

The Crowns in Corinthians – 14 “The Crown of Edification”
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Tonight, in that fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians, and this is a study on the crowns in each of these chapters as God is pointing out to us. There’s many things saints, these are just some of the highlights He wants us to receive right now. And I was thinking as we come through these last couple weeks, we were there in First Corinthians Chapter Twelve, and that was the crown of the uncomely, and how the lesser parts of the body are the most essential to the body you know, and God was ramping that up. It talks about all the gifts in the twelfth chapter, and get the faith, get the feeling and all these different things, but then we got to the thirteenth chapter, and we understand that well without love just forget it, everything else don’t work. You have to have love, and that’s what will remain ever, and ever, and ever. And we thank God for that encouragement, so, we have the crown of the uncomely, we have the crown of love, and tonight as we come into this fourteenth chapter it’s the crown of edification. And how appropriate that comes because you talk about the body in the twelfth chapter and especially about the uncomely parts, the parts that you don’t think are necessary, the most essential about the body of Christ.

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And then to really understand that whether it’s prophesy, whether it’s knowledge, whether it’s the utterance; whatever it is, without love it profits a person nothing. And so, we’re thankful to God that we come tonight that we understand that this edification, and the bible talks about edification it’s that spiritual encouragement. It’s the truth in love encouragement that we have as saints. You can’t just be truth alone; it has to have that love. And that’s Who the Spirit is, He’s the Spirit in truth, that’s. He’s again this one that takes us and take us in and show us all the things of Christ that we have. He’s the One that takes the love of God and sheds it abroad in our hearts to understand why we have everything of Christ. Because you can’t understand why God is giving you everything if you really don’t understand the love of God. You can’t understand truly why would Jesus want to give you the opportunity and really wants that more than anything for any life for that person to rule and to reign jointly together with Him. You can never remotely understand that unless you understand the love of Christ. And so we thank the Lord that now we’re at this crown of edification, and this is the spiritual encouragement that we’re going to read about, and Paul’s going to teach us right here through the Holy Ghost that the highest purpose, and the goal of the gifts of the church is one thing and that’s edifying the church.

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It’s edifying the body of Christ. The whole thing about every gift that’s ever been given to the church, we’re talking about the gift of prophesy, or the gift of tongues, the gift of wisdom, the gift of knowledge, interpretation, it exists all for one goal and that’s to build up and encourage the glorious body. It’s to build up truly if we will, and especially what God has put in our hearts to be after to be the bride that is prepared for the Bridegroom,

and this is what we will see tonight, and I want you to notice as we begin in chapter fourteen let's look at verse one before we get into anything, what does it say? Follow after love. And it is the love of God, follow after the love of God, and brothers and sisters what that word follow means, it means to touch it. It means to pursue it; it means to pant after it. And then in that love by the grace of God then you'll have the right desire. You'll have the appropriate desire for the spiritual gifts. The word of God tells you to pray for the gifts, but you want to pray for the gifts according to that love wisdom that God gives you of why you would want those gifts to encourage and edify the body of Christ. 04:08

What an honor by God's grace to be a joint that supplies richly to other joints in the body of Christ. We understand it all comes from the head, but thank You Lord what You have envisioned and used us for, and isn't it wonderful again that the word vessel in the word of God means adding to the usefulness of the husband? Isn't that wonderful? I mean, aren't you thankful? I'm so grateful I have a spouse too, she adds to me, I add to her; we help one another. We actually, my brothers and sisters use to tell me I was useless, but now because they have someone adding to the usefulness of me, I can be useful. So, how much more so with the Lord, and the things that He does in our lives; I'm grateful. But I do love that, follow after love. 05:04

Love, if you will, it's like the envelope, it's the container of all the gifts, and it is. Everything operates, and every motive, the Spirit; it's love and the beautiful thing about love brothers and sisters, do you know what love protects you from? Pride. It really does; love protects you from pride. It's a marvelous thing how it does, because see, God is love, and God sees the proud afar off right? So, you can see that, and God doesn't want that distance, but you see pride distances itself from love and that's the truth and that a beautiful thing about love. It'll protect your life from pride; it'll protect your life from a lot of things. But saints, everything flows from love. The word of God if you really think about it, and especially for us and really for any life, do you everything is judged by love? It really is because what is the great love? It's the blood of Jesus. That's the judgement right there. Did you love the Lord, did you believe Him that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for you? See, that's the love, that love judges the life; think of that. That freely given love, it judges between heaven and hell. 06:31

