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Now our talk this afternoon. Will not be the gospel. It's going to be an address to young people, and I'm going to speak a little slowly because it is far better to get hold of the truth. And have the very thought of it in our hands. This is the only book in the world. That is light amid the darkness. Truth amid error, Comfort in every time of sorrow. And the blessings of God that are promised in that book are all. Yay and Amen in Christ Jesus. Absolutely certain of fulfillment. And every believer is blessed equally. I'm going to say that again, it's so important. God has no favorites in His family. Every believer is equally blessed. The jewel box for the whole Bible is Ephesians 1. Can you find it? And it's the third verse of Ephesians 1. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Now that that's true of every believer, young and old, rich or poor, whoever you may be, God has no favorites, each one. Is equally blessed. Your enjoyment of the blessing depends upon your walk, so when you turn over to the Gospel of John. Can you find John's Gospel and read? Verse 15. Or chapter 15, brother. And verse 9. I've often said you ought to memorize that, this verse and say it every day of your life, young, old. And never try to love the Lord any more than you do. Never try to love him any more than you do. Sit down and think of how much he loves you. The Savior who died for you went through every form and kind of suffering that it was possible to go through. What force put your sins away? Oh no, that was part of it. That was part of it, but that was not all of it. Why did he go through so much suffering? Why was it necessary for him to be hungry? To put your sins away or to be weary? Why did he go through so much suffering? Show you how much he loves you. So it says in this ninth verse, as the Father had loved me, so have I loved you. Continue ye in my love. Are you a Christian? God loves you with an everlasting love. As the Father have loved me, so have I loved you. Continue ye in my love. That verse has cheered my heart and caused me to burst into praise many times. Many times. I remember well, particularly going from New York to Woodbridge, NJ. And as I sat in the Newark station and saw them pouring out of the tube. Men quitting their work. And I was sitting on the bench amid all that crowd. This this verse came to me. And as I sat there, I thought as the Providence I loved me, so have I loved you. And I couldn't help but burst into praise. Never try to love the Lord any more than you do. Sit down and think of how much He loves you. Now the 10th and 11th verses is the road to happiness.

You know when God created this world. And he pronounced everything very good. And he put man, Adam and Eve in the midst of a scene wherein they have done nothing to produce the good. Before Adam and Eve were placed there, it was the Garden of Eden, and God pronounced it very good, and He put Adam and Eve in the midst of it. He told them not to eat of the knowledge of the tree, of the knowledge of good and evil. And then afterwards he came into the garden in the cool of the day. In the cool of the day. What did he come in for? He came in to a whole communion with Adam and Eve, but they were hiding because they sinned. They were hiding and you can't think of a good gift that you ever enjoyed since you were born. Whether you're saved or unsafe, that didn't come from God. Did you enjoy your dinner today? Who made the food grow? Who gave you the sense of taste to enable you to enjoy it? Who provided it for you? Ah, it was God in his goodness to man. You can't think, I repeat, of a good gift you ever enjoyed in your life that didn't come from God. Take man's artist work. Well, it's all a copy of God's creation, for man can never improve on that which God has created. It was very good and man can never improve on it. And I repeat, all our failures, whether we're children or grown up, springs from unbelief of the goodness that's in the heart of God. Are you a Christian? Make it the habit of your life. Never to take a step without consulting the wisdom of God. And there you'll find it in the world. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, that is for the next step. And a lot of my past. What does that mean? To show you where the path ends for end? It will down here and it will. By so many look upon the Bible as a book to tell them how to be saved and go to heaven when they die. Even Christians are wrong when they look upon the Bible in that way. The Bible of the book not only to tell you how to be saved and go to heaven, but how to live in this present evil world with light for your past, wisdom for every step of the way, and the blessing of God. To rest upon your pathway. So notice this John 15 verse 10 now. If you keep my commandments, nothing about dying, nothing about. Forgiveness of sins here. If you keep my commandments, she shall abide in my love. Oh, every word of God comes with as a commandment to the child of God that has learned the love of Christ. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. Every father wants to see his children happy. Every true father wants to see his children happy, but sometimes I as a father, have made mistakes. But I've got a father up there that never makes any mistakes. Never, never. Ah, remember, the Bible is a book not only to tell you how to be saved. But how to live in this present evil world with the blessing of God upon your pathway through? Unhappiness is a state of soul, not a question of circumstances.

