

The Father's Heart Toward His Son
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... So this declares that the things of God do not just enter your heart, enter your mind, enter into you as a living being; but they must be revealed. They must be revealed. Now, could you not take somebody's book and read these things? Yes, but they do not enter into your spirit. They have not become spirit and life to you until they have been revealed. So increasing in knowledge is not what this is all about. Increasing in Christ is what it is about; increasing in the knowledge that is Christ, and not the knowledge of Christ. And that is up to the Spirit to explain to you what that means. So the gospel has to be revealed, it is revealed by the spirit, and it is known throughout the scriptures.

Let us turn to Romans 1:1-3. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection of the dead." (Concerning something that Jeff and I were talking about in the last class.) Notice it says that, "Separated unto the gospel of God which He hath promised before by his prophets in the Holy Scriptures concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..." We were discussing the term "gospel", and Jeff came up and asked me if the truth of the gospel is just Jesus alone? The truth is, the term "gospel" must include love, forgiveness, remission of sins. The gospel must include these things by virtue of itself. The term "gospel" is Christ, but it is also all that is through Christ in relation to salvation and all that stuff. Jeff saw it as a house with all these different rooms, and Jesus is that house and there are all these things that He is, that holds the house together.

There are denominations that have taken Jesus out of the gospel and have made the gospel into just blood, forgiveness, or whatever, and that is not the gospel. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy scriptures." These scriptures assume that if you get the Son, Jesus, as the gospel, then you are going to get everything else. In the truly strictest sense of the word, you can not just say that Jesus is the only gospel without having an understanding of these other aspects.

We were talking about different views. From the Father's view, forgiveness, and the shedding of blood, that is not good news to Him. His gospel is the Son. Jeff and I were talking about when I met the Lord. I met Jesus. I was glad I was saved and not going to hell, but the thing, to this day, that is good news to me, is the Son. I am not just saying that. But if we are going to talk about good news, "gospel", you cannot divorce that from blood, love, and other aspects of the gospel. I wanted to clarify that because that is the truth.

So the scriptures that we read in Galatians say that the gospel must be revealed. To understand things like blood, forgiveness, and love; you could understand those things without a revelation, could you not? I do not know how much life it could be, or how much freedom you could have as a result of studying these aspects, but truly, you cannot know Jesus without a revelation. You cannot know about the real Jesus without the Spirit of God revealing Him.

So He must be revealed. He is revealed by the Holy Spirit. And the scriptures here, "Now unto Him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began." It is my understanding that the word "and" there, can also be translated into the word "even". "Now unto Him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, 'even' the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began." There is a lot in there. Did anybody ever research Romans 16? He is talking about not just knowing the gospel, not just receiving the gospel, but being established in the gospel. That establishment must be according to something. You do not just get established. You do not just get saved, receive the gospel, and poof!, somehow you are magically transformed and established. But this says that it is according to "my gospel". Paul wrote this and he understood what his gospel was, and he even dealt with people in Galatia that were preaching another gospel.

So let us not confuse the things of a gospel with another gospel. Many who preach a gospel do not preach Christ, but Paul preached Christ. Paul preached the revelation of Christ. It was what he preached. And that was according to his gospel, even the preaching of Jesus Christ. So even though the gospel includes all these things; blood etc... He did not say according to my gospel, even the preaching of salvation. He did not preach salvation, because folks, the good news is not that you are saved. The good news is Jesus Christ and you have the seed.

The preaching of Jesus Christ. Now, there is only one way you can do that, and it must be according to something. Have not I always said that before, previously? To preach Jesus Christ must be according to the revelation of the mystery. What is a mystery? Something that is previously hid that is not already made known. It is made known how? By the revelation. Which was made secret since the world began but is now made known, manifest, through the scriptures (sounds like he is reading from the book here). We are saying that the gospel, the good news, is Christ. It includes provision and all this, but the gospel must be based on Christ. We are saying that it must come by revelation. We are saying that revelation comes by the Holy Spirit, and we are saying that the Holy Spirit uses scriptures.

