

- Let's begin tonight by dealing with the Oneness of the Godhead in Christ Jesus, starting with 2 Corinthians chapter 4, verses 1 through 4. This will be our opening scripture. Please read along with us aloud. 2 Corinthians 4:1-4: "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
- Paul, the pastor of the Corinthian Church, emphasizes the singular ministry we have received through God's mercy. This ministry is not self-appointed. It is a divine calling, as outlined in Romans 10:15, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?"
- by God, prepared under the guidance of a pastor in the local assembly, and then sent out. This process involves being trained to hear the voice of God and rightly handle the word of truth. Without proper preparation, ministers risk teaching false doctrines and leading others astray.
- Paul's ministry began with a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-6). He was knocked off his beast and heard Jesus say, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Paul asked, "Who art thou, Lord?" and the Lord replied, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." This divine encounter led Paul to the city of Damascus where Ananias, a disciple, confirmed Paul's calling and role to preach the gospel (Acts 9:15-17).
- In the 13th chapter of Acts, the Holy Ghost spoke during a gathering and said, "Separate unto me Paul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called them." After fasting and praying, the leaders laid hands on them and sent them out, indicating that they were sent by the Holy Ghost through the hands of men.
- Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 4:1, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not," underscores that a genuine ministry, sustained by God's mercy, does not fail. Any ministry that starts and then collapses likely was not divinely appointed because God's work does not fail.
- Ministers today must understand that true calling involves serving and being prepared in the local church before being sent out. Many modern ministers feel called but neglect the necessary preparation, leading to unbiblical teachings and ineffective ministry. Proper preparation ensures that ministers can lead God's people effectively and preach sermons given by God, not from their own minds.
- Paul emphasizes that the gospel is hidden to those who are lost because the god of this world (Satan) has blinded their minds. The light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. This highlights the spiritual blindness that prevents many from seeing the truth of the gospel.

- The integrity of ministry involves renouncing hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, and not handling the word of God deceitfully. Instead, ministers should manifest the truth and commend themselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- Paul's experience and teachings remind us that ministry is a divine calling involving preparation and sending by God through the church. True ministers are sustained by God's mercy and avoid deceitfulness in handling His word. The gospel must be preached clearly to overcome spiritual blindness and reveal the light of Christ, who is the image of God.
- Moving to verse 2, Paul emphasizes, "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty." This is a clear call to integrity in ministry. Unfortunately, there have been instances where leaders in an organization have not upheld this standard.
- The Bible instructs us to renounce hidden dishonesty. This is crucial because integrity is foundational to our faith. The actions of a few should not define the whole organization.. We renounce dishonesty and stand for transparency and truth.
- Today, there's a tendency to cover up sin instead of addressing it directly. Organizations might focus on financial misconduct while neglecting moral failings like fornication. However, God's judgment is inevitable, and He will hold everyone accountable. As believers, we must reject deceit and dishonesty, even when it's uncomfortable.
- Paul continues in verse 2, "not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." We must handle God's word with integrity, using it to reveal truth, not to deceive, manipulate, or intimidate. Our goal is to manifest the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God.
- In verse 3, Paul states, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." This implies that those who reject the gospel message, which includes baptism in Jesus' name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues, are spiritually lost. The gospel's hiddenness signifies a deeper spiritual blindness caused by the god of this world, Satan, who blinds the minds of unbelievers.
- The gospel message encompasses more than just the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the first chapters of Mark, Luke, and Acts, the gospel includes all that Jesus began to do and teach. Therefore, the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are not the full gospel but the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The full gospel includes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and having that confirmed in our lives through repentance (fulfilling His death), baptism in Jesus' name (fulfilling His burial), and receiving the Holy Ghost (fulfilling His resurrection). This is the complete gospel message, which involves both what Jesus did and how we must respond to it by being born again.

