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Acts 10 versus 1 through 43. These are God's words. There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, Centurion of what was called the Italian regiment, a devout man. And one who feared God With all his household who gave allms generously to the people and prayed to God, always about the ninth hour of the day.

He saw clearly in a vision, an angel of God coming in and saying to him Cornelius and when he observed him he was afraid and said, what is it? Lord. So he said to him your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before. God, now send men to Joppa and send for Simon.

Whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon at Tanner whose house has by the sea. He will tell you what you must do and then the angel who spoke to him had departed. Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier among those who waited on him continually.

So when he had explained all these things to them, he's sent them to drop off The next day as they went on their journey and drew near the city. Peter went up on the housetop to pray about the sixth hour, then he became very hungry and wanted to eat.

But while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound. At the four corners descending to him and let down to the earth In it. We're all kinds a four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts creeping things, and birds of the air, and the voice.

Came to him rise, Peter kill and eat. Let Peter said not. So Lord, For I've never eaten anything, common or unclean and a voice spoke to him again. The second time what God has cleansed, You must not call. Common. This was done three times and the object was taken up into heaven again.

Now, while Peter wondered within himself what this vision, which he had seen meant, behold, The men who had been sent from Cornelius, had made inquiry for Simon's house and stood before the gate, and they called and asked, whether Simon whose surname was Peter was lodging there. While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him behold Three men are seeking you arise.

Therefore, go down and go with them doubting nothing. For I have sent them Then. Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius and said Yes I am. He whom you seek for what reason? Have you come? And they said Cornelius, the Centurion adjust man.

One who fears God and has a good reputation. Among all the nation of the Jews was divinely. Instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house. And to hear words from you, Then he invited them in and lodged them On the next day. Peter went away with them and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him and the following day.

They entered Cesarea. Now, Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter was coming in Cornelius. Met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him but Peter lifted him up saying, stand up. I myself am also a man and as He

talked with him, He went in and found many who had come together and then he said to them, you know, how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation.

But God has shunned me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore, I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask then for what reason have you sent for me. So Cornelius said, four days ago, I was fasting until this hour and that the ninth hour, I prayed in my house and behold a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, Cornelius.

Your prayer has been heard and your prayers are remembered in the sight of God, send therefore to Joppa, and call Simon here whose surname is Peter. He has lodging in the house of Simon a Tanner by the sea when he comes. He will speak to you. So, I sent to you immediately and you have done well to come.

Now therefore we are all present before, God to hear all the things commanded you by God than Peter opened his mouth and said in truth. I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears him and works, righteousness is accepted by him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel teaching preaching peace through Jesus Christ.

He is Lord of all That word you know which was proclaimed throughout all Judea and began from Galilee After the baptism which John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit. And with power who went about doing good and healing, all who are oppressed by the devil for God was with him and we are witnesses of all things, which he did both in the land of the Jews.

And in Jerusalem whom they killed by hanging on a tree Him. God raised up on the third day and showed him openly, not to all the people but to witnesses chosen before by God. Even to us, who ate and drank with him, after he arose from the dead, and he commanded us to preach to the people.

And to testify that it is, he who was ordained by God to be judged of the living and the dead to him all the prophets witness that through his name. Whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins. Amen. The sense this reading of God's inspired. And then earned word we're rejoice.

That this is what he is. Ordained to bless unto the giving and growing and perfecting of the faith of His people. Please be seated.

We live in an age and a place and the history of God's church.

In which it has been forgotten. And in fact, The vast majority, now have never learned that God himself has the method by which he gives faith, and by which he grows faith and that that