

(Faith Community Chapel) 10/29

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of repentance and a change of heart in salvation, and warns against a watered-down gospel that ignores sin.

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Scripture: John 8:34, Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, Romans 6:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 2 Timothy 3:16, 1 Peter 2:12

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the concept of being enslaved to sin. He explains that it is not just about committing isolated sins, but rather living a life of sin. The preacher highlights the tragic reality of being a servant of sin and the consequences it brings. He emphasizes the importance of repentance and the need for true freedom that can only come from Jesus Christ. The sermon also touches on the sinful nature of children and the transformative power of Christ in their lives.

Transcript

Thank you. I don't know why it's whistling, but we'll have to stop that whistling. Okay, so whoever's making it whistle, stop it now.

I don't know how to be more kind to the poor people who are going to have nervous breakdowns with our loud-speaking system. I'm deeply grateful to God that I could be here tonight, and I'm deeply grateful to the dear brothers who have so kindly asked me to come to this part of God's vineyard. It is just an honor.

I'm deeply grateful for all of you, though, who have come with seeking hearts, and God bless you for that. Now we are going to have a moment of prayer, and even if you have to put it down a little bit, brother, so long as it stops whistling, I will be deeply grateful. There's a slight whistle here.

I'd rather have it down ever so slightly, but don't let it whistle, please. Let's just bow for a moment of prayer before God. Our Father, we thank Thee that we can gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

We thank Thee for the Savior. Above everything that could come near our minds or thoughts, we worship Thee for our Savior Jesus, who died for us. That His blood was shed for us, that we might have eternal life.

We bless Thee that He rose from the dead, and in all His risen ascended glory, He ever liveth to make intercession for us. We have a high priest. Oh, we bless Thee for such a high priest as ours, that ever

liveth to make intercession for us.

Wherefore, He is able to save us to the uttermost, who come to God through Him. So now, Father, as our Savior intercedes for us, come and mercy upon us by the Holy Spirit. Wash me in the blood afresh, that I might be by Thy grace and in mercy, a vessel meet for the Master's use.

Come, protect us from all the powers of darkness, from our enemy the devil. Rebuke thou thyself him away from this place by the risen resurrected power of Christ, and brood upon this building by the Holy Ghost. Visit our hearts, for we long for God, and we are deeply conscious that no man can do anything for us.

Without Thee, we can do nothing. Our expectations in Thee and Thee only come in spite of the weakness of this man, the baseness, the unworthiness, who at his best is most unprofitable of all God's servants. But in spite of that, let Thy strength be made perfect in weakness, for Thy glory, that no flesh will ever glory in Thy presence.

Come, visit us. Visit us, God, in a way that we will be stirred to love Thee more than ever before in our lives. In Jesus the Christ's name.

In Jesus the Christ's holy name. Amen. In Romans 6, verse 16, Paul asks the staggering question, Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey? His servant ye are to whom ye obey.

His servant ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. But God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin. But ye have obeyed from the heart, ye have obeyed from the heart, that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey? His servant ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

The dear Lord Jesus Christ turned to man and uttered words that man had never rightly considered. And He said in John 8, verse 34, Whosoever committeth sin, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. Whosoever committeth sin is the servant, the servant of sin.

Now that's a tragic verse. Don't read this book fast, brother, sister. Don't lose any verse God has to whisper into your heart, His heart, to give revelation.

There is something here when Christ speaks of a servant of sin that is so tragic that your heart should break, as mine has. As I look at this earth, it explains something to me that I would be so confused about if Christ hadn't said these words. There's something here that Christ is telling us clearly.

It's not talking about an isolated sin here, an isolated sin there. He's talking about a life of sin. He's talking clearly that you are enslaved.

You are a slave. It's not a choice. You don't choose when to go conveniently and enjoy sin.

You become conscious at some point in life. You are enslaved. You all become conscious at some point in life.

Some children, barely out of this, barely out of a conscious, they're enslaved. It's a tragic thing. When you can't choose to stop, no matter what the repercussions, no matter what the consequences, you become conscious.

I can't stop. I have no choice. I want to ask you all a question.

I want you to answer it. Even the smallest boy, the smallest girl here today, I want you to answer this question to your heart. God's looking at your heart, little girl, so answer it honestly.

Do you think, do you think that a man chooses to lose his children, their love? Do you think a man honestly chooses to look at his child and see hatred in the eyes of a child, contempt, fear? Do you think a man wants to lose the love and trust of his children? Do you honestly believe a man calculatedly would say, I choose this, that he doesn't want to stop if he sees it coming, if he sees it in those eyes? Do you think a man wants to lose his wife and to make her weep because of his sin? Wants to lose those things he loves most? Do you think he chooses? No, no. Do you think a man chooses to lose his health, his sin, his honor, his self-respect, to lose everything that is worth anything? To lose it, lose it, not able to hold on because of sin? Tragedy. This is what Christ tells us.

What percentage of the homes, I'm not talking about little Mennonite colonies, where you have to a great degree protection above most in this world. What percentage of most in this world right now have lost everything because of their sin, their health, their work, their friends, happiness. Do you think sin makes you happy? Oh, child, if you smile today, you'll soon know what it is that even in laughter, the heart is sorrowful.

Sin doesn't give you happiness. Do you think it does? The devil is so evil, he makes you think. You all weep soon when you realize what you lose in life through this thing you played a fool with and eventually become conscious.

The more you go against the God-given conscious, the more you have been opened to what you cannot let go even if everything in life is lost. Whosoever committeth sin, oh, I would love to have seen the Savior's face as he looked at man and said the statement that God had to tell man, is the servant a slave? Admit it, admit it. It's no longer a choice even if you lose everything in life.

You're a slave of sin. But, he says in verse 36, I'd love to have seen his face. Oh, that I could have had that joy of watching God manifest in the flesh.

Look at man and say these words for the first time. If the Son, capital S, if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed. You know what that means? Gloriously free.

