

## Ephesians 14-11-02b

Let's pick up our study now in Ephesians chapter 4 and 5. We have reviewed the five walking commands and This is at the heart. It is at the center. It is at the core of our identity as believers there is no place in the Bible you can go where you don't get a Better distillation of what it is.

We're supposed to be doing If you stop and think suppose it's Tuesday at 1037 in the morning and you suddenly sort of come to in the midst of your busy day and you say, you know I'm a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. What am I supposed to be doing? Well think back to the five walks walk worthy of the calling don't walk in Futility of mind like people that have no relationship with God walk in love be sensitive to those Around us Put the interest of others ahead of our own. We ought to be looking for ways to serve to be a benefit to lift up and support Believers that are around us to take the load off to ease their burden to intercede for them to be on their side to be on their team to be an encouragement We need to be walking like children of light I have a Relationship with the God of light God is light and in him is no darkness at all I am a child of light.

There ought to be light in my vicinity. I shouldn't be a black hole I shouldn't be a thing then into which everything gets sucked because of my own Massive center of gravity and it's all about me and everything needs to descend and be crushed in the great Miasma of the swamp of me. I ought to be exuding and reflecting and bringing forth light People ought to be glad I'm around not trying to Skirt and walk around my vicinity Well, as long as I keep a safe distance, they won't go off.

I won't I won't trip the trigger I won't flip the spoon. I won't set off the claymore and be Lacerated by BBs We should walk as children of light if you look at yourself and say I ain't no children of light I ain't no child of light. I'm a walking Disaster I'm a walking test fix it Ask see knock Change the direction of walk Confess if we walk in the light first John 1 7 as he is in the light We have fellowship with him and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse us It will make us better than we are It will renew us.

It will regenerate us. It will Energize us with divine power. Remember the first chapter of this letter the five different kinds of power Energeto crete.

Oh Escu us and so on It's all available from God. We cannot do it by an act of will we can't do it wanting it a 350 pound person sitting on the couch watching an exercise show isn't gonna get thin Make it happen walk as children of light and finally walk Circumspectly be aware don't trip don't cause others to trip Don't be an obstacle Don't be oblivious Be aware walk Circumspectly and redeem the time those were the five walks now the eight therefores in this passage Number one we have seen already chapter 4 verse 1 walk Paul says Worthy of the calling I beseech you to walk worthy of your calling walk consistently with your identity People are wandering around trying to find an identity. I wear cowboy clothes.

I'm a cowboy. I wear biker clothes I'm a biker. I wear ballet clothes.

I'm a dancer I wear Tattoos, I'm cool. I wear you know, whatever I Wear dark clothes. I'm a goth I you know people are trying to find something with which to identify we've already got an identity and it is a really transcendent All-inclusive Eternal identity you realize this you will never not be in Christ In all of the eternal ages to come we will still be in Christ It's a wonderful

permanent birth Into the family of God and into relationship with God through Christ That's an identity worth having and keeping show me some other identity that's better than this Well, but I can associate with some interesting people If those interesting people get incinerated now, what are you now? Where are you? If everything they're interested in gets incinerated when the earth melts with a fervent heat and The elements are gone now.

Where's your identity? Well, I was an urban cowboy. Well, you know that stuff's all gone up in smoke. What are you now? There's not a disco in heaven.

I'm confident. I can tell you Confidently from the Word of God. There's no disco in heaven So if you're a disco king or a disco queen You better find another identity if you plan on going into the eternal future because ain't no disco in heaven Can't believe they're trying to drag that stuff back to life.

It's just Shocking it's you want to talk about the demise of civilization as we know it Disco died once and now it's trying to it's like a it's like a a Zombie it's coming back. You know, it's dead stuff is just coming back. Oh, well anyway Identity we have identity in Christ so number one of the eight therefore Therefore I the prisoner of the Lord beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you are called Number two is the one I missed and it is in chapter 4 verse 8 Therefore he says when he ascended on high he led captivity captive and gave gifts to men this entire section verses 7 through 16 is introduced with that therefore and With the concept that the therefore introduces that the Lord Jesus has ascended on high Why does he say it says therefore? He says he ascended on high led captivity captive gave gifts to men out of Psalm 68, right Well, why is that a big part of the therefore if I was composing this letter and got to this stage and didn't know what? Paul wrote this isn't what I would have come up with.

