch the movies where someone is kidnapped they put ducted some of you you are born again but the spirit is you are entering a relationship he wants to tell you no but he can't talk and you are still going in a relationship then when you fall in trouble you say holy spirit where were you let the spirit come alive let the spirit come alive it's one spirit someone scream one spirit one spirit 1 1 17 says that he who is joined to the to the

Lord is one spirit 2 3 17 the Lord is the spirit my goodness there are not different shades and different types there is only one Holy Spirit for we have been baptized into one spirit.

2 Corinthians chapter 12, 13. By one spirit, yeah, chapter 12. By one spirit, we were all baptized. Say one spirit. One spirit. Into how many bodies?

One. Even though you were baptized in that church, it's the same. My brother was baptized, my uncle was baptized in different, it doesn't matter if it's a Christian church and it's the Christ, he actually believed in Christ, then we all entered one spirit.

We might be in different places, but we will meet in the spirit. Oh, all roads, every Christian road is leading us into the spirit. Somebody shout hallelujah.

[ 34 : 06 ] Hallelujah! So one body, one spirit. You know, I want to hold my Bible.

That thing is a blessing. I like my Bible. You are a Christian. For six months, you became a Christian. You've only been buying shoes and scarves.

You've not bought a Bible. Yes. I mean, after you became born again, there's nothing wrong with buying them. But you must boast of owning a Bible you bought yourself.

I know they've gifted you some Bibles. Somebody has gifted you Bibles and your grandmother left you one and your dad gave you a Bible and your neighbors gave you Jehovah Witness Bible. It's not a Bible. If you have a black Bible, which is called New World Translation. New World Translation.

[ 35 : 02 ] It is not the Christian Bible. It's not the same as this. New World Translation is not the same as this. Pastor, why are you saying it's not the same as this?

Read John chapter 1 verse 1. He will tell you in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and that's where it ends.

It cannot tell you the Word was God. No, no, no. It cannot tell you that because Jehovah Witness believed Jesus is not God. And for you to be a true Christian, you must believe Jesus is God and that he died on the cross.

God who came in the flesh, born by the Virgin Mary, died on the cross, resurrected on the third day and is seated in heaven and his death was for forgiveness of our sins.

You as a sinner, you believe that, that he died for your sins. That's what makes you a Christian. Not coming to church. Coming to church doesn't make you a Christian but you can't be a Christian without going to church because we are one body.

[ 36 : 04 ] Yes. As soon as you become a Christian, one of the sins that you are Christian is you are looking for. When a child is born and the child is healthy, they look for something to suck because they need milk.

Anything you put your finger and they will suck it. Yeah, the child is okay. So if you are born again, you have the life of God, you cannot exempt yourself from where Christians gather. And there might be different Christian gatherings but there will be one you belong to.

Like the way there are different, a lot of houses in town, isn't it? But your house is not every one of them. Your house is one of them. You must always have a spiritual address. So there is one body, one spirit.

Even as you, you know I spoke about their calling. Yeah, God, you can't tell me you're a Christian and they didn't call you. You have a job.

Who employed you? No one has employed me. I don't run a business. I'm going to work. To have a job, you must be employed. Unless you are running your own business.

[ 37 : 13 ] Soul trader. But the point here is that we are called. Say I'm called. I'm called. Say I'm called. I'm called. The Bible says that for I am called by your name.

For I am called of the Lord. For I am called by your name. It says that your call. Thank you, Jesus. God didn't call you because he wants to clear his truth.

It's like, yeah, I'm worried. Charles! Yes, dad. Dad, he called me. Oh, sorry. I was just clearing my throat. God is not calling you because he's just calling to clear.

He called you with a purpose. And then he says that every calling has an attachment of hope that comes with it.

Even as you are called in one hope of your calling. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 18. It said, I'm praying for you that God will give you the spirit of wisdom, revelation, and knowledge of the eyes of your understanding be enlightened that you may know what?

[ 38 : 42 ] You may know what? The hope of his calling. His calling comes with the hope. And please, okay, I remember years ago about, yeah, almost about 17 years ago when I used to be, I used to preach on television, I explained this.

And I said something about the Christian hope. many people from certain backgrounds have started attending church because they are looking for prosperity.

Many people have been coming to church because they think that if I can get a Christian man to marry, I'm better off. So, you didn't come for Christ, he didn't come for Christ.

he came for a girl, you came for a man. God will connect you. So, it is very easy to come, that's why even when we are preaching, preaching to people or preaching in church, we have to be careful.

It's very easy to come to church with this and this idea that my problems are now about to stop. in fact, the truth is sometimes when you come to Jesus, your problems start.

[ 40 : 21 ] How many of you have had problems since you became a Christian? Many years ago, a group of salvationists, Salvation Army, you know, they like playing band.

That's their way of doing outreach which is okay. so they were doing outreach and there's this Johnny guy who was, has become born again and his job was to play the drum. Boom, boom, the big one.

