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how is it possible ladies and gentlemen that we could

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read acts chapter 10. you don't need to know hebrew you don't need to know aramaic you don't need to know greek you

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hardly need to know english all we have to do is read the context of acts chapter 10 and actually

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read past verse 16 and 17 past verse 10 and and following and read to

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verse 28 where yahweh makes it very clear

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peter even understands even goes so far that he furthers when he goes back to jerusalem he tells james the president

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yaakov the president of the council of jerusalem and he explains it to them he says man i thought that it was about

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food but i was wrong we must go to the gentiles the gospel

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must go to the gentiles the good news of yeshua coming and dying for the sins of all mankind must go to the nations why

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because yahweh showed me that he has made them clean through the blood of the lamb and how dare us call them unclean

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you see my friends when we go into the scriptures with a a bias a denominational creed

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with our filter looking through the glasses of what how we grew up and the belief

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system that we have we will pull from the scriptures what's not there

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and that is a scary situation when you start rewriting scripture

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because if we're not careful and we don't take doctrine seriously and we don't look at the bible from the original hebraic perspective that yahweh

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wrote it in through these hebrew authors we could

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we could very well walk away from the scriptures teaching people the very

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opposite of what god intended and i don't know about you but i do not

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want to answer before my king on judgment day that i taught anybody anything that was not his word

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so let's continue let's move to another scripture how about romans chapter 14 turn with me in
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your bibles and by the way i am using a a bible called the scriptures so if

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you're if you're curious of the bible version that i'm using it's called the scriptures

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or the hallelujah bible is another one you can find them on our website at passionfortruth.com

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but turn with me in romans chapter 14. and this becomes a very interesting scripture uh

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again a scripture that i personally use to say we can eat whatever we want but as we go through
here you're going

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to see that there's another angle another perspective the hebraic perspective romans chapter

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14 read with me and receive him who was weak in the

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faith weak in the belief not criticizing his thoughts one indeed believes one indeed believes

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to eat all food but he who is weak eats only vegetables

3:11

he that eats let him not despise him who does not eat and he that does not eat

3:16

let him not judge him who eats for elohim received him

3:23

who are you that judges another servant to whom his own master he stands or falls but excuse me
but he shall be made

3:31

to stand for elohim is able to make him stand one indeed judges one day above another another
judges every day alike

3:39

let each one be completely persuaded in his own mind let's stop there for one moment so here's
what we've got we have

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a context where paul says in romans to the church in rome he says listen

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there's a weak in the faith so we have to define what is weak in the faith mean what is weak in a
belief system is what

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the word there mean and also he says one indeed believes that you can eat all although the word

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food is in italics there which means it's not in the original language so one indeed

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believes to eat all so there's something understood there but one who is weak eats only
vegetables

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now this can't be ladies and gentlemen because we go back to daniel and we find a story where daniel is eating only

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vegetables and he proves that he's stronger than all of the other men that are

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eating meat so there it can't be a physical thing that he's talking about and i'm going to

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suggest to you that it's not at all talking about the physicality of being weak or strong it's talking about weak

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in mind the belief system the reasoning why this person is only eating vegetables is a weak reason it's weak in

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his belief system we're going to talk about this we're going to unpack this and show you that there's actually another chapter of the bible that

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describes what's happening here and we have to go back and forth in order to discuss this now if you come to chapter 5 or verse 5 here's what we find

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it says let each one be completely persuaded in his own mind now this is what many people will say jim

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i am convinced that i can eat a cow i'm convinced that i can eat a pig

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so don't judge me and i won't judge you now let me ask you a question if truth is true we should be able to

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extrapolate that philosophy out to every single thing that you can think of and it

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should still work let me give you an example if we should be fully persuaded in our own mind and that's exactly what

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the scripture is saying is that all we have to do is be persuaded in our own mind then why is it that some people why

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do we criticize some people for saying that they're persuaded in their own mind that homosexuality is

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okay they're persuaded in their mind that doing drugs is okay they're persuaded in their own mind that that doing this is

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okay they're doing that's okay if we use that philosophy my friends that we cannot criticize anyone for anything

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because everyone is persuaded in their own mind is there any of you in this room that are not persuaded in your own

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mind of why you do what you do

6:11

people that commit abortions are persuaded in their own mind that it's okay to kill

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life to kill the unborn clearly the apostle is not creating a

6:23

new precedent erasing the entire scriptures in the word of god and saying hey just be whatever you want to do

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just be persuaded in your own mind he's not saying that there's something else going on let's go to first corinthians

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chapter eight and we will find out exactly what's happening here we'll get a clue

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so turn with me to first corinthians chapter eight

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okay first corinthians chapter 8 we have a very similar situation happening here we're using the same terminology so by

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discussing or going through some of the context of of first corinthians chapter 8 we will

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be able to discover exactly what romans 14 means please read with me and concerning

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food offered to idols we know that we all have knowledge

7:14

knowledge puffs up but love builds

7:20

if anyone thinks that he knows something what he does not yet know

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if anyone thinks that he knows something he does not yet know as he should know

7:30

but if anyone loves yahweh this one is known by him

7:36

so then concerning the eating of food offered to idols we know that an idol is nothing it's no matter at all in the

7:42

world and that there is no other elohim but one there's only one god the shema

7:48

deuteronomy chapter 6. for even if there is so-called mighty

7:53

ones whether in heaven or on earth as there are many mighty ones and many masters for us there is only one elohim

8:01

the father from whom all came and from whom we live and one master yeshua the

8:07

messiah through whom all came and through whom we live however listen to this we don't
8:14

all have this knowledge in other words not everyone is mature enough to understand that there's
only one god one messiah and nobody else matters nothing

8:21

else matters so he says but some in verse 7 being aware of the idol

8:28

until now eat it as having been offered to an idol so their conscience being weak is