Why does Paul reach back? After talking about one Lord one faith one baptism one God and Father of all who is above all through all and in you all Each one of us has been given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift Okay, therefore he says when he ascended on high he led captivity captive I just wouldn't have seen that coming out of Psalm 68, but it's here. Therefore he says That's the second therefore What is the goal of? Therefore remember when we went through the therefore is the first time we said here's the therefore and here's the goal of the therefore Therefore I say and then here's the goal. Therefore God says and here's the goal.

Well, what is this? Therefore therefore? the goal here is That we should grow as a body look at the rest of this He gave some to be Apostles verse 11 prophets evangelists pastors and teachers for what? Equipping the Saints for work of ministry for the building up of the body of Christ Jesus ascended and gave gifts why to build a body? Why? Because his body has ascended No body of Christ on earth. He's building another one. That's you.

That's me Jesus Christ has ascended. Where is Jesus Christ right now? Where is he right now in my notes? It's our HOF Right hand of the father. He is seated at the right hand of the father multiple passages attest this Making intercession for us, but the body of Jesus Christ That was crucified that was buried that was raised again that Manifested himself for 40 days and showed his scars and his wounds to the disciples and upwards of 500 brethren at one place that body Isn't here Won't be here until the second coming Did a goof? Rapture or second coming.

What did I just say the body of Christ will not be here until what? The second coming it's not the third coming. It's a second coming. Well, what about the rapture? Where's the body of Christ

going to be? Body of Christ crucified risen and coming again is going to be in the air body of Christ on earth is going to unite The two become one flesh, right? Body of Christ seated at the right hand God the father's gonna say go collect the church Lord himself self will descend from heaven with a shout the voice of the Archangel and the Trump of God Three witnesses just like we have witnesses to the existence of God voice of the Archangel Trump of God Trump of God gives you an awareness that something is happening.

It's a blast. There's no detailed information. It is just an awareness.

Hey It's like a car honk honking the horn Actually, the driver honks the horn of the car if the car starts honking its own horn, you know, check your wiring But when someone honks a horn, what does that do? It is an alert and it says you need to gather additional information Why is someone honking right? Am I about to hit a thing? Am I in the way is somebody else about to do something there? I'd need an alert honk honk. That is the Trump of God How about the voice of the Archangel a voice says something, right? You've got the alert sound you've got a voice saying something just like those two witnesses in our heart the Implicit inherent Knowledge eternity in our hearts tells us there's something more than the material world. Everybody knows this Everybody without exception knows there is more to this existence than meets the eye Not your dog.

Not your cat. Not a raccoon. Not the squirrel that got squashed in the road People have an implicit inherent inbuilt God-given knowledge that there is more to life than meets the eye.

It isn't. Oh we evolved Spookiness about the leaves rustling to know by the way anytime somebody says well, you know this whole God awareness thing It's just we evolved To to be spooked by stuff in the grass There's no mechanism that has yet been identified in evolution for ideas for software There's no mechanism if the first guy Got spooked because the the leaves were rustling and you know that this somehow qualifies him for for better reproductive capability The the spookiness that they've not identified any mechanism for that Neo-darwinian evolution that focuses on improvements in body plans in Adaptations and so on it's all physical. They have not identified the first gene for Behaviors, they don't know where the gene is for yawning or sneezing They don't know they can't identify the genetic pattern that so that birds can sing their songs that are unique to their species or build the nests that are unique to their species or follow the migratory patterns that are unique to their species or engage in engage in The mating behavior that is unique to their species the long Process of behaviors the penguins look at the March of the Penguins They had no genetic inference So when somebody says well, we evolved a spookiness and now that has become God awareness and it's just another ask him Yeah, explain that to me like explain how the spiders build webs and and they evolved that There's no scientific There's not a cloud on the distant horizon of scientific knowledge of how any of that could have evolved Evolution in the end if evolution does take place.

I believe in evolution. I Believe that there is descent with modification. It's a fact.

It's a beautiful design feature of the creatures that God has created And and there's this false argument that well you Dumb creationists you describe everything to God you don't believe in evolution. I totally believe in evolution. It's a marvelous thing It's a wonderful thing.

