

## *Accepted in the Beloved*

*Or better known as John 5: 39 and 40. Father bless your word and bless our understanding open the eyes of our understanding for you said lord Jesus, he that hath an ear let him hear, we pray by the spirit of God, you give us hearing ears we can of our own self do nothing we cannot even hear without the Holy Spirit to break the bread of life and so we look to you Lord and we trust our souls and our very being into your care. Teach us conform us mold us into the image of Christ in Jesus Name*

*John 5: 39 Search the scriptures for in them you think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me and you will not come to me that you may have life. Okay and over in Ephesians chapter 2 verse 21, 22. Most of these should be fairly familiar scriptures. "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you are also built together for a habitation of God through the spirit back over to the first chapter lets read Eph 1 verse 6. To the praise of the glory of his grace through which he has made us accepted in the Beloved. Also Col 2 verses 9-11. There is a common ground I am actually dealing with in all of these. "For in him dwelleth all of the fullness of the Godhead bodily and you are complete in Him who is the head of all principalities and powers in whom you are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands and putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. Lets look back at eph 2. Here it speaks of what God does to save people. Lot of people are just interested in getting saved and they think that they should hear a salvation message week after week but God has a plan after He gets you saved. And notice the wording here. In whom all the building, that us, fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye also, that's you and me, in whom also you are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit. God is at work. The Father sees you one way. The holy spirit sees you another. Maybe you never realized that. The Father sees you in Christ. The HS sees you inside, if you will. He sees what you look like on the*

inside. But with the Father he sees you in Christ. 1 Cor 15: 22 "Here it is clearly stated for as in Adam all died. Even so in Christ so all be made alive. God sees you either in Adam or in Christ. He sees you either complete in him we read that in Eph 1 ...the Bible says that you are accepted of God in the Beloved. Col says you are complete in Him. We get tangled up in this confusing thing. Where one place he states that you are complete, accepted and beautiful, a child of God and another place he says Oh wretched wicked thing. And we go "What is it?" God when he saved you , he didn't just save you or give you salvation the way he saved you was put you in Christ. The way he saved you was not hand you salvation. God didn't come to bring salvation. What? No, God came to give Jesus who saves and all those who come to Jesus are saved. All those who come to a person. You see these little tracts or something "The Plan of Salvation" We are not to be sharing the plan of salvation. We are to be sharing a person. What did you meet when you came to God? I know what I met. I met Jesus Christ. That's who I met. I met the Lord. I met Jesus and he changed my life. I didn't meet a plan of salvation . I didn't read a little tract that had a plan of salvation and say "I understand that, I'll accept that." How many of you did do that? You met Jesus and Jesus saves. Probably the simplest form you can find: Jesus saves. He is made unto us salvation, and the way he saves is that God joined in union with Him , he placed you in Christ. He joined you to a person who is eternally secure. Now if you don 't abide in the vine or in Jesus, you are not eternally secure. Do you understand that> Now I'm really quoting from Jesus in John 15 where he said except you abide in the vine and the vine in you, he'll break off the things....Abiding in Him. You need to know what it means to be in Him. It means to be joined and one with Him and seen by the Father. God doesn't look and see you, he sees Christ and he sees you in Christ and he says you are accepted in the Beloved. Now the Holy Spirit sees you very intimately. He sees every crack and every flaw. That's his job to get on the inside there and work this thing out. One place it says "man you are saved" and another place it says "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Well what is it God? Well you are saved. In him you are saved. You are saved you are being saved