8:34

defiled so what's he saying he's saying that if someone as well let's just back up you

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have to understand some of the context in a first century market is that there's there's meat that's
being hung

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in the market it's being sold at market and it's not being uh disclosed whether or not it's being
offered to an idol or

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not so when they buy this meat many times they're not a hundred percent sure whether it's been
offered to an idol and

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so a new believer is eating meat that's uh offered to an idol and he is offended

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by that and paul says that's a weak conscience because what paul's perspective is

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which by default would be called a strong conscience or strong in the faith is that a strong
believer believes that

9:18

there's only one god so the idol is nothing when an animal that god says is

9:23

clean like a lamb or a goat gets gets sacrificed to an idol paul says i don't

9:29

have any problem in eating that because i'm not taking part i'm not partaking in

9:34

that that ritual and it doesn't make the animal unclean

9:43

and so paul says that if you have a problem eating meat offered to an idol

9:48

i respect where you're coming from but but that is a weak conscience they don't

9:53

fully understand that that idol means nothing are you is this making sense

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i encourage you to go back and study this on your own you'll you'll see this it takes a little bit uh
to comb through

10:04

this and really see what's going on but that's what's happening let's continue

10:12

let's see what verse were we on here it says uh here we go verse 9 but but look to it unless somehow this rite of yours

10:19

becomes a stumbling block to those who are weak for if anyone sees you who have

10:24

knowledge that there's only one god and that idols mean nothing eating in an idol's place meaning eating

10:31

idol eating meat offered idols shall not his conscience if he is weak be built up to

10:37

eat food offered to idols so this weak brother for whom messiah died shall perish through your

10:44

knowledge now sinning in this way against the brothers and wounding their weak conscience you sin against the

10:50

messiah therefore if food makes my brother stumble i am never going to eat

10:56

meat again that's my brother's stumble do you see what the last verse says it says i will never eat meat

11:03

again so this is about whether we should eat meat or eat only vegetables so he's defining

11:09

those who do not want to eat meat because they're not sure if it's been offered to idols what else are they going to eat they're

11:15

going to eat vegetables and he calls those people weak he's not doing it as an insult he's

11:22

just saying that these are new believers that don't fully understand that idols mean nothing if yahweh made a lamb he

11:28

made it clean it's always clean regardless of what happens to that lamb

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it's still clean okay now there are some parameters in the torah and i don't want to go there but for the

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sake of conversation and and context sticking with first corinthians 8 in romans 14 this is what it's talking

11:46

about so now that we know that paul in first corinthians defines a weak conscience as

11:51

someone who cannot eat meat because he's not sure if it's offered to idols or not now let's go back to romans 14 and this

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is all going to make sense okay so now let's read romans 14 again and it and it should completely become clear and

12:05

receive whom him who is weak in the faith not criticizing his
12:11
thoughts so a brand new believer that that thinks that it's wrong to eat meat that is offered to idols
12:19
one indeed believes to eat all food all meat but he who is weak only eats
12:25
vegetables verse 3 he that eats let him not despise him who does not eat
12:32
meat and he that does not eat let him not judge him who eats for
12:38
elohim receives him who are you to judge another servant to
12:43
his own master he stands or falls but he shall be made to stand for for god is able to make him
stand
12:50
one indeed judges now now now now stopping in verse 5 we understand
12:57
exactly what's happening is everybody on the same page we understand that he's saying don't
judge one another you think
13:02
eating meat's okay you thinking eating not any meat is okay then he seems to switch to another
13:08
subject so let's continue in verse five one indeed judges one day above another
13:15
and another judges every day alike let each one be completely persuaded in his
13:20
own mind he who minds the day mines it to yahweh
13:25
and he who does not mind the day to yahweh he does not mind it he who eats eats to god for he
gives elohim thanks
13:33
he who does not eat to yahweh he does not eat and give elohim thanks
13:38
for not one of us lives to himself and not one dies to himself for both if we live we live unto unto
the master and if
13:45
we die we die unto the master christ therefore whether we live or die we
13:51
are messiahs so here we have we're all talking about whether we should eat meat or eat
13:57
vegetables and really paul is trying to get everybody to get along is what's going on he's trying
everybody to get
14:02
along they don't get off on these rabbit trails how many times we get we start majoring on the
miners and we minor on
14:09

the majors and paul is saying this has nothing to do with torah this has nothing to do
14:15
with the torah this has nothing to do with what god has told you to do or not to do so he is
making what is called a
14:22
halachic decision he's making a judgment as the chief apostle of the church in
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rome and in corinth and he's interpreting the torah and explaining to
14:35
them how to live their life so he starts out in the verse verse 4 verses of romans 14 talking about
food
14:42
and then all of a sudden it seems that he starts talking about a day and when i say a day what are
you thinking of
14:48
sabbath that's right you're thinking of the sabbath that's setting a sabbath today now let me ask
you a question does
14:54
it make any sense to you at all that paul all of a sudden starts talking about eating meat and not
eating meat
15:01
and being nice to each other for for what you believe that you should eat as far as meat sacrificed
idols or not
15:07
and all sudden he just switches it and starts talking about the sabbath that makes no sense
15:12
it's not even logical i'm going to submit to you that if we read very carefully you're going to see
that he's never stopped talking about
15:20
food let's read verse 5 again one indeed
15:26
judges one day above another another judge's every day alike let each
15:33
one be completely persuaded in his own mind now if we're still talking about food
15:38
think of what we could be talking about it's going to give it away in verse six he who minds the
day
15:44
minds it to yahweh he who does not mind the day or keep the day eats to yahweh for he
15:51
who elohim for he gives elohim thanks and he who does not eat
15:56
on that day to yahweh he does not eat and gives elohim thanks
16:05
so what is going on here what are we talking about he starts talking about eating and not eating
in a day

16:11

what is that called when you're not eating on a day fasting that's right we're talking about