I don't believe that evolution is God capital G like you do I don't believe it has creative power I don't believe it that it that it unintelligently can design the sophisticated Systems and proteins

and behaviors and fail-safes and fallbacks and healing capabilities and all the other stuff that characterize life, I Don't believe it's God But I certainly believe in evolution God invented evolution. It's it's a design feature You know, they now they make self-healing tires They make tires that have got the ability when you get a puncture they'll seal the puncture and inflate themselves They've got a system for that It's great. I don't think it evolved somebody designed it and You can say well the the concept evolved over time Wow Wouldn't it be great if we had a tire that would blow itself back up and you know get you to a place where you? Can get a better tire? Yeah Spacecraft and airliners have an aircraft in general and many other systems have Fail-safes have secondary systems have fallbacks and it's great It will sort of repair itself electricity goes offline.

The backup kicks in. Electricity is back online. It's great. It's a wonderful thing, but somebody designed it, and we have through reproduction, which science has no ability to explain how it came about: sexual reproduction, two separate individuals coming together and making a new third individual, and and the recombinant DNA and all of that. They haven't got a clue and never will, because it did not, if that did not evolve. You don't sort of come up with an offspring. You don't sort of have a male and a female and they sort of come together and sort of make a baby. You know, well, it was a partial baby, but it eventually evolved into a baby, you know. Well, there was a sort of male and female and no, it's it's ludicrous. But people make it God capital G.

Well, here's the point. I beseech you to walk worthy of the calling. God says here in the second therefore in verse 8, when he ascended his body left and he is now creating a body here on earth, and those two bodies will eventually reunite at the rapture, and then that united Body of Christ will return at the second coming. Behold, he cometh with clouds. That's us.

Hopefully It's not gonna be the entire church. It's the qualified church. It's those who have dressed themselves in white It's the overcomers of Revelation chapter 2 in chapter 3 those You know your adult body isn't the body you had when you were a child Your old body is not the body you had when you were young as an adult what happens Stuff that wears out stuff that's useless stuff.

That's no longer operational. We slough it off. We It's eliminated.

It is is gone away and there's other reproduction that takes its place But you know if you tried to do a cell-by-cell comparison of who I am now and who I was when I was eight Yeah, it's gonna be a big difference same thing in the body of Christ those Non-productive and Jesus says I am the vine you are the branches. I am the vine you are the branches Body of Christ, it's all one organism But the branches that are fruitful are going to be pruned so that they bear more fruit We're still gonna lose some stuff. I don't want all of the corruption and Deprecation and Disintegration that is me to go into the eternal future.

I want to be trimmed and pruned I want the the things that God has generated the things that God has made me into the good parts I want that to go forward. I want the old to be left behind Put off the old put on the new and the new goes forward. We are pruned we are The good parts are kept same thing in the body in general those of us now who are disinterested disaffected apathetic indifferent are Not going to be a part of those clouds That are the active part of the Lord Jesus Christ his body that returns earth That works the will of God on this earth purges it cleanses.

It sets up the Millennial Kingdom Overseas the Millennial Kingdom from a heavenly perspective like the angels do now God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven and then going into the kingdom of the Father We have the potential we have the opportunity. We have the invitation we have the call To be a part of that Walk worthy of the call so that you can be a part of the implementation of that purpose Behold he cometh with clouds every eye will see him. I want to be a part of those clouds I may be a fringe part.

I may be a back part. I want a horse. I want to ride I want to be a part of the implementation of God's will and purpose on this earth I don't want to be in the rear with the gear Counting all of the you know hauling off the trash from the army that went forward and Unpacked and uncased all their gear and weapons and provisions and I'm just back there hauling trash because that's all I'm good for because That's all I did in this life heaven forbid Listen to Paul walk walk walk.

Don't walk like the people that are futile. Don't walk like the Gentiles empty dark useless Walk as a child of light therefore second therefore in verse 8 he says Christ has ascended and he has given gifts down here Why because the gifts build up the replacement body the new body the counterpart body on this earth Read that section 9 through 16 He who descended as the one who ascended above the heavens filling all things gave apostles prophets evangelists pastors teachers For the equipping of the Saints for the work of ministry for the building up of the body of Christ Until what? Why are we building up a body of Christ? I'll keep you busy till the Lord comes back give you something to do Yeah, you can be proud of yourselves You know, you know gave some money built a building paved the parking lot baptized some people held some Sunday school classes Had some badges did some sword drills put some magnets on the refrigerator. What's it for? Until we all come to unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God If you're gonna be the body of Jesus Christ, you ought to have some knowledge that that's what you are When you first boot up your computer, it doesn't know what it is It wakes up and says hey, I'm on Power supply seems to be working, but it has to be in filled It has to read off of the boot tracks and eventually off the rest of the hard drive.