That's the closest you'll ever come to what God said to man. Now, did Jesus Christ lie? Did he lie to what he would do to the man, the woman, the child that slaved to sin, enslaved a servant? No choice anymore. It has to do it, no matter what the cost, no matter what the consequences.

Drawn back like someone insane, just when, just, you have no hope outside of Jesus Christ. But if the Son shall set you free, this holy book declares, you shall be free indeed. Hallelujah.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.

Now, either God lied there, you make up your mind, or that happened to you, or you're not saved. Therefore, if all of you put a big circle around that now, if, if this didn't happen to you, no one in the whole world ever saw this happen to you. But if it happened to you, every single person on this earth that knows you in this earth, beginning in the home, whether it's your child or your father or your mother or your sister or brother, knows this happened to you, if you're in Christ.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, look, God says to everyone that knows you.

If God can't say that of you, I fear for your soul. If any man, even a child, you'll think the children sitting here, no difference is going to be seen when they come, when Christ comes in their heart. You don't know, not my child, that he's not ruined by sin, little angel.

Oh, sir, you're born in sin, child. Don't any mother and father sit there and tell me your child's a sinner. Let me come to your home then for a week.

It's to watch your child revealing he was born with a sinful nature. Doesn't take long, even when he's a baby, before he can speak. You know when he wants his way and when he's really good, but angry with life, you know.

Not getting his way. A child, when he comes to Christ, he doesn't have to be a drunk for God to say to everyone in the world, look, this has really happened. This child has changed totally.

Everyone knows it, even a child. You don't have to wait until you're a drug addict before anybody can say, I honestly can see a change. There's no such a thing as anybody coming to Christ that a tremendous transformation that is staggering that God can say and the devil will tremble at, look, behold, look.

And if God can't say that even of a child, I doubt the child's salvation. Don't cheapen this gospel by saying anything less will ever happen in the heart, sir. Don't cut out verses of the Bible and say not applicable to my child.

My brother is three years older than me. And I was so unsaved, it's beyond comprehension. Someone, if he could have been that unsaved, if it makes sense.

But when I saw my brother turn to Christ, it didn't take a week. It didn't take a month. It didn't take a year before I started thinking.

That night when he came home, from that night, my whole home was stunned to shocked silence. Stunned, shocked, unbelief. We couldn't speak at this change.

Now, I didn't know this was in the Bible, but I could have told you. Almost word perfect by a life. From the moment I saw my brother's salvation, I knew, though I didn't know, I never heard in my life from any pulpit.

I knew that if any man is truly saved by Jesus Christ, if any man comes to Christ, any man be in Christ, he's a new creature. All things are passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

I could have almost quoted the Bible word perfect before I ever heard that verse in my life, because of a life. You see, we become living epistles. Known and read of all men.

Read, as if it's the Holy Bible. Not with ink, but with the Spirit of God. Known and read of all men.

Once you are saved, there's no one that doesn't read the gospel of Christ, sir. You don't need to get someone to a message to hear the gospel. You just need someone saved, and that home is in terrible trouble.

Because they know from that moment onwards they're going to hell. Once someone gets saved. In truth.

Because that never happened to them. Oh, I could have said no to doctrine. I could have said no to messages, and God knew that.

So God is perfect. He just showed me a life that I knew backwards. I knew inside out that life, and I couldn't argue with God.

This. No man could transform himself to this degree in one night. No man could so change himself.

No man has the capacity, the strength, the ability to maintain this day after day, week after week, month after month. I was desperate for God to save my soul before I heard any sermon ever being preached. I heard God preaching through a life.

That's salvation, sir. That's 2 Corinthians 5:17. Mighty verse.

God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Oh, I love that. I know some preachers who wouldn't dare say that from the pulpit because they don't believe it.

It doesn't go with their doctrine. All men. No, no, no, no.

No, sir. God doesn't mock man. God's not deranged.

You say God's deranged if you say He didn't mean that. Brother, I believe this with all my heart. God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

If that was in the Scriptures, it would be heresy. You're a heretic if you don't shout it loud and clear because it is in the Scriptures. Leave the pulpit.

You're not there for souls. You're there for a doctrine. The day you want to defend a doctrine and not be there for the soul, you're in trouble with God.

Heaven help you if you don't cry it loud and clear that God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Repent ye therefore. Repent ye therefore, God says, and be ye converted that your sins may be blotted out.

Acts 3 verse 19. Repent ye therefore and be ye converted that your sins may be blotted out. Your sins have never been blotted out if you've never repented from them, if you've never been converted from them.

Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins, the same shall have mercy, God says. I don't see anything else in this book. Be not deceived, no unrighteous person shall enter the kingdom of heaven, not that defileth shall enter therein.

And he names the sins that today our theologians sent from hell, false prophets. They say this is wrong. These sins that we, that God says, don't be deceived, you commit this, and God names it.

They stand up and want to ordain men in the sense. They say God's wrong. The day you fight this book, sir, you fight the very foundation of your faith that you say you represent.

The day you question this book, you'll just write across your life, I'm a false prophet, a heretic. Don't doubt this, don't soft-soap these men if they got degrees in universities that tell us all these things against what God says. No, sir, no unrighteous person shall enter the kingdom of heaven, not that defileth, and God names the sins.

And it's fearful, because theologians fight for those sinners to be ordained to preach. And God says, no, don't deceive yourself. Repent ye therefore, be ye converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

The one thing, the one thing that God cannot do for you is repent. The one thing God cannot do for you is repent. The one thing you cannot do is set yourself free.

You become conscious of this. If God the Holy Ghost speaks to you through anyone handing the word of God right, and not lying, you will become conscious the one thing God cannot do for you is repent. That's your job, God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, that's your job.

Repent ye therefore, be ye converted, that's God places on the free will of man. That God place is there and He will not do for you. You have to turn, you become conscious.

You have to turn to God in a way that you allow God to set you free. And God cannot set you free until you allow Him. He can't force you, you have to the free will choose.