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fasting in the first century many of the jews the sex their 26 sects of judaism many of them fasted at least

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once most of them twice a week some of them thought it was monday and thursday some of them thought it was tuesday and

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friday uh and so on and so forth and so there was always a debate always a debate about

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who's right and who's wrong even though nowhere in the torah does it say which day that you have uh have to fast but

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traditions just like today ladies and gentlemen you start messing with tradition

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you start stepping on people's emotional toes and that can be a dangerous thing to do

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if you've watched truth or tradition you know exactly what i'm talking about dvd that we that we that we put out

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several years ago causes a great stir but it's either true or it's tradition

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this is the same problem that paul is having that yeshua jesus had himself in the first century dichotomizing between

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the two what's true and what is tradition and so what's happening is is

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that paul is saying that listen some of you think that you need to fast on this day some of you think you need a fast on this day and i don't care when you fast

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i don't care if you eat or you don't eat if you eat meat or only eat vegetables listen all of you are accountable to him

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he's our master you're just a servant leave each other alone respect one another when you're dealing with things

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that are not specifically lined out in the scriptures

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so the practical application of this is this as you come into the knowledge of the scriptures and your hebrew roots

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and you start reading the front of the book and you start learning about some of these commandments

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recognize that you're still weak you've never done this before you may be the first time that you've ever read

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through the torah in your life from this new perspective and yahweh may illuminate a law to you and you maybe

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because you're new may interpret it a little bit different way give grace to your neighbor who's

18:17

reading it a different way because we are all serving the same elohim the same god yahweh

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the god of abraham isaac and jacob we all are accountable to him first and

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then to one another so if we would just open up our hearts to one another and love one another we actually would

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probably figure this front of the book out a lot faster than we are

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all right so is this making sense romans 14 first corinthians chapter eight it's all about eating meat offered to idols

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and whether we should just not eat meat altogether i understand uh there are people today

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that if they can't find organic meat they will not eat meat altogether

19:01

i i don't blame them with all of the the the chemicals that they're putting into our

19:07

animals today that science and is now catching up saying that a lot of the disease that we

19:13

have is directly related to the food and the meat that we eat many people have given up eating meat

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all together it's the same kind and type of thought process that happened in the first

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century okay all right let's move along we're almost finished here let's move to first

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timothy chapter four this is one of my favorite scriptures on this subject

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first timothy chapter 4 say jim right here man first timothy 4

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says that all we got to do is pray over our food and we can eat whatever we want well let's read first timothy chapter 4

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and see if that's exactly what the author is saying read with me in your bibles it says but

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the spirit distinctly says that in latter times some shall fall away from the belief fall away from the faith okay

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paying attention to misleading spirits and teachings of demons if i had a

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dollar for every person that said because of the message that i'm bringing with you today

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that i am a bringing a doctrine of demons we could fund our ministry

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because you know what the truth is this message is going to affect

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one thing this right here your flesh your flesh is going to fight this

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message you know why because you want to do what you want to do your flesh wants the tree of the knowledge of good and

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evil it's tasted it before and it tastes good even in the garden my friends there was

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clean and unclean yeah i looked at the tree of life and said it is clean

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and he says of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil do not eat it is unclean when you eat of it you will

20:55

become a serpent says like me you will know good from evil and you

21:01

don't even know what that means so just trust me don't eat it today

21:06

yahweh says the same thing do not eat the animals that i created to be the vacuum cleaners of the earth i'm not

21:11

going to tell you why because you don't need to know why because you're my son you're my daughter i call you children not teenagers i'm not calling you adults

21:18

i'm calling you children for a reason i want you to trust me that when you eat unclean animals it's

21:24

no different than the tree of knowledge of good and evil you don't know what evil is because you've never tasted it before but the moment that you taste of

21:31

unclean animals it will do damage to your body

21:37

you don't need i don't need to tell you why just trust me i'm smarter than you

21:42

as a friend of mine says

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so let's continue he says in verse two speaking lies and hypocrisy these people

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are having been branded on their own conscience forbidding to marry saying to abstain from foods which

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elohim created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth now let's stop here and

22:05

read this verse again in verse three read it carefully these people who he wants them to ignore

22:12

are speaking lies and hypocrisy

22:17

having excuse me saying to abstain from food

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which we've already decided and and come to conclusion what the definition of food is from his perspective which

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elohim which god created to be received with thanksgiving so let me ask you a question you're a first century jew

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you're a hebrew you don't even know what the new testament is because it hasn't been written it hasn't been canonized it

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doesn't even exist so the only scriptures that are there

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which everything says all scripture is god-breathed and worthy for correction reproof and way of righteousness the

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only scripture that exists at that time is what we call the old testament so from their perspective

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where is it that god gives the instructions on the definition of food that he declares is clean

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as we already went through leviticus chapter 11. so in leviticus 11 is where

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elohim says it is good leviticus 11 is where god says

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i want to give you these things and i want you to receive them with thanksgiving

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by those who believe and know the truth so god created to be received in verse 4 verse 3 with thanksgiving by those who

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believe and know the truth because if you know the truth the truth can only do what

23:34

sets you free verse 4 because every creature of elohim

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is good and none of it's to be rejected is there a period there this is really

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critical how many know that in semitic languages there is

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no punctuation no commas no periods

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we better know exactly what the context is and i'm going to tell you my friends for some reasons our theologians

24:05

professors and so on and so forth and pastors and pulpits all across the world stop right here on this verse before

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they even finish the rest of the verse and it says that this gym god created everything he says it's good and none of

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it's to be rejected and they only quote half the verse let's read the other half of the verse

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which is going to tell us exactly what god is saying what he really is meaning through the

24:30

scripture none of it is to be rejected if

24:35

it is received with thanksgiving for it is set apart by the word of god and

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prayer folks think about what he's saying this is a jew that's writing this a jewish