What am I? I'm not a microwave oven. I'm not a guidance system for a missile. I'm a personal computer I am built to respond to input from the keyboard and the mouse.

I'm built to display things on a screen That's what I am That's what we're supposed to be. We need to come to Unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God to a mature to a perfect to a complete man You know what happens when Windows only loads 85% of the operating system? Very little you know what happens when you try to unlock your phone and and You only load 98% of the unlocked jailbroken operating system They call it bricking your phone Your phone is now basically a brick. It's not a phone anymore Why it doesn't know what it is doesn't know how to operate doesn't know what it's for Got to come to knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man you got to load all on hundred percent did you ever try to install a Program or something and you get the little bar going across, you know, 56% 73% 87% 97% 98 98 98 I've got one program that runs on my computer down at work Supposed to be this wonderful do-all be-all universal omnipotence over and then omniscience over your whole system Well on that particular machine, it never finishes loading.

I've left it over the weekend Come back on Monday spice works is slicing the peppers and dicing the Jalapenos or say it's got some little tricky thing. It's like hey, we're cool. We're hip, you know, we're spice works We're gonna give you the universal knowledge.

Well, it never finishes loading Come to the standard of a mature man get it all figured out Don't hang at 98% or less To the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Let me ask you Here's a question. What is the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ? How big is it? I Was looking up last night This will tell how old you are if you know who Billy Barty is Girls had no knowledge of who Billy Barty is Billy Barty was the default short guy, you know dwarf or midget Dwarf, he was the default dwarf all through that.

He's his career started as a child in the 1930s. I looked him up He was like a child actor in the 1930s Billy Barty He was you know, one of their anytime they needed a short guy and he was he was in some famous movie He was a little short guy small stature Now you think about Billy Barty think about some of these other guys Saw something last night one of these X-men movies and one of the main characters was a little short guy Made me think of Billy Barty Now you compare that concept the munchkins in the Wizard of Oz you compare that concept To the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, what do you think? tall or small Big Capable or small and interesting for its smallness The measure we are supposed to come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ why Well, look how impressive you are I'll I'll make a mechanical Representation of you down at the wax museum and you can stand up and sit down and stand up and sit down if y'all have been over to Ripley believe it or not the world's tallest man. They made a mechanical mock-up of him and then they had the Guinness world record shortest person They got a little model of that person and they got a model of the tallest guy that's ever been on record lately This guy was alive in the 30s and 40s And so they've got him and they've got him in his clothes and stuff and he stands up and he sits down and all day Long this little mechanical tall guy stands up and sits down 10, you know And so you can see by comparison Wow, this guy really was big and he had all kind of health problems because he was freakishly overgrown But what is the purpose of the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ? It isn't to be on display in a museum.

It isn't to impress with size alone It is in order that this is the goal. This is the purpose verse 14. Why are you a Christian? Well, I want to be happy I want to want to live with God forever great That's that's a wonderful long-term goal.

What are you gonna do in the meantime? What's the purpose of your being a Christian right now? Does it have any purpose? Are you just kind of drumming your fingers on the table waiting for the great day of the rapture? Why are you a Christian today? Well, I get to go to church and listen to a guy drag on for 45 minutes or so. That's fun Why are you a Christian? It tells us right here This is why we are Christians that we should no longer be Children tossed to and fro by every fresh wind that blows somebody says a thing Oh, well, that must be it. Look at our society today Anytime something comes out in the news.

Oh, here's a piece of news white officer shoots black youth Look at the wind that blows with riots with pillaging and plundering with Vandalism with looting Rioting mob violence and it has gone on for weeks and weeks and weeks How many people saw this particular thing take place? That's the whole problem. They haven't got any eyewitnesses. So what is it? It's information Somebody told somebody who told somebody who told somebody that a white officer shot a black kid Don't need any more information than that.