and you will be saved one day. The spirit of God is working in you but if that is all you know you are a very discouraged child of God. If all you do is see the work that he is trying to do in you are discouraged because we don't make fast enough progress do we? I don't think anybody in here is satisfied with the progress they have made in the Lord. I mean we just don't. It seems like the Spirit of God has to prod, and Hi-ya, move along! Then we stumble across those scriptures that say you are complete in Him, you are accepted in the beloved. In whom you have redemption through His blood. In whom? In Him! All in Christ are saved and you go.. something deep with in you and that's the Holy Spirit, and that's it! Ultimately it is you in him and if you abide in him, he abides in you. Now listen to that! The more you know about how God sees you in Christ the better off you are. The less you know the worse off you are. The more you learn about what God did through his son Jesus on the cross. The more his life flows through You. Is formed in you and touches other. But many people have not heard what it means to be in Christ. The scriptures we were just reading there in Ephesians 2 It shows these two aspects working. It says in whom all. Now remember there in 1 Cor 15 it says all in Adam. Notice the phraseology here. It's constant throughout. All. All the dead are in Adam and all the living are in Christ. In whom all are being built together. Not built individually. Not build individually, Not, Not, Not. Being built together! Being built together vs 22 in whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God through the spirit. It is not in you that you are becoming a habitation of God through the spirit. It is not in us in that sense that we are being built a habitation. We look. There is the process down here and we have the rough edges and we bump up against each other and those rough edges cause us to get upset and then the Spirit of God begins to deal with and begins to teach us that that is not the nature that we have in Christ, that's not what he bought and paid for. That's what's dead. This is Christ and doesn't do that. Now, I just told you a mystery right there the mystery of Col 1:27. I just explained the mystery of God. The mystery of God is that God uses things down here to show us our lack to drive us to the Word to show us who we are and what he has already done. And if we're not learning that and all we do is

*if we bump in to somebody and throw a little fit and then later off repent. Obedience is better than sacrifice. Sacrifice is you blow it and God forgives you. Sacrifice is you don't blow it You obey you are being conformed to the image of Christ. Now the process of this bumping this process of not getting along or whatever The idea there is not to shape up every body. The idea there is to see your need for Jesus. My need for Jesus. If it was the other all the fingers would be pointing towards someone else. Everybody would just lift their hands and start pointing at someone else. Reality comes if the spirit of God really is working. I need Jesus. I'm not yet conformed I've got to know who I am in Christ because god looks and says you 're accepted, your complete and you say "I'm not complete" and your mind argues with the Word of God, but folks the word of God is true. Let God be true and every man be a liar. And let me tell you you're mind is a liar. If it was true then you have voided out the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have made it of none affect the old man still lives, Satan has not yet been spoiled and Jesus is dead in vain. Is that not right? I mean isn't that all he came to do? When he comes back tin the air he's going to put the axe to the root. He's going to finish what he's already done in the spirit. But the victory is already won . He's waiting for us to figure out what God did in Christ. And you know what it is, it is us looking for God, fighting the devil. And you wont' find God, not really, except He'll find you and by his mercy he'll get you off the hook. But you won't really lay hold of him in any real manner. He'll do , what do they call it? Let you slide. He'll let you slide. Because if he didn't the devil would just totally eat your lunch. But that ;s not what he wants. That' s not his best. His best is to be known in Christ. To know as you are known! And so here it says. Not here that we are being built together. I' keep looking here and saying Man I ain't being built or he's not being built or so and so aint' being built. But it says in whom all the building is being fitly framed together for a habitation of God through the Spirit. Now I started with John 5: 39. It says search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. He said search the scriptures they testify of em. We search the scriptures to look and comprehend here. But he said the scriptures testify of Jesus. We don't even*

