

6-28-26 Message The Heaven and Earth

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Fact, let's pray right now. Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for your grace and your mercy. Lord, I thank you that when we were far away from you, you made a way that we could get to you, and it was through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on Calvary, Lord. In a world where they're looking for hope you offer it in a world where people are trying to figure out how do I get to a god, you offer the only god and the way to get there, and in a world where we are looking for forgiveness of sins, you have provided it, Lord. I pray that if there be anyone here today, Lord, that maybe today is the first day they've said, 'I've tried everything else, I'm at, I'm at my wit's end, I can't go any further. That today would be the day that they would just trust you and what you've done. And, Lord, we just promise to give you all the honor and glory. I'm thankful for what you've done in my life, Lord, and the lives of each and everyone who has believed that gospel here today. I pray that today, as we focus on Your word, Lord, that it would ring true, and that the Holy Spirit would use the word of God to grow us and make us closer to You, Lord, make us more like Christ. We love You and praise You in Jesus' name. Amen. So, as we have a couple of weeks here that I wanted to kind of work on something I normally like working in series, but the problem is when you start having Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, it's hard getting a little momentum. So I got a couple of weeks here, and so I want to do a two-parter that's called the Heaven and the Earth. Today's going to really be an introduction that will kind of lead us into a topic that everybody loves to talk about next week, so I'm sure I've really put it on you, because now you're trying to debate, do I still go on vacation next week for July 4, even if there's only 50 of you here next week, or you watch it later. I promise you, next week's topic is one you want to hear about, it's one that you talk about, it's one that you've had questions about. So now I'm going to force you to put your plans on hold. Ollie, I'll be here, I'll do the thing, it'll be great. I was a little nervous, so I gotta be honest, when they were showing that video earlier today, I may or may not have participated a little bit at VBS this week, and I thought they were going to show that. Now I don't, I couldn't see it. I don't think they saw it. They may or may not have gotten me to dance a little bit, and I was really nervous about that, especially since the camera adds 10 pounds, and, and you heard what I said last week, and I'm now.. I'm a little sensitive. In fact, I went to a restaurant this week, and the first thing I said was, "I'm sorry for your weight, and I got defensive. I was like, you're not too skinny yourself, sister. Nobody, I'm just kidding. So, I definitely don't want to see myself on camera, regardless. But as we start talking about the heaven and the earth this week, and focusing on what we're doing moving forward, I really want to bring attention back to the first words of the Bible, you know, I think that it holds so much more than we normally give it credit for, but there's a lot of books that do that, right? And so we should be used to a book setting the tone with the very first few words. If you're a big Orwell fan and you've read 1984 it was those first few words that says it was a bright cold day in April, and it sets the tone for that book. If you're probably more of a lady in the room who's a Jane Austen fan, do I have Jane Austen fans in the bill? I know I'm married to one. Yep. Okay, so Pride and Prejudice starts out with this line, and some of you probably know it.

It is a truth universally acknowledged, and it sets the tone for the book, and then there is Charles Dickens. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, and that is a tale of two cities, and it sets the tone for the book. Well, Genesis one one sets the tone for scripture, and a lot of times we miss it, and I'm hoping I can get a little bit more attention and let you know that this verse actually tells you what's going to happen throughout. It's very simple, really. And this verse says, In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and as we read scripture a lot, and you know it's broken up into this old testament, it's broken up into this new testament, and we're, and we're trying to figure things out with the book, really, it could be summarized with this first verse. There are two programs in this first verse, and the Bible, and in the Bible, as you're reading it, and to avoid a lot of confusion, it's understanding that there are two programs, an earthly program and a heavenly program, and which program is for you today, and it's right in the very first verse of the Bible. God says I created the heaven and the earth. There are two programs, and I'm going to demonstrate that today. It's really going to set up really well for you who want to come back next week, or who catch it a little bit later. Excuse me, a little bit later. Now, as we were talking, our Galatians study, I had mentioned that I'd ran across something that Les Feldick had said, and it really caused me to go back and look at some things, I thought this was really interesting, but he believes that Genesis 13 six is referencing physical Israel, who are looking for an earthly kingdom, and he believes that Genesis 15 five, when Abraham is told to look toward heaven and the stars, which are heavenly, that's a reference to the spiritual seed of the body of Christ, who are a heavenly people. And let's read those two verses, Genesis 13:16 and this is when God's talking to Abraham, and he's talking to him about this covenant that he's making, and about the people, he's really talking about the program, how he's going to repurpose the earth, but in Genesis 13:16 he says, I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth, so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered, but a couple chapters later, when he is reinforcing the people that are going to come from him, listen to how he describes it. Here it says he brought him forth abroad, and he said, "Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them. And he said unto them, "So shall thy seed be. And you may just be like, "Well, that's just that he's just showing two different ways to show this innumerable amount of people that will come from Abraham. However, if you read Romans chapter three and four, specifically four, and if you read Galatians chapter three and four, Paul is talking to the body of Christ and is linking them to the promise which was made to Israel, and that is because by faith we receive this part of the promise. What God was saying is both programs are tied to Abraham, the earthly program for Israel and the heavenly people, the body of Christ. They're both tied to Abraham. So the Bible starts out saying heaven and earth, this here showing this example here of dust of the earth, stars of the heaven, and so you start moving through here a little bit, and you notice a couple things in scripture. So I'm going to ask you to stick with me today. It's going to be a little bit more teaching instead of preaching today. So let's talk right at the very beginning of this. Why this is so important in Genesis 12:6 and 27 Let's start with the earth portion of this. God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. Let them have it's a key word here, dominion. When mankind was created, they were given dominion over the earth, it's important that you understand this.