Now if you are not saying this, surely you have heard people say, "What about all the pygmies in Africa?" One thing I have always marveled at were all the people who worried about all the pygmies in Africa. If people are so worried, why do not they just grab a bunch of bibles and go over there and pass them out and solve all the pygmie questions? That is what I think anyway. If they do not have a bible, can they get saved? Yes, they can get saved. Can God reveal Himself to them? I think that Romans 1 deals

with this. I do not believe you have to know the scriptures to know God. But Paul said in the second or third chapter of Romans, he said to us, talking about the jews (Hard to understand here) that we have a better opportunity to know the Lord through the scriptures. To me, if you have a bible and you love God and want to know God, but you do not want to read the bible and you want to be like one of the pygmies in Africa, then there is something wrong with you. My idea is that they must not really want the Lord. If you have access to it, then go for it. So, I do not believe that you have to have the scriptures to know the Lord. I do not believe that you have to have scriptures in front of you to see something. There have been times when I have been driving down the street and have seen something. The scriptures many times are an (can't understand), but not all the times.

I believe that life was put into the scriptures, and the scriptures have become such a big part of my life. I thank God so much for the scriptures. I love the scriptures, and that is where I want to go when I want to see Jesus. If I am at home and I am going to watch a soap opera or read my bible, I know my chances of seeing the Lord are much greater if I read my bible, so I choose to read. (hard to understand here) ... not because someone says, "You better read the scriptures!" So I read the scriptures, but I am not going to be motivated by fear, or by a bunch of junk that poeple put on me, but I am going to be motivated by what is in me, what motivates me. And what is in me that motivates me is that I love God and I want to know Him. And this causes me to act.(mumbles something here, hard to understand)

According to the scriptures, (I think he is quoting scripture here but it is hard to understand). See, I should stop reading the scriptures because I see stuff. He did not just say obedience here, but obedience to the faith. That is huge! I challenge you to search the scriptures for the word obedience, and obedience to faith, and you will find that a lot of times it does not mean obedience like, "I will obey whatever you say Lord", but it is truly, "I believe something and will obey it". But see, I can sit over here and tell you what to believe, and you can obey it, but I do not think that you may really believe the word of God at all. You must believe. That is between you and God.

I believe that if you truly believe something, then you will begin to obey it. If you believe something, you know, if the world was going to end tomorrow, that would motivate you in some way. I do not think that that would motivate me at all. I believe that I would just keep on doing what I was planning on doing today anyway, because I believe in patience. You know that there are some people who say that if the world was going to end, they would just quit their jobs and go for God!! Well of course you would, you selfish little thing, you want to be right in your own (Can't understand here). But if there was a big hole here with fire in it, and somebody grabs you and starts pulling you toward that hole, you would (can't understand). Well there is faith more than in the negative junk that is supposed to happen. There is faith in the positive and loving the Lord who motivates us.

Alright, "And to God, all wise we glory through Jesus Christ." Sometimes we try to bring glory to God, but not through Jesus. "I just want to bring glory to God!" Well, let Jesus live in you! Let His nature come through you. "Well, I want to be good today and

bring glory to God!" No, but you would be a good pharisee that way. (can't understand here) ...stand before people who say, "You are one of the best pharisees I have ever seen! As far as pharisees go, you are the best!" Of course it was not from Jesus, so, "Depart from me you worthless little iniquity, I never knew you! But dang you were good!" I think God has a Texas accent.

To know God must be a combination of the word of God and the Spirit. It must be a combination of the two. (reading from the book here) Without these two, it is impossible to have a revelation of Jesus Christ, meaning through this method. Now, once again, I want to make it absolutely clear that I believe that one can go to the Lord without the scriptures. But I am just saying that the bible declares how important it is to stay in the scriptures. And your chances are certainly greater of knowing the Lord there.