But then you think about the judgment seat of Christ for us. What is really that the Lord judging of us, of reward, right? Where's the reward going to be? It's going to be in love. And what is the highest reward? It's first love, isn't it marvelous how beautiful that is? Why do you think then that Paul brought in, to know the love of Christ and to know it in the fulness of it, and to be filled with all the fulness of God. To be filled with all the fulness of love. So, how could you not always talk about love if you're going to talk about God because that's what God is. So, when you don't want to talk about love then you really don't to talk about God. You want to talk about yourself; you want to talk about things you can do. When you want to talk about love you're going to talk about grace. You want to talk about love you're going to talk about mercy. You're want to talks about love you're going to talk about His foreknowledge that predestinated you and boom, boom,

boom, boom, boom. It's all because of the love of God. That's all because of the grace of God that that is with us. 07:35

Now, let's read verses two through six and I think this kind of puts it together because what Paul is explaining here is prophecy is greater, but we'll get in that in just a second after we read. For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries. Okay? So, as we understand this we come into this fourteenth chapter, think of this in the church; this is to the church, this is to the body of Christ. Because Paul's going to speak of here in just a minute, and we're going to go back over it. It's a wonderful thing, and it's a necessity for us to speak in tongues as individuals. Absolutely, it is the evidence of being filled with the Holy Ghost. It's a necessity, it's an essential, and it's an essential because it's a sign by the grace of God that we don't need to be confused, we don't need to doubt, we don't need to guess; we're filled. And when you're filled, you're always filled just like when you're saved you're always safe, but I appreciate what sister is saying here. You want to be full of the Holy Ghost. So one of the things about being full of the Holy Ghost I really believe we will receive in here too in verse eighteen it says that Paul said I am thankful that I speak in tongues more than ye all. See, there's something edifying about that and there is in the word of God says, even though speaking in tongues, and know interpretation is there, it may not edify the church, but it edifies you. 09:04

And that's a good thing; you need to have spiritual encouragement. I encourage you to get it in the car, get it in the shower, get it in the closet; get it wherever you can get it. But when the Holy Ghost comes upon you in that regard don't be ashamed of it. And I thank the Lord, Oftentimes just meditating and thanking the Lord. I don't have the words to say, but He sure does. So, we're grateful to God in that. But what this is speaking of here is as we go into verse two, this is speaking of the wonderful tongues with interpretation. So, what this is here, this isn't speaking of the gift of the Holy Ghost. The gift of the Holy Ghost will always have the evidence of tongues because that's what the bible says. That's why that was at Pentecost. They were all in that upper room, they were all filled, and they all spoke in other tongues. And as they went forth, they went forth and they said have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? And what did they day? Well, we haven't even heard of the Holy Ghost. Or the other ones say that they didn't, or we had the baptism of John only, and those types of thing, but in every instance you can see they either laid hands on them and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, or there was a sign that came with it you cannot deny that it had to be speaking in tongues. So, you thank the Lord for that. 10:25

But what we're speaking of here as we go into the fourteenth chapter isn't the gift of the Holy Ghost, this is the gift of tongues, and the gift of tongues is for the church, and what this is speaking of is when we're in a church setting we have this gift of tongues which will always have with it the gift of interpretation. So, I thank the Lord and see, it is something that's simple to be understood for this is for the church. If I just got up in front of here or somebody did, and somebody just spoke out in tongues without an

interpretation we would be encouraged because we know the Lord, but there would be one that might come in here and they didn't really know the Lord, or anything like and they say well, what was that? But when you have the anointing of the gift of tongues which we'll always have that interpretation with that how powerful and beautiful that is when it is in love, when it is in love. Oh yes. Gifts always have to be given over everything, and you continue to give it to Him. At a time coming up here by the grace God it's all Him you'd have to want it to be, you wouldn't want it to be anything else and I definitely would not come up without Him; without the anointing of the Holy Ghost, I can't even imagine how unfun it would be. Terrifying, but I thank the Lord there's peace, there's joy, there's a rest, there's a freedom that I don't have anywhere like I have standing right here because of the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and that's the truth so I thank God for it. 12:07