24:49

apostle in the first century what is the definition of the word of god

24:56

he already said that yahweh gave us these the definition

25:01

of food he gave it and created it and told us and sanctified it folks

25:06

food is not food unless it is sanctified unless it is set apart by the torah

25:15

by the word of god we know there's only one place in all the bible that tells us what the definition of food is as we've said 100

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times it's levticus chapter 11. so it must be sanctified by levticus

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chapter 11 or it can not be eaten

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so what's happening over and over through all of these scriptures from mark chapter 7 and all the ones we've gone through thus

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far the majority of the context is the religious leaders of the day are going

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beyond the written text and they're creating their own torah which in hebrew means instructions

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they're creating their own instructions they're saying that we know that the torah says this we know that god says

25:57

this but if you do this say this don't wash your hands

26:02

have a meat offer to idols so on and so forth it's going to make it unclean so

26:07

there's a debate on what is clean and what is unclean paul is saying listen you guys are making this way too complicated just go to what's sanctified

26:15

by the word of god go to leviticus chapter 11 and you'll see exactly what god says is clean or unclean hogwash no pun intended

26:23

with the rest of what everyone's saying so let's read it now all together

26:31

verse 4 because every creature of elohim is good and none of it is to be rejected if it's received with thanksgiving for

26:37

it is set apart by the word of god in prayer if you present these matters to the brothers you shall be good servant of

26:44

yahweh being nourished in the words of belief and a good teaching which you followed closely so on and so forth

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the point of this scripture is that not that you can just pray over you know a

26:56

poisonous tree frog right before you eat it and it magically is going to be non-toxic

27:01

and you can eat it and be fine as long as you thank the lord for this poisonous tree frog and thank you father for this

27:07

rattlesnake and i just pray that before i eat it raw that it won't kill me

27:12

of course not you can't eat poisonous tree frogs you can't eat snakes and so on and so forth

27:19

why because they will hurt you they're unclean they're not sanctified by the word of

27:25

god am i am i am i making this clear i want everyone to make sure that you understand

27:31

what the author is saying here we can't just use the scriptures for our own benefit because we want to eat that

27:38

barbecued pork chop and i'll tell you i grew up with barbecue pork chop and there's almost nothing better

27:43

but now i can't even smell a pork chop without wanting to gag because my body's

27:49

been cleansed of even the the smell of an unclean animal makes me sick

27:54

your body's not created to eat it we've trained our bodies to eat things that

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are unclean and then we wonder why we get the diseases of the gentiles like the prophets say eat with the gen and

28:07

gentiles eat get the diseases of the gentiles why do we have so much disease

28:13

most likely because of the food that we eat put toxins in the body probably going to have toxic things

28:19

happen garbage and garbage out as they say in the computer realm

28:28

what is food over and over again we talk about levticus chapter 11. so

28:33

let me quote it for you again just these two verses so that it becomes very clear in your mind what the definition of food

28:40

is this is the law of the beast verse 46 and the fowl and of every living creature that move within the waters and

28:47

of every creature that creepeth upon the earth to make a difference between the unclean and the clean between the beast

28:53

that may be eaten and the beast they may not be eden

28:59

now let's turn to one of the last scriptures we're going to talk about one of my favorites colossians chapter 2

29:04

verse 16 and 17. now i shouldn't say that it's one of my favorites because this is one of the favorite scriptures

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that people will bring up when i mention the sabbath or the shabbat or when i

29:16

mention eating clean or unclean this is typically one of the top verses where people go is

29:22

colossians chapter 2 verse 16 17 so read it with me

29:28

let no one therefore judge you in eating or drinking or in respect of a festival or a new moon or a sabbath which are

29:35

shadows of what is to come but the body is of mashiach or messiah okay body is

29:43

of christ so let's start in reverse here and talk about this this verse because this verse

29:49

is interesting because i've got a it talks about a shadow these are shadows of things to come but the bodies of

29:55

christ i got a picture on the screen of a guy with a shadow

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now let me ask you a question if yeshua if jesus the christ is standing

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out in the sun and you are in his shadow

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could you by default be saying that you are close to him

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makes sense right if you're not in the shadow clearly you're not close to him and i'm talking in the physical if

30:23

you're in anyone's shadow that means that you were in the perimeter close to their body

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so can we make a deduction that being in the shadow of the messiah is a

30:35

good thing okay good so we're in the shadow is being a good thing so if you back up and

30:41

look at verse 16 and 17 again it says it says that the

30:46

the respect of the festivals the feast days he's talking about the feast days of the bible if you're not familiar with the feast days of the bible encourage

30:52

you to uh to research them get god's prophetic calendar when i go over all of

30:57

the feast days of the bible there's seven a god has a calendar how many know he doesn't go by our calendar

31:03

he goes by his most of us don't even know what his calendar is did you know that yeshua

31:08

died on passover was put in the grave during the feast of unleavened bread where they were getting

31:15

all of the sin out of their house he rose from the grave during the festival of first fruits

31:22

which is why he's called the first fruits and he and the holy spirit comes down on

31:29

in acts chapter two on pentecost in hebrew that's called shavuot in greek it's called pentecost these are for the

31:36

first to four feast days of the year called the spring feast days all deal with the first coming of the messiah the

31:41

second coming of messiah happens during the fall feast days yeshua can't come anytime he wants he comes according to

31:49

what his own calendar says it's prophesied you see and so he says that these feast days and

31:56

the sabbaths and the new moons they're all shadows of things to come notice another thing it doesn't see it doesn't

32:03

say shadows of things that came because remember this is after yeshua already came he says of things to come

32:11

which means they haven't happened yet these are shadows of the messiah so if

32:17

we've already agreed that being in the shadow of the messiah is a good thing by logical deduction if the feast days