Now, this could not be made any clearer than in the scriptures pertaining to John the Baptist. God set down a pattern in John where (can't hear)... In the first chapter of John... Everyone turn to John 1 in your bibles. He means so much more than what is evident from the ink that is written on the pages here. In verse 26 he says that, "There was One among them who they knew not." This is significant because he is saying that One whom needs to be revealed is already there. See, many people are trying to get Jesus there. "Oh, I need Jesus," people say. When I say that I need Jesus, I mean that I need to conform to that Jesus who is already there. When I need more of Jesus, I do not need another arm or leg or something. I mean that I need to know the Jesus that I already have. So we already know that Jesus is among us. He is there. He just has not been revealed. So instead of trying to get that one to show up, that one whom they knew not, was Christ.

John was a believer and a type of a believer. He represents all of the believers as well as a type of the believer. Jesus is the Word, or is a type of the Word, or the holy scriptures. John, like most believers, was called of God and filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us start looking at these attributes and see what is there and what is good. (he is making a chart of these things on the board) John was of God, he was in the family, he was called, he was spirit filled, he was active in ministry. This is pretty big stuff because there are some that are called of God, but they are not Spirit filled. John had all of these, and the bible is saying that he was still lacking something pretty big. John, like most believers, (he is reading from the book here) was called of God and was spirit filled. In fact, John was spirit filled from his mothers womb and was daily carrying out the ministry that the Lord had entrusted to him. So, can you be involved in ministry and not have had a revelation of Christ? Well, I would hope so. If that was the case we would all have to shut down. If all that one could minister about was according to the revelation of Christ, there would hardly be any ministry in the church.

Though all of this was of God, he truly did not know Jesus. Verse 33 states very plainly that he knew Him not. "And I knew Him not; but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He who baptizeth with the Holy Spirit." So John says, "I did not know Him, I did not know him." He was in the family of God, Spirit filled, but he did not know Him. And I like the way that the scriptures say that the same one who sent

me to minister says that you need to see who He is. The same one who calls him to minister says that you do not have Him revealed. Folks, a lot of people are being called to the ministry, and that is all they are hearing. And they are not listening to the voice of God who is saying(can't hear, mumbling).....revealed. We will clarify this the more we go on.

Many preachers and believers today are under the same circumstances; called, filled with the Spirit, appointed by God, yet they are failing to live the spiritual life which is Christ. He has not yet been revealed to them in the word by the Spirit. The Lord knew that John the Baptist did not know Jesus, so he said that "Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending and remaining, this will be the One."

John hears that He needs to be revealed. He calls him to ministry. He (John) says, "We do not know who He is." How am I going to know? How am I going to know so I can show others? How am I going to know if it is Jesus in me or not? First of all, you will know by the Spirit. If you do not know, it is probably not the Lord. I have people asking me about that all the time. "How will I know if it is Jesus?" Well, you probably do not know because you have not had a revelation of Christ yet. You will know the difference between you and Him.

See, when you say that to most people they say, "Oh yeah, I am the bad one and He is the good one." No, no, no, because you are good a lot of the times, but it is still not the Lord. It says, "Blessed are the peacemakers," and you make peace not because you are a peacemaker, but because you do not like people lying. So you make peace. Now Jesus did not say, "Make everyone peaceful". That was not the Lord. (hard to understand the next few statements.....) ... that is peace at any cost.(He says something here about Hebrews class)

So, how is he going to know? "I do not know Him". So how is he going to know? You will know when the Spirit descends and remains. Have you ever seen anybody who has the Spirit of God all over them? How long did it last? Well, this one that they are talking about says that when the Spirit descends on Him, it will remain. See, there is something about being a son of God as opposed to a Holy Ghost anointing. There is a difference, a huge difference. It is just that most people do not know..(tape gets flipped here.)

... that reminds me of a story. Donald and I flew to New York city and we went to visit David Wilkerson's Church. So we get to New York city and get a car and hit traffic (makes a joke here and everyone laughs for awhile) We decided to go to David Wilkerson's church the next morning, and the Lord gives me a word for David Wilkerson. I was like, "Lord, you gave me a word for David Wilkerson?" I do not want a word for David Wilkerson. Give it to Donald. He is sleeping over there. I mean, think of all the weirdos that come in and say, "I have a word for you David." But I delivered it. Because God's first emphasis is not (cant understand here) ... but His first emphasis is the forming of His son. Now, I love David and I am for him, but I am going to do what God told me to do. God's heart is first for his Son, and we will see that, the further we go in Hebrews. Now, I want to make this clear, I believe that David is a prophet and that

prophets are called to speak on most subjects. But according to his ministry , (Gods first... he mumbles something here that I cannot understand.)