Now, let's go on from verse two. For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaks unto men to edification. Now this prophesy that they're talking about truly is the word of God, that's what we have. When you are prophesying, you're speaking of the word of God. That's even what's going on right now, praise the Lord as we gather here. This is the word of God that's coming forth in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Thank You Jesus, this is the truth in love gospel; this is what we have, and it's full of the prophesy of the Lord. So, he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. I think that's what's going on here right now, amen praise God? He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaks with tongues, except the one speaking in tongues he interprets, that the church may receive the edifying. Now brethren, if I come unto with tongues what shall I profit you except I shall speak to you come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? So, we'll stop right there. But see Paul's explaining the prophesy is greater. And it's not because the prophet is greater; don't ever think it's because the vessel is greater, or that the tongue speaker is lesser, the simple reason here is that prophesy edifies the church. Once again this is all about the body of Christ; this is what this is about and we're thankful, and this is what the Lord is about. 13:53

Tongues edifies the individual as I mentioned earlier, it's wonderful, but for this particular chapter, and for this particular meaning here, it's for the unity of the Spirit in the church. Now Paul's not diminishing tongues, he's saying it's wonderful as I mentioned in verse eighteen, he said I'm glad I speak in tongues more than ye all, but in the church tongues with interpretation edifies the body, and it edifies the body with the same power even as prophesy. That's a beautiful thing, isn't it? It just shows you; this is once again about the spiritual encouragement of the body of Christ. Everything in this fourteenth chapter it's so wonderful. It all points to the word of His grace; the magnificence of the

word of His grace that builds us up, that builds this wonderful bride for the Lamb of God into this masterpiece. 14:51

Now, let's go on over to verse twelve. This kind of cements this thought. You're going to hear edifying, edifying, edifying, edifying in verse twelve. Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts; it's a good thing, pray for the gifts, He says t pray that the Lord would give those to you. But again, it's not for you in a sense, it's for the edification of the church. It's for praise God the body of Christ; This is what this is about. For even so, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. That's a very important verse there up there, and it's a very important word that's in that verse. Seek that you may excel. Remember that word perisseuo; that beautiful word perisseuo; remember that hyper grace, that's what perisseuo is. Perisseuo means increasing at an increasing rate infinitely, and then beyond that and not stopping, and infinitely beyond that. That's the word that's used here that you would seek, that you would excel to the edifying of the church. Do you think that's important? Vital, isn't it? 16:05

And I thank the Lord, the Lord has to do this, and it starts with follow after love. That's what He's done in here, He set it on fire. That's why we love one another, and we love one another with His fervency and it's a won; and it's to win. Amen, that's what it is, and we're abiding, we're abiding ready. I've just been singing that song ever since Sunday, Ready for the Rapture. I was singing it as I walked into lunch with Scott and had to correct some of the words; they were even better that Scott knew the right ones. But I had it in my heart, he was happy, but it was sweet; it's better than that. But he is ready; ready we must surely be. Right? Ready, not in getting ready; not a one of you ready, ready. I just love; I've been singing these songs. Actually, the Holy Ghost has been singing these songs. Now, I understand the words, thank You Jesus. What a precious truth we have. 17:22

So, edifying the church is the crown jewel. It is because it's that glorious church without spot or wrinkle that He's going to present to Himself as His wife and that's why this is to care one for one another; it's essential. And that's why the Lord says that we would gather, assemble ourselves the much the more as we see that day approaching. Thank the Lord that there's a desire to come to church and thank the Lord that there's a desire to come to church not because you have to, not because you're going to get punished if you don't by God. You know, there's some people that feel that way and it's sad. It's because you want to. I want to be here, I want to be with my brethren of like precious faith, I want to hear that truth in love gospel I'm just going to tell you with my spouse. The people kind of look at that and what do you mean by that? Well, I'm believing the Lord that He has me in a place of ready for Him. Now, that doesn't mean that readiness just stays like this, it just continues to grow; I'm loving His appearing. I'm thankful today I can say that; that's all by the grace of God and I thank the Lord, I believe I'm loving His appearing more than I did a month ago. I think I'm loving His appearing

more than I did two years ago, and I thank the Lord I've been really loving His appearing ever since I was seventeen years old. 18:58