32:25

and the shabbat the sabbath is a shadow by the definition of the

32:31

apostle here then being in the feast days and taking part of the shabbat

32:37

is a good thing that means that you are close to the messiah he is the one casting the

32:45

shadow somehow in christianity in in some religious circles we have literally said

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that the shadow is done away with

32:57

can i propose a thought for you what happens if we do away with the shadow

33:04

what are we doing away with really that's right we're doing away with the messiah

33:11

because you cannot have a shadow unless you have someone casting it

33:16

so if you remove the shadow you remove the messiah himself

33:22

we better be very very very careful about what we remove and what we replace

33:29

because my bible tells me don't add to or take away from my word

33:34

or you'll be cursed i don't want to be on judgment day accused of taking anything away i just

33:40

want to understand exactly what we should do and by the way on that note

33:47

if judgment day comes when judgment day comes if the way that we are reading these

33:53

scriptures are true and someone decides not to eat unclean

33:59

animals do they get in trouble on judgment day do they get in trouble and god say i cannot believe that you did not eat pork

34:06

after i died to set a pig free of course not

34:11

but on the other hand if the way that we're reading this is true and the disciple was not talking and not

34:17

taking away from the torah and we stand before god

34:27

we're going to have to explain why we are breaking his laws in this

34:32

area you see it's a win-win if you choose not to eat it

34:39

it could be not a win-win situation if you choose to so we need to understand these things

34:44

okay back to colossians chapter now in order to truly understand what he's talking about because it seems to

34:51

say here and what people will say is jim don't judge me on what sabbath day i choose or or what i choose to eat don't

34:57

judge me you're not allowed to it says right here in colossians chapter two you're the heretic for saying that we to do these things

35:04

and focusing on the shadow no i'm not focusing on the shadow it says that these are shadows of things to come and being in the shadow is a good thing but

35:10

we need to decide exactly what the author's saying in order to do that we need to know the

35:15

context so please turn to verse 1 of chapter 2 and let's read and it's going to be amazing

35:22

how we take things out of context and how clear this can really be here we go for i wish to you to know what a great

35:28

struggle i have for you in the in those late uh later to see him for for as many

35:33

have not seen my face in the flesh in order that their hearts might be encouraged be knit together in love

35:42

and to all the riches of the entire confirmation of understanding to a true knowledge of the secret of god and the

35:48

father and of the messiah and whom are hidden all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge and this i say so that no one

35:55

deceives you with enticing words so now he's going to start describing and defining who these people are that are

36:02

going to be deceiving them first of all they're going to deceive with enticing words for though i am absent in the flesh and i am with you in

36:08

spirit rejoicing to see your good order in the steadfast of your belief in messiah therefore as you accepted messiah jesus

36:16

yeshua the master walk in him having been rooted and built up in him and

36:22

established in the faith as you were taught overflowing in it with thanksgiving listen very careful because

36:28

this is the key verse right here in verse 8. see to it that no one makes a prey of you

36:35

through philosophy and empty deceit according to the

36:40

tradition of men according to the elementary matters of the world and not according to the

36:48

messiah what are we talking about once again do anybody see a theme a thematic

36:55

expression going through all of these scriptures that we're talking about what constantly keeps being brought up the

37:01

tradition and doctrine of men let me ask a question for those of you that believe it that we can eat whatever we want and

37:08

i understand where you're coming from i've been there done that but would you say

37:15

that any commandment that god gave in the old testament was a tradition

37:21

or a doctrine of man the very definition of of man means that

37:28

it originated it progenated from within a man not from the creator of the universe if

37:35

yahweh gives a commandment take the ten commandments for example if god gives a commandment

37:41

it did not come from man it came from god and so paul is warning in the book of

37:46

colossians in chapter two he's warning of these people that are going to prey on you

37:52

through wonderful words philosophy vain deceit

37:58

and the tradition and doctrines of men in other words they're going to come at you and they're not going to bring the

38:04

word of god they're not going to quote the torah they're not going to quote the prophets or the psalms they're going to

38:10

quote themselves in their oral law and their traditions and they're going to impute their motives and agendas on you

38:19

and if you don't know the word of god you will be taken advantage of they will deceive you

38:25

how did eve get deceived in the garden she didn't believe the word of god she

38:30

believed something else the enemy came along and deceived her

38:37

twisted what yahweh had said made her doubt

38:42

that god didn't really mean what he said so we see now when we get to

38:49

colossians chapter 2 verse 16 let's start in verse 14

38:56

it says having blotted out that which is written by hand against you by the dogmas which stood against us

39:03

he has taken it out of the way having nailed to the cross i can't tell you how many people said jim right here it says he took the torah and nailed it to the

39:09

cross folks are you kidding me are you think that really the apostle of

39:14

all apostles the one who sat under gamliel and the only requirement to sit under gamliel was to have the entire

39:21

torah memorized word for word the guy that in romans chapter 3 verse 31 says that just because faith came

39:28

does that mean that that the law of god is made void may it never be i uphold the torah

39:35

do you really think that he is saying that god is nailing his own word to the cross and

39:40

getting rid of it i thought that yeshua jesus was the word of god i thought he was the one being

39:47

nailed to the cross not that he's he's nailing the word of god to the cross

39:53

but he's nailing what the curse of the law that's what yeshua became he says you

39:59

became the curse of the law he's nailing our trespasses it's helpful to know

40:06

that in oral law in the first century judaism that the laws

40:11

against the torah he's nailing all of those laws

40:18

to the cross all of the traditions and the doctrines of men doesn't that make much more sense in context that he

40:24

already defines verse 8 that what they're saying is the tradition and doctrine of men they're criticizing you

40:30

and telling you that you're in sin for breaking their own laws and yeshua

40:35

comes and not only dies for your sin against the torah but he's destroying the traditions and doctrines of men

40:44

this is why in verse 15 it says having stripped the principalities and the authorities