see Jesus We see problems we see people, we let our own carnal mind run wild based on everything but the Word of God we don't listen to the Spirit of God, but we say "I'm listening to the Spirit of God because I felt He's leading this way. " But let me tell you , when it's all said and done. Even though you have done a few simple things if you do not obey the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ what have you got? If you do not conform to the image of Christ and the Spirit of God did tell you to do something , you have nothing. If you deny the cross and the death and burial and resurrection of Jesus and yet believe God in your finances in this one situation what do you have? A little cash money. But also there in Ephesians and in Colossians it says, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Where? In Him. Where are the treasures they are in Christ. The are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. The y are the treasures of what for generations has been hid but now is made know by the church the manifold wisdom of God. We search ourselves or others depending on where we're at. We don't search the scriptures. We search our selves. We say and I being built or is this being built or is this being built? But the Bible says All in whom all are. Not maybe or I hope so or Jesus I hope the Spirit of God can pull this thing off. Folks, it's done in Christ for whosoever will. Whosoever will learn who they are in Him. Then they have all the priviledges and the Spirit of God will have material to work with. The living word it's just like salvation . it's the same faith all the way across. When you got saved, you prayed and maybe you had an experience and maybe you got up the next day and you didn't feel saved. You didn't feel saved and you wondered and then a friend said OH you are saved. And you either did one of two things you either said "Yes I am" or you said "Well maybe I'm not. " You either confessed. What is confession? It is not just saying something. The word confess means to say with. In the Greek it is two words. To say with. Yes , saying, but what it is doing is saying what God says. Saying with God. Saying what God says. Don't say what you say. Don't say what they say. Say what God says. If you say what God says then you're saved. Right? Jesus work was good enough, I believe it! "Well you don't act like it! You are out there smoking still or you cussed. " NO I'm saved not

because I smoke or cuss. I'm saved because of what the word of God says. And then comes the time to get baptized in the Holy Spirit and then you start wrestling with that and you says "Man you know ...." But the bible says that if you ask you will receive the holy Spirit and you'll speak in tongues. Then the devil will come or you'll get up the next day and your mind will say, Well that was just me speaking in tongues. The devil will say yeah that was just you. You're not really filled. Somebody will walk up and you won't be smiling from ear to ear and they'll say well I guess you didn't get it. And you either said "Well ,m bless God, the word says that if I ask I'll receive and I asked, and I received, I've got the Holy Spirit I don't care what you say. I care what God says, and God says if I ask I'll receive and I asked and I received. I believe God. Now there are many that go "Well I guess I didn't" Somebody spiritual comes up and says "Well you don't look like you got the HS." And if you go for that and say "Well they ought to know." NO! God knows! The Word Knows! This is not just a book this is God's Word. As if he spoke it to you, and he did. He spoke this, not just to them, he spoke to you, he spoke it to me. I read this and he's speaking to me and I believe this. That's what the Bible says, "Cast down imaginations and everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring in to captivity every thought to the knowledge of God. It says let God be true and every man be a liar. If this is what it says, then this is what I believe. So, you say "No, sir, I got the Holy Spirit. You ain't stealing that from me. Then the Bible says you are accepted in the Beloved. You are complete in Him. You are being built together as a habitation of God through the Spirit. "Well, I don't thinks so cause brother so and so talked bad about me." OR this happened or that happened. Happened, happened. Or I don't feel it or somebody said. Well that just voided out the Word of God right there, well my goodnes s let's all throw our bibles out the front door because somebody said. If you're going to be blown away by every wind of doctrine, OH, somebody said this. Somebody taught that. Did you know ... gap in tape.