You have to look beyond forgiveness of sins to be saved. Or otherwise you trample underfoot the blood of Christ telling this world you are saved by the blood of Christ and continuing in the sin. That's a lie from hell.

What junk, what junk, what junk will walk in this building? For you say the gospel is preached with a bottle. I mean this is obnoxious to even think of, let alone preach it, but I'm going to do it to show you how obnoxious these men are in the understanding of God. What junk will walk into your church holding a bottle, listen to the gospel of Christ? And then they come forward at your appeal.

And they say a sinner's prayer, you help them. But you look, you know he hasn't put the bottle down, he's saying a sinner's prayer holding the bottle. He's drunk.

Then he gets up and now he walks out with the bottle. After responding to your appeal, to your message of the gospel. And now he walks out with the bottle.

What junk, what anybody in his right mind would accept that that man saved. But now, what sin do you, as you get on your knees praying for God to save you from hell, from the consequences and the judgment. What sin do you know you're not giving up? What sin do you know you never gave up? You had no intention, oh you came.

You know what the greatest tragedy today is? About the presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the entire world. The majority of evangelical churches across the world leave out one word. And it's the great tragedy of our day and age.

That word is repent. Oh come, believe, receive, accept, but repent. Oh you won't hear that.

I mean that might offend them. We don't want to offend people now, we want their tithe. If it isn't their tithe, the preacher wants your seat to be full.

But just for his carnal success as a preacher. But don't offend them and touch on sin now. Don't start telling them to turn from their sin.

Don't start naming sin, that's another generation. No, no, no, talk about come, receive, but don't talk about sin. Don't talk about the judgment of sin.

Don't talk about the responsibility that God places in your hands to turn or burn. The old preachers used to preach, you preach that today, watch how fast you burn. And you'll be stunned who burns you.

You'll be stunned the devil doesn't go out and get someone with horns or a wicked old drunk to burn you when you say that. You'll be stunned the people that crucified Christ were the religious leaders of a God ordained religion set up on this earth. They hated God.

You think they'll hate you any less? If you say what God says, God manifest in the flesh, it's impossible but that offense will come, sir. If they did it to me, they'll do it to you, Jesus said. Listen dear friend, and listen very carefully now to the gospel of Jesus Christ that I see in this book.

James, the Lord's brother, never ever dared call himself that. After he was saved, he was thrown off the temple because he refused to deny that Jesus was the Christ. He fell down this grave as his body lay quivering.

They stoned him with great rocks until his body, that's how he died. He was willing to die, he was no longer his brother. Never referred to Jesus as his brother once God saved him.

He died for that Messiah, his Savior. Hallelujah for such a man. But James asked a staggering question.

In James chapter 2 verse 14, What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and hath not works? You and I sit here and we say, how could James have said that? I mean, we know and I'm not telling you that you're saved by works. You're not saved by your own strength, giving up sin, stopping this, stopping that. Now God will save you.

No, that doesn't save you. You can give up a hundred things and go to hell. It's not that that saves you.

We know, and I'm not doubting it. You are saved by grace through faith, not of works. Not of works.

It's the gift of God. To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted to him for righteousness. God declares you righteous in one moment by faith.

As you put your faith, it's not works. To him that worketh not. Don't look at your works that you could do in your own strength, or what you think might rectify your life that God could now possibly say He'll forgive you.

No, I'm not saying that. Not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. In one moment through your faith, God declares you righteous, being justified freely by grace, through faith in His blood.

Outside of that, God can't save your soul. But wait, wait, wait. That's not the full gospel.

That's what the Jehovah's Witnesses are guilty of. They quote verses. The devil quotes verses.

It's not enough. You've got to look in the light of all scriptures. And if there's any scripture in the entire scriptures that contradicts your interpretation of any particular verse, doctrine, you're preaching heresy.

You have to look in the light of all scriptures. If you find one verse that contradicts your interpretation of what God is saying, now listen to this. Just to be honest with the scriptures concerning salvation and faith.

What doth it profit? My brethren, though man say he hath faith and have not works, can faith save him? James 2 verse 14. Wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? You know what that means? It's worthless to God, that is. And then he says something staggering.

He says, the devils, demons literally, also believe and tremble. You know, he actually, in honesty, he says, he respects demons' faith in this book more than yours. You know why? They know that every, they believe every word here.

They have no doubt. But that doesn't save them. But they tremble knowing what God said is to happen to them in the light of eternity.

In the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second day. But we look, we say we believe, we don't even tremble though our lives contradict this book totally. Though this book condemns our lives and we read it, we see it, we don't even tremble.

So he has more respect in this passage to demons' belief. Oh, believing won't save you. It's not just this idea of grace through faith, you know.

It's repent. Now, that isn't the works. It's an act of faith that makes you repent.

Conscious, conscious that you can't set yourself free. So it isn't what you're doing. It's what you're allowing God to do now in your life.

You have to turn to God in a way, and that's repentance that God waits for and won't force you. You have to turn to Him a way that God sees you want to be set free. And not only that, that you believe that He can set you free.

That's faith. That's saving faith. You see, it's not only confessing Christ, it's believing in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead.

Why? I'll tell you why. Because the dead Savior can't set you free. It's not just the blood of Christ.

It's beyond that, to look beyond just asking God forgiveness, because you know your heart won't accept that in truth. Your conscience won't, if you're honest, if He doesn't set you free from the things you're asking for forgiveness for. So you look beyond to a risen Savior, and as many as received Him, by faith that is, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God.

Even to them that believe on His name. Christ in you is the hope of glory. You have no hope of eternal life if Christ isn't in you.

You want to receive Christ? If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, not of us. Christ sets you

free.

As you receive Him, and as many as receive Him by faith, to them gave He the power to become. He sets you free, and free indeed. You look to Him for forgiveness in the blood? Of course you do.

It's not your works. It's not your works. It's His work that sets you free, to the degree that anyone in your own heart will know you've been freed by God, not by your own strength.