That was quite a moment in the parking lot by a car, and it's never left me. I thank the Lord for it; it was real as real could be. And I'm thanking God that I abide in that, and so I thank the Lord that I know that this life isn't just a life that's isolated, I am perfectly fit, I'm tightly fit, I'm compacted praise God with a little rib portion body that is ready for Him. And I thank the Lord that in that Jesus Christ my Bridegroom, He's the head that I'm not just marrying that head, I'm marrying the whole entire body, and this oneness by the grace of God that we have, many times within the word of God in these words that we read that we would dwell together, we'll be there tonight in the hundred and thirty-third Psalm. That means to sit down together in marriage; even sit down on a throne in marriage. I need to get to the meaning; the beauty of this. And I thank the Lord that's because I believe in the grace of God. It's not because I believe in the intensity of my faith, or the intensity of my zeal for God. It's because His mercy has touched my life and your life that I believe the grace of God that is with me that He will do it. So, I abide resting, I abide in peace. I have all joy, and all peace in believing Him, and I abound in that and I'm ashamed hope.

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These things are just all, they all come together, they all fit, they're perfect. People don't want that, but God does and sadly your brothers and sisters, some of them will fight you on this and you said nothing here to fight you; I believe this. This is perfect grace, there is nothing wrong with that, that's actually the word of God. I just say Jesus, thank You. Help eyes to see it; benightment them. Enlightenment them, what a truth, what a grace, and what a peace. It is marvelous, hallelujah. But. What we have here in this precious encouragement is this crown jewel, the edifying of the church is the center of the chapter. The heartbeat of the Spirit is in the readied wife; I like that. The heartbeat of the Spirit is boomp, boomp, boomp, boomp, and we love one another and we have that heartbeat that's us that for all to come to be ready, amen? to come into this; be ready for the rapture, it's a good thing. The body in perfect love, the body in unity of the Spirit.

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Now, as we are growing up in the Lord we're being molded and crafted if you will into this masterpiece; this unity of the Spirit which is known as the bride, the wife of the Lamb and this is what God is doing. We're going to be in Ephesians Chapter Four in just a second. But the body as it says there edifies itself in love. See, that's how this happens, this is how this encouragement goes on. And the edifying of itself in love is the tool that God uses to shape us and truly to perfect us into His likeness. You know that? You know; what does that mean? He uses the edifying of itself in love as the tool to shape us into the perfect likeness of Jesus Christ. Well, what did Jesus love the most? You, your soul. God so loved the world He gave you everything. Everything's invested in this. So, when our lives come to this point of truly in love, and in love with body of Christ that we really want to edify, spiritually encourage one another to the height of all just like Sister said: I missed my daddy's prayers, oh honey, those are effectual, they work forever. They're just

going on forever. The Lord's just igniting you because they're over you. See, they're over her, we're so thankful to God for that. But that's it, and that is the tool because what happens with this edifying, this love that comes in into our lives that we want to encourage one another; that wasn't manufactured of ourselves 23:35

That's the depth of the love of God. That's what Jesus prayed with the Father. Father, you love me and I've loved You, let them love one another as I have loved them. I mean just step back, those aren't just words, those are the most powerful words that there could ever be. Jesus said that you and I would love one another with His love as He loved the Father, and the Father loved Him that's incredible. I mean that's the high of all love; this is what this is about, this is what this edifying is for, and this is why every gift of the church when it's truly in its effective power is for this purpose. It's not the purpose of me showing you my great gift, it's not the purpose of me just you know being so excited to expound the word of God to you; uh-uh, it's by the grace of God for us to grow up in Him together, and that's the glory of this. This is such a beautiful encouragement. 24:36

Now let's go through fourteen through sixteen real quick. Paul says, for if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I'll pray with understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at the giving of thanks, seeing he understands not without saying? For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my God; I speak with tongues more than you all. See, that's the beautiful thing about Paul. He's telling you right now, when we come up here to worship and you're worshipping in the Spirit and you're home and all of that let me tell you something, you be thankful; I'm thankful. I'll tell you what, that wonderful Holy Ghost power knows the wonderful words of the Spirit and comforted me over and over in times I couldn't be comforted, but God did it. 25:40