*Stand. See? Stand on the word, stand on the Word! Stand on the word, the Word says. "Well everything else doesn't agree with that." Cast down, Cast down. In the name of Jesus, I believe Gods' word, I'm standing on the word , I'm standing. "Oops I wobbled a little bit, but I'm still standing! Oops I almost got blown around by every wind of doctrine but I'm still here!" No sir, no sir, I believe right here. You see when you understand what Jesus did non that cross. You know the harvest, the great harvest came in in Israel every year. They had an early and a latter rain. And in the early part of that thing when they began to gather in that harvest...fruit came up...first fruit. It came up away before the full harvest. Jesus is described as the first fruit of them that slept He's described as the first fruit. They would go gather in that small portion called the harvest first fruit, they would bring it before God, they would wave it before the Lord, they would show that first fruit to God and if God accepted the first fruit, the whole harvest was blessed. He accepted the whole harvest. And if they accepted the first fruit the rest of it had a shoo-in. He's going to honor the whole thing. . All he had to do was look at the first fruit when it came in and if he said "Yeah I like" Man the whole harvest could rejoice! When Jesus came waltzing into heaven and God accepted him into the throne room of God, he came in as the first fruit and when he got accepted, the whole bunch of us got accepted in the beloved. In Christ, I'm in Jesus! I'm seen in Christ. When Jesus sits there God looks there and says, "You're accepted" ... and I'm in him! I'm in Christ and you ain't moving me out. I'm in Him. But of God are ye in Christ. That's what it says in First Corit. 21. But of God are you in Christ who hath made him unto us wisdom, he's made these things to us, he didn't give us these things. He's made Jesus these things to us. Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. Never said he gave those things to you. He Made Jesus those things unto you and he gave you Jesus. He gave you everything you'd ever want in Christ and He put you in Him. And he joined you to him and when a branch is stuck in to the vine it gets all the root and fatness of the vine and everything that's in there shoots into that little tube and it has access to the whole shooting match. Glory to God, I'm in Christ! He is the vine we are the branches you know we sing that!*

We go, "Glory to God!" We don't go (singing in wimpy voice ) "He is the vine we are the branches, OOOH " You know. Man that's glorious! I'm stuck in Jesus. I'm connected to Him. And that branch didn't have any life in it. When it got broken off it's put in there grafted in Him and is a partaker of everything that's in it Glory to God. Don't you understand that ? That's the whole truth of tithing that's the whole truth of the firstborn. Jesus, before he died and went to that cross he's called the only begotten Son. After that he's called the first born from the dead. The first born among many brethren. What's it mean? Why the firstborn is holy. It was redeemed it was set aside for God and Jesus is the first born and when Jesus was accepted by God and let me tell you that wasn't at his birth on this earth. That was when He died and rose from the dead. He became the first born, check this out, search the scriptures, you'll see it. You'll see he's called the only begotten, only begotten, then bingo! Death and now resurrection and from then on he's never called the only begotten any more he's called the first born from the dead. He's the first born among many brethren. That's good news because Jesus himself took care of the whole family. When he became the first born and was accepted of God the whole family is accepted. God doesn't look at you, he looks at the first born. God doesn't look at you little harvest, he looks at the first fruit. And when he accepted that Bingo, he accepted the whole thing. You're accepted in the Beloved. "Well I'm not ready yet" No! That ain't it you're missing it. The way God set this thing is you're never would be accepted if you're going to wait to get shaped up. He put you in Christ and the spirit of God is bringing this and you start casting down imaginations and all this stuff that is contrary to the word of God and you start saying "No sir, the Word says right here....end of side one.

You've got to get your eyes on Jesus. Search the scriptures they testify of me! Quit searching the scriptures for you! Jesus said, now he knew they already searched the scriptures, when He said search the scriptures he wasn't teaching them something new about searching the scriptures he's teaching them a new way...what to look for. They already did that. But he said search the scriptures



for they are they which testify of me. And so when we come here to the Word we don't read "all are being built together for a habitation of God in whiny voice then, Well I don't see a habitation of God or I don't feel very accepted, or I don't feel very complete. " You're looking at you and you're looking at everyone else and you're denying God and his word. You're denying it! You say "Well I don't deny the Word of God" You do it everyday! Every time you look within. He's not building this temple here it's being built in the Lord. That means you and I have to come to the knowledge of who we are in the Lord. In whom, look at verse 21 what 's the first two words? In Whom. Look at verse 22. What's the first two words? In Whom. Look at Ephesians the first chapter verse 3: Mark it every time.. (QUOTE SCRIPTURE) You say will I'm just trying to get the blessings "Folks you've already been blessed with all the spiritual blessings... "Ok, I'm trying to get enough faith, I'm trying to get a hold of God, God I'm in a bad situation, Help me , Bless me!" That's not faith! That's denying what he did. He wants you to go to his word and say "Oh God, I k now that I don't deserve it but I know that you don't see me and if you did you'd be ashamed, and I do repent of every sin I've ever committed against You. I tell you what, I come to you through Christ Jesus My Lord. I'm in Him. I know that You see Jesus. You see me in Him and therefore Father, I thank You that the blessings are mine in Christ. All spiritual blessings all spiritual blessings in Christ. Thank You Father and I just accept my inheritance through the first born, Jesus Christ. It doesn't end there according as he has chosen us In Him. This isn't just talking about the election of God of saints this is talking about the place of choosing it's in Christ. If you agree with God or confess or say with God, you are chosen in him if you don't you ain't. It's Christ that God accepts that God has chosen and God I believe I believe about the first fruits, I believe about the firstborn, I believe you, I accept that. And therefore I accept being chosen of you. "Well, I don't act like it or feel like and you keep talking like that and you'll talk yourself right out of everything. You keep looking within. He said search the scriptures they testify of me, but you will not come to me that you might have life. You keep going in saying, "I don't match up, I'll compare myself one with another, I don't match up...I just keep on