Boom, boom. And then, so as he was playing and the preacher finished, the preacher starts preaching. He said, the best thing that can happen to you is to be in Jesus.

It's fun. It's amazing. Johnny, is it not true? Oh yeah, I'm just sitting and playing this boring drum, this boring. Some preaching that tells you come to Jesus and all your problems will stop is not really accurate.

Some problems will start when you come to Jesus. A guy came to church, became born again, but his means of living was fraud. But when he became born again, now he's a genuine Christian, he couldn't be doing fraud.

[ 41 : 31 ] And he's not that struggling. Sometimes money to buy food, he didn't have it. His life started with some of the girls. That soft life and party life are the party.

Party. Party. Every weekend, you are somewhere, you are somewhere. And it's because of the lifestyle you are living. But now, you are in Christ and you are a genuinely changed person.

The spirit of Christ is in you. You know you can't live that anymore. It comes with some problems. Now, when we talk about the hope of his calling, it's said that Apostle Paul, and that must be the same in your case, it's said that Apostle Paul had only two days in his diary.

Today and that day. There's a day coming when we shall stand before. So, 2 Timothy chapter 4, verse 7, it said, I fought a good fight.

I've finished my course and I've kept the faith. Verse 8, it said, henceforth, there's later for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous shall give to me when?

[ 42 : 40 ] At that day. Paul lived towards that day. We Christians only talk about lifestyle. You have to start thinking about your death style. when you die.

When you die, you have to live with the mindset that one day you will stand before a judgment seat. Paul, everything was doing in church, all the preaching, all his work, he had today and that day.

That's all that mattered. What I'm doing today towards that day, those two days. Yesterday, I don't care. Today, what I'm doing now? Now, what are you doing? How are you living your Christian life?

You have to live it in light of the day, that day. There's a day coming on that day, on that day. 2 Timothy 1, verse 12, for which cause I suffer all this, nevertheless, I am not ashamed for I know in whom I believe and I am persuaded that I am able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

That day. That day. On that day, it's going to be amazing. Paul, Paul worked towards that day. He's one of the few people in life who wrote their obituaries before they die.

[ 43 : 49 ] He said, I'm not waiting for you to write for me. I'm writing my own thing. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Why?

Because his death style was more important to him than his lifestyle. On that day.

Many believers. And so, when I got born again in my early days of Christianity, it was normal for a normal Christian to be thinking about that day. Nowadays, many pastors don't even think about it at all.

Many pastors don't consider a day coming. Many Christian leaders don't consider a day coming. That's why they live their life the way they live it. Many Christians in their, not just the purpose, their pews as well, don't consider what you're going to say.

2 Timothy chapter, 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Wow. Everyone is going to be there on that day.

[ 44 : 56 ] On that day. 2 Timothy chapter 1, chapter 4, sorry. 2 Timothy chapter 4 verse 1. He said that, I charge you before God and Jesus, the Lord Jesus Christ who will judge the living and the dead.

If you spend all your time running away from him, when you die, he will still judge you. So you judge the, it's not only the living, the living and the dead.

So you run away when you're alive. When you die, he will still judge you. It's not only the living. It's not only the living. It's not only the living. Somebody shouts that day. That day. So this is what we used to say.

We look forward to the day we'll be married. Like some of you does. Your entire, much of your brain, three quarters of your brain is obsessed with the day you marry.

You dream about it. You think about it. You watch things about it. You are always imagining. I can only imagine how it's even imagining.

[ 46 : 02 ] You are imagining. Not imagining evil or not imagining sin. You are imagining when you are a husband. Then you are a husband and you come from work and your wife says, hello honey.

the hope of his calling is not to make you a wife.

not every Christian woman gets married eventually. Not every Christian man gets married eventually. I'm not saying you won't. I believe you will.

But, but, don't pitch your tent in Christianity there. Don't hang the hinges of your Christianity on certain aspirations that ordinary human beings look forward to.

Ordinary human beings look forward to having money, having good jobs, having good family life, having good health. That is what ordinary human beings and so the gospel which promises, come to Jesus and you have good health.

[ 47 : 10 ] Come to Jesus and you have money. Come to Jesus and you have marriage. Come to, it's very dangerous and pernicious. It's not the accurate gospel. That's why someone can be in church for a while.

It says that I'm disappointed because I've been in church and I'm struggling. Who told you church is an escape route from struggling? There are many people who are not in church but they are not struggling.

Many people are not in Christ and they are not struggling in the area you are struggling. Especially financially. People don't know Christ and they have too much money. So when did being in Christ become a means for getting money?

So those of you I am bursting your bubble hoping that one day you will get a lot of money because you are in Christ.

It is not the hope of our calling. Some of us by virtue of your assignment you will never lack. In fact watch this.

[ 48 : 17 ] Lack is not a blessing. So if you are blessed God will move you from the Bible said he shall supply all your needs. But I'm not talking about luxury and I'm not talking about living your life to get abundance.

we have friends. a pastor friend of mine years ago said oh my goodness my biggest aim in life is to live in a seven bedroom house with a swimming pool.