But he says this in verse nineteen, yet in the church; in the church I'd rather speak five words with my understanding; there's some grace that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be perfect is what that means. Because we know men aren't, but what it's meaning there is be fully grown up in Christ; be perfect in our understanding and thank the Lord for that. So, Paul's reminding us that with these gifts brothers and sisters that we have let's not be ones that would magnify the gift, because when we magnify the gift you stop magnifying the church. And if it doesn't edify let me tell you something, it's out of order. If it doesn't edify the body it's out of order, period. So, we know again very first it's got to be in order, follow after love, amen? The gifts are never crowns from men, uh-uh, the gifts are the crown for the bride, and that's the truth, because it's for us, hallelujah that oneness in Him. 27:06

So, let's go to verse twenty-six because it kind of concludes it all. How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you has a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, have a revelation, have an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. That's it, everything for edifying, and I pray that we the people of God truly are awake to this. And maybe this is something to really ask ourselves. Is what you are doing, or how you are acting; does that edify the church? Does it edify the body of Christ, or are we trying to edify, or are we trying to fulfil our own desires and our own motives. God help us saints, because right there it does that sharper than any two-edged sword, it just goes right there. So, everything whether it's song, every prophesy, every tongue, every teaching, every revelation, every interpretation, every prayer, every service, every gathering that all things be done unto edifying. Praise the Lord, and let's believe God for that. 28:42

Now, let's just go on over to Ephesians Chapter Four, because I believe Ephesians Chapter Four honestly puts all of this in perspective. It is the highwater mark of the word of God, and I think as we read through this together, all of the things we just talked about will kind of come even more alive for us. So. Ephesians Chapter Four we'll go right from verse one. I therefore, the Apostle Paul, the prisoner of the Lord, I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation, of this calling; this high calling, wherewith ye are called. Now let's even read this a little bit, take encouragement for it, this is how you walk worthy of this bridal calling that's upon your life. It's starts with all lowliness, and then meekness, and then longsuffering and here we go forbearing one another in love. Thank You Jesus. Only the grace of God can get me to verse three. Endeavoring. So, forbearing one another in love, and then what does it say? Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. That's a real fight isn't it because the enemy only wants to do is divide. All he wants is schisms in the body; this faction, and this, and this, and this. You just stay right there; right there in grace, and there's no division in that grace. It's just perfect and it's beautiful. The leaven, the leaven will try to divide it out. The leaven will try to get in there, it always does. God again, He's your keeper, and He's faithful, and that's Who you believe. There's one body, there's one Spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. Praise God, makes it real simple, doesn't it? 30:36

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, It sure isn't what the world tells you. Completely opposite of what good god, good devil, good everybody. We have hit the jackpot in that one, haven't we? One Lord, one faith, one baptism, verse six, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. And that's without limit. How much of Christ did you get? You talk about the measure of grace you got, it's just to know what you got; to know your birthright, amen? Aren't you thankful for what you've heard, and you continue to plant that corn, you get the corn, you plant the beans, you get the beans; you get the best. Thank the Lord, don't sow the leaven. 31:37

Wherefore he saith, verse eight. When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also

descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above heaven, that he might fill all things.) and hear what He did. He gave some, apostles, He gave some prophets, He gave some, evangelists; He gave some, pastors and teachers; why? For the completion; the finishing; hallelujah the perfecting of the saints. That's why He gave those for the work of the ministry, the edifying of the body of Christ: Once again all for us in the oneness in Christ all for this unity we just read of. The one faith, the one baptism, the one body, the one Spirit, the one calling. That's why He gave this, it's for that. for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ. 32:48

Verse thirteen. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect fully grown finished man, unto the measure; oh hallelujah, the stature, the fulness; complete, complete, complete of Jesus Christ that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro. Carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. And here's how you avoid that. But speaking truth in love; that's it, and here's what truth in love does; may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. From whom the whole body fitly joined together compacted by that which every joint supplieth. There it is, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 34:07

No, we're not stopping, we're going on. Verse seventeen. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness in their heart. Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness, but ye have not learned so Christ. Oh no, no, no, no, if so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus. That ye and know this brothers and sisters. This if you look at the little insert if you have a Scofield, you have put off. That ye have put off, it's a done thing concerning the former life the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; that's all. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind that ye hath put on; it's a done thing the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. It is a done thing. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbors: for we are members one of another. Get this now. Be ye angry, sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing, which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 36:05

