God's Elect
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Father, in Jesus' name, Lord thank You; thank You for Your faithfulness, thank You for Your love to us. Thank You Lord for vessels of mercy. Thank You God for the passion, the passion You placed in our brother to bring forth that of You. And Lord that passion that takes heaven by force. You are coming because You promised, and You said You're coming and will appear that second time to them that are looking for You, to them that love Your appearing, to them that are remaining and are alive Lord Jesus. Lord, increase that passion in us. Lord, let that melody play stronger and stronger in our hearts; behold, my Bridegroom comes. Lord, it won't be long. He that shall come will come and will not tarry. Thank You for Your promises, thank You that's what our lives are all about, is Your promises to us, and they're yea and amen. And You are true to Your word, and You bestow all the riches of Your glory on us vessels of mercy because that's Your choice, and it's Your desire. And because this little earthen vessel with such treasure it's because the glory is of You, and not of us. We thank You for that like we could never express but thank You for giving us eternity with a body like unto Your own to try and exhaust it. We love You so much, and even so come; come Beloved in Jesus' name, amen. 02:08

God's elect. Let's go ahead and open our bibles today to Titus Chapter One. We'll be in there, we're going to go through a lot of scripture, thank You Lord. That's what a sermon and a study should be, and I'm thanking God, we always have them together. God's elect, in the New Testament that Greek word means the best of its kind; it means picked out and picked out if you will of individual Christians. Let's read from verse one of Titus Chapter One. Paul, a servant of God, an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect. Let's stop right there. Paul, the one who was given the message of the mystery of Christ, and the church; the mystery of the bride for the Lamb of God, that hidden mystery that was hidden from the sons of men from the prophets. The angels even wanted to look into it, but as it said about those prophets that wrote these incredible stories, and documented all these things for us, they wrote those things for us. The hidden meaning in those things was kept from them. Daniel even cried and wept and said Lord, let me see, reveal this to me, and God said Daniel you're her to write it, you have your place, it's wonderful and it says that the Lord shut that book and Daniel wept because Daniel knew there was more. 03:54

But thanks be to God for those worthies of faith in the Old Testament, they wrote those things for us. And here came the Apostle Paul at this time, and he had that mystery that was given to him, the chief of sinners on the road to Damascus to kill Christians, the Lord stops him and says you're the chosen; well, look at there, again, vessel unto Me, you're going to bring forth this mystery of Christ Jesus and the bride, and this is the age that we're living right now that that goodly pearl will come forth from this time. That wonderful story from the very beginning of the bible there was Adam asleep after God had formed him from the dust, and

breathed into him and gave him life, the Lord said it's not good for man to live alone. But we know that type in that was even for the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, He's going to have a bride. 04:57

But here he was, and God was going to make him an help mate. He was going to make him a wife. But why didn't God make it the same way, why did God have to do something different? And why did God have to do it just exactly like that, and why did God, who's God, can part a sea, and you know He can calm the sea huh? He can bring that water out of a rock, He can bring manna from heaven and feed you, He can make the lame walk, blind; there's nothing hard for God and it tells you in the word of God, amen? So, why did He have to put a sleep on Adam? Why couldn't He, He still wanted to take that rib out of him, because it meant more than that. But again, it was writing for us today is the majority of Christianity is asleep to this sadly. But there's a sleep, and out of that sleep, out of that wonderful body of Christianity there's a little rib that's going to be coming forth, a little rib that's going to be taken out, and what is that rib? It's the wife; it's the wife. And it says that she was presented back to her husband. 06:17

Well, there's a wife that's coming out of this age, this age of a lot of sleepiness, a lot of things of things going on in Christianity, but you know what, there's a little remnant, and I just pray by the grace of God, Lord, just keep pouring it out. I'm praying for our lives to be part of this, and I thank the Lord this is the message that God has given us, and I thank the Lord as it says here that Paul, a servant of God, and apostle of Jesus Christ, and here specifically what it was for according to the faith of God's elect, according to the faith of God's best of its kind. According to the faith of those that are picked out and chosen for this message. Just read the word of God. Amen. 07:14

Let's go on over to Romans Chapter Nine, verse eleven. And brothers and sisters, we can go all over this precious word and have this just spring out in our hearts. In Romans Nine, verse eleven how beautiful this is. Now this is speaking of Jacob and Esau. Esau was the older brother that was going to come out first out of that womb of their mama. And that order meant a lot, it meant the birthright always was going to the elder; that's how it worked. But God had something different planned. Once again, this was a story that was written, this was a story though that was written for us. There was more in this than just the linage of Jesus Christ, there was more in this than just a couple boys that were going to be born to their mother. So, it says here in verse eleven, for the children being not yet born. They weren't even born yet. neither having done any good or evil, they hadn't done anything yet that the purpose of God what? according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth. See, God used this to show that its according to election; God's choosing that that might stand, not of works, but of Him that called. 08:54