*failing..." I know what's wrong with you...You! And I'm going to tell you how to get out of it...Look at Jesus! "Somebody said that this Church is full of hypocrites" Probably so. God's not finished with us yet. That's where the Holy Spirit comes in down here. He's inside and he ain't going to let you up. When's the last time you really got mad at somebody? How long did you stay mad? Did not you want to be mad and he got on your case because he said, "You're my child and I'll now allow you to go this way. I don't care about what they did or said or what's going on and you're going to shape up." Now honestly how many of you have experienced that recently. That's a glorious dealing! I've been through years where I had a brother, man Oh man, he' never repented of nothing. He never told me once that I can remember that he was sorry for anything. And we'd get into a scuffle and I'd always have to be the one to go and say I'm sorry and try to make it right. One day I said to God, "Why do I always have to?" He said because You're my son and this is the way my sons act. I went that's right and then I went gladly. If he never repented if he never did nothing, never apologized, that doesn't change anything in me. I want to be in the image of Christ. (gap in tape)*

*You're going to be hard pressed...Satan is going to be hard pressed to knock his people off of the Word, because if you're in Christ, oh glory to God. We talk about praying through Christ...we're in Him and this prayer comes out of Jesus' mouth, because we're his body, to the Father, and He said okay Jesus I'll do it! And we say "What? I prayed that prayer, not Jesus!" Well we're in Him! Whatsoever you ask in Him, through Christ, you come in my name. I'm not here in my name. Lord, I am not here in my name, I'm here in the name of Jesus and I know that He's the first fruits and he's accepted and I'm accepted in Him and therefore you accept me..." But we're so guilt ridden and sin conscious. Yuck! God doesn't see all that, the HS does and He's working on it, but God doesn't see all that! He sees you chosen in Him. He hears that prayer emanate from Jesus and he sees that you have come in Jesus' name not in your own name and he says that you're accepted. But we don't ...I saw this commercial....this*

woman was sitting there asking for a bank loan and she says “ Well I better leave, I know that you won’t give it to me” And He says, “I’ll certainly give it to you” “I’m sorry I tried” and she wouldn’t even accept the fact that the loan had gone through. Folks, Jesus has made a loan of his life and of all spiritual blessings, of the kingdom of God and we sit around going, “Well, I know that I ain’t as good as brother so and so.” He doesn’t see brother so and so! Or sister so and so. “Well, she’s more spiritual than I.” Maybe the Spirit of God is worked in her than more but she’s no more accepted than you are. Cause they’re both accepted in the beloved and he sees Jesus. That’s the basis you’re accepted. Let’s read on “ Chosen in him before the foundation of the world.’ Well were you there? No you weren’t there before the foundation of the world Jesus was. He said “Jesus, the plan is going to revolve around You, I’m going to accept you because I know that you’re not going to sin and mess it all up.” God chose that when he had children it would be chosen in him. “That we should be holy and without blame in love having predestinated unto the adoption of Sons by Jesus Christ, to himself, according to his good pleasure.” See, he didn’t say according to if you act right. Now you’ll act right if Jesus is in you and you’re in Him. If you’re not aware of that union and relationship, you’ll do less acting right and more acting, than right. You’ll be trying to produce what can only come from life. See Fruit...what is fruit? And what is it a result of? It is a result of a vine and a branch coming together in union and out of that union of life flowing through the two, not just stuck, but a life union fruit comes forth. “OHH, I want the fruit of the Spirit” Well find out what it means to be in Christ! And once you start accepting that, just like you accepted your salvation, just like you started accepting your healing, pretty soon manifestation starts coming and you start saying “This isn’t me, this is life, this is Christ, this is a result of my belief.” I was talking to somebody the other day about faith. It’s not just picking something and trying to exercise your faith. The just live by faith. We live by faith...live by it and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. I’m in union with Christ, my faith is in that, I believe that, I walk in it, in Him I live and move and have my being in it. Well most of us