40:49

what authorities the authorities not only on in the heavenly realms the demonic authorities but he's

40:55

stripping the earthly authorities he removes the high priesthood from man and

41:01

gives it to the rightful high priest yeshua hamashiach jesus the christ

41:09

he's stripping them of all their their laws if you take their constitution away you're literally taking away their power

41:16

to judge you or condemn you on something that is false

41:22

so having stripped the principalities in the authorities having made a public display of them have you prevailed over them in it let no one therefore judge

41:30

you in eating or drinking or in respect of a festival or a new moon or a sabbath which are shadows of what is to come

41:37

but the body is of messiah now this is going to give away who this group is if we keep reading let no one

41:43

deprive you of the prize one who takes delight in false humility and the worship of angels messengers

41:50

taking his stand on what he does not see puffed up by his own fleshly mind and holding fast to the head from whom

41:57

all the body nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments grows with the growth of elohim if then you died with

42:04

christ from the elementary matters of the world why is though living in the world do you subject yourself to dogmas

42:11

what dogmas verse 8 the tradition and doctrine of men

42:18

when they say do not touch do not taste do not handle which are all things that are going to perish with the use

42:24

according to the commands and the teachings of men these indeed have an appearance of

42:31

wisdom in self-imposed worship humiliation and harsh treatment of the body of no value at all only for the

42:37

satisfaction of the flesh if you know anything about first century gnosticism it's describing jewish

42:43

gnostics gnostics comes from the greek word gnosis which means knowledge this is a

42:49

sect that believes uh in self-mutilation of the body because they believe that the flesh is bad every part of the flesh

42:56

is bad meaning that they would cut themselves they would stand out in the middle of a

43:02

rainstorm cut themselves and believe that that is good they're literally physically killing the flesh so that

43:08

they can be more holy they would worship the angels they they were prideful and arrogant puffed up because they believed

43:15

they knew everything about the word are you puffed up are you so glorified in yourself and

43:22

worshipping yourself not even realizing you're worshipping yourself because you think you know everything

43:27

we've already read scriptures that basically say that the beginning of knowledge is knowing you know nothing if you think you know anything

43:34

you know nothing and you're not even known by him folks we are all in kindergarten trying

43:40

to learn how to follow yahweh's word it's been 2 000 years since us gentiles

43:45

read the front of the book so to put anything valuable in the front of the book

43:51

most of us read it only as fairy tales and and sunday school lessons to our children giving them little pages to

43:56

color of noah and the ark not even really believing that there's any relevance behind even

44:02

studying it how it relates to the back of the book how can you build a house without a

44:07

foundation we spend all our time beautifying our house in the front and the back of the

44:14

book learning and understanding the new testament in our house ladies and gentlemen is not

44:20

built on the front of the book now you say wait a minute i thought our house is built on yeshua
yeshua is the front of

44:26

the book he's every part of the book he's the rock

44:33

he's the foundation the shifting sands that is talked about in the parable don't build

44:39

your house on the sands what is the sands talking about the tradition and doctrine of men that
changes through

44:46

time like sifting sand build it on the rock it's a jewish idiom in the first century

44:53

meaning the torah it is the only thing that stands is the word of god it never changes it's the same
today yesterday

45:00

and forever don't add to it or don't take away from it yahweh says i built the foundation

45:06

and i built it exactly the way i want it to look like do not take away from it read deuteronomy
chapter 12 and you'll

45:12

discover what he says at the end of the book don't try to worship me in the ways that

45:17

of of the of the heathens don't add to or take away worship me in the way that i want you to
worship me in

45:23

that's what i want all right so we see what's happening

45:28

here colossians chapter 2 to sum it up is all about this once again the traditions and doctrines of
men as the

45:34

teachers the rabbis and the sects of the circumcision party and different sects of judaism the
gnostics began to go out

45:40

to paul's converts and try to reconvert them and get a notch on their belt saying that i converted
you paul doesn't

45:47

know what he's talking about and they begin to deceive them showing them in the law

45:53

knowing that these weak new gentiles of the faith don't even know the difference between the written torah and the oral

45:59

traditions they don't know any better

46:04

that's why they were being deceived because these religious leaders supposedly are supposed to know the law they're trying to convert them and using

46:11

the commandments and the teachings and the doctrines of men and paul is constantly trying to get them to say stay on the on the course stay on the

46:17

rock ignore what they're saying don't let them judge you so to put it down on perspective this is

46:23

what he's really saying i believe in roman in colossians chapter two he's saying this let no one judge you for the

46:31

way that you are keeping the feast days the way that you are keeping the shabbat because they're not keeping it according

46:38

to torah they're keeping it according to their sect their denomination

46:46

you follow the bible and on judgment day you will either stand or not stand

46:51

but err on the side of only the word of god sola scriptura

46:58

okay so that's wrong that's colossians chapter two i hope this may is making is this making sense to you

47:04

going through all these scriptures should help you one by one we are unpacking unraveling it takes time we

47:11

can't do this in 15 minutes you're talking 2 000 years of us gentiles trading the scriptures

47:17

for the traditions and doctrines of men from our ancient roman forefathers and we don't even know it

47:24

titus 1 15 read with me on the screen it says unto the pure all things are pure but unto them that

47:31

are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure but even their mind and their conscience is defiled so how many people

47:39

have said jim if you are pure everything's pure and they'll use this scripture

47:46

let's read the context because the context tells us everything verse 14 says not giving heed to jewish

47:53

fables and commandments of men are you getting tired of seeing and hearing uh my voice is getting tired of saying the

47:59

traditions and doctrines and the commandments of men over and over and over again

48:04

hermeneutical principle 101 in new in the new testament in the brit hadashah understand that there's a law of god

48:11

who's firm and solid and it's stone foundation and then there is a law of man

48:16

which is like bricks it falls apart and crumbles if it's like bricks made out of sand