No, I think you keep that John 15, and I'll bring you to a Psalm that will show you that. Can you find the Psalms are right in the middle of the Bible and it's for £39. I said I will take heed to my ways now. This is not how to be saved. This is how to have happiness after you are saying. I will take heed to my ways that I sin, not with my tongue. Oh, the tongue is an unruly member, isn't it? You say something and then you're sorry you said it. Watch what you think about and judge every unkind thought and every evil thought. For the thought always precedes the action. Never go to bed at night with an unkind feeling toward anybody in the world, no matter how they treat you. No matter how they speak. There is it not written, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Was it because it was a world that was toward Him? In love? No, hearing it, Love not that we love God, but that He loved us. And sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins at first, John chapter 4. You know God loves you when you were in your sins without a thought. God worship. Here in his love, not that we love God, but that He loved us. Oh, how precious to think his love never changes. And to walk in the sense of it is to have a happy Christian life. When I come to these general meetings and I see you boys and girls, and you know I love boys and girls. I love boys and girls, I had come on them and I've got some yet. God wants to everyone of his children to be happy. But the world is dressed up to defend you, so it says here a little further down. In this 39th Psalm, in the fourth verse, Lord, make me to know my name and the measure of my days, What it is that I may know how frail I am. Behold, I made my days as an handbag. And my age is as nothing before thee. Verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity. And then a little word is added. He lost. Every man at his best estate is all together vanity. And the words of vanity is really

vacuumed, nothing empty. Empty. So it says in the next verse. Surely every man walketh in a vain show. You know, vain and empty show. Every book you read, unless it has the wisdom of the word of God. He simply followed. For the wisdom of this world is. That so empty that the word of God tells us. Perhaps I better send you to which those children remember it. Can you find Corinthians? First Corinthians. We're in a chapter 3. And verse 19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. 20th verse and the game the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are very. Empty. The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. All yes, there's no wisdom in this world Well, we used to tell our children when they went to school children, you take your arithmetic and algebra and you could in composition from your school teacher. But when she talks about anything moral.

She sure to be wrong. Unless. Her thoughts are governed by the Word of God the Lord, nor the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Every book you read, unless it is. Governed by the wisdom of God will tell you to lay up your treasure down here. To lay up your pressure down here that the things that are highly esteemed among men. Our abomination in the sake of God. You'll find that verse in the 16th of Luke. The things that are highly esteemed among men are abomination in the sake of God. I'm talking to you as Christians. Six times over, the Lord says. Twice in Matthew, once in months, twice in Luke, and once in John. That that a man that walks in the wisdom of this world is walking foolishly. He's to lay up his treasure in heaven. Where neither moth nor rust of corruption. Where thieves do not breakthrough nor seals. Lay up for yourselves, treasure in heaven, heaven, anything that you do. Simply to please God in the past of obedience to His word will never be forgotten. It will be blessed and every act in your life and mind either to please set or to please God. I often ask myself, why do you want to preach? Is it please self? If you did everything right, nothing would be right except the motive was right. And you and I are enabled by the word of God. To judge whether the motive is the glory of Christ. Jesus could say down here, I do always those things that please him. I do always those things that please him, I often say to our young people in Ottawa where I live. Young Christians, remember this. No. Through this world to please God and at the end of their pathway said I wish I hadn't done it for the blessing of the Lord it maketh rich. And we added no sorrow. The blessing of the Lord is maketh rich. And he added no sorrow with it. And gifted, even gift is not godliness. David was a good king and God blessed him as a king, but he was a poor father and he had to suffer for it. For you and I, if we're Christians, we're in the House of God and come under his government. Now I'm going to give you a little rapid outline of that in first Peter. In the five chapters, we can turn over to First Peter. The first chapter of First Peter is salvation. I'm not going into the detail, but notice the first verse. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ to the strangers scattered through a pompous Galicia, Cappadocia, Asia and bikini babies. They were the scattered of the tribes of Israel. Elect according to the knowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the Spirit. And I'll tell you what that means. Even you children can understand. Sanctification, meaning of the Spirit, means this. That the Spirit of God always, always, always occupies us with Christ and our heavenly portion. Sanctification of the Spirit. For the Spirit it tells you in the 16th of John. The Spirit taketh of the things of Christ. And shows them to us. And so it's sanctification of the Spirit. Unto obedience. Unto obedience. The first thing that's spoken of is obedience. Are you a Christian? Are you a child of God?

