

Apologetics -5.2- The True Church pt 2

Transcription

She actually came and shared this with me, I mean we were there studying and she just began to point out some of the studies that she had been doing, this concept of ‘hesed’ which is extraordinary. When you are searching for the heart of God, which for me is huge, I came across the word “hesed” which means loving kindness and when you see loving kindness the two words together in the scripture is always the word “hesed”. In Hebrew and it’s the loving kindness that is beyond you just being kind go someone. It is, a divine loving kindness and that’s the heart of God. That’s when Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh to teach them about God because he said if I go and they believe in God I’m going to be mad because I don’t like them, I don’t like them, and I don’t want them to believe in God. They argument he has with God you know, God had to you know have a serious talk with him. To make a long story short when he gets to Nineveh, you know God finally leaves him there and says you’re going and he preaches the word of God so every single person can believe. It wasn’t about him being happy and he became very upset with God because he didn’t like those people. You know and he said I knew they would believe if I came because of your “hesed” Now that is the key right here, this is in the book of Psalms. Surely, goodness and mercy shall, whats the word there and in English do you know what it surely, goodness, and mercy shall. “hesed” follow me and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Right that’s the loving kindness of mercy “and I knew you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in hesed, a God who relents from sending calamity.

In other words there are so many times we should have had calamity in our lives and God is merciful but loving kindness in the literal translation is this, it is helping, loving or blessing another when you can't benefit from that help. Now just think that is a powerful thought. Ok, let's say that I want to get into real-estate and I see Donald Trump's son at school, and he's like the mogul of real-estate. See I might not be close to Donald Trump, I see Donald Trump's son stumble at school and spill his food in the cafeteria on the floor everybody laughs at him but I run up and help him pick up his stuff in the cafeteria, right. Now why am I doing that, is it loving kindness because I care about the boy or is it because he will get me to Donald, are ya'll with me? Now that's not hesed it, that's not hesed, it's not loving kindness that is self, selfish kindness. Loving kindness, is when you help someone, let's say the Lord leads you to help pay for someone's surgery in the hospital, a woman that needs surgery and you never tell you never let her know who you are. You help her and you walk away from it and you only did it because God told you to but you don't benefit at all from it that's hesed, that's loving kindness. How does this apply to God? What benefit did god have by sending his son to die for disobedient, wicked sinners? What does He get? He's God, He's got everything! It was because He loved us so much He was willing to give up that which He loved, even though it didn't benefit Him, it benefited us. Does that make sense? Now imagine today if worldwide that's how the church treated everybody, with loving kindness, generously, unselfishly loving?. Can you imagine, what if every marriage, now what if every marriage, what if every relationship, what if all siblings treated each other this way, can you imagine your kids? Johnny no please take a larger piece of cake, no Bobby, no. Alright this is where it's a bit of a hallucination I know, but the purpose of this is to understand truly this is

what spread the Christian faith, and the reason that there's antagonism against the Christian faith today is because this is not followed, this has been forgotten so I just want to encourage you the true Christian faith this is where our hearts come from. Ok, we forgive and put up with each other literally is how it's phrased there in the Greek, you know that's what true church and the church wants - believers. It's like, I see it, we're sitting here tonight or you can be at Jim's coffee shop, three or four of you sitting there talking about the Lord, did you know you're in church at the moment? And that's really church. And I want ya'll to think of this there's a proverb wear love like a scarf a bright colored scarf. That's why I keep her around, but proverbs 3:3. It's like wearing a scarf, that's right, a bright colored scarf. Bind it around your neck that's what it says in Proverbs, it's the sweet pure innocence of love. It somehow gets convoluted by religiosity, but it really started off men wanting purity in their faith. They had pure love of God, but as the years went on they got so proud of the fact that they were so pure that they became corrupted in their pride, isn't that ironic. So the moment we think we don't have anything else to fix is the moment when we're in the biggest trouble of all. In that Proverb, it not only said wrap it around your neck but it said something about writing it in a tablet on your heart. Write it in stone so you cannot change it. That should be what I live by. By the way there's another translation in other times this can also be translated with integrity that you show integrity and the best way to show love to somebody you act with integrity toward them. Does that make sense? Act with integrity there is really a lack of integrity in the church with the way they deal with things worldwide. I love this verse. I love this verse I got a kick out of it, I don't know if you all ever do get kicks out of verses but have you ever heard or come across a verse you have seen a hundred times and