But He does. But you have to repent. You have to repent.

You have to put the bottle down drunk, before you come and kneel, or you're going to hell. You haven't been saved. And what other sin you sit here with tonight, that you might condemn a drunk for, but God knows, and you know, that God condemns these sins, and assures you, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven, until you repent in a way that He can set you free.

You are as obnoxious in your faith as a drunk, holding a bottle, if you haven't turned from Him. Don't judge me for preaching like this, sir. Judge me if I don't.

Someone has to cry out loud and long, before there's no difference between us and the world. And sinners will sit in their sin, content, in the house of God, that they are safe, by your preaching. The most important chapter in the whole Bible, is Isaiah 53.

Don't doubt this. Get through a few hundred times, you won't doubt it. Get through four hundred times, you'll know four hundred times more clear.

Because by the time you get through it first, you should know. Isaiah 53 is the axle of this book, upon which the whole scriptures revolve. And hold everything together, Old Testament, everything, five hundred years, before Christ died.

God told you, why He would die, what He would do, what it was all about. Everything is linked, the Old Testament sacrifice, everything God revealed. The New Testament was fulfilled, ultimately through Isaiah 53's full revelation, of why God would die on the cross.

But I don't want to just preach in the whole chapter, I want to take one verse tonight. All, you'll find the word, all, all over the Bible. All, we, like sheep, have gone astray.

We have turned everyone, to His own way. And the Lord has laid on Him, the iniquity of us all. Now I can't comprehend that.

I gave up long ago, trying to comprehend God. But I can't comprehend, how God can put all the judgment, just to be justified, in His eyes. That every bit of suffering, for eternal hell, and damnation, that God had for every soul that ever lived, was somehow plunged onto Christ, in such a way, that God said, He's totally justified.

Able to justify everyone who comes now, to Him through Christ. You see, He tasted death for every man. If they repent, of course.

He tasted death for every man. I hope you believe that. A man said to me, show me one verse in the whole Bible, that He died for every man.

Oh, I said, for every one verse you give me, I'll give you ten. He nearly died, I'm frightened. One John 2, Verse 2, He is the propitiation for our sins.

And not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. I believe that. I believe that.

The propitiation, comes from Leviticus 16, where the high priest, once a year, would enter into the tabernacle, which is a replica of what God says is in heaven. Now, He would enter in and He would take blood. Because without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

So, He would slaughter an animal. The high priest alone was allowed to enter into the holiest of holies, once a year. And there was the mercy seat, on top of the altar.

And He would sprinkle the blood all over, as He confessed and asked God for the forgiveness of the sins of the people. Now, Jesus Christ, is that exact word. He is the propitiation, literally the mercy seat.

And it is His blood. It is His blood, that is sprinkled. It is Him.

The whole concept of mercy is through Christ. He is the way to God for mercy. Not for our sins only.

Speaking to Christians for isolated sins, after they have turned from a life of sin. That there is mercy through the blood of Jesus Christ. But not for ours only.

But also for the sins of the whole world, if they repent. And I believe that with all my heart. I was reading the other night, in 1 Timothy.

And I would like you to listen to this. I exhort therefore, chapter 2 verse 1, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, be made for all men. I love that, that God asks us to do that, through Paul.

Verse 4, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to a knowledge of the truth. I believe that. I want to preach that.

Who will have all men to be saved. Don't you tell me about Romans 9, you theologians. Until you tell me about Romans 1. God tells us in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, that he gives man up to a reason, a cause.

Don't take things out of context, or isolated passages or verses, like the Jehovah's Witnesses are, and they are scared to look at the same book, in the Bible, which cancels out what they are saying. You might find out that Romans 9, by the way, is just one of three chapters, that God is confronting the Jew. And this is the greatest statement in the Bible, of our faith, doctrinal faith.

Romans. And he was a good Methodist. Paul was.

He was methodical, you see. Or should I say, John Wesley was a good Pauline theologian. He was methodical.

And he comes now, and he takes every single concept, from trying that all men, whether it is Jews, Gentiles, irreligious, godless, heathen, or religious, or under sin. And so he takes each step of the way. And I am not going, but he comes to three chapters where he just confronts the Jews, who say, we are the chosen.

God can't bypass us, like you say, Paul. Peter, we are the chosen. God, how do you talk about He is going to the Gentiles now, and bypassing the chosen? We are the chosen.

No such thing. Oh, Paul says, what if? If you didn't start with that, you might be in trouble with Romans 9. He is saying the nonsense of saying, God can't do this. God can do what He wills.

So be careful of Romans 9. He is speaking to the Jews, full stop, confronting their argument, in the light of the Gospel of Christ. So be careful now. Be careful now.

It is all men, who will have all men, everywhere to be saved. Hallelujah. I believe now there is a staggering verse.

Whosoever will, let him come. That puts so much into your hands, that God is not mocking you. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

God says. You have got to call them. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

Don't put it off and think you can play the fool with God. Call ye upon Him while He is near, that we can forsake His way. The unrighteous man is sought.

In the return of the Lord, and He will have mercy upon you. Our God, we will abundantly pardon. But you have got to seek the Lord while He may be found.

There is so much responsibility to be put on you. He will in no wise cast away anyone who comes to Him through Christ Jesus. You know what John Wesley says about that text? He is taking it from Luther.

John Wesley has perfected a lot of what Luther said, believe it or not. John Wesley said that God was saying, in this book, He cannot turn away anyone who comes to Him through Christ Jesus. Wesley went so far as to almost say word perfect what Luther says.

He is incapable, God is incapable, of turning away anyone. You see, you say that's irreverent, that's sacrilege. Brother, it's sacrilege, it's irreverence, not to say that of God.

Because you want to see what God just said here. He tasted death for every man who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, who commands all men everywhere to repent. Now this, He tasted death for every man, therefore, He is unable to turn away anyone who comes to Him through Christ who tasted death because Jesus paid the price for all if they come.