Never take a step in your life without consulting the wisdom of the Word of God. For that, again, I repeat, don't look upon the Bible as simply a book to tell you how to die and go to heaven when you do die. The Word of God tells us how to live in this present evil world and live with the blessing of God, for God desires the happiness and blessing of His children. So it's unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ that added, Because none of us walk in the perfect obedience of the Lord Jesus, so the sprinkling of the blood is necessary for us, though it was not necessary for him. Grace unto you. Grace is the unmerited favor of God, and peace be multiplied. O Peace. Is more than simply peace through knowing that my our sins are forgiven. This is the peace of God that passes all understanding. Keeps us in the world filled with evil for the God. And Prince of this world is Satan. And so it is. We can walk in perfect peace. The world was never in such a troubled condition as it is right now. But God is behind the scenes, moving all the scenes that He is behind. And Christ is head over all things to the Church, which is his body. I've often said to my brethren in Ottawa, there's no one in them in this meeting and no one in this world can speak an unkind word to me unless the Lord allows it. And never look at the person that speaks unkindly to you. Ask the Lord why he allowed it, why he allowed it. Shall I give you a simple illustration? I had a mother. There were seven of us children. I never remember my mother losing her patience with us. Seven children never remember it. Or were we perfect children? No, we weren't. We tried there, I'm sure, but I never remember her speaking an impatient word. When anybody speaks unkindly to you, just take it as an opportunity to show the patience and grace of Christ. The patients never go to bed at night with an unforgiving spirit or an unkind thought toward anybody in the world, no matter how they treat you. Carry always a forgiving spirit. Nothing happens by chance. God is the God of circumstances. Oh, if my mother walked in that room. My heart had overflowed. I'll never know how close you walk with the Lord. Do I see somebody speak unkindly to you and find out how you act. How you act. Nothing happens by chance. All is ordered of God. The circumstances, the weather, the conditions of life in your home or in your business, everything is ordered of Him. Why? God is the God of circumstances, and it is well always to remember it so. So your grace and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy have forgotten us again unto a lively or living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible, an undefiled, and that faded not away reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God. Through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. When this is contrast for Israel was promised the land of Palestine and they were to have blessing in the land, they will have it in a future day. Meantime a jewel that believes in the Lord Jesus Christ has heavenly blessing, for the middle wall of partition is down, and Jew and Gentile are made one in Christ.

This is our school life. Now watch what I say next. There are some things you learn down here that you can't learn in heaven. You can't learn in heaven. God is the God of all comfort, where you won't need any comfort up there. You can't learn God as the God of all patience in heaven, for we'll never do anything in heaven that requires His patience. These things we learn down here. As dear old brother Daddy once said, it's worth being sick. To learn whether comforter God can be. Can come in into your room in the day of your sickness and be such a comfort to you that your heart will overflow with praise. You can't learn that in heaven. Why doesn't? Why didn't God take us to heaven the moment he saved us? What do you leave us down here for? To make money, no. To have a good time as men speak, no. He left us down here in the school of God to learn. But we can't learn in heaven, learn him as the God of all grace. The God of all patients, the God of all comfort. And it's worth going through this world even in sorrow. To learn what a comforter he can be. I ran well. Remember when I was a boy? They thought I was lost. And I was supposed to be home for supper and I didn't get home till about 9:00 or 10:00 at night. And I'll never forget to this day my mother opened the door. And know how she burst into Thanksgiving into her arms around me, she said. Oh, Harry, you're safe. I thought you were dead. That very trial brought out the. The heart of my mother, that's made her very precious to myself. Oh, what a Savior Jesus is. When we get home to glory and we look back over our lives and see how He has been so patient with us, so gracious with us, so forgiving with us. Oh, how we look into His face and burst into praise. It's a privilege to be saved when you're young. To be saved when you're young. Thank God I received when I was a little boy. Where he, that love of his life, shall lose it. What does that mean? That means he that

lives to please himself will be unrewarded in glory. And it is worth having the sorrow to learn what a comforter Jesus is. Oh, you dear boys and girls. You come to the meeting. Perhaps it's a long way to come, I remember. This was in Philadelphia many years ago. An old brother, Hamilton, lived way up. A forgotten Erdenheimer was called, and he and I were coming down on the Street car. And he was sitting beside me and he said, oh, brother, hey, who? I'm tired of this long journey from Erdingham down down to the meeting. It was right downtown in Philadelphia. I looked at him and I said, but Brother Hamilton, you must have a big reward waiting you in heaven for all that long journey that you wouldn't have had if you lived next door. He burst into laughing and he said, oh, I never thought of it that way before in my life. It'll make the journey easier. Have you a long way to come to the meeting in Chicago? Have you a long way to come? Got to get up 1/2 an hour earlier. When you get the reward for it for it, you'll be surprised. Measured every mile you took. He's measured every step you took. He's measured all of the cost or it's a privilege to do anything for that precious Savior who loved us and gave himself for us, as you heard me say at the opening of this meeting. There's much of the sufferings of Christ that were not necessary to put our sins away. Why did he go through it? In order to be a sympathetic high priest. Should I give you an illustration that you children can understand? Supposing you had to walk from here to Spokane, WA, That's a long time and you had to walk every mile of it.