It was said unto her, the elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. God didn't just create those two sons that way, God foreknew the hearts of those sons, and exactly who they would be before anything was set forth. But in knowing that, and in the heart and the message of the Lord to us, and to them it wasn't

going to be any different. The Lord knew Pharaoh's heart, the Lord knew that Pharaoh wouldn't let His people go. The Lord even knew that Pharaoh would get even get more hardened in heart, and who hardened Pharaoh's heart? it said God hardened Pharaoh's heart. God has appointed the wicked for the day of evil; I'm good with that. I know Who's in control of the wicked. They can't touch the apple of His eye just like Job, the devil couldn't even see him. But the Lord had purpose, and He said have you seen My servant, Job? What? Yeah dummy, I've got purpose in this. So, He lifted it up so he could be seen by the devil, and the devil could get at him, but He said you're not going to take his life. The devil tried every way, shape, and form; you think God was ever worried about Job? And it wasn't because Job knew who Job was, it was because God is Who God is, and God gave Job a heart, and He gave him a heart, that though he slay me, will I trust Him. 10:53

Alright? So, we're thankful here, go on over to Ephesians Chapter One, verse eleven. Eph 1:11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance. All these things the Lord has already given us; isn't that something? All the things that are already done for us, pray be to God? Justified, sanctified, glorified, but here we are, praise the Lord, living by faith. Hallelujah. So, it says, in Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated; oh hallelujah, according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will. Huh, Who's in charge? Who's making all the decisions? Who's directing everything? You think you got strength? You think you can? Nope, you can't because God says He does. Oh, we can think, we can go these certain ways, but God already foreknew that. I just want to be quickened in heart the Lord is having me to hear how much He loves me, and about this purpose, and as we started today this precious apostle that was given the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and it was given to him to give to the ones that would have the faith to believe it. 12:41

God's not messing around with us. I'm excited about that, this isn't to flatter you, this isn't to shine you, this is all about the mercy of the grace of God. And I thank the Lord how He loves us, and how He takes us along. And it's all powerful. Go on over to John 15:16 God help us to get through to hearts that don't want to be broken up. Lord, break up the fallow ground, how many ways does He have to tell us, I chose you because I loved you, and I love you, and I'm in love with you, I gave you this gospel of the in-love. John fifteen, let's go ahead and read verse sixteen. Here's Jesus speaking. Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, praise the Lord; praise the Lord. I'm thankful He chose me. I'm thankful praise God that I'm His. I'm thankful that I'm wonderfully and fearfully made for Him; I'm good with that. I'm good with giving Him all the glory. I'm good with Him getting every bit of my praise. I'm good with Him that lives in me to say Lord, I need You to do this, and I need to get more confident in who I am in Christ because of Your love for me. Chosen of God; chosen of God, the best of its kind. 14:48

David chosen by God to be king. Abraham chosen for the covenant, amen? Noah, chosen to be lifted out in the ark, Israel were the ones that were chosen to reign over the world. Do we really see God's pattern here? God chooses. God chooses, He says I give mercy

to whom I'll give mercy, I'll be gracious to whom I'll be gracious. Let this quicken your heart. I pray you have an ear to hear this because it'll really be a shame that you missed it, this is vitally important. This is the grace and the mercy of the Lord; this is the praise of those that are thankful for this undeserved love of Christ. I'm speaking about the great grace of God, praise His name. And the pattern is, is He's chosen you those that have an ear. And when God chooses you for something, this is the wonderful thing about God, He lets you know what it is, oh yes, He does, whether it was Noah building the ark; he didn't know how to build an ark, an ark had never been built before, not that big especially. He didn't question, well, how am I going to do this? God said here it is, I put it in you. Same way with building a tabernacle and all of those things, God puts it in you. 16:19

It's His word, He'll perform that in the thing, He'll accomplish it in the thing that He has sent it to. He's not a respecter of persons, He always deals with His beloved the same way. He's going to perform the good work which He's begun in you, and those that know it's their delight, those that know praise God are in tune, and then those that don't they may be around it, they heard a noise, but they didn't hear Him speak. I certainly don't want to be that one; I've seen a lot of them. I've seen a lot that have been around a lot of things so sadly, did you take in anything? Really? Did we just come in just because this is where I grew up? Did I just come here because oh, it's kind of what my family did? Honeys, I'm telling you, come here for one thing. By the grace of God, you want to win a crown, and it's not of me, it's not of any man but I'll tell you what, the faithfulness of God is here to give that to you. So, the beautiful thing is, He lets you know what it is, and He divinely brings His word to tell you. 17:53