48:24

they try to make it look like stone but it's not real living stones it's the tradition and doctrines of men

48:31

he says don't listen to the commandments and traditions of men under the pure all things are pure but

48:36

under them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing's pure they don't think anything's pure if yahweh says

48:42

it's pure it's pure verse 16 he says they profess they know

48:49

god but it works they deny him being abominable and disobedient unto every good work reprobate

48:56

in other words again it's the same situation they're trying to bring you the commandments and the traditions of

49:01

men go by the truth only go by what yahweh says and you can't go wrong if he says it's

49:07

pure it's pure the flesh versus the spirit we're gonna

49:13

we're gonna come close to closing here but i want to go over this because this is amazing

49:18

scripture in romans chapter 8 and verse in chapter 7. i'm not going to

49:23

go through romans chapter 7 completely because you guys all know it let me sum it up the things that i want to do i don't want to do the things i don't want

49:28

to do or do and i don't want to do and don't want to do and do right we all know that scripture but let me

49:34

ask you a question what does he want to do what does he want to do that he can't do

49:41

and what does he not want to do that he keeps doing amazing watch this this is all relevant

49:48

it all puts together it all comes together in the end here's what he says

49:54

he says in verse 22 for i delight in the law of

50:00

god what is the law of god there's only one law in all of the bible

50:08

to these disciples it's the torah i delight in the torah of elohim

50:14

according to the inward man but i see another torah another instruction see

50:20

how much deeper it is when we use bible words but i see another instruction in my

50:25

member another seed the knowledge of good and evil that was planted there four thousand years earlier

50:32

battle against the torah of my mind and bringing me into captivity into bondage to the law of sin

50:38

which is in my members what a wretched man that i am who shall deliver me from this body of death

50:45

thanks to elohim to god through yeshua the messiah our master so then with my

50:50

mind i myself will truly serve the torah of god but with my flesh the torah of

50:57

sin so what's going on really in romans chapter 7 paul starts off romans chapter 7 by

51:04

saying that i'm speaking to those who know the torah

51:10

i read the law and it killed me i mean i didn't realize i was breaking the law until yahweh opened up my eyes

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and now i realize the very things that i want to do i want to keep the instructions of god the commandments of god but i can't because i have the flesh

51:24

does he say that you shouldn't because you can't no it's a goal

51:31

we as christians we have believers you know in our spiritual circle somehow

51:36

we've been we've grown up with this concept that we're trying to get to a goal not

51:41

really realizing that the goal is the journey

51:49

where we go is is is is is dependent on the journey itself it's our character

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so the torah is way off in the distance you're not going to be able to keep the instructions of god perfectly it's not

52:02

possible you are human and you will fall short of his glory

52:08

but it doesn't mean that you shouldn't try it's like an athlete during the olympics saying i know that there are people on

52:14

this line that are faster than me i know it i know that guy he's broken the world record four times in a row

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so i'm not even gonna try can you imagine an olympic

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star who did all this work to get there for four years and decide not to run just because he knows the guy next to him

52:32

might be faster paul says to run the race

52:37

for the purpose of winning it's all about the journey so now we know that paul is saying

52:45

i want to keep the law of god now catch this in chapter 8.

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praise god chapter verse 1 says this there is therefore no condemnation for those who are in the messiah meaning

52:57

that you're going to break god's law you're going to sin first john 3 4 says the definition of sin is breaking the torah sin is the transgression of god's

53:05

law and he says there's no condemnation for those who

53:10

are in messiah who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit let me ask you a question wouldn't it be

53:16

awesome to know what the definition of the flesh walking in the flesh is it wouldn't be awesome to know what the definition of walking in the spirit is

53:23

he's going to tell us if we listen for the torah of the spirit of the life

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in messiah for the law of the spirit of life in in jesus christ has set me free from the

53:35

law of sin and death for the torah being powerless in that it

53:40

was weak through the flesh meaning it has it has no power by itself when you keep it it throws blessing and power

53:47

through your life when you break it according to mount sinai there's a curse commit adultery on your spouse there's a

53:53

curse the law itself don't commit adultery has no power it only has power when you

53:58

break it or keep it it says we're the ones that were weak having sent his own son in the likeness

54:04

of the flesh of sin and concerning sin condemns sin in the flesh so that the righteousness of the

54:11

torah should be completed in us who do not walk according to the flesh i don't want to walk according to the flesh

54:17

what's it mean let's keep reading for those who live according to the flesh check this out set their minds on the

54:22

matters of the flesh but those who live according to the spirit the matters of the spirit he's building up here's the definition for my for the mind of the

54:29

flesh is death but the mind of the spirit is life and peace because the mind of the flesh is hatred towards god

54:37

for it does not subject itself to the torah of god

54:45

what pastor jim are you telling me that the

54:50

definition of walking in the flesh is not subjecting yourself to the torah not

54:56

following the laws in the torah no he's saying that

55:02

that's exactly what he's saying read it and whatever version you want to read it's going to say that the walking in

55:08

the flesh the mind of the flesh is enmity towards god for it does not subject subject

55:14

itself to the law of god what is the law of god

55:19

the only law that was ever given from god whether we like it or not this is what

55:24

it's saying let's keep reading it says and those who are in the flesh are unable to please

55:32

god but you are not in the flesh

55:37

indeed if the spirit of god dwells in you and if anyone does not have the spirit of messiah this one is not his

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so folks an ending here what is happening we're talking about food we're talking

55:51

about whether we can eat clean or unclean but reality we're talking about the torah we're talking about the

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instructions that god gave that he said are supposed to be on our heart we're talking about whether or not we're living in the flesh or living in the

56:04

spirit and in romans chapter eight the apostle paul says shall

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rabbi shaol is telling us that to walk according to the flesh