Psalm eight talks about this as well, but by the time we get to Genesis chapter three one, this really is where humanity loses dominion of the earth, and somebody else takes dominion over the earth in Genesis three one, it says the serpent was more subtle than any beast, any beast of the field which the Lord God had made, and He said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden. This would begin a dialog here where Satan tempts Eve, so I don't think we need, I think most of us in the room understand what had happened here. It was the, it was about the offering of the fruit to be able to eat that. She's like, okay, God said this, and He said, yeah, but do you know that the moment that you eat this, that you will be like gods? And then eventually she eats, and that begins a downfall. So God comes down and he starts pronouncing judgment in verse 23 and 24 of chapter three. He says, "Therefore, the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man, and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubims with a flaming sword, which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life. Notice, he says he drove out man. See, there was a lot that happened that day when Eve partook of the fruit, and Adam likewise. That's when sin enters into the world, but part of the consequence of this isn't just the work that is to be laid at their feet. It isn't now the pain of childbearing. It was being stripped of the dominion over the earth and being no longer to be in the garden, but you may say yeah, but there's nowhere in that passage to say yeah. Given to Satan, but can't you see through other scriptures how that is implied. For example, we get to Luke chapter four, and this is the wilderness temptation with Jesus. Now, check out this. Okay, we missed this, I think, a lot, but it says the devil, when he's doing the wilderness temptation with Jesus, who is God in flesh, it says he takes him up into a high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and the devil said unto him, All this power will I, meaning Satan had it point will give to thee, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou therefore will worship me, all shall be thine. Now think about that. How did he have that authority to take Jesus and say, "If you will worship me, I will give you all that you can see here on the earth. there was a transfer, there was a usurping of dominion over the earth. So, I need you to really pay attention to, because I know this may be stretching you a little bit, but let's not forget, in Isaiah chapter 14, verses 12 through 14, it says, How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning. How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations? For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. Who are the stars of God? Angels. He had usurped his authority over angels, put himself in a position he was placed in one, but he usurped that position, and here we see him in this position, here in the wilderness temptation. You can read Jude chapter nine, which talks about kind of the fallout of those angels who had left their first habitation, or the earthly left their angelic habitation or shed their oikeyrion in order to have the situation with the Nephilim in Genesis chapter six, so Jude chapter nine is going to talk about their end result, that there's a special place in hell for them. You can read about Revelation chapter 12, where the great red dragon with the sweep of its tail takes down a third of the stars, and scripture so often talks about angels being stars. There was great influence by Satan.