do not live in Him or move in Him or have our being in Him. We move right here, this is where we be and if this is where you be, then once again, you are very discouraged most of the time. Very discouraged... You're either discouraged with me, or your husband, or your wife or the church, but guess what if you don't change your perspective, you can get you another husband or another pastor or another church. Or you can sell all those kids and go adopt some more and you're still going to be discouraged because hope is in Christ. And you ain't being in Christ... In him we have our being. Being. State of Being. My state of Being is right here. The state of my happiness or sadness depends on what's going to hit me tomorrow". There is joy unspeakable and full of glory in Him, but it's in Him. It's not your joy that's your strength it's the joy of the Lord and you got to get in him to experience that. Let me tell you when you know you're in Christ, someone can come up and say, "You're the worst, old yucky pastor I ever saw!" And the spirit of God will convict you of that and you'll say "God I want to be changed". But you know what, you don't go into despair and all that junk because you know you're accepted of God in the Beloved. If nobody else likes you, the Father likes you and for an old orphan boy that's good news. Three foster homes and a big orphanage and all that stuff so when I found that God accepted me not because of me because nobody accepted me because of me,, but because of Christ and I was in Him and always accepted and just as righteous as Billy Graham or anybody else in the eyes of God because I was accepted in Christ, received on the same basis. Hallelujah that makes you steadfast. That makes you stable that makes you.. that shuts the door to the enemy in some major areas that most people are always dealing with: sin-conscious and guilt and always freaking out!!! Now I don't just mean freaking out because we all freak out. But I said always freaking out. Let me tell you, making voice the blood making void the cross making voice the reason Jesus came making void the resurrection. What is Christianity? God way up there somewhere and me down here to fight the lions. ..and I hope the answer comes soon. That means the answers always got to come and the answer always has to be victory to pull you out of a doldrums. You know ole Daniel can sit in the

lions den and go glory to God, be thrown in prison with Silas and sit there and sing...glory to God. We've got the victory, Hallelujah! (singing) In Him we live and move and..." Why are you singing that? We're in Him man! Hallelujah, if they killed us right now we'd graduate, glory to God but we're in Him, we're accepted of God!" Why you failed what are you talking about? You're in prison! Timothy got ashamed of Paul because he was in prison...got ashamed of Him! It talks about it! He said, brother what kind of witness is that? " And Paul could have said, " Well I guess that's right, man!" I'm accepted in the beloved, God doesn't see me in jail, he sees me in Christ. God doesn't see me in a little hut, he sees me in Christ. He doesn't see me in a big mansion, He sees me in Christ. He doesn't see me in a Honda, he sees me in Christ. What more glorious place could we be in than in Him. But you see if that's just theology and theory we have missed it. Folks, I'm real serious about this. The theology of being in Christ will do you no good. No good. The truth of in Christ is a union with you in him and you accepting what God has done there and accepting God's word and seeing by the eyes of your spirit all that it says,. Vs 6 says, "To the praise of the glory of His grace! " His grace! Where is that abounding? In Christ. Through which he hath made us accepted in the beloved Do you know that you're beloved of God. in Christ. Now that upsets some people. They say "Now I am personally beloved." Well, you know what I think your problem is? I don't think you've seen how bad you really are yet. Now I know that's a hard saying., but I'm telling you the truth. I don't think y[ve really seen how bad you really are yet. If you're going to try to shove that before God and try to get him to accept that, you know what the whole burnt offering is all about. That's where God show fire from heaven and just burnt the whole thing u[p cause there wasn't nothing in the worth saving. He just fried the whole thing. See, you'd be God's whole burnt offering.