And I knew you'd be tired. And I knew the heat of the day would be oppressive to you. And I said I'll take the walk to Spokane myself. In order that I can sympathize with you in your weariness of body and all that you go through. Well, I don't think I've got a heart big enough to do it, you know, I think I'd rather take the train or an automobile. But you know the Lord Jesus walked every weary mile, hungry and thirsty, and we will journey. What did He do it for? To put our sins away? No, To be a comforter to us. To be a comforter to you. Are you misunderstood by your brethren? The Lord was misunderstood by the Baron too. Are you persecuted by the world? The Lord was persecuted too. Was that to put your sins away? No, no. Why was it that Paul and Silas sang in prison? Why was it they sang in prison? All they learned in prison what a comforter God was. And how their hearts burst forth into praise, and the prisoners heard them. And it was a testimony to them. How much we learn in that way of that blessed, precious Savior with whom we're to spend eternity. Oh, dear, young boys and girls, I can't tell you. I would like to tell you the joy that awaits us when we step into the Father's house in Yonder glory. We're not only going to have bodies like Him. But we will be like him morally as well as physically, and we learn that in the Father's house, the depth of the divine bosom in a way that we cannot learn it fully down here. Well, I must go on with my subject or I won't get through it all. The 1st chapter of Peter is happiness and blessing. Through faith in Christ I read the 18th verse to show. For as much as you know that you are not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold in your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Now the second chapter, Wherefore laying aside all malice. And all that and hypocrisy and envy and all evil speaking. Now why does it say that the 1st chapter is salvation through the blood of Christ, The 2nd chapter is growth through the word of God. Do you read the Bible every day? Well, the first verse of the chapter is the pulling up of the weeds, laying aside all malice. You won't enjoy the chapter you're reading in the morning if you allow malice in your heart. Now you notice these are the things that can't be seen. Malice and guile and hypocrisy and envy. Evil speaking is the last thing but the first four things that are mentioned. Are the things that can't be seen. If you've got guile or hypocrisy or envy, I can't see it. Now watch my next statement. If you judge the evil thoughts that your brethren do not see, you'll never have to judge the evil actions that your brother induces. That thought comes before the action. If you if you have an evil thought, judge it at once. Now, as newborn babies desire their sincere, that word sincere means unadulterated. It's sinusera in Latin. The unadulterated nook of the word, that ye may grow thereby. How do I grow as a Christian? What's the book that is Food for the New Nature?

We used to tell our children when sometimes they'd say, well, what's the harm in it, father? We used to say, well, is it a new nature that wants it at the old? Well, I just, I think it's the old nature. Well, what do you do with the old nature? Put it in the place of death. In the place of death, you ask yourself, you've got a problem right now in your life as to what some step to take. Is it the new nature wants it, or the old? Well, if it's the old nature, you have to keep it in the place of death, aren't you? Isn't that simple? Isn't that simple when something comes to you? Why is it the old nature or the new nature as newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word? That he may grow thereby, if so be he have tasted that the Lord is gracious. On all house full of grace. Are full of grace. Grace is the unmerited favor of God. Now watch my next statement. Please watch it. Every Christian blessing is so large that it couldn't be larger. Every Christian blessing is an apex. God couldn't do more than forgive you and make you one of his children. And through all eternity, God will never remind the believer of any of his sins. He says your sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Excuse me, lovely. Early Christian blessing is a mountain peak. If God hasn't won your heart, what more could he do to win it? What more could he do? He couldn't do more than make you a child of God and Christ, make you a member of his body. And then he says in First Corinthians 3, all things are yours. Sometimes when I'm traveling on the train, I lookout the windows and I say to the man beside me, you know, all that property out there belongs to my father, and I'm one of the heirs to the estate. Of course he thinks I'm crazy, you know? But then I give them the Scripture. Scripture says that we're heirs of God. And join their heads with Christ. That's Romans 8, heirs of God. Who does the Chicago belong to? Who does the whole world? The earth is the Lord and the fullness are all the world. And then the gallery. He hasn't taken possession of it yet, that's all. But it belongs to him, and the Christian is an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. So I say doom well. The Bible tells you that if you're a believer, you're an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ. And someday he's going to take possession of it, and you and I will possess it without buying it. It's always yours and dear Christ, and Christ is God's. Isn't it lovely to be a Christian? Isn't it lovely? I don't know any blessing possible. That could exceed the blessedness of being a Christian. Here we are, just on the end of the journey the Lord is about to come. Of anything to fear, No no, it's all in his family. But God is behind the scenes, moving all the scenes that he isn't behind and Christ his head over all things to the church which is his body. All is yours and your Christs and Christ is God. Well the 2nd chapter then is the way a Christian grows. Do you want to grow? This is the food of newborn babies. Desire the sincere or unadulterated milk of the word, that she may grow thereby. Now the third chapter is happiness. Turn to the third chapter and the 10th verse. First Peter 3 and 10. The 1st chapter is salvation. The 2nd chapter is growth. The third chapter is happiness. For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no God, let him eschew evil. And do good. Let him seek peace and into our pursuit. Never bring anything up in your home life, or in the office where you work, or in the assembly.