And I'm here to tell you by the grace of God, we are chosen for the crown. See, we hear the scripture; we hear the scripture. Galatians 4:1, we talk about that often. It says that we are born of God, and we're born lord of all; we're not born a servant. Isn't that just amazing that the majority of Christianity is after serving God, and God specifically tells you in the word of God you're born lord of all. But if you don't want that, and you want to work, and you want to wave a palm, and you want to against what really truly what you were born for of God, He says it's a shame that you wasted it, that you occupy as a servant in the kingdom when you should have been ruling and reigning together with Me. He loves you like that, you know that. 18:55

In Philippians 3:13 I love that, it tells you that as Paul is saying no, I'm not perfect yet, I haven't apprehended yet, but he says one thing that's the key of it all, for that which I am apprehended. I know Who apprehended me, and I know what I'm apprehended for; Jesus my Bridegroom. We have quite a few people married in here huh, right? Right? Sweet son here has a beautiful wife. He couldn't help it, I just love you; it wasn't this one, or that one, or this one; it's you. Do you understand that the Lord apprehends us for that? What do you think we have these wonderful stories in the word of God like Esther? 20:06

You know, Esther shows up with all these other women, and they knew all about this, they were all ready to go and all this kind of thing. You know, the king walks in there, and

everybody thinks they have a chance; they never did. They shouldn't have even showed up; it's you honey, and here you are. And you know it was just mercy who brought you here. With Esther it was mom and dad died, had to be taken in by a relative to a strange land. Had to be at the exact moment, but the queen that was in that kingdom got fussy, and they said gone. But don't worry king, we're going to get you a better one, the best of all. They brought them in from everywhere, but it didn't matter, there was one that had an appointment. What does that mean to you, nothing? You sit here and say oh brother you're just fabricating. Brothers and sisters, this ain't fabricated, this is the truth. This is for those that have the enlightened eyes of understanding to understand, praise be to God. God is love, and He's at a love at a degree praise the Lord that He's after you. And He's after you praise God to awaken; to awaken. Raise up My love, My fair one and come away. 21:41

And she gets it right now; oh yes, she does. I will go, I do. And I'll tell you what, the best thing is, is He promised that He'll perform the good work which He's begun in you. I am so thankful; I am so thankful I am chosen for the crown, I am, and it bothers people. It bothers people that know of this message, and it's like don't you see, don't you hear the word of God. Did He not say that hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown? I have the crown; I'm chosen for the crown because He put that crown in my hand. I know He doesn't want me to be a palm waver, He wants me to be a heart worshipper and draw nigh in fervent love to kiss Him. My Jesus, my spouse, my Bridegroom. So, I'm chosen for the crown because He put a crown in my hand, and He tells me hold it fast honey, I'm giving you this. I've given you an ear to hear this message; I specifically have you to hear this, and I've got the crown and I'm holding it fast by the grace of God by His wonderful mercy, that I don't lay it down, and no man take it. 23:07

Now, the problem is, if it bothers you let me tell you something. You're a child of God, you're truly chosen for that too. He's not a respecter of persons, the word of the Lord says I would all men be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth. That's not me just speculating, that's the word of the Lord. It's there, it's there for everyone. The problem is, is those that don't believe it it's because they just don't believe it because they don't see it. But I believe, and I believe the word of the Lord hat says as thou hast believed, so be it done unto you. All these champions of faith they're in Hebrews Eleven. The faith hall of fame, the faith hall of fame, not the works hall of fame. And you'll notice, all of those full overcomers of the Old Testament had one thing in common, by faith, by faith, by faith, by faith, by faith, by faith, by faith. And every one of them, it was impossible things, it was things that were never heard of, incredible, that's why I love to know the Noah study. Oh, that's you, that's this, that's that; no, it's not, it's the same God, it's just deeper. I love you; I'm going to lift you out; you really believe it, huh? 24:44

Now, brothers and sisters it's so wonderful, but I don't want to be one that knows the bridal message that thinks I got to work for the crown. We've heard that same delusional stuff over the years. Brother Hill would warn about all the time. People have been in here for years and years praising God for His grace, and thanking the Lord instrumental, even preach the word of God in here, but they turned at the very end; oh, but you got to work to finish it, no

you don't, you need more grace if you're going to finish this. See, it's not working for the crown, I thank God I already see praise the Lord, it's already been given to me. Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thou crown. He loves you like that. Everything in our life is about putting a carrot in front of you, and you got to work hard, and you got to do more, and you got to do this. God's ways aren't our ways, His thoughts aren't our thoughts. I'll tell you what, you got to get on God's program. How could I not believe that it's already been given to me when Romans 8:32 He says, with My Son, how shall I not also freely give you all things. Romans 8:32, really, just mark that out. 26:12