Yes. Some of us your biggest dream your biggest dream in life your biggest aspiration and hope in life is to own a yacht.

Wow. is to your own a yacht. Is to own an apartment in Kensington. Your biggest dream is to be an employer with maybe a hundred employees or a business owner and playing golf whilst you are making your it is not it is not evil in itself but as a Christian that shouldn't be your biggest.

your greatest hope is the hope of his calling hallelujah the hope of his calling and the hope of his calling is one day we shall meet him.

[ 49 : 34 ] We shall meet him. First John chapter 3 verse 1 he said behold what manner of love the father has given unto us that we should be called the sons of God oh my goodness hallelujah hallelujah what manner of love what kind of love is this I will worship you forever love you forever because this God is good to do hey I will worship you forever love you forever because this God is good behold what manner of love the father has given unto us that we should be called the sons of God I'm a child of God come on it's such the greatest privilege of life that we should be called the sons of God therefore the world knows us not because it doesn't know him don't let us try to prove a point for the world to like us Jesus said in the book of John he says that if the world loved me they would have loved you the world you are not he said the world loves us so John chapter 18 no chapter 15 from verse 17 18 19 yeah I think so he said that for 15 17 18 if you were of the world the world would love his own but because you are not of the world but I have chosen

I have chosen you out of therefore the world hated you the world won't like you just know this for once and for all the world will not like you if you are going to be a pure Christian and walk with Christ the world will not like you and some of you your friends will exclude you he said well verse 18 let's look at verse 18 there's something there verse 18 it says if the world hates you ye know that it hated me before it hated you the world hated me first before it hated you so why are you surprised verse 20 why are you surprised remember the word that I have spoken unto you or the word that I said unto you that a servant is not greater than his lord if they have persecuted me they will also persecute you if they have kept my saying they will keep yours also don't let us be in a hurry to go into bed with the world the world would not like us but what I'm saying is that you become born again and all your fundamental aspirations are still the same thing like the worldly there should be something that supersedes every natural fundamental aspiration which is the hope of your calling when you say yes to

Jesus Colossians chapter 1 verse 27 said Christ in you hope of glory the hope of glory first Corinthians is Ephesians chapter 1 verse 18 it says that that I'm praying for you that God will give you the spiritual wisdom and revelation the knowledge of him that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened for what means so you will know the hope of many people don't know the hope of their calling behold what manner of love the father has given unto us verse John chapter 3 verse 1 that we should be called the sons of God the world does not know us because the world did not know him verse 2 I like the verse 2 it says that verse 2 says that beloved now we are the sons of God and it has not yet appeared what we shall be but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is and then the next verse says that he who has this hope you see the kind of hope I'm talking about you see the kind of hope I'm talking about the reason why you are sinning left right and center is because you don't have the hope of his coming he who has this hope in himself purifies it's in your screen it's not your bible he who has this hope in himself purifies himself even as

Jesus is pure the hope of meeting him makes you keep yourself when you lose sight of the hope we are all being called into that's why it's so dangerous for people to come to church and all the aspiration in church is for carnal things it's for money it's for good health it's good money is good good health is good and may God give you all in Jesus name but that shouldn't be a fundamental desire marriage is good and may God give you good marriage but there's something that supersedes that for the believer no unbeliever can ever have that kind of hope but if you have a hope that all believers can have it is not the ultimate hope no unbeliever can look forward to the coming of Jesus no how can an unbeliever look forward to the no it's not in an unbeliever to do that it can do it it's like trying to teach a dog how to read the news he can't do it you get what I'm saying believers hope is the hope of his calling there's this hope that comes with his calling not my calling he did the call and the call comes with the hope the hope of

Ephesians chapter 1 verse 18 that you might know the hope of his call the eyes of understanding being enlightened that you might know what is the hope of his calling he called you with a certain hope he called you into a certain hope he called you come into it come and inherit this hope that's what every believer has every Christian that's what you see that's what makes you my brother I know some of you call pastor daddy daddy please there's nothing I know what you mean there's nothing entirely wrong but really you are my brother we all have one father you are my sister you are my brother we are brothers and sisters I can be your spiritual father that is a truth when it comes to service in the work of God but when it comes to the family of God there's no father there's only one father when it comes to we be all family members of God there's only one father nobody is

father nobody is father is there in your text one father we haven't got into them  
[ 56 : 14 ] I just went ahead of myself but there's one hope of your calling so we talk about how  
many one word first of all one body one spirit one hope of your calling one one lord one faith one  
baptism I think next week I'll go to the verse five let's all say that together one lord one faith one  
baptism one more time one lord one faith one for the last time one lord one faith one baptism amen  
did you receive something give jesus a shout of praise thank you for choosing to listen to this  
message by david entry we hope you were 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 carish church app be  
blessed