Never bring anything up that will spoil the peace. Of your home life, or your business life or your assembly life, unless it is necessary to do so for the glory of God. Never defend yourself. NEDER, never defend yourself. Are you right and the other person wrong will leave it. God will make it all plain someday. Make it all clean. Make it the habit of your life never to defend yourself. Never to defend. No, never. Never. Never to defend yourself. No, no. Leave it with God. He knows what happened. He knows all the circumstances. You can leave it with the Lord always. Always, always. What do we find here? In the 13th verse. And who is he that will harm you if he be followers of that which is good, but and if he suffer for righteousness sake? Oh, happy are you? Isn't that wonderful? Suffer for righteousness sake. When you say I would write my sister was wrong or my brother was wrong. If you suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye, and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled, but sanctify the Lord. Sanctify means to her. Set apart the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every

man asking you a reason of the hope that is in you. Meekness and fear. 17th Verse For it is better, if the will of God be sold, that she suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. Why they put Paul and Silas in jail? Where they right in doing it? Well, the Pollens, I was saying in jail, were they unhappy? Want the unrighteous to put him in jail? Did he say when I get out, I'll get after them about this business? No. No, he was happy. All this could be developed, I'm only just giving you a few little points as I pass on from chapter to chapter the next chapter. Use the flesh suffering and the spirit rejoicing. The 4th chapter. For as much then, as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, Christ suffered for us in the flesh. What does that mean? Likewise arm yourselves likewise with the same mind, for he that has suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. What does that mean? Didn't the Lord suffer in the flesh? Yes, I have already told you. He was weary with his journey. He was thirsty. Did he feel the accusations that were thrown against him? Oh yes, he says in the 59th Psalm. Reproach has broken my heart and I am full of heaviness. I look for some to take. The sympathy within. But there was none, not one. I looked for comforters and I found none. I've often said that when I visited in the hospital, there's some Christian there. I've said to the Christian lying in bed, the Lord suffered and he looked for comforters and he found none. But you can't say that when you got hurt, didn't your mother put your arm around you and try to comfort you? With the Lord and said, I look for comforters, and I found none. His heart felt it. Did he go through it to put your sins away? No. No what we go through it for. To show you how much he loved you and to be an example. Of how you and I are to walk through this world and so you do the right thing. Perhaps in the meeting? Perhaps it's in connection with the matters of a meeting that is held. Shall I tell you a little story to illustrate? I remember we had a three days conference in Ottawa many years ago. Many years ago, I guess about 30 years ago. Brother said well I'll cook the meat. We said all right, thank you, that's fine. But he cooked it very, very rare and wasn't done. And a good may the brethren coming down.