Every time you start to doubt, that you come in short you know, you know got a raw deal, whatever it is that you're too this, or I'm just too much a failure, just read the word of God. Quit listening to this, quit listening to this, listen to this. How shall I not also freely give you all things. Ephesians 1:3. He hath blessed us, it's done. He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ. So, He's freely given us all things; God has, He's blessed us with all things; God has, and I'm going to ask you, do you have it all? That's this word honey, I'm giving you scripture, go read it. It's more than wonderful, it's crazy incredible. Happy is the man that trusts in the Lord. Thank You Jesus, my happiness is growing. 27:27

Now, what is there that He didn't give you? What is there that He didn't give you? He's given you everything, amen. And He proves it with that precious, and we go back to it over and over, and understand this honey. This is for those that truly are living a life that are in tune, the Lord is going to call the voice of the archangel, the trump of God. There's going to be a company that's going to be in that out-resurrection that's spoken of in Philippians Three that's coming out of a sleepy bunch of Christians, those ones that are alive, and remaining, and believing that the Lord is going to call them home. They would have killed Noah, they thought he was a nut. He was out there almost a hundred years building this big old ship in a desert, what in the world, it had never even rained; it had never rained. He didn't care, he said the word of the Lord has told me. 28:39

Noah had an ear for getting lifted out, we've got an ear for being lifted out. Noah didn't earn it, deserve it, he found grace. You found grace, we found grace, didn't we? Hallelujah, and how much grace did you find? all grace; all grace because He can't help, because He gave His Son, how could He not freely give us everything? Everything, doesn't that make you love Him? It doesn't make me; proud, it doesn't make me haughty, it makes me thankful. I'm in awe. Yes, I fear God, I'm in awe of Him, I'm in awe of His love to me. See, I thank the Lord that when He says all things, He does mean all. It includes the crown. It includes Jesus Christ my Bridegroom. And the reason I know that it does is because God's all is that full. It's that much, it's that everything. It's all mine because the word of God says all things are yours, all things are for your sake. This is His purpose; this is His love to you. 30:03

I'm thankful, He's awakened me to this, I'm quickened for this, you are too, you're hearing this message. Let that be something that sings in your heart that by the grace of God you want to go after. Don't let things distract you, really don't. Nothing, lock in, just lock in

it's okay. I'm grateful to God I was trained early on that one. I had my little nieces and nephews and different things in my house, and I was studying, my mom will even tell you I didn't go off to the dorms for college, I wanted good food, so I stayed home. Father, in Jesus' name, my mother, she did everything, and there I was, and I'd be at the table, and little Dan would be doing this, and little Ann would be doing this, and here'd come the other kids and I mean it, there thank the Lord alone. I was doing some really hard stuff, but I never had to lift up and say shut up; it didn't matter. I guess I was the youngest, it was a circus all the time anyway. I didn't get distracted; it didn't matter what was going on. It doesn't, I appreciate you know different things, I even had different people say you know brother, cell phones go off and all these different things you just keep talking. Well, why not? What's going to happen. That's a stop signal … You turn those cell phones off. Well, we're going on. Just like things in our lives huh brother? We've had some bad days, but I really never had a bad day. You're hearing this you never had a bad day; you're hearing this you never had a bad day, you never had one. He had them all lined up for today.; today. 32:04

Now, let's move. If you're filled with the Holy Ghost you got to see it, you do. You've got enlightened eyes of understanding, and you got them to know you are the chosen of God. Stay right there in John Sixteen, let's read verses thirteen through fifteen. John 16:13-15. Jesus speaking to His disciples. He says to them howbeit how when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth. He's talking about the Holy Ghost. Jesus is going to ascend to the Father, and these disciples and the different ones there, they're very concerned here what's going on, and He said no, no, no, there's a purpose, if I don't go to ascend to the Father, I can't send you the Holy Ghost. And here's the reason for the Holy Ghost. Remember, they have been with Him three and a half years. When He, the Spirit of truth, the Holy Ghost is come, He will guide you into all truth, for He shall not, He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will shew you the things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore, said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you. Isn't that something? 33:29