I don't care what the circumstances are. I don't care about anything except a white empowered Pistol-carrying guy shot an unarmed black teenager. That's all the information I need to be

blown into violence and resistance and this endless controversy Well, I heard something happened in the Middle East I'm blown in this direction I heard something happened on the stock market.

I'm blown in this direction I heard something happened on the Martha Stewart show and I'm blown in this direction I heard Oprah said a thing and I've got to go buy this book. You know, I heard this I heard this I heard this blown about blown about blown about whatever's the talk of the day. Why do you think Twitter is so popular? Well, I want to hear the latest, you know, who's who's talking about what why does everybody want white people? Likes on Facebook.

Well, whatever has the most likes that's the trend. That's what's happening. That's that's the now that's that's it I got to be on the edge, you know I want to be want to be able to tell my friends who have you heard the latest? This is the latest blown about blown about blown about You should no longer be children tossed about with every trend with every cultural wind that blows every little piece of information that gets processed and and Corrupted and put out there to manipulate you because so much of the American public can be led by the nose Just in the way you phrase things This is the genius of national people's radio if you listen to NPR They have the pretense and the effect Nonchalance of presenting news that they claim is objective and you know, just the facts were the intelligentsia We're the we're the smart ones.

We're not the emotional looters and rioters Oh, no, we stand back and we analyze we listen you're intelligent. We you know, we're altruistic We give we support with our gifts and all of that and you listen to the way they phrase their headlines It is the subtleties it is the innuendos. It is the implied Vilifications it is the odd questions that are raised it is the unwillingness to accept the Clear statement that someone makes on its face unless it is a statement that comports with our beliefs in which case we give it full Credit somebody else says the thing.

Well, he claims so-and-so claims right away. We don't believe it He just claims otherwise it is presented in a completely different way. It is subtlety It is evil wrapped in a wonderful bright foil package Don't be led don't be blown we are to be those who are not Carried about with every wind by the trickery of men in cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting instead speaking the truth so this is the Second therefore the goal of it is to no longer be unstable To be a body that is growing like the body of the Lord Jesus like the person of the Lord Jesus is an even better Statement because he's integral.

He's one thing he the Lord Jesus isn't a Isn't a specimen of peace work. He's not a piece of deity and a piece of humanity and a piece of flesh and a Piece of spirit. He's one thing and we are him on this earth.

We are to reflect the glory of deity we're to reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus we are to be his body on this earth and Essentially be him if we're in dwelt with him then he is here in us and through us Well, that was the second therefore very quickly. The third therefore was in chapter 4 verse 17 Therefore speak truth Speak the truth. I'm sorry in verse 25 I'm still correcting my my numbers here.

The first one is in for one. Therefore walk worthy for eight. Therefore God says Christ ascended He's not here. We're supposed to be doing what he would do if he were here what he will do when he is here in and through us.

Thirdly Stop walking as the Gentiles walk in the futility of mind being blown about being useless and worthless and nothing invested in the future.

Fourthly.

Fifthly Speak the truth chapter 4 verse 25. Put away lying speak the truth with your neighbor Because we are members one of another you see how these things build and grow because we are in the body We need to tell the truth be honest fifth Be imitators of God do what we see God doing specifically in the area of interpersonal relations We sin against God we come to God and acknowledge it God forgives us we should do that for each other Forgive us we pray to God in the model prayer Forgive us our debts to the extent that as we forgive one another Do what God does The goal is to be kind and well disposed and forgiving to one another.

The sixth Do not partake With the faithless and disobedient in chapter 5 verse 7 do not therefore do not be partakers with those that you see described above.

The seventh Therefore in verse 14 wake up Hear the alarm Arise from the dead and Christ will give you light and The eighth in Verse 17 therefore do not be a fool don't be a moron do not be unwise Understand what the will of the Lord is now.

Here's what you can do in your notes Below all of that on a fresh little blank section.

They're either in your mind or on a piece of paper Notice the structure of this And this is what I did in my notes. There's going to be a four bracket chiasm here So line one is Therefore number one. I beseech you to walk worthy.