Allright, (reads here from the book) how will we know? We will know by the Spirit and it will be by the Spirit today that we also may know Him. The Spirit will descend on the word and when this happens, we will know Jesus. (continues reading from the book here.) Okay, there is something here. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, steps up out of the water and the Holy Spirit as a dove descends on Him and remains. The Holy Spirit signifies that this is the One. Out of everyone there, the Holy Spirit revealed Him. Not only was this Jesus, but Jesus was the Word of God. Because if you read the first verses of the book it says, " In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And then it continues to talk about the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. So the Jesus that he was talking about was the Word. So you have the Spirit and you have the Word and you have the person of Jesus. (sentence here I can not understand) But this is going by the word and virtue coming together. This is going to take on a whole new significance and reality. It is going to totally lift you out of this world. It is going to separate you from your earthly understanding. It is going to be a light. It is going to be light. He is the light of life. This can not come from this realm, it must come from this realm (pointing to something on the chalk board.)

So the Father speaks and says, that this One, this One, who is the Word, who is this Jesus, is my Son, my only begotten, my beloved. This is not just a word, Jesus, or someone in the scriptures; or let us just follow Jesus, or Jesus is better than the rest. No. This one is My. My beloved. This is not just something from heaven, this is something from the heart. This is not just some voice that came down from the heavens, but the heavens were opened up. The heavnlies begin to be seen clearly when Christ begins to be seen clearly. When the Spirit of God begins to identify Him and the Word of God begins to be opened up, and Jesus begins to be more seen than just the Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the good guy, Jesus this and that; but you begin to know that, that understanding of whoever it is, begins to be defined. Abba Father. Not just by the Father, but the heart of the Father. By the definition of the Father. Not just by the vocabulary definition of the father, but by the definition that he understands Him in His Heart. Not just, He is the right man! He is the right man for the job! Not just, this is the only good one among us; everyone else is bad. This is good and evil. That is the way we do it. Or, this is the guy who created everything in the universe. He is the rightful manager of the universe. There are a million different ways to approach this. But the Father spoke folks, the Father spoke.

The Father spoke and He is trying to get us to understand Him, and to understand His Son, in a whole new way than through religion, or from what anyone else has said and told you ever. He is trying to communicate the Spirit of God as My spirit, and the Word of God that is my Son. And there when it all comes together, you see my heart concerning my Son.

Now I know that this is not Hebrews class, but when we talk about Hebrews class, where do we put everything? In what? In the Son. In the Son. Where are you? In the Son. Not the manager; not in the best man for the job. Not in the righteous one in the

earth. Not in the one that has never failed. That is not it. That is our ministry, that is our temporal way of seeing things and relating. You know, the best way to clean the floor is to clean it up! Folks, He takes you out of this realm and He puts you on streets of gold with golden gates and transparent glass. But see, you read that and go, "Ooh, heaven is going to be a pretty cool place!" Maybe God is spirit and life, and maybe all those things represent something else. Maybe transparent everything has to do with something else. Maybe gold and the reality of that is not, "ooh boy!" The streets are made of gold and I want to go to heaven!" (he says something here that is hard to understand) and the people start running to the church. They start appealing to everything that is not Jesus to get them to follow Jesus. First of all, if they come for that, they are not following Jesus. I do not know what they are coming for, but it is not Jesus. See what I am saying?

But once again, following Jesus and following the Son can be two different things, and probably is for a period of time. Because there probably is not one of us here that did not follow Jesus and love Jesus, until you begin to understand, my God, God has this relationship with His Son, and has put me in His Son, and now views me as Son in Him, and by Him. And then we go, "Oh, I failed today!", and God goes, "Okay, get out of the Son." No! He has forever established this in His heart. That those who are in the Son, would be the Son. Bone of His bone, and flesh of His flesh.