all of a sudden you go, wow, wow that's really great. Ok, you ever do that? And if you don't you're not reading the Bible enough, get back to the bible, but the supernatural is alive! Let's read this together out loud, we do however speak a message of wisdom among the mature we speak of God's secret wisdom; a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. The crucifixion and resurrection no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him, but God has revealed it by His Spirit. Who gets the insight on the invisible secret things that God is those who what? Think about this, that's when I say look all these Harry Potter movies and with all these chants and all that. In the Christian faith to really be able to understand the supernatural is not just the theological acumen it's not just because you gifting, prophetic gifting. It starts with love. Now I'm going to show you how all this falls together. When you think of prophecy and all these other gifts that God gives, and the supernatural it says, but if you have not loved it's the sounding brass it's a noise. Have ya'll heard that? In other words no matter how many natural gifts you've been given no matter how many supernatural avenues God may have talented you with if you don't have the key of genuine selfless love in your life you'll never travel to the other side and understand it, isn't that interesting? Now when I say travel to the other side what I mean is, the scriptures are more than intellectual they're a spiritual relationship with God. I told you the story about my dad, he would pray three or four hours a day in the study, and he said "Peter when I come out of the study I love you guys but this is an odd world. When I'm on my knees I go before the throne of God, that's where I feel at home." Does that make sense to you all? These are the spiritual things and to really understand certain things you can't unlock them truly in life until you learn to genuinely

love God and others he has told you to. This is another thing which is a characteristic of a true leader in true churches. Be peaceful and thankful but whine a lot could be a habit, I just stuck that in there, but it matches, it . Be peaceful and thankful just for a second.

Think of our lives we need to stop more often to be peaceful not only that every time we want to complain about something we should stop and look at what God has given to us.

We need to be more thankful all of us do. This is something in the Greek that we can do and study by itself but is says the word Hol Logos not just Rama, but is constantly alive

inside you to teach you encouraging singing with gratitude. You see the word constantly alive, there's a scripture verse which talks about stirring up, Paul talks about stirring up

the gifts that God gives you and that means, how many of you have ever been camping?

Ok, when you notice the fire is going down because a lack of oxygen actually going into the wood and so do you ever notice that people get a stick and stir it up, what happens

everything gets really red and orange again you know why because oxygen is being

introduced into that environment. The word stir up and this concept of being constantly alive, are parallel. If you find yourself going flat now I'll be the first to raise my hand,

now has anybody ever felt like that sometimes go flat? Sometimes it's just not there. The

Bible says to stir up within yourself that fire for Christ, go into the Word, pray and the

believer should constantly be alive inside and how do you do it, how do you stir up the

spirit inside you. Through teach, through encouraging. If you want to be blessed today

wake up in the morning and say you know nobody is paying attention to me today, in fact

nobody has been paying attention to these past few days, nobody has encouraged me in

fact life totally stinks because I'm not getting any attention. You know what the first