That's number one Under that and indented slightly put number two God says look at Christ ascended That's number two That we saw that chapter 4 verse 8 first one is chapter 4 verse 1 second one chapter 4 verse 8 God says Therefore look at Christ Ascended in a nutshell number 3 below and indented from that Paul says don't walk like the Gentiles anymore and There's a threefold description of that walk they are darkened they're alienated and they are blind Don't walk like the Gentiles. What does that mean? Don't be darkened alienated and blind That's number three Number four below and indented Let each of you speak truth To one another speak truth to each other is the short version Speak truth to each other all of these are therefore Therefore walk worthy. Therefore God says look at Christ ascended.

Therefore don't walk like Gentiles darkened alienated and blind therefore speak truth to each other Now directly below number four as number five at the same level of indent Directly below five is going to be right below four Therefore Imitators of God therefore do what God does do what you see God doing and walk in love God put himself out on our behalf agape Active love greater agape hath no man than this than to lay down his life for another It is the ultimate of put the interests of others ahead of you isn't in God's interest really to save us He does it for us. God. So loved the world.

He gave his only begotten Son sacrificed the Lord Jesus Christ three hours of darkness on the cross the Lord Jesus went through it is Sacrificial to self and beneficial to others. So number five therefore do what God does and walk in love God is love God expresses love and we should be express words of love number six under but left of Number five this is going to be at the same level as number three Same level of indent is number three do not be partakers with the sons of disobedience Do not be partakers inheritors with the sons of disobedience and He amplifies that

by saying you were once dark now your light Don't partake with sons of disobedience you used to be dark now your light below and left of Number six parallel up above to number two at that same level of indent first indent number seven Therefore God says wake up. God says wake up and Christ will give you light wake up and Christ will give you light Notice if you don't wake up Christ is not going to give you light you hear the alarm you hear the trumpet you hear the sound If you don't wake up, you're not going to get the light You've got to respond to the call respond to the alarm wake up and Christ will give you light Finally number eight, which is now back at the left margin where you had number one Therefore do not be unwise but wise Therefore do not be unwise but wise Now if you look at that notice the relationships Walk worthy of your calling Number one number eight not unwise but wise Walking worthy of our calling is the wise thing to do ignoring our calling is foolish Look at the second bracket.

God says look at Christ. God says wake up and Christ will give you light Christ Christ number two and number seven Look at Christ he's ascended Wake up and that ascended Christ will give you light from his position at the right hand of the Father Be the body of Christ on earth and the body of Christ in heaven is going to unite and enable and empower and dwell with The body of Christ on earth look at Christ ascended Wake up and that Christ will give you life Look at the next level in number three and number six I say don't walk like the Gentiles who are dark and alienated and blind instead number six Don't partake with them you were you were dark, but now you are light you woke up Christ gave you light. So don't be a partaker with the Gentiles who are dark and alienated and blind and the inmost bracket there Let each of you speak truth to one another be doers of what God does and walk in love It's right at the middle of the chiasm.

This is the key. This is the goal. This is how it is done be honest be Looking outward at the interest of others.

Isn't that a wonderful structure? Paul under the influence of the Holy Spirit put that structure in there so that people who heard it could remember it could think about it And discuss it later That's why the eight therefores are there and it really helps to observe them Helps us remember helps us to apply our goal and challenge this week. Can we remember the five walks? Can we remember? those Four brackets those eight therefores that characterize these two chapters in Ephesians. This is the essence This is the heart.

It doesn't get any clearer. It doesn't get any simpler. It doesn't get any more elegant and profound than this wonderful section of Scripture that Paul Through the Holy Spirit puts before us here.

All we have to do now is Do it Think back on it reflect on it pray over it commit ourselves to it Remember that the days are short Redeem the time these are short and evil days It's like the troll that Billy Barty played in Rumpelstiltskin You can watch you go to Billy Barty comm the whole movie Rumpelstiltskin is on there You can see Billy Barty in his prime and in his glory playing an evil troll The days are like Rumpelstiltskin short and evil Redeem the time Paul says it's the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ Let's let's go to the Lord in prayer father. Thank you for this passage. Thank you for the clarity with which you Charge us and enjoin us and encourage us and challenge us in Christ to Fulfill the potentials to lay hold of the righteousness by faith That is our birthright as newborn Into your family and into your kingdom.

We pray that God the Holy Spirit will Enliven these things will bring them to our minds will help us to see their pertinence and their application in The circumstances that face us each day in the time that remains to us We pray that in all things the Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in us and through us. We pray it in his name. Amen