We have problems with ourselves because we do not look at the Son. Because if we really looked at Him, we would know who we really are. If we stop looking at us here, and be found in Him. Not having my own, or trying to find my own, establish my own, not trying to be or not be. I am trying to be this and not be that. How about just be. Be. Be. That is where I am. And I believe that as I abide in that, just like a branch, into a vine; and if I stay there, then pretty soon I will have that life. It is an amazing thing.

I was a missionary in Jamaica, I saw the most amazing thing. There was this orange tree, and the fruit was bitter; and this guy went over to it and he showed me the entire process. He says to me, "Take one of these oranges", and he took the orange and he peeled it and gave it to me to eat. And I took a piece of the orange and I ate it and it was bitter. And he said to me that this tree has never brought forth any really good fruit. So he walks over to another tree and he takes an orange from it, he peels it and then he asks me to take it and taste it; and it was sweet. And then he said, "Watch this". And he walked over to the tree that was sweet, and he cut out a branch. Now this is not according to nature; this would be just the opposite of nature. And he walked over to the other tree and took the branch with all the life that was in it, and he cut a cross into the tree. No wait, I think it was the branch from the bad tree that he brought over to the good tree. Anyway, he cut a cross into the good tree and he stuck the branch into it. He stuck that thing in there and then he wrapped it. It was like plastic or something small that he wrapped it with. I said to him "Why are you wrapping it?" He said to keep it held in there, it needs to stay there. He said that if you do not keep it held in there, it will fall to the ground, and if you keep picking it up and trying to get it held in there, it will not attach itself. He said that if you can keep it there, if it will abide, the process will happen pretty quick. It is an amazing deal if you think about it. I mean, here is a tree, and if you cut one branch off and you stick it into the other, they will become one. Just by staying

there. Can you see that branch going, "Oh, I am working really hard to stay there!" No, you stay there and identify there. Pretty soon the attachment is made. So he said that the ones that will make it, are the ones that stay tied in there; and when you take off the wrapping and look, then you see that, hey this one made it. So I asked him if all the branches made it, and he said no. Only the ones that stay tied in there if he manages to keep them tied in tightly.

Well Jesus said that if you abide in me and I in you, you will bring forth fruit. Well, this is the One that we are to abide in, the Son. Sweet fruit. Sweet fruit. The Father to everyone. To see the Son, not to see you. To see the Son, as the Father sees Him. And then to understand that you are in the Son. Not to see you in the Son. Well you know, I am all here in the earth and I am walking along and I need to see me and... No no no! The truth is that you do not need to see you at all. You need to see the Father's heart toward His Son. And if you see that, you see that that same Son went to the Cross, and did you go to the cross? Were you there? Can you tell me about it? Well, the truth is that you were there, but you were not there in you, so you can not tell me about it. There is only one way that you can tell me about it. You know, it depends on who. If you walk linearly and if I asked you to tell me about the cross, you would say, "Well there were two thieves on both sides, and somebody shoved a spear into His side, and that would be the linear explanation. And if I ask somebody spiritually, they would say that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. See, do you understand?

Here you enter into the cross. I need to understand my death in Him. No, not really. Because where does that put the emphasis? I need to understand Him. The emphasis is on you. I need to understand what happened to me. The emphasis can very easily still be on me, me, me. On me and not on Him.