56:17

is to be against the law of god

56:22

which by default the flip side of that is to walk in the spirit is to subject

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yourself to the law of god so what we need to discover is whether or not we're walking in the flesh or

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walking in the spirit because this thing right here gets me in a lot of trouble because it wants everything

56:43

it wants this it wants that there's desires that come from that seed that was planted in me when my ancestor adam

56:49

and eve ate from the tree of knowledge and good and evil i now see from that perspective of the enemy

56:56

sometimes more than i care to admit but the father wants me to walk

57:02

according to the spirit man and the spirit subjects itself

57:09

to its inner man and the fence that's supposed to be on my heart to protect me from the flesh

57:18

the instructions of god are not given to hurt mankind they're given to protect it

57:25

in conclusion this is what we've discovered god is the same yesterday today and

57:31

forever he created some animals for us to eat and other animals

57:36

for us not to eat because they are toxic the messiah did not come and magically

57:42

make all toxic animals clean can you imagine one day before yeshua

57:48

dies pigs are unclean and the very next day they're clean

57:55

how is this possible we know that that's not scientifically possible because we know that uh

58:02

the unclean animals are still toxic we know that fish that don't have fins

58:08

and scales have a higher toxicity than the fish that do have fins in scales

58:15

so we know for a fact a scientific fact that when jesus died on the cross he didn't make anything clean

58:22

he never created it to be clean to begin with to make it clean

58:28

would be to admit he made a mistake in creation

58:34

let that sink in for a moment if he starts out by saying that these are clean and unclean

58:41

and ends up by saying they're clean now those that were unclean he's saying he made a mistake

58:48

because garden was perfect

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eating biblically kosher is not a jewish thing it's a bible thing

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it's a god thing the word kosher has been connected to

59:06

judaism for far too long and not connected to the bible

59:12

we need to start eating what the bible says in doing bible things in bible ways

59:19

do we want to be spiritual then we need to subject ourselves to him

59:24

and what he says don't worry about what your neighbor says don't worry about what your your spouse

59:30

thinks of you or your children think of you when we started eating biblically a kosher

59:37

i got made fun of more than you can possibly imagine some of you might have already had that experience

59:43

family members would make us feel guilty condemn us make us feel like we're being holier

59:49

than thou no but we are trying to be holy

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the only place in the bible where it says to be holy because i am holy as we've discovered is found in leviticus chapter 11

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surrounding the context of the food loss no i'm not trying to be holier than thou

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but i am trying to be holy i'm commanded to be as such

1:00:16

ladies and gentlemen we've come to a place where we have got to decide whether we're going to follow man

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our denomination our peers our pastors

1:00:29

are we going to follow the king

1:00:35

the king lays down the law and if you are a subject to the king

1:00:40

we do what the king says i know this is a difficult topic i know

1:00:45

for some of you you are shocked you've never seen the scriptures from this perspective i encourage you

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to go back through every single one of these scriptures go back through this message again

1:00:58

don't believe me don't believe anything i say believe the word of god it speaks for itself

1:01:05

it took me quite some time to transition from eating unclean

1:01:10

to clean because i had i had patterned myself habitually to eat

1:01:16

whatever i want and i'll never forget i was on a trip

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driving down to southern missouri i stopped at mcdonald's to get a bacon egg and cheese sandwich one of my

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favorite breakfast sandwiches i just learned all this information took

1:01:34

me a couple of years literally a couple years of studying before i was totally convinced to see this from this perspective

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i took one bite of this bacon egg and cheese sandwich and the holy spirit convicted me so heavily i knew

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that once i had the knowledge of the truth i was responsible for it i rolled down my window and threw that

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egg sandwich out and haven't touched unclean animals since

1:02:01

since then my body has reacclimated i i don't even have a taste for it if i get a salad at a restaurant it has bacon

1:02:07

bits somewhere hidden in it my body will find it because i'll begin to get sick i can smell it from a mile away

1:02:13

it's disgusting to me now and i believe it was disgusting

1:02:20

to our forefathers the apostles into our messiah himself and ultimately to god in the garden

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i'm not saying this is an easy path the bible says that the road is narrow

1:02:33

and few enter it if you're struggling with this message

1:02:39

right now it's because of your flesh that's all

1:02:46

can you stand with me tonight and let us pray i know it's a difficult message i know

1:02:51

for some of you that's the very first time that you've ever heard anything like this

1:02:56

it is a journey god does have grace but when we are responsible for the

1:03:02

truth is when we hear it so i encourage you to pray to your king

1:03:08

ask him to forgive you if you have broken his commandments jim are you saying that it's sin to eat

1:03:13

pepperoni pizza no i'm not saying that it's sin he is

1:03:19

i know that's hard to swallow but the definition of sin is transgressing the law of god

1:03:26

if he said it i believe it i'm doing it if i break it it's sin

1:03:33

can we submit ourselves to him in every area let's pray

1:03:38

father thank you so much for guiding us in your word let us not submit to the

1:03:45

traditions and doctrines of men but let us submit only to you let us put aside our foolish belief

1:03:51

systems that have been built upon the backs of our forefathers

1:03:57

denominational standards the ecclesiastical structures

1:04:05

let us open up your word and believe you when you said it that you meant it and

1:04:10

you meant it for good we agree that we don't know everything we don't understand everything we're

1:04:16

still babes in christ but father we desire to go farther

1:04:23

further faster deeper into your ways

1:04:29

into your righteousness teach us your ways your decrees forgive us for falling short thank you for your

1:04:35

grace and father i pray that you would give your people the

1:04:40

strength the fortitude and the desire to put everything aside

1:04:45

to take up their cross and in love follow you everywhere you lead us

1:04:53

in the name of the greatest son that have ever lived jesus christ yeshua hamashiach

1:05:01

our messiah amen

1:05:06

[Music]

1:05:21

[Applause] [Music]

1:05:29

you