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He got to this point where he had usurped authority over the earth, but we see through other scriptures it also sounds like he had it over the heavens as well, because in Ephesians two two, listen, how Paul describes this. He says, Wherefore in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, and there's a lot of description in scripture when you talk about heavens and the heavenlies, right, but here we got the idea of air and talking about Satan being the prince of the power of the air, John 14:30 he says, Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world cometh, now kind of talking about the earth, right, and he says, and he hath nothing in me, and then we can read in Second Corinthians chapter four, for where it says the God of this world. Now let me make this make sense to you guys today. There was a fall, and it led to the beginning plan of the earth and the heavens being taken control of temporarily by Satan, so what scripture does from that point on is unveil the plan, how God is going to take back the earth, and how He is going to take back the heavens, that really is your scriptures, and how He does it. The plan is laid out, in fact, Ephesians 1:10 now reference this to Genesis one one. It says that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth, even in Him. The goal is to bring all things of the heaven and earth unto Christ in the dispensation of the fullness of times. So, how did God start doing this? How did He start unveiling this? Well, this is where you get this covenant. This is all very important to understand what is for you today. In Genesis 12, God starts unveiling His plan, how He's going to take the earth back, and he says, in verse one of chapter 12, the Lord said unto Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, from thy kindred, from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee, and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be. A blessing, it wasn't just about, hey, you're going to be a great nation, but all the nations would be blessed through this people that he's setting aside. He says, I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. This is the beginning of God setting apart a people, and then you would have Jacob with his vision, Jacob's ladder, and even then he's talking about Bethel, and that name really means God setting up authority on the earth, but it talks about the ladder and the angels going up and down between both places, the earth and the heavens, it's all been there, and then First Chronicles 17:14 is kind of the summary of the Davidic covenant. This is adding a piece to not just that there would be a great seed that was going to come from Abraham, but this is a little bit more information about what's going to happen on the earth. It says, "It shall come to pass when thy days be expired, that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons, and I will establish his kingdom. And this is a kingdom that's going to last forever, even though David's life didn't last forever, because this is talking about there's going to be land that was promised to Abraham. There's going to be a people that's going to come from Abraham. There's going to be one who's going to sit on a physical throne on the earth, and his name is Jesus. Is this all making sense now? Here's where it gets really interesting, and starts, I think, making more sense. Psalm 37 is a place where there's multiple verses that talk about inheriting the earth, but we're only going to look at one here.

You can look at the others, but in verse nine it says, evil doers shall be cut off, but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth, and you can read this in Job as well, once God sets a plan in place for the earth, as He's revealing through Abraham, every single writer in Scripture up through this Old Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, even the early part of Acts, were looking forward to the earth and inheriting the earth and This is such a key component to scripture. There is so many promises made to those who are going to inherit the earth that are being claimed by people today who are going to inherit the heavenlies, and it gets all mixed up because there's different sets of instructions for those who are going to inherit the earth through the millennial kingdom versus those who aren't going to be here, so you cannot mix it all up. There are instructions specifically to this, so you've got to understand when you're reading all these verses in the Gospels, and you're reading the Beatitudes, especially like Matthew five five: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. You know, the body of Christ is never told that they're going to inherit the earth. They're not. So, the advice that you're getting through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John is how to get through seven years of tribulation, so that you can inherit the earth. We will not be inheriting the earth and come back next week, because we will not be going through the tribulation either. So, when you just grab whatever you can from scripture and say, well, it sounds good, and then you end up with a lot of stuff that, when mixed up, some of it, you might be like, well, what's the, what's the harm in being meek? Well, what's the harm in being humble, right? And I understand what you're saying. There are principles, good principles in some of these things, but when some of this comes down to, like, oh, well, we've got to confess our sins to mankind, right, where I've got to sell everything that I own to be saved, or that if I have enough faith, my loved ones will be healed. What do you do with that? And when you're trying to live both of those, it's going to lead to a very frustrating life, because what happens when your loved one doesn't get healed? God wasn't real. What happens when the thing that you feel uncomfortable about, or the pressures of this world are hitting you, that God doesn't take it away. Is God not real, or is His grace sufficient, or is His strength made perfect in our weakness? See, we can learn through whatever program that we're in, whether it's a heavenly program or an earthly program, how we walk in this life, but you will find different instructions if you think that you're both of the heaven and of the earth, which you are not. So that is the point of this. It sets right up from the beginning. There are two programs, but only one program has details, because the other one was a secret kept hidden before the world began, but everything else. Was talked about. Here's how we're going to take back the earth. Here's how God's going to repurpose the earth, right. So, in Isaiah 60:20 through 21 you can understand why so many people are looking forward to the earth. Why Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it's always about these parables. It's about overcoming to the end, so that you can have this kingdom of heaven this time on earth, right. So, here's why. Isaiah 60:20 through 21 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light. The days of mourning shall be ended. Who wouldn't look forward to that? Thy people shall also be righteous, be all righteous. They shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. Or in 62 verses one through three in Isaiah it says, "For Zion's sake, why not will I not hold my peace?"