You listening? Listening? I pray they're listening; I pray I'm listening and I am. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption, and here we go saints, Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving

one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Kind of puts it all together, doesn't it? Amen, that's what the word of God always does; it's marvelous. 36:59

Looking back there at verses eleven and twelve it's right there. He gave some, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers; why? For the completion, the finishing of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. He didn't do that to divide it, He did it for edification, He did it for unity. Understand what this is, and what it'll produce is the things of love, of peace, of joy, of long suffering, of meekness, all these things that we spoke of, verses fifteen and sixteen; look at that. You speak truth in love you grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ from whom the whole body fitly joined together compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love; the building of the body of Christ. 38:09

Paul says the body grows by that which every joint supplies. These gifts that are given to the church they're working together in unity and in love, this is the perfect unity among the perfect saints. We read earlier as Paul said this is the gospel to them that are perfect. Don't be mad at me, get mad at God. We know we look at ourselves as the most imperfect thing ever seen, but aren't you thankful what the grace of God is giving you? The perfect is what again, the treasure that He put in you that you're understanding the value of what that is; the birthright praise God, a Lord of all, for very God of very God. Marvellous. 39:05

Alright, I want you to turn over to Psalm 133. We're not going to shortcut this because Thanksgiving is tomorrow. We may not even get there. Psalm 133, this is beautiful. David speaks of it here. Behold, how good; that means rich and how pleasant; that means the pleasure; rich and pleasurable. it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity! And truly you take those words dwell together in unity, it means to sit down truly in a sense on a throne in one place and in marriage. What a vision, what a beautiful thing. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. See, this unity I'll tell you brothers and sisters, this care is like oil poured upon the high priest, amen? And we do have the great high priest don't we. And as that oil is poured down on Him, upon that beard it goes down to the garment goes down to the body. So, that anointing's all the way through praise His name. The anointing brings the edifications saints. Edification brings the growth, growth brings the unity, and unity is the glory. The unity of the Spirit is the glory of God. The bride is one, she's compacted, she's tightly fit, she's one glorious masterpiece. 40:52

The edification is the paramount of 1 Corinthians 14. God's love, brothers and sisters empowers everything; it does and I'm thankful to Jesus. Spouses truly love one another. What spouses do is they continue in a life of the giving of due benevolence; just acts of loving kindness. They're for one another, they want to help one another, amen? That's how this goes, and as the love of God continues to work more in you as you

continue to grow in the love of God isn't it amazing the more, the more, the more that the Lord does of the love of God in you? And it's not necessarily always in and even though we see that in things of our interaction with one another, but it's actually what sister said, it's the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous. I mean, that's the greatest power of love is to pray for one another, and to pray, and to pray fervently, and to pray believing, and to pray always. And to pray thank You Lord, let this love just continue to edify this body for You. 42:10

So, building one another up builds a masterpiece, and without each other it's a masterpiece that could never be built. Isn't that something? That's how the Lord did this. It does come from the head, but it goes through the joints of the body. That's why you try to isolate yourself off from this, it don't work saints. It can't because it's not according to the word of God. There's a drawing, there's a gathering, and there is that oneness that is so magnified in the one that abides in first love. And it's again to build up the bride for the Bridegroom. And as the word of God says, the same care one for another. See, it needs to be love without hypocrisy doesn't it saints? And that's why I thank God He continues to chasten us in this love. There might be ones that we naturally might have more inclined with one another, but man the gains that we have in the love of God, the need. It's hard for me, and I mean this in a very respectful way, not even hugging, but grabbing you I understand that, and I remember too I remember Brother Hill, just love you. The love, the love of God that's in you drawn to one another, aren't we? 43:45

So, may every word, may every gift, may every act of His ministry be done in love for the body, and to edification for the glory of Christ, and praise You Jesus for His glory in the church, amen? Amen. Praise the Lord. It's wonderful to grow up together in truth and love. It's exciting to see each other to grow up in that, and that we encourage one another. Let's go ahead and stand and be dismissed. 44:26