- Some argue that we focus too much on baptism in Jesus' name and speaking in tongues, but this is central to the gospel. The gospel is not merely about acknowledging what Jesus did; it is about experiencing salvation through the new birth. Preaching the full gospel ensures that people understand and receive the complete plan of salvation, not just the initial proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Therefore, we must remain faithful to preaching and teaching the full gospel of Jesus Christ, which includes repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost. This message is essential for true salvation and the transformation of lives.
- The totality of the gospel is not just the beginning—Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection—but also its confirmation in our lives. The nominal Church world often preaches that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again on the third day, and then instructs people to ask Him into their hearts. However, this is only the beginning of the gospel. While essential, it alone does not save. For salvation, one must fulfill Jesus' death by repenting, His burial by being baptized, and His resurrection by being filled with the Holy Ghost. We will fulfill His Ascension when we are raptured.
- Many people do not know this because it is hidden from them—they are lost. Verse 4 explains, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." This is why many people are not here tonight, why this place is not filled to capacity, and why people are not lining up to be baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. They do not believe this message because the devil has blinded them.
- You can present all the scriptures to them, but if they are blinded, they will not accept it.
- Salvation sets us free, and true religion, as described in scripture, is to keep oneself unspotted from the world. However, people resist giving themselves to God because they want to do whatever they please. This desire stems from the flesh, which inherently contains no good thing. The flesh wants to run wild and be free, but it must remember that "the wages of sin is death," and there are consequences for our actions.
- Returning to the scripture, "the god of this world," Satan, has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, preventing the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, from shining unto them. If they were not blinded, they could see the truth, repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and receive the Holy Ghost.
- Verse 5 emphasizes that "we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." Our message is not about ourselves but about Jesus Christ. Satan, the god of this world, blinds people to prevent them from seeing the light of the gospel.
- Let's turn to Ephesians 2:2, which states, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." This verse underscores that Satan, as the god of this world, influences those who disobey God.

- Let's read Ephesians 2:2: "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world." Now, what is the course of this world? John explains it clearly in 1 John 2:15-16: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." This defines the course of this world: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.
- Before we were saved, we walked according to these desires—what we saw, what our flesh desired, and our ambitions to achieve whatever we wanted, regardless of the cost. This is the worldly path, and it's how we behaved before knowing Christ.
- People often do whatever it takes to get what they want if they want it badly enough.
- The course of this world is driven by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The devil set this course, starting with Eve in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:6 says, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat." This reflects the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.
- Satan is the god of this world, influencing people according to the course he set. Ephesians 2:2 continues, "according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." This spirit influences those who are disobedient to God.
- To summarize, the god of this world, Satan, blinds the minds of those who do not believe, preventing them from seeing the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. This blindness keeps them from accepting the truth and being saved. As believers, we must renounce the hidden things of dishonesty and handle the word of God with integrity, manifesting the truth to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
- Keep in mind that our democratic form of government has its roots in ancient Rome. Rome, a significant world power, was pagan and polytheistic. When we discuss the Godhead and the Trinity, it's important to understand that the concept of the Trinity has its origins in pagan mythology and Grecian philosophy. Pagan mythology refers to the worship of multiple gods, a practice common among the Romans.
- The Romans, being polytheistic, believed in and worshiped multiple gods. They deified various aspects of nature such as the sun, moon, light, and darkness. This polytheism extended to their overall religious practices, hence the term "pagan mythology" used by early Christians to describe these practices. Similarly, the Greeks had their own pantheon of gods, reflecting their polytheistic beliefs.
- When Constantine became the Roman Emperor, he embraced Christianity to some extent and signed the Edict of Milan, which declared that Christians should no longer be persecuted. Constantine, like other Roman emperors, sought to associate himself with a deity to achieve a

form of deification. He saw Christianity as a means to unify his empire and declared himself a prophet of Jesus Christ.