And for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth and the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, Israel's righteousness, and all the kings of thy glory shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt be also a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. So, Israel, this is talking about what Israel is going to be, and all the nations being blessed through a physical, real Israel, and a physical, real kingdom that's being sat on the throne by Jesus Christ. So, of course, they want to look forward to that. Some of us today were like, oh, I think about the earth, and I've got a vacation next week, and you know what, that vacation will come, and then it will go, and then you'll be back waiting for the next thing, and maybe you're waiting for Christmas at that point, that'll be the next thing on your checklist, right? And then that comes and goes. What they're looking for on this earth is something that's that's not something that's going to fade. It's not something that's here today and gone the next day. The reason they can get through these terrible things of the seven years of tribulation is because the knowledge of what the kingdom's going to be like that they're going to inherit. That's why you see so many of these parables be like, oh, the kingdom of heaven is like a field, and when a man saw it, he went and sold everything that he had, and then he went and purchased the field with joy, and the point that he's making through that is there would be temporary pain of selling everything that you have, but you're buying a field with treasure in it, so if you can endure the temporary poverty of extracting every piece of resource that you have, you will end up inheriting a land with treasure in it, or when he says the kingdom of heaven is like a woman who's travailing through childbirth. I mean, it's been Rachel, not me, but we've had five kids, and I could tell you that when, especially the last one, you know, you're dilated to seven, and I'm trying to rub her back. I thought I got divorced. I thought I was doing a good thing. I mean, and it was like, don't touch me, and I'm like, okay, it's like you didn't say that nine months ago, but, but the Bible, not sorry, but the Bible describes going through the tribulation as a woman goes through childbirth, but you know what, when a woman's holding the baby, she says it was all worth it. That's what Israel was looking forward to. That was why so many of the parables are like, overcome, overcome until the end. Guess what, you're going to have this promise of repurposing the earth that we talked about way back with Abraham, and they're even told this in Exodus 19 five and six, and this shows you the water baptism, but they're going to be a nation of priests, so they have to be ceremonially cleansed to go into this land. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John is all about preparation for the kingdom it says, now therefore, if thou wilt obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth, all the earth is mine, and you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which thou so speak unto the children of Israel. There's even a little bit here in Isaiah chapter two that says, spreading in verse one, says the word of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into this. This is a literal place on earth that's being described here. All the nations will flow unto it.

Many people shall go and say, 'Come, ye, let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us His ways. We will walk in His path, for out of Zion shall go forth the law. In the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, and He shall judge among the nations, shall rebuke many people, and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more on earth. And then there's the blessings that come from being Israel and being in this, this time, right in Luke 172 through 75 to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He sware to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life, and you can understand the Lord's prayers, the so-called Lord's Prayer. Remember, it says that may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. They were expecting that Isaiah 11 six through nine says the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. You can't find that in a zoo, but there's gonna be a period of time where that's gonna happen. This is the cow and the bear shall feed, their young ones shall lie down together. The lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the winged child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. The earth will no longer be under Satan's temporary dominion. Now, this will be more for next week, but I'm just going to throw this out here. The plan for the heavens. Notice the differences here. Ephesians one three: Blessed be the God and Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ? See the distinction, Ephesians two six hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. That's why Philippians 320 says our conversation is in heaven, from whence we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Colossians three one. If ye thee be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. You may have walked into a church today, but you didn't enter into Christ like people will enter into the kingdom. It's why you gotta read the scriptures. It's about those who will enter into the kingdom. We don't enter into the body of Christ. These things are two separate things, two separate programs, you know. And 2015 Pastor gave me a book shortly after I got on staff, and it was a book by Keith Blades. Maybe some of you have read this. It's called Satan and His Plan of Evil, and we have this, I think, in the bookstore. He's no longer with us. He is in the heavenlies right now, Keith Blades. But there is an observation that he makes that really stood out on this topic regarding the earth, and I love this, and I had not seen it before, and so I went back, and I was like, man, this makes a lot of sense. So I want to give credit to where this came from. It wasn't my observation, but Genesis chapter 1314, through 18. Check this out. It says, The Lord said unto Abram, after Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes look from the place that thou art, northward, southward, eastward, westward, for all the land which thou seest, that to thee I will give it, and to thy seed forever. And you're like, why is this special? You've been talking about this, it gets better. I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth. We already saw this. So, if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Listen, though, what he says next. He says, 'Arise, walk through the land and the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it unto thee. This is a very significant, very significant piece of scripture. Why would you walk in land that you are going to purchase it? Why would you be asked to walk in land? Well, let's talk about Job. In Job chapter one, six and seven, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Satan answered the Lord and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down into it. Verses Job, chapter two, one and two. There was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord. Same thing happened here. Verse two, the Lord said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? Satan answered the Lord, from going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it. It's really interesting here, you know, why Satan's moving up and down, walking. It's, it's like a peacock walking over the thing that he was having dominion over, temporarily walking over his land, like some of you might do this time of year. You may walk, and you might be checking the weeds of your house. You might be seeing if it's time to cut the grass, right? If you need to get the weed eater right, you might be checking and saying, "Oh, there's some ant hills, like at my house, there's ant hills out in the grass, or there's goose poop, right, or dog poop, or whatever. You're walking up and down land because you have dominion over the land. What God was saying to Abraham, "Walk up and down in it, look all over it, because you know what, it's my land, Satan. Temporarily, he's walking to and fro, but guess what, he ain't going to have the land, it's going to be God. So he's showing there is going to be a transfer back to the earth being the Lord's, and for that I say, I understand why so many people love all the scripture talking about the land, but we, we are going to be in the heavenlies, and that's why we cannot confuse the two programs. Like, here's this: we have a simple chart here, and this is one similar that Pastor would show from time to time, a dispensational chart. I think, if they read my notes correctly, maybe I have it up here right now. It just looks like the stars from the heavenly there, but a simple dispensational chart kind of breaks down. Here we go. So, when you think about this, a simple way to look at this, and I think that I love this from an Ephesians perspective, I've been reading so much is that you have time past, you have the but now, and you have the things to come, is a simple way, kind of look at this, or ages to come, but look at these three things here, and the promise and law all deal with the earth, the but now deals with the heavens, the ages to come deals with the heaven and earth being brought unto Christ after the millennial kingdom, it all got established from the very beginning, but what you see through scripture, through all the prophets, and everything is always talking about the earth. So, Satan had no clue, I think, that he was going to lose the heavenlies or lose the air, because that was the part that was kept secret before the world began, that is being revealed through Paul, is not only this is how we're going to get the earth, and it's going to be the earth is going to be the Lord's forever, but this is how the heavens are going to be reclaimed, and that's the role the body of Christ plays, and you see both of these examples in Romans 15, in Romans 15 eight, it says, I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God to confirm the promises made unto the Father. That's Jesus's earthly ministry.