thing you should do is? Go find ten people and walk up to them and tell them and

encourage them because that's what you want. Do you know what you do when you encourage others, you'll be encouraged, and when you bless others you know what God will do you, he will automatically bless you. I got to tell you the truth I taught apologetics for years and when people say, man I would like to witness maybe sometime, and I say all you have to do is say Lord, open the door and I'm going to tell you it's going to happen. You say Lord, open the door and before you know it you're going to turn and somebody will be there and it's like getting directions from heaven, I mean it's like really amazing, and it's the same thing with encouragement when you give it, you receive it. And so do it through teaching and encouraging, now I'm going to share something, this is not just going to a study where there's a teacher, this means if all you know is John 8:58 which goes to Exodus 3:14 which goes to Isaiah 43:10 and 11, which goes to Matthew 1:21, if that all you know find five guinea pigs and practice on them. I mean have fun sharing and teaching. You know what will happen, I will guarantee, please hear me on this, this is really critical, and next time you open the Bible God will reveal a teaching to you, you never saw before. I'm not just talking religiously, I'm telling you to see supernaturally, you know why? Because by giving, it is a showing of love, ahhh what kind of love? Loving, kindness, that opens the door to the spiritual things the supernatural things, and now when you open the word of God you are going to get what you spend time giving and you know what the word does? It will open your eyes to see things, I mean it's just one of those laws a natural law of nature. Singing with gratitude, my family goes around singing all the time. Singing praise songs and things like that and they love to do it, Rachel especially, ever since she was a little kid. I mean like four o'clock in the morning she'd wake up and she automatically would start singing and we were like

sitting up in bed who left the radio on we'd be checking all the radios in the house, cd players and things like that, yeah. And do everything in the name of Jesus Christ biblically. If you aren't biblical, keep it a secret that you are a Christian. There is always this joke about a policeman the other day that arrested a woman, she was driving down the highway and she pulled up behind this car and almost hit it, this guy stopped in front of her, she begins shooting graphic sign at this person, and screaming very rude things. Well the next thing she knows there's this policeman at the window, and he comes up and hand cuffs her, reads her her rights puts her in his car and takes her downtown. Yeah she was screaming and swearing all kinds of stuff, she's downtown in jail and about 20 minutes later he comes back in and apologizes, I'm sorry that was your car. She was like what do you mean it was my car of course it was my car; he says I'm sorry I thought you had stolen it. And she says, why did you think I had stolen it? He says because all the bumper stickers that said you know, Jesus loves and I figured the person driving it couldn't be the same one that owned it. So you know, there is this world that it says do, but do it in the name of Jesus, but be careful. Because when you do it in the name of Jesus, they're going to believe that Jesus would do what you're doing. Does that make sense? If you do it in the name of Jesus be careful because when people watch you they'll think that's what Jesus would do. One of the things that I wanted to talk to ya'll about because we're beginning to understand the more you have a love a genuine caring love. The more the word of God will be revealed to you. Then you're going to find that something happens, you'll begin to serve the Lord more, and you love to share him, Christ. But , you know Maria and I had walked through a thing called the pit but I'm going to have her share for a second on some concepts about David, and how he when

things were not going perfectly how David treated others, and this is really cool. I don't know if you know this guy's name, but I want you to just listen to this for a couple of minutes as Maria shares, and I think it will kind of give you a paradigm on the next step, which is going to be dealing with the true Christian faith, and how we can live it. You want to go ahead and tell them? (Maria speaking) I have been studying on King David, you know the tradition of the time, and until pretty recently and some parts of the world it still holds true. That when a new leader, a new king takes power he needs to get rid of all the competition, and that usually meant death. They hunted down all those who could possibly take over the throne, but King David broke the rule because he was man after God's heart, and though he messed up royally one thing he did was constantly sought God's heart and so when he became King all over Israel, remember Saul, King Saul had persecuted him and tried to kill him for years and Saul died and Jonathan, his son died and when he David became King he said, is anybody left from Saul's household that I can show love and kindness and he used the word hesed. Because he knew it could only come from God because of what Saul's family had done to him, but he wanted to show love and kindness because he wanted to not be selfish not be human, he wanted to love with God's love and then they find in that little village, remote village hidden somewhere where Jonathan's son who had been crippled lived and had survived. Wait a minute before she tells you about this do you remember the reason he was crippled? It was because his nanny basically when he was five years old went running out of the building and had fallen and his legs had been broken and he was crippled, but does anybody remember what that's like? Hint in case that you need to remember. Does anybody remember this guy's name? Very Good, Excellent, who said that? Excellent, Very Good