He cannot. But that, that staggered me to such a degree that I've never recovered, that I said, but Lord, all men, when you think of men and their depravity, the worst men and the depravedness of sin, that God died knowing their sin and died knowing how evil man could stoop to and still says, Oh, while we were yet sinners, knowing your sin, Christ died, God commended His love for us and that He died for us all while we were yet in our sin. God in His full knowledge, seeing all men, He allowed it to be written of His Son that the Lamb of God was slain in God's sight that was as good as done.

From before the foundations of the world, He wanted to win all men back and the blood of Jesus Christ, Hallelujah, was shed for all men, I believe with all my heart. All men, He cannot, He will not, He is incapable, or John Wesley and Luther, you throw back into heretics. I'd be scared to do that, sorry.

But they were being honest with what God was saying. It's beyond comprehension. There's no one, you pass, no one you have lost hope for that says unreachable.

You know, when I was a young preacher, I'm talking about a long time ago, just on 40 years ago, I had a lot of fire, very little wisdom. That's how young preachers are, if you're honest. Great fire, little bit of wisdom.

But you've got to forgive them because nobody's just going to have all the wisdom you know. You should have mercy. In my country, all they wait for, the evangelical conservatives across the land, is just to see fire.

Doesn't matter if you've just got a little bit of wisdom. So long as you've got fire, whoa, they will take you, they will pray you through, they'll stand with you. Even if you preach a little bit of heresy.

I did. The dear people didn't tell me that, they just came to exalt me and encourage me, push me on. Somewhere along the line, somebody just whispers, oh, by the way, that one verse you should have... But they didn't want to discourage.

So long as you've got fire, it doesn't matter if you haven't got much wisdom. But if you've got a lot of wisdom and you've got no fire, they pray you out of the pulpit because you really do damage. Whoa! Put a man in the pulpit who's got a lot of head knowledge through academic achievement and theological seminars, but he hasn't got the fire of God, he just sends people to hell.

Oh, the devil just wants people with a lot of knowledge, but no fire. That does the devil's work. But nonetheless, as a young preacher, I had all this fire and boy did they open the pulpit for this little fellow.

I was given one of the big conventions in Southern Africa and I was barely in the preaching, barely out full time. It shocked a lot of people throughout my country that they actually let me take this pulpit of this great convention. I was just so young in the pulpit, so unable in people's eyes to hold theology as I should.

Here I was now preaching to theologians and preachers from across Southern Africa. But in this meeting, God came. In this whole convention, many began to seek God.

Many godly under this young man began to get in their faces weeping before God. You see, God takes the weak things of the world and is careful so that no flesh can glory in His presence. Well, one day, a whole lot of people responded for salvation in one of these meetings as I preached about the salvation of God in my own home particularly and the Scriptures that I could bring at that stage.

And one of the people who came out at the appeal to respond to seek Christ, that He will in no wise turn away anyone who comes, come, come, I said. Well, one of the people was a little girl, a very, very little girl. She had long, long blonde hair.

That's all I do remember about her, a very pretty face. Shame. A very pretty face.

But long, long hair. That's good. That's what a woman should have.

God says it's a glory. We don't want to get into that now. Let's leave that.

My wife says you divert too much. It's a terrible problem. She's not here, but I can see her sometimes.

No one else sees her. Stop diverting. Oh, well.

Anyway, we'll not get on to long hair now. But this little girl had long, blonde hair. That's all I remember.

And she asked to speak to me. I didn't pray with her. Many preachers were praying with those who responded from all over.

Soberness could help. But this little girl now, she shook me. She had tears in her eyes and she said, I've just given my life to Jesus.

I said, that's wonderful. She says, but, my father is a drunk. My father is not allowed within 50 mile radius of us or he will be put in jail.

My father is not allowed to contact us or he'll be put in jail. Because he so hurt us. You see, in his drinking, he so beat us and hurt us that the law has stopped him from making any contact with him.

He's not allowed to have any contact now he's jailed. She said, sir, you said something in your service, in your sermon. You said that your father was an alcoholic.

You said that your father destroyed the whole home. Your mother wept and aged and looked like a battered little bird. You said that you, the children, went astray, broken, the whole home destroyed.

Now my daddy got down before me one day weeping saying, Keith, it's me. I know what causes you to be what you've become. I just broke loose and became a rebel.

I say to my son, they didn't know whether I was dead or alive. They hunted through the country to find this little boy that just ran to get out of that house. And daddy says, I'm going to stop, Keith.

It's me. I know it's me. I'm going to stop.

I'll never drink. I'm not going to drink anymore. Hours later, hours later, hours later, a man saying with all his heart, I'm stopping.

He was back to the bottom. You said that your father got on his knees and asked Jesus Christ to set him free. And your father stood up and it didn't take him a week, it didn't take him a year.

He never touched another drink. God set him free. You said Jesus can do that.

You said your daddy didn't say what the alcoholics anonymous like my daddy has to go say. They say the first step to getting over drink is to stand up and say I am an alcoholic to have the courage. That's the beginning of getting over.

You said that your daddy stood up and said, I was an alcoholic. But Jesus has set me free. That your daddy could walk past bottle stores and not be drawn into it.

Hating the smell of it. Breaking the bottles. The night he was saved and got up from his knees weeping as he smashed those bottles.

I will never ever ever allow this in my home. As he smashed weeping. This destroyed my life.

He wouldn't allow wine in that home. He wouldn't allow champagne in that home. He wouldn't allow any drink in his house till he died.

And he never touched another drink without going through withdrawal stages. Without going to homes for alcoholics. He was freed.

She says, my daddy is an alcoholic. My daddy's done the same to us. And I'm going to phone my daddy now.

I'm not telling mother. I'm not allowed to contact my father. But I know his number.

I've kept it. I'm phoning my daddy, sir. But I want you to pray that somehow I'll be able to tell him what you said in this pulpit in the way that my daddy will find Jesus Christ.