It was dealing with the earth, but in Romans 15:16 it says that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. That is what's happening right now for a heavenly people being prepared for that destination, and it's being done through the Apostle Paul. In fact, we're told, and this will be the last verse, Second Corinthians 5:16 wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh, yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. What Paul was saying here is that we are not following the earthly Jesus that that's not what we know today. We know the glorified Christ, who's sitting on the right hand of God, who's given instructions through the Apostle Paul of how we are to live today, how we are to have salvation today, and what our future destination is going to be. There are two programs, and it was told right from the very first verse of the Bible, the heavens and the earth, but once you know that, then you will not be confused when you start talking about ideas like second coming and rapture, because these are two things devoted towards people on the earth and people of the heavenlies, so next week I'm going to share that part from scripture. That was a lot, all right. I'm gonna have everybody stand up at this time. Now, if you're crazy enough to want to be a part of what we're doing here, if you, if you're not scared away by the bald man. Who gets a little too excited, we give this opportunity. We had a bunch of people last week who wanted to come up. If you'd like to maybe join the church or get more information about serving, we have a couple of our guys up here that'll be more than happy to talk to you. If you got questions about what it means now that I'm saved, what do I do next? Where do I, where should I start? We'd love to talk to you about that as well, but I'll give you this opportunity, while we pray. We're going to bow our heads here in a moment. If you want to slip out to avoid the crowd and come up front, you can do that. After we do that, we're going to sing a song, and then I will dismiss you. But first, we'll pray. Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for this day, and thank you for your word, Lord. I see so many clips that get sent to me in so many videos and even sermons I hear where people just try to mix it all up and try to try to add the earthly and the heavenly together and it just creates such mass confusion Lord even over things like giving Lord and tithing and and Lord confession of sins to to other humans, Lord, it is just.. it can be so devastating if we do not rightly divide the word of truth, but it starts with understanding which program I align with. And today, in this dispensation of grace, we are being fit as a heavenly people, and so we need to find the information, Romans through Philemon, they give us specific information of how we are to live. Now, all scripture is for us, but it's not all to us. And, Lord, we are thankful that we can understand and not be confused. So much of confusion going on today gets eliminated if you just rightly divide and understand what is for you. So, I pray, Lord, first and foremost, that everyone in here is saved, and maybe that's part of their journey today, that they're trying, that they came here today, that they want to know how they can have eternal life.

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I pray that that was crystal clear earlier, but if they're still confused, Lord, that they would come forward and we'd be able to help them through that. And I pray, once they are saved, Lord, that we help them grow in the knowledge of the truth, which is understanding who they are in this dispensation of grace, and what your role is in their lives, Lord. We just pray you be with our people now, help them to have a great, safe week this week, and Lord, we promise to give you all the honor and glory. Amen.