Mephebosheth. Now go ahead because there was a reason I asked that and all but go ahead. But anyway so King David finds out through a servant that Mephebosheth is alive so he brings the guy to court and Mephebosheth was scared to death, he thought for sure he's going to kill me because by some groups in Israel he should be King because he was the grandson of Saul, and first of all when he walks in the David calls him by his first name, he goes in a Mephebosheth which startles him and then David said don't be afraid, come closer. And so Mephebosheth said why are you calling me here, why would you even pay attention to dead dog like, me? He had been so discouraged that his life had been so horrible, which if I can say on the sideline, this by the way, humiliation and degradation is always done by people who want to be keep power, and that's why in this kid he was about thirty years old now, he lived in the furthest part of Israel, but let me just tell you, people who publically humiliate and attack are people with a controlling demonic spirit that do it to keep the other person degraded so they feel like a dog versus restoration and encouragement builds up the other person and give them value in the eyes of others as well as in their own life. So let me just encourage you know that's just one of those things you're going to go through in life you're going to find those people who love to publicly antagonize and humiliate people by name, being a bully or whatever. You're going to find those people by name come up to you and encourage you. The second is the Spirit of Christ, the first is the spirit of Satan, and here David is practicing the Spirit of Christ but you can see this young man's life he'd been so, you know he was a cripple you know he was unable to walk, he had been living in fear, he had been degraded because he had been the grandson of Saul and people were like you're going to get killed when David finds you. You can see literally that this guy had zero value and he dragged

himself in front of David. And yet David encouraged him and lifted him up. David broke all those rules of that time when he did that, not only that he said I'm going to return to you all the land that belonged to Saul, not only that I'm going to fill it with servants that will work the land, because obviously he couldn't because of his physical disabilities to support you. And not only my sons are allowed at my table, you will be allowed at my table for every single meal for the rest of your life. So he actually could live in the palace with David and everybody was surprised because they didn't know why David was doing this, this is not the norm, this is not tradition, this is not their culture, and yet David said no. David had nothing to profit from it and what was this called? Heseled, that's true loving kindness. Let me tell you what David was showing heseled and just remember this for yourself. Heseled identifies character and that character is who you are to God, that's the real you, versus reputation, is what others think of you and it's what and it's always temporary, it's always changing. You want heseled because its integrity and character, reputation comes and reputation goes, that's not what you want. So don't do what's popular with people, because that would come and go. You can see politicians at any day and age. Henry Cisneros and others that were highly popular and now their not popular, then the next day they are not popular. I mean, people that come and go and all because of the fickleness of man, so what you want to have is God's character because that's permanent, does that make sense? So I mean I just wanted to drop that in you were talking about that. So what we see is heseled. It's a happy story where this man comes to the age of twenty five years, he had lived in absolute rejection and fear and Satan had messed his life up, and here David in an instant alters his life because of heseled. Now the reason I'm doing this on Russian television is very simple is because we've taught you

about apologetics and theology how to go into the bible and prove your faith but I want to encourage you when you share it with anyone else whether they are an Atheist, they could be a Marxist, they could be a Muslim, they could be Hindu, give it to them expecting nothing in return, except that you're being obedient to God, and that's going to encourage everybody in this class as well. That why we share Christ because we want to literally be like Christ but I guarantee every one of you when you bless out you'll get blessed one hundred fold back. When you will bless out you bless a hundred fold back. I'm not talking about just finances we're talking about literally in your lifestyle the blessing of this girl is a perfect example of that, I mean Maria is always encouraging, I mean how many of you have ever seen her grumpy, anybody, besides me? I mean she's had her moments but, but which we should talk about sometime but the thing is she is constantly blessing others, constantly blessing us, and she is constantly being blessed back. You know she said to me a funny thing she said, how many of you can quickly pronounce the word Mephebosheth just say it real quickly. Yeah I heard something different in all of you, and Maria said to me, now how many of you can say, Bathseba, everybody knows it. So the time in David's life when he showed true character and mercy and grace we don't remember it as a culture most of us don't even know his name, but all remember his sin. And see that shows the characteristic of us even as humans, we should remember, Mephebosheth and when David's name comes up and when asked about Bathsheba we should say "gosh, I don't remember", because God doesn't remember you know. See and it's really an interesting point so the next time they make a movie it should be David and Mephebosheth. Not likely. but I thought it would be funny. Ok any way so tonight what I want to do is this of course the last point, we're going to