- To create a unified religious doctrine, Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. This council aimed to establish a formal Christian doctrine that could reconcile the polytheistic views of the Romans with the monotheistic beliefs of Christians. It was during this council that the doctrine of the Trinity was formalized, incorporating elements of both beliefs. This compromise attempted to appease both pagans and Christians by presenting the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost as three separate persons yet maintaining the concept of one God.
- This development marked a significant departure from the teachings of the apostles, who were monotheistic and believed in the oneness of God as declared in Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." The introduction of the Trinity was influenced by the need to merge Roman polytheism with Christian monotheism, a move that compromised the original apostolic doctrine.
- The apostolic church remains steadfast in the belief in one God. We are the true Christians who adhere to the biblical teaching of monotheism.
- The apostolic faith is unique in its unwavering commitment to the oneness of God. This belief distinguishes us from other religions and highlights the purity of the original Christian doctrine as taught by the apostles. Understanding the historical and theological context of these beliefs helps us appreciate the importance of maintaining the truth of the oneness of God.
- Understand that the Jesus Name people, the Apostolics, are the only ones who believe in one God. Satan has so controlled this world that even the days of our week and the months of our year reflect the gods that the Romans and Greeks worshiped. This reflects how deeply Satan has influenced the course of this world to hide the truth and blind the minds of those who might believe it.
- The Greeks named the days of the week after the Sun, the Moon, and the five known planets they worshiped as gods. The Romans substituted their equivalent gods for the Greek gods, resulting in names like Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn.
- Sunday is named for the worship of the sun god, which the Romans called "Sunday" to honor their sun god. While we worship the Son of God (S-O-N) on Sunday, Satan turned it into a day for worshiping the sun (S-U-N), blinding the minds of many to the truth.
- Monday is derived from "Moon's day," reflecting the worship of the moon. This originated from Nimrod, who was worshiped as the sun god, and his mother was worshiped as the Queen of Heaven. The Catholic Church later adopted similar concepts, calling Mary the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God, but these ideas date back to ancient pagan mythology.
- Tuesday is derived from "Tiu's day," named after the Roman god of war, Mars. This was a day dedicated to worshiping the god of Mars. Wednesday is named "Woden's day" after the worship of Mercury, the Roman god of commerce. Thursday is named "Thor's day," worshiping

the god Jupiter. Friday is named "Frigg's day" after the god Venus. Saturday is "Saturn's day," named after Saturn, the Roman god of agriculture.

- The names of the months also reflect the gods worshiped by the Romans and Greeks. January is named after Janus, the Roman god of gates and doorways. February comes from Februa, the Roman festival of purification. Originally, the calendar had only ten months, with January and February added later under Julius Caesar.
- March is named for Mars, the god of war. April is derived from Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love. May is named after Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. June is named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. July is named after Julius Caesar, and August is named after Augustus Caesar. This influence of pagan gods in our calendar is an effort by Satan to keep people from knowing the one true God.
- Romans 1:20 states that the invisible attributes of God are clearly seen in creation, demonstrating His power, wisdom, and might. The sun, hanging on nothing and providing heat from 93 million miles away, shows the power of the Creator. Yet, man often chooses to worship the creation rather than the Creator.
- The devil has twisted the understanding of many, leading people to worship the sun, stars, and other elements of creation rather than acknowledging the one who made them.
- In the book of Job, God mentions that He has appointed times and days known only to Him. Israel's days were numbered, not named, reflecting a different understanding and relationship with time and creation. God's days have specific names, as revealed to Moses in Leviticus 23, which details the appointed feasts and holy days of the Lord.
- We don't have time to go over all of them, but I'll give you the names of God's appointed days: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. Each one of these days reflects what God did in His seven days of creation and what He was to do in the New Testament.
- Passover is the first day. In creation, God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. He divided the light from the darkness. Passover relates to us because we passed from darkness to light when we received salvation. He brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- Satan is an imitator. Just as God has days with specific meanings, Satan corrupts the world by naming the days of our week and months of our year after gods that don't exist, so people would worship the creation rather than the Creator.
- This is all related to the Oneness of the Godhead in Christ Jesus. Everything in our world points to the belief in more than one god, even the names of our days and months. But when it comes to the apostolic church, there is but one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. This is why the world fights us so much about this truth.