Though he doesn't hear you preach. That he'll look to Jesus Christ and ask Jesus to set him free also. Like your daddy did.

That God will save him. And this little girl staggeringly had grasped what theologians across the world haven't grasped. That this is the vital essence of salvation.

I prayed. She wanted me to pray. I prayed for that man.

A few years went by. And one day a man, a big man, big mop of hair, shining face, the big Bible, comes up to me in another town and he says to me, Would you do me a favor? Would you come with me in my car? I just want you and me alone in the car. I looked at this man.

He says, Listen, I want to get you out of this building or I'll never get to speak to you. Look at all these people like wolves, they want to speak to you. And before they do, because I'm desperate, I need to speak to you.

Will you get out of this building fast and come? I want to drive around the streets and I want to share something with you. You have to know. So I looked at him and he had a big Bible.

He had a shining face. So I said, Well, he looks safe. So I got in his car and we began to drive around.

He says to me, as we were driving down the streets, Do you remember a little girl gave the name back in that town when you were preaching that convention, named the convention. Do you remember her praying, telling you to please pray for her father who was a drunk and alcoholic? She was going to phone him and tell him what you preached. I said, You know, I do remember that little girl.

I do remember now praying. He says, Well, I'm the father. Brother, when I woke up and began to get a little bit sober and looked at my children's faces all bruised, their eyes closed from the way I beat them with my fist in my drunken, when I looked at my wife's body, I fell on my face, not once, on my face, crawling like an animal, begging for mercy.

I couldn't believe I didn't know I'd done it. Drink, drink cancels out conscience, cancels out what you're you don't know what you're doing. I begged.

I abhorred myself. I couldn't believe I and I said, I'm stopping, I'm stopping, I'm stopping. He says, But brother, I started from a young fellow and it just got steadily worse and worse.

When I tried to stop, it took three days. That's all. And from then onwards, it was like spiders.

He says, I don't know how you ever comprehend this, Brother Daniel, but your mind's so gone that spiders start crawling, giant spiders. You shut your eyes in the dark of the room. All you see is these spiders.

They never end as coming over you until you go mad. You're going insane until I couldn't bear it and in desperation I would run. If I had no drink in the house because of my attempt to stop, I'd run until I smashed things to get a bottle, lie in the gut, lie in the street just drinking and suddenly all these spiders would stop.

The only way to get rid of was going insane. I had to lie there and make myself drunk again when I tried to stop desperately. And one night my little girl phones me and she's weeping on the phone and she tells me she's given her life to Jesus to save her soul from hell and then she said, Daddy, this preacher said that his father was an alcoholic.

She said, Oh, you said as best she could and then she said to me, Daddy, I believe that Jesus Christ can set you free. Daddy, you have to want him to set you free though. You want to think of the theology of a little girl to save one day.

The concept, the grasp of what God was saying man is required. You have to want him to, Daddy. You have to believe that he can and you have to ask him.

Believe that he can but you've got to want him to. You've got to allow him to, Daddy. I believe Jesus can do the same for you in one moment as he did for that man's daddy.

But you've got to ask him to set you free and you've got to believe, Daddy. He said, Brother, I wept when my daughter, she hadn't spoken to me for quite a long time. I was stunned she had phoned me.

I wept and I wept and I wept. It was two days later my mind just went. I couldn't bear another moment in life.

My mind just closed in a way that never totally closed. I got into my vehicle, my car. I put my foot flat on the accelerator and I went on a road I wasn't allowed to go, the road to the town where my children and wife lived.

I went on that freeway and I had my foot so flat on that accelerator until the whole car was reverberating, shaking at such a speed that I couldn't pick up more speed in this car and I had a strong engine in that car and as I got to where the cliffs were and I knew they were coming and all I could do was my daughter's voice crying in my conscience Daddy, Jesus can set you free but you've got to want Him. You've got to believe that He can set you free. You've got to ask Him.

You've got to allow Him. Oh, I just couldn't but I caused reverberation. Now the cliffs are coming and I screamed with my daughter's voice echoing in my mind.

I screamed as I tried to turn that wheel to get over those cliffs and to finish it. I couldn't turn the wheel brother. The car was shaking the speed and I'm going now past it.

I couldn't turn the wheel and in the end I was sort of screaming and I stopped screaming. God! God, why won't this wheel turn? Suddenly I realized God was stopping me. I couldn't turn that wheel brother.

I slowed that car down and all I could hear was my daughter Daddy, Jesus can set Him free but you've got to want Him. You've got to ask Him, Daddy. I realized something was happening here beyond any comprehension.

I opened the door when the car stopped and I fell on my knees onto the street and I lifted my hands to heaven and I screamed Jesus, Jesus Christ set me free. That's all I prayed brother. I never touched another drink from that moment.

I was free. I couldn't understand how but I was free. My heart was flooded with peace.

It passes all understanding while I was on my knees on that street that God sent me with my limited knowledge. No sermon. Just my little daughter telling me to believe.

You have to want it. You have to allow it. You have to ask Him.

Let me tell you something. God doesn't need great theologians. He needs little girls.

Little boys who believe what He says from this book. With no doubt in their heart no matter who they walk up to. No matter how destroyed a man is in sin that most have given up and have no hope for.

All God needs is some little child that believes this book. Did he ever go back to drink? That was nearly 40 years ago. 38 years ago.

No, he never went back to drink to this day. He never touched a drink again in his life. He was saved not in his sin from his sin.

And that's the salvation I see in this book. Not sinless perfection. Don't you accuse me but a life of sin.

Your sin. God sets you free what this book assures you until you are freed by God and allow Him you will go to hell unless God sets you free. Oh, he became a preacher by the way.

A full-time preacher. In my country you don't work and then go out exhausted with matchsticks in your eyes to do the work of God because men won't help you to stay in full-time service. He became a full-time preacher.

How could he be anything less with the knowledge of what he had found? The greatest knowledge God could impart to a child to a man to a drunk is when he experiences but if you experience it you give your life to give this to the world. If you don't experience it don't tell me any salesman can sell what he doesn't know is great. He can lie but he can't sell.