So, the Holy Ghost was sent specifically, the reason to be filled with the Holy Ghost is specifically so you can see all the things that are yours, and how much is that? It's all things, isn't it? Didn't we read that? See how God does that? He said He freely gave you all things, He said you're blessed with all the spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ, and then He sent you the Holy Ghost; to receive the Holy Ghost. As Jesus said to Him, the Holy Ghost has been with you, and shall be in you because you need this infilling to know it's really all yours, and to see the things that are all yours, amen? So, this is what the Lord does, the Holy Ghost is the one who shows us this and here's why. Because the Holly Ghost takes all the love of Christ, and He puts it in your heart, so you get it. He says the Holy Ghost is the One that sheds the love of God abroad in your heart. You have to have the love of God, in the fullness of abundance to really get it. Anything you don't go after in grace, anything you don't go after in mercy, anything you don't go after in the things of God to the depths, it's because you're shorting out the love of Christ in your life. He loves you that much. 34:57

Now, brothers and sisters we're talking about the Holy Ghost. Who has made it plain, who has made it plain, even the deep things of God. Turn with me to First Corinthians Chapter Two. We'll close this out with this thought. In First Corinthians Chapter Two, it's so glorious, let's read from, you know we're going to get a little bit of a head start. Got to run real downhill to start flying. Let's read from verse six. Actually, we're going to go back to verse five. So, First Corinthians Two, verse five. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men. Think of that, saints. An organization, religion, all these different things that have wisdom, don't let your faith stand in that wisdom. No, you want your faith in the power of God; the resurrection power of God, and you know who that is? That's the Holy Ghost. 36:15

Now, howbeit we speak wisdom among them that what? That are perfect? So, what Paul speaks is to them that are fully grown that are perfect, that are mature, it's marvelous. yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught, but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto who's glory? Unto our glory. He wants glory, the woman is the glory of man, the wife is the glory of the husband. This mystery that Paul brought which was hidden, but now is made, it's been revealed to us by the Holy Ghost. Huh? And what's if for? It's for them that were before ordained praise God, and that wonderful message that was before ordained to our glory which none of the princes of the world knew, for had they known they would have never have even crucified Him. But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him. And so, many people stop there, and they say, oh, that's so wonderful, that heaven's going to be so great now, and I wonder what's it's going to be, and all these things and God say wait a second, there's verse ten. 37:43

I love you so much, I want you to know, you don't have to wait. I want you, expecting like I do, I want you knowing what I know. I want you to have love like I have. So, even though eye hath not seen and all of that, but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit the Holy Ghost, the Spirit that searches all the things, yea the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. How much has been given of God to you? What do you think He wants you to know? How did we begin today? I want you to go back there. We are a people drinking up the gospel of the Apostle Paul, because the faith of God's best. The faith of God's best is choice, must, and will have only that. 39:09

Aren't you thankful, that it's of Him? And it's of Him that calleth you? And aren't you thankful it's not of him that worketh for this? Aren't you thankful that we did not choose Him, but He chose us? I'm so thankful I don't have that pressure. I'm so thankful He's got it all. I'm so thankful that even when I have a hard time, sometimes with this and this love, and believing this, He even steps in and says even if you believe not, I'm abiding faithful. I've had a couple chapters of those in my life saints, even what I had seen this, and He abided faithful for me. He wasn't going to let me go from this. Let me tell you something, I thank the Lord I

can testify by faith, I've always loved the Lord ever since I knew anything because of my sweet mother. But I did not know how much He loved me. 40:23

Now, I'm going to tell you this for those that are kind of sitting there oh, oh, oh, oh I got this. Let me tell you this, it's that love; it's that love that causes Him to increase in my life and me to decrease in this life. It's that love, listen, it's that love that captivates my thoughts more, and more, and more that the evil that I do it's fading from my life. It ain't because I'm working to not do, it's because I'm getting filled up with something that is captivating my thoughts; I'm not thinking about that stuff as much anymore. Brothers and sisters, by the grace of God let's live this crown glory. Let rejoice in that mercy and in that wonderful grace of God. And let's just really be still. Let Him, and let's change from glory to glory into His very image. What do you think? 41:53

Again, Lord we just come and say thank You, and Lord thank You for the evidence of Your love to us. Thank You for how You've graced us, thank You for the gifts that You give to the church, thank You Lord for the love wherewith we are loved. We're grateful for every life here today. Lord, just come in, let us know that this is the word of the Lord, and that it is free, and it's free indeed. Lord, help us to take it all. Help us to go from this place and truly not just to ponder but to ask You truly Lord God make it real to my heart, as thou hast believed so be it done unto you in Jesus' name. Amen. 44:53