- Let's go to the First Epistle of John. This demonstrates how corrupt the world is. Even Christmas is corrupt. Jesus wasn't born on December 25th; the sun god Nimrod was born on December 25th. Jesus was born somewhere between September and October, but we don't know the exact date because if we knew, we could pinpoint the Rapture. No man knows the day or the hour when the Son of Man comes.
- In 1 John 1:1, it says, "That which was from the beginning." When we think about the beginning, we think about the start of all things. If you have a beginning, you also have an end. Isaiah 46:10 says, "God declared the end from the beginning." What was that? Time. God declared the end of time from the beginning of time. Time began when He said, "Let there be light." Before time, there was eternity—just God dwelling alone.
- God created time because He understood that through time, He would bring about a family of people who would love Him for who He is and whom He could love. Just as time begins, time will also end.
- John, writing from the island of Patmos, says, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life." This refers to Jesus. They saw, heard, and handled eternal life, which is Jesus.
- Jesus is the Word of life, the first thing God thought about in eternity. Revelation 3:14 says that Jesus Christ is the beginning of the creation of God. This means that Jesus was in God's mind from the beginning, as God planned to come as Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. He knew everything that would happen before it even happened.
- Trinitarians argue that the Son existed in eternity, but the Son did not exist in eternity except in the foreknowledge of the mind of God, just as we existed in His mind before we were created. God declared the end from the beginning, meaning everything existed in His mind before He made it.
- Understanding these truths helps us appreciate the importance of maintaining the apostolic faith and the belief in the Oneness of God. We must stand firm in this belief, recognizing that Jesus is the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in the church. This foundational truth distinguishes us from other beliefs and highlights the purity of the original Christian doctrine as taught by the apostles.
- It's really amazing because when we deal with the first chapter of Genesis, we are actually in the mind of God in eternity before He did anything. The first 34 verses of the Bible, which include the 31 verses of the first chapter and three verses of the second chapter, reveal God in eternity planning what He is going to do. Everything He planned to do, He is going to accomplish. Can you say Amen? No one can stop it, not even the devil who tempted Eve and brought sin into human nature. God knew the end from the beginning; this is His foreknowledge.

- In verse 2 of 1 John 1, it says, "For the life was manifested," referring to Jesus, the life that was from the beginning. Eternal life was manifested in Jesus, who was seen, heard, and handled by the apostles. This eternal life is Jesus Christ, who was with the Father and was revealed to us.
- Verse 3 continues, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us." The New Testament is a record of what the apostles saw and heard from Jesus. They were eyewitnesses of His majesty and are now telling us about Him so that we can have fellowship with them and with God.
- The phrase "with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" in verse 3 may seem to suggest two entities, but this is a misunderstanding. The Bible is written in such a way that it can be misunderstood by the natural man. Those of us who know God understand that there are not two or three gods, but one God manifested in different ways.
- The example of Jesus' baptism demonstrates this. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Trinitarians see this as three persons, but it is actually three manifestations of the one God. Jesus, God manifested in the flesh, was in the water. The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove, and God's voice was heard from heaven. These are three manifestations, not three separate persons.
- The natural man, influenced by Satan, cannot understand this because he is blinded. We must not let the Christian world, which is often influenced by incorrect teachings, define the things of God for us. They are like blind Uber drivers trying to take people around the city; they cannot guide us correctly.
- Let's look at another scripture in 1 John 2:21-25. "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."
- John emphasizes that he writes to us because we know the truth, and no lie is of the truth. The truth is unchanging and absolute. He identifies a liar as anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one. In Isaiah, God is referred to as the Holy One 31 times. Israel knew that their Messiah would be their God, the Holy One. Thus, when John says Jesus is the Christ, he means Jesus is the Holy One, Jesus is God.
- Anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ is an antichrist, denying both the Father and the Son. To deny Jesus as God is to deny the Father and the Son, because they are one. This means that those who believe in the Trinity or multiple gods are, in fact, antichrist. This does not mean



they cannot be saved; they can repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Then, God will reveal Himself to them.

- The church world does not know Jesus if they believe in a Trinity. The god of this world, Satan, has blinded their minds. How can they be saved if they do not even know that there is only one God? Anyone who does not believe in the Oneness of God has the spirit of antichrist because it is anti-Christ to believe in more than one God.
- Verse 23 explains, "Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." The Father was manifested in the Son, so they are one. To acknowledge the Son is to acknowledge the Father because the Son was God manifested in the flesh.
- Verse 24 encourages us to let the truth we have heard from the beginning abide in us. If it remains in us, we will continue in the Son and in the Father, meaning we will remain in God's church. Verse 25 promises us eternal life, which is Jesus. To know Jesus is to have eternal life.
- The Oneness of the Godhead is foundational to the church. Anyone who does not believe that Jesus is the Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost in the church is antichrist. Jesus said, "When you see me, you see the Father." This means that Jesus is the manifestation of the Father. When people see us, they should see Jesus in us because we are His representatives on earth.
- Jesus was God who came down from heaven and veiled Himself in a human body called His Son. He completed the work necessary for our salvation and then took that body back to heaven. He is now seated on the throne in the place of favor, working through His spiritual body, the church. That is us today.