But you know God Glorious made the first fruits, he made the first born. He made provision through Christ and he sent life in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He didn't just send the gospel of do's and don'ts or a religion or a set of

standards, He sent his only begotten son who would join to us and only begotten taking upon him the yucky, because there wasn't nothing else but the yucky and going to the cross and killing the yucky and having us in Him now accepted of God ..seen in Christ and then sending back the spirit of God to begin to teach us what life has been placed in us. Not making it happen but awakening us to what has happened. And that's a fact, Jack. Not making it happen but awakening us awakening. Where is that, Lord? Where is it that talks about "Awake to righteousness and sin not for some of you have not the knowledge of God, I speak this to your shame.." I can quote it perfect, I don't know now where it is. It says "Awake to righteousness!" What is righteousness? Right standing with God through Christ not through you. In other words being accepted in Christ...Him looking and not seeing you but Christ. I'm in good relations with God. "Awake to your right standing with God! Awake to righteousness and sin not! For some have not the knowledge of God I speak this to your shame" That's Bible. Can't tell you where it is right this second, but that's Bible. I Corinthians 15:34. See verse 22 was the one that said we were in Him either accepted, either dead or alive. Either dead in Adam or you're alive in Christ. Who are you in tonight? I hope you're in Jesus. What is it again? I cor 15:34. Awake to righteous...." Oh I just said that, but there's where it's at. Okay You must come.. you must experience the death burial and resurrection of Jesus through the revelation brought by the Holy Spirit of the Word of God. You and I must experience. To Know. The usual word for know is know by experience. But there are many translation of the word "know" and it always says Know or knowledge. But in the Greek you'll find two or three different words and one of them is to know by experience. Give you an example where it talks about the love of God. "to Know the love of God which passes knowledge." One is head knowledge and one is to know by experience. You've got to search the scriptures. What are we going share with the mission field? What are we going to share right out here on the campus? What are we going to share in our little prayer groups or with our husband or wife? What are we going to share if we are not in union with Jesus and full of the life of Christ. Let me tell you, we're going

*to share facts and figures and doctrines and hope so's and you know. We are not going to impart life, and the only the Spirit of God can impart life, but you've got to have life for it to be imparted. Let me tell you this: When the word, we're talking about the Word of God, in the beginning was the Word,. The Word was with God and the Word was God. We're not talking about the scriptures we're talking about the living Word of God. The word of God being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. That's what it says, "Being born again" I'm in a process...being born again! You say, "well I was born again 15 years ago!" Good! That's right, you had an initial seed planting but the process is still going on. I Peter 1: 23 says, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed..." The issue of new birth is not good works or a salvation plan that you accept it's a seed. Not of incorruptible. Well, that just voids out everything but Jesus...not of corruptible I mean. Cause everything's corruptible, but of incorruptible seed by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever! For all the flesh is like grass and the glory of man like grass...the Word of God endures forever. Then it says be ye no more children and then it goes into "As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word that you may grow thereby." Now it's not saying act like a newborn babe, it's saying just like a newborn baby when they get hungry they go "Waaaaaaaa" and you don't walk over there and say, "Oh, It'll be ready in just a little bit while I'm mopping the floor." They go "Waaaaaaaa, Waaaaaaaa! I want my milk!" And you can try to talk them out of it.*