But when he knows this works this is wonderful. Watch him. Is that why you don't pass on the gospel to anybody in this world because you yourself aren't saved.

You have a testimony but you're still in sin. Once you're gone there is no other preacher on earth will ever ask you I know that now. And I say it with fear and trembling but I say it two years after that incident I was in a town where it rained so much that I couldn't believe God was doing this to us.

I was a young preacher we went around inviting the world to come of that particular town. It was like a waterfall opened from heaven just down on that town while I was preaching. Just a little bit away is the highest recorded rainfall in the southern hemisphere of the world just a few miles away.

This was a town to try and preach in. One night it was so bad it was unbelievable. I sat in the car and I thought well no one is coming.

For me to get from this car into that church is going to be a feat. But I didn't try I didn't even put the umbrella up what's the point the umbrella broke. It just so I just forgot about that took my bible tried to hide it underneath my jacket and I ran and opened the door of the church and I was wet I was drenched like somebody had stepped out of a bath.

Terrible. But I looked in the church the whole church was full. To capacity.

I mean I'm talking the whole church you couldn't believe it was like the whole town all wet nobody sitting in dignity all trying to dry off you can't believe how wet people were. But I marveled they were all in the church.

So now we all settled down and I start in the pulpit I preached for about 10 minutes and suddenly at the door the rain is still coming but at the door we heard screaming the elders shouting the deacon shouting and a voice shouting above their heads there was a drunk a drunk a drunk trying to fight his way into the building and these men must have known this man has destroyed other meetings and they were determined he wasn't coming in they didn't hit him they would have lost their testimonies but they did everything physically to make him know he's not coming in this building no matter what he did to them he wasn't getting past it well I couldn't preach while there was screaming I mean this man was swearing dirty words and he was swearing loud and I looked at something that startled me

there was a little lady sitting in the front row she was a lady sir she was a lady the open bible the refinedness she just bowed her body and sobbed violently sobbing within seconds people all around her women comforting her consoling her weeping with her and I knew this drunk is her husband this lady being shamed how many times has he done this woman is broken and shamed it's her husband everybody knows it's her husband this woman the drunk at the door screaming fighting swearing my heart just broke but then something shook that church that man said something that shook every heart including those elders at the door he screamed someone like absolutely desperate he was so despairing he was determined no matter what happens he screamed gods told me I have to be in this meeting nothing you

do will stop me that shook those men that shook that woman he never said that that shook that whole church this man was drunk I wish I honestly could stand here and say he wasn't just for the dignity of the gospel but he was he was under the influence of drink this man eventually these elders led him in but they wouldn't let him come and sit with the rest they led him to a little bench right at the back at the wall and he put his arm over the one put his arm he hung himself to hang to stay up straight he hung himself like this his legs sprawled out and he made noises terrible noises he was drunk and he just listened to me now I tried to preach because there was a deathly hush in that whole building including his wife she stopped crying oh she was weeping but not loud anymore I tried my

hardest to preach but I battled I struggled I had no liberty I quoted scriptures I said things but I was utterly undone about three quarters of the way through the sermon that I had prepared to preach I had to stop and I said I can't preach anymore I can't finish this sermon I'm sorry but just in case there's someone here tonight in spite of everything knows that God brought them here knows that God wants to save their souls knows that God will in no wise turn away anyone who comes just in case there's someone that knows that and that wants this opportunity I invite you to come right now and seek God and I'll pray with you though I can't even finish this sermon the only one that stood was this drunk as he staggered down he fell I admit that but I noticed something people began to stand

watching him he had never come forward to seek God whatever he'd done in other meetings he knelt and I looked at him full of fear in my heart and he put his hands up like this and he looked at me helplessly weeping weeping loud I can't pray but you you must pray for me please helpless but wanting God some people that's the most sober God knows they'll ever get before they die don't judge God for stooping to what you people would say is casting pearl before swine we're so scared of reaching the unreachable of even having them in our church I prayed God as I put my hand on him kept his eyes open he's looking at me I can demand nothing of you but if this is thy will if this is thy will save this man's soul through the shed blood of Christ in the risen fire of Christ set him free help him now

you might not be able to believe this but I'm asking you to that man stood and he was sober he hadn't lied don't doubt that you don't lie when God saves you he stood like someone so shaken that he couldn't believe what was going on something had happened he just looked and then I saw in his eyes peace peace that passes all understanding how does God keep a man like that peace he never touched another drink until the day he died years later he never once touched a drink he had been the judge the court the high court judge of the whole area of that part of South Africa and through socializing and wealth which calls for socializing which is why it's a curse he had become an alcoholic and a shame to the whole community and to his wife and children but Jesus set him free can I close with this

in case you think this old man is never going to end I was just saved and I went to Johannesburg the city built on solid gold two miles down they're still finding veins of gold that just go on and on the richest gold mines on earth South Africa the richest uranium platinum name it the richest mineral resources on earth one country but they're in devastation they're in sorrows they're weeping most homes in all the agony because they turned their back on God as a nation you can be the richest country on earth but until you have a God-fearing element that justifies God blessing you your nation will be cursed we need desperately for God to visit us like you do trust me you'll all be weeping soon if he doesn't visit his church first but I was in this great big city hall and 15 million

population of the city built on gold and I went to one of the auditoriums right up not the great big hall with the symphony orchestras and famous singers and entertainers come that I'd been before God had converted me it holds thousands and thousands and thousands all the galleries no I was up in one of the smaller conference halls with evangelical conservators from all denominations who didn't want to know what denomination or culture you're from they just wanted to know you're washed in the blood and you were the body of Christ to them hallelujah for such people oh I enjoyed that service but afterwards after helping the old missionaries who spoke gave reports and all that thrilled my heart I was helping all these people take their hymn books and their bibles and their other things