get into God's timing. I want to show you a stair step on God's timing in life when you wonder if God's listening to what's going on. I actually want to show you what's going on in heavenly that's really a unique teaching next week because it's going to be setting us up for the understanding God's word, but tonight I want to start you off because I think I have two minutes three minutes. What I want to do is I had promised you over the period of two to three weeks but promise me you guys will look up these verses, but I'm going to show you how to break down the Bible, I'm going to do maximum structure first. In other words there are two half's of the bible, what are they? The Old Testament and the New Testament, I'm just going to take the New Testament, ok, and I think that I have this up here. Ok, here is the New Testament, number one is the Gospels, this is the first part of the New Testament, I'm going to show you there are basically three acts. Now how many of you have done or read screen plays or movies, it's almost always in three acts, you know that, Act one, Act two, and Act three, your closure, redemption is opening, that's where everyone saw characters and established their characters, Act one, Act two, that's where the art takes place then Act three. The New Testament is divided in three Acts at least this helps me, I don't know if it helps you. Act one is the Gospels, that the life of Christ, ok, easy way to remember it, now I will actually show you within the next few weeks how when somebody quotes verse to you, you may not remember the exact verse, like she did tonight, but you'll remember genuinely where you can find that verse and it will be astounding as a blessing to you. So Act one, is the Gospels, now what I call the bridge it takes you from the time of Jesus into Paul's writings of the Epistles, the bridge is called the book of Acts. You know why? Because it's the things that the church acted out, it's the action of the church as we go from Christ being here and having

raised and ascended to the development of the church. That's the day of Pentecost Acts chapter two and all those things. This bridge takes us into Paul's Epistles would you say that, I don't have it, but anyway Paul's Epistles that's the organizing of the church, in other words he's putting things together, how you should run the church. So Act one the Gospels that bridges over through Acts two the Epistles you know say Epistles. Gospels, Acts, Epistles, say it with me, Gospel, Acts, Epistles and then of course everyone knows Revelation, this is your finale, this is the closing, this is the redemption the resolution of your film, ok, that's Act three, its Revelation ok, and that when everything comes to closure. So you think of the three Acts of the bridge or just four parts, the Gospels the life of Jesus, what comes next the church has to develop, the Acts of church, supernatural acts of the Apostles and then it goes into Paul writing about the organization of the church and the last is the Lord comes for his own. Ok, that an over simplified frame but I'm going to show you how to do this with the Old Testament and the New, if ya'll learn all of this during the week you'll remember I mean it takes no time. And then I'll go to the Old Testament you'll remember that and then I'm going to show you how to break things up and I'll guarantee it, you're going to have a kick because when people talk about the scriptures you're not panicking, you know. You're not really freaking out because you know exactly where to go and how to get there, so I just want encourage you, just use the little cheat notes that I've been doing over the years because I was a lazy, student, so you know so that the way that I would listen to the teacher and think there has to be a simple way to remember this and of what she's saying. So these are just kind of cheat notes, those are your major three Acts but it's basically Act one, Act two has a bridge, the book of Acts, and then Act two is the Epistles, and Act three is the Revelation of course the

finale. So if ya'll remember that next week you'll be excited when I show the Old Testament having done the same thing and within a couple of weeks after that you guys will be able to jump and find things in the scripture you've never dreamed you'd be able to. We're going to be studying tonight us rising on the scene using technologies and methods of communication that does not appear cultic and what I mean by that is, is ya'll have heard of the Jehovah witness and Mormons of course who deny the work of Christ and his redemption the blood and the atonement, and Mormons and other groups that we know as groups have gone door to door and we have seen them as cults. There is a cult that goes back to Diana and Astarte and Isis which is a goddess cult, and ironically enough it is something that has been around since the time of Babylon. In fact you can trace it back to the Garden of Eden it is a cult, which is the oldest cult in the world and it has become prominent and has suddenly become a very real potential for many Christians as an alternative Christianity and its being taught in a book which is a wonderfully created book called Davinci Code.