*Well he is saying, just like a newborn babe desires milk, so you desire the sincere milk of the world, still first Peter, in chapter two, verse one. Being born again, growing in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing, not having known, "Well you taught Romans back on Bolivar and I know that." Knowing this, knowing that Christ, being raised from the death dieth no more. In that He died, He died once unto sin, in that He liveth, He liveth unto God, reckon yourselves also to be dead through what Jesus did on the cross, death, my death, in that He died, he died once and for all and in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. I better find out about this Jesus living in me, because He lives unto*

God. That is what it is saying, that is not a mystery or a hidden thing, that is bible, it is clear-cut, right in context. It speaks of what God did in Christ and then it tells you and I to just act like that is true. Reckon on it, know it and as you know and believe, you become. You become what you already are, in Christ. I know that sounds tricky, but you become what you already are. You are already complete, you are already accepted, "Beloved, now are ye the Sons of God." Now it doth not yet appear down here, but when you shall appear and everybody always puts that out to the rapture, but if you study the scriptures it is not talking about the rapture, it is talking about coming to the knowledge of the Lord and you can search that out in First John and you will find, in Him or you in Him and He in you about a hundred, million times. You can hardly read a verse without this, "I in you and you in I." He is showing this union and He is saying, "Beloved, right now ye are the Sons of God, it doth not yet appear, but when He shall appear ye shall be like Him. And every man that hath this hope hath purified himself even as he is pure." It is saying, Beloved right now you are what you are, and you are a Son of God. Now it does not appear down here, but I am not down here, I am in Him, I am in Christ. It does not appear here what we shall be, but as I see Him, I will be changed and everyone, not everyone that does not have a clue, but everyone that has this hope is purifying himself even as he is pure. Because he is coming into the reality of who he is in Christ, who Christ is in him and a conforming is taking place, not because God is shooting down things it is because he is believing what God has already done in Christ. He believes the cross, he believes the death, he believes the resurrection. And he is all that God wants, not because of him but because of Jesus and he accepts that and God is pleased and he is conforming. He is changed from glory to glory as by the spirit of the Lord. That is another scripture, and I realize that I am jumping around, but Second Corinthians the third chapter, he says, "That the word of God is like a mirror and as we behold His glory," see you go to a mirror and you look at yourself and you say, "I need to shape up here, I need to clean up. My mascara is messed up, my hair is messed up." You go to this mirror and you do not see you, search the scriptures, "for they are they which testify of me." You go there,



*you see Jesus and your mind begins to conform to the way God sees you in Christ and you are changed from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord. That is what all those scriptures say. There is no trickery here, it just reads verse one, two, three, and it is God's work. It is not your work, it is God's work, but if God is raining it down in Christ and you are living over here, do you understand? You are in Christ, but you are living, and looking, and moving, you are trying to get Him to shape you up, and, "come and fix me," it is like losing a coin out here, losing a hundred dollar bill when I get out of the car and coming in here and crawling on my knees and looking under the pews for it. Am I going to find it here? No, it is out there. I keep looking in here and saying, "Oh, God, shape me up and help me and do this in me, and me, me, me." And He says, "Get your eyes off of the yuck you and look in Christ. See yourself in you. Be known the way that God know you and you will be changed from glory to glory even by the Spirit of the Lord, for everyone that hath this hope purifies himself even as he is pure." If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us, but it is knowing by Christ. It is knowing Him, it is knowing us in Him. It is not just saying, "I know Jesus. I know that there is a Jesus. I believe that there is a God." Let us all just give a big round of applause, so does the devil. The devil know there is a God. The devil knows that there is a Jesus. He believes in Him, he believes He is the Son of God. He believes that He is the soon coming King, he believes that He saves, he believes the He heals and he believes that he does not like Him. But the devil is not joined one with, over taken by the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, but he believes what most people say they believe. What is salvation? Believing a set of tenants, "Well, I believe this and I believe that." No! Salvation is Christ. It is Christ, it is joined to, one with Jesus Christ.*