they're selling Christian books all back to their vehicles I wanted to be everything I could for God from the day I was saved I was just saved young in the faith sure we finished and then my last little trip down the steps along with my bible I look into the big hall not the great big big big hall that holds thousands but what they call the great hall there were hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of children little children they must have brought busloads and busloads and busloads for the children's outreach of the gospel there were two Americans missionaries child evangelism this big board said there he was he must have come from the south this broad southern African you know I thought he's really American with that accent but he had a shining face he had grey hair his little wife stood

beside him and they were doing things for the children but what shook me was that not one child moved hundreds I couldn't the smallest listening there gripped by God the Holy Ghost and this man he wasn't

childish that's sickening but he became childlike and oh was I educated of how to reach children watching that man I was gripped I was more blessed than listening to the big preachers upstairs this meeting was ten times more thrilling the way the Holy Ghost was working in these children's hearts as the gospel was being preached in a way that every child was gripped held on to all the things Jesus had done as this man made it living as he became childlike not childish and his wife this godly wife these American child evangelism people that were in our country holding a crusade in our big

city well while I was sitting there in fraud enjoying it gripped with the children learning theology if you want to be honest sometimes that's where we have to learn it from child preachers these other men they weigh over your heads then something terrible happened the door I just come through and pushed open and looked two tramps vagrants not just drunks but vagrants they haven't no any home you see they sleep in the gutters they have no address two men walked in reeking of drink obviously the way they were carrying on you knew they were from the gutters vagrants now that's the rock bottom of life isn't it and as they sat there making these noises they're sitting listening they started making strange noises because they were under the influence of drink nudging each other and I sat there

and I looked at them and I thought Satan sent you I was righteously indignant we try and hide behind righteous indignation you know but I thought oh the devil sent you to destroy this now because he was disturbing some of the children even the preachers were looking at times but here with these two now messing up the whole atmosphere destroying the liberty these poor people had and disturbing the children with their loud noises well I was really angry believing the devil had sent them in there had no compassion on them no pity on them I didn't even say a prayer for them I just thought oh if only they could get out righteous indignation can make you really be angry with sinners but you hate them well what shook me was after a few minutes they sat dead still after a few minutes I looked at

them tears pouring down their faces tears they were under the influence of drink pouring down their faces eventually this American man says to these children now you come to Jesus those of you that know that Jesus has never come in your heart in truth and he made an appeal and these children came out an enormous amount of children because there were a lot of children there were hundreds and hundreds of kids they came and they both knelt he made them kneel in reverence before the God they were asking to save them from hell what shook me was these two men stood up the one first and he walked down weeping scared the other one followed him they both knelt beside these little children these vagrants from the gutters the streets of sin and then what really shook me was that American evangelist

child evangelist he didn't look at them with anger he didn't look at them with contempt or righteous indignation came and knelt close to them after he had spoken a bit and his wife and others were giving out and all sorts of things and he spoke to them I don't know what he said but he was speaking softly to them they answered him and he put his arms around them and you know I looked at his face and for the first time in my life the first time in my life I thought these words of someone a preacher that's how Jesus Christ looks at sinners I never thought about that in my life of any preacher any Christian that's what Jesus looks like I felt so rebuked my heart just sank God forgive me they didn't pray I listened carefully he prayed for them but he cried out to God with this joy and this

love on his face as he lifted his hands to him crying for them you might not believe this again well I in heaven just come up to me please and you can and I'll take you and introduce you to them in case you doubt me it's not long life's just a moment let's face it you haven't got long to wait brother those men never touched a drink again in their lives those men turned to Jesus Christ and their whole life turned from that

day God had saved them vagrants under the influence of drink kneeling with children now I want to be honest it was long ago forty years I haven't followed them up to this day that I know and say look last week I can be sure but I know this it was seven years later and I still made my way to your conservative meetings that made sure I went through with God whenever I was

back in Johannesburg and there they were until I stopped going back to those meetings many people passed on of the great old leaders that helped me when I was first there those old men were there and I looked at their faces and you could see they had come from something terrible but the refinement of the Holy Ghost work was written on those faces to the degree you knew they were children of Jesus Christ as I was their Bibles were in tatters like mine was they were saved as much as I was saved and in love with Jesus they were as much as I was saved love with as I was saved love with as I was saved and in love with Jesus as I was saved love with Jesus Christ as I was saved as I as I was saved as I was saved as I saved as I saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I as I was

saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was saved as I was as I to repent, who will have all men everywhere to be saved and to become to the knowledge of the truth, or he lies.

Even these drunks, even these vagrants, even these drug addicts, even a father that beat you, little girl, or a young drug addict, young lady, or your son that you gave up, don't you dare give up. Don't you dare give up. There's no one God can't reach, sir.

Don't you start throwing isolated verses at me. You know my heart when I say this. There's no one Jesus didn't die for.

There's no one you dare stoop to pass. If God showed grace to you when you did not deserve his love or grace or mercy, how can we give up on anyone who we can reveal the love of Christ through, who God can reach through our love, even if we're six, seven years old. I know I'm different.

I know I preach in such weakness it's obnoxious to some, but if you saw this heart, you would weep. If you saw this heart, you wouldn't judge. If you saw this heart, and what I've seen God do, because I believe for them, and I believe in this God, and I want the Church of Jesus Christ to get back to believe, and not to hate souls, because we're too good to win them, or even want to come near them.

Can we stand, please? Father, take this message, and even to the little girls and boys in this building, give wisdom, give discernment. Don't let them be in any way foolish to what they heard, but let them go out to this world with faith enough to pray, and to say what they can, no matter how destroyed a man is, if God gives them opportunity and access to this whole world, to the whole world, if we can. In Jesus Christ's name, he who tasted death for every man, we ask these things, and for his sake, that his blood was not shed for nothing, for millions, who we wouldn't even pray for, let alone try and reach.

We have so little compassion on the ugly sinners of this world. In Jesus Christ's name, in Jesus the Christ's name, Amen.

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