See, every time I look at a cross I say, "Jesus died." Did Jesus die? Yes he died. The question is, "was I in Him?" Well, the answer is that I was in Him. So am I dead? Well, that depends. If I look to me and if I look to you. No, if I look to the word the word says the I am crucified. You know, if you look at the verb I am, it is an eternal verb. The means that it has a progressive meaning, basically having a past work but a present result. What is the name of that tense? The perfect tense? (the class laughs here for awhile) Past finished.. This is the literal meaning in grammar of the tense. A finished work having present results. We are all trying to get something finished. Or trying to get us finished, or trying to get me in this thing somehow. (somebody asks a question here) I am crucified with Christ. You could say that I was. But the proper meaning would be that I am. And now this is now my state. You could just walk up to the cross and say, "Oh, if I could just conquer Him by death I would be a lot better. If I could just see my old ugly face hanging from there, I would just believe. Or if I could just see my hand up there or my ear or something, if I could just see me being dead." No. You are not to see you dead. You are not to see you at all. You are to see Jesus. You are to see Jesus, Jesus. You dead is great, but it is still not Jesus. You must see Jesus, and understand that we went the cross in Him, then you will understand that you are already dead. Whatever is wrong with you has already been crucified. Now we just need to find it out. He is already among us. We are not going to get any more of the Jesus that we already need. You have got the full ticker, not just parts.. But the revelation of Him comes with

time and with understanding. If you continue in my word, now Jesus said that. Not that if you continue looking at the palm trees and wait for the sun to come up, and say, "Oh, the sun has come up in me." That is great and all, but not as great as if you continue in my word and the truth will make you free. It is not by comprehending you, it is not by comprehending you in me form. It is only by comprehending Him.

So, to seek me, or to seek me in Him, or to seek me crucified, or to comprehend me anymore is not what it is about. It is about comprehending Him. That I may know Him. And if you know Him, you know that He hath delivered you out of darkness and translated you into the kingdom of His dear Son. Or as it says in the Greek, the Son of His love. Where did he put you? He put you in Christ. You are in Christ. That is the way that I look at it. No, He does not look at it like that. In Christ is not just some position to Him. In Christ is a relationship. It is a love relationship that He has placed you into the kingdom of His dear Son. He put you into the government of the Son of His love. There you have been translated. That is the heart of the Father. That is the way that He relates to you. He sees the Son, and He wants you to see the Son. That is what He wants. And if you do, then the Son will begin to come forth. But it is not the coming forth of the Son that comes first, it is not fruit popping out. It is not a branch over here going, "Hey, can you make fruit come out of me! I just want to see Jesus in me." First you must understand that we are in Him. You must see that you are in Him. You must see that when He died, you were in Him, and when He rose again that you were in Him. Well, next week I will be teaching on Romans chapter five. I guess the Lord has got something to say.

When the Spirit descends on the word and at that time we will know Jesus. At that time the Father will declare that those who see Jesus that this is His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. The Father did not shout that He was pleased with the obedience of the multitude, the Father is pleased with His Son. The Father is pleased that His Son is being revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Do we have to worry about this ministry? Not if we stay in tune with God's heart. If we get out of tune with that, we are (can't understand what he is saying here.) If we stay in tune with God's heart, God wants His Son revealed. He created this world, and he will be preeminent. And we will have our hands full of all the ministry we need. You will never lack again. And if all this is not working in you, what will happen is all the sudden you will start looking around here. And you will say, "This needs fixing, and that needs fixing." I just know that this very book right here came when there was not anything going on outwardly. And I checked with the Lord, and the Lord said, "Do you have life working in you?" Then you let it come out, somewhere, somehow. Oh, they are not opening doors to me you say. Do you have life in you? It is going to come out somewhere. Write a song. Let Him come out. Life must come out. And if you are involved with this, and this is where you are, you never lack for ministry. Even when nothing is going on outwardly, that is when He produces. He produces life. For God so loved He gave.

I remembered when God revealed some fantastic things to me, and I would say, "Oh, I just wish that the preacher would ask me to preach on Sunday. I mean that this is

sooo God." And the Lord would say to me, "He is not going to ask you to preach, and I did not give you something so you would have something to preach.. I gave it yo you because it is from My heart to My Son. And I want you to chew on it, and write it down, and I want you to hand it to somebody, or share it with somebody." And I remember that it got so strong, and there was just so much just coming. And this one time there was so much coming from the Lord that I thought I was going to burst. So I walked into class and the teacher had not showed up, so I got up and I started to share. And about half way through the class the teacher came back and sat in the back. After class was over, the teacher asked me if I would share once a week. (The tape starts to fade here and ends.)