The meats not cooked right, meats not cooked right. And so he said, you know, I heard him say it. He says I'm never going to cook the meat for the meat anymore. They're just criticized me. Oh, I said, brother, I thought you were doing it for the Lord. So I was, he said. Well, I said, did the Lord tell you to stop? And you profit by it and do it a little better next time. And he did. Next conference he had to cook the meat and he didn't. Better job. But he was going to give up. He was going to give up. So perhaps mothers told you to do something. Our father or some of the brethren have criticized you for something you did. Did you get cross and give up? Or did you say, Lord, help me to do it better next time? Wouldn't that be the right way? Wouldn't that be the right way? We're so here. The Lord suffered. He felt it. He that has suffered in the flesh, that ceased from sin. Makes me think of driving my car to the meeting in Ottawa where I live and my brother. Were saying about some ball game he was going to, he was in the car some ball game he was going to. I looked at him and I said, brother, do you ever read first Peter 4? It says he that has suffered in the flesh had ceased from sin. Is it the new nature wants to go to that ball game of the old one? Yes, it was the old one. Well, what are you to do? I said with it. He that has suffered in the flesh that ceased from sin, aren't you to keep the flesh in the place of death, even if it means suffering? Never thought of it that way. Well, why not? Why not? It's astonishing how people read the Bible and walk away from it and never stop to think what it means with their Jesus plain. I didn't write that. I didn't write it. God wrote he that are stubborn in the flesh. Are you and I to please the flesh? Either have suffered in the flesh, because even though you're a Christian, you've got the old nature, the fleshy new that loves nonsense, loves foolishness. Perhaps it's some bitter nonsense and you're going to tell it to your sister, brother, somebody else. Don't do it. He that has suffered in the flesh have ceased from sin. Now watch my next statement. Paul gives you the doctrine. That were dead with Christ. Peter gives you the carrying out of the doctrine. And what it will cost to carry it out. And the Old Testament gives you samples of those that walked to please God and what God did for them in the end. Like Joseph or David or Daniel? They walked to please God. What was the end of their path? Blessing. He that has suffered in the flesh and so if you have a desire to do something. Just ask yourself the question, am I doing this to please God or to please myself? Oh dear, these young people, the time is drawing to a close. Oh, I say from the bottom of my heart. If you and I would only live to please God, we never lived to regret it for the blessing of the Lord. It maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Blessing of the Lord, it maketh a rich to put down. Put your knees at your bedside at night with the consciousness that you've sought to please God during the day. He's the sweetest thing that the new man can enjoy. Or how precious to have his blessings. How precious it is to have the inflow of His love into our soul. It's the peace of God that passeth all understanding. And you lay your head on your pillow and go to sleep. In the quiet assurance that your ways have been pleasing to the Lord, again I say never defend yourself. Defender the Lord, defend the word of God, but never defend yourself. Leave all with the Lord. What is of Himself will be owned and blessed of Him. So first Peter one is salvation, First Peter two is growth through the word of God. First Peter 3 is happiness through obedience. First Peter 4 is the flesh suffering and the spirit rejoicing. The 5th chapter is where it will end. So we just conclude with the 5th first Peter 5.

Verse seven casting all your care upon him. For he cares about you, For you be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, is a roaring lion. Walk at the boat, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist tedpath in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren which are in the world, but the God of all grace, who has called us. To his eternal glory by Christ Jesus. After that you have suffered a while. Make you perfect. Established, strengthened, settled you. To him the glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen. Where is it going to end? Oh, it's the God of all grace, and it's an end in the Father's house and glory. What an end, put it. Glorious end. O brethren, I feel how imperfectly I have spoken of these things, but they're so precious, so blessed, so important. We're living in the crucial days of the Church's history. There will not be a revival that will be in any sense worldwide. Scripture says hold fast that which thou hast, that no man takes thy crown. And I want to see this air. I close my top. I'm not a young man. I look back over my life. I had a Christian father and mother that brought me up in the truth. I've read many books. I haven't done Shadow of Death, but what the truth as taught in the Word of God is held and taught in our various assemblies. And to be gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There were light and wisdom of the word of God is honored in the assembly where you meet, or perhaps great break is an exceedingly blessed privilege given to you of God. And you young people, the enemy would try and turn you aside. And if you ever leave? The place where God has put his name, where Christ has put his name, and where the Word of God is honored and its ministry is faithfully given. It's the most precious spot on earth, the most precious spot on earth. Value it and don't let anything ever happen in your life. It will cause you to turn aside. Hold fast that which thou hast. Why does it say hold fast? A mother gives a child something that is valuable and says to the child, hold it back. Why? Because there's a danger of not doing so. And there's always the danger among our young people of not holding fast the truth that you've learned from your parents. May God give you grace and faithfulness to hold fast the truth and walk in it and walk in it in Lowlands Independence. And if you're tempted right now to give up, get on your knees before you get into bed and cry to God for the grace and strength that is needed to walk in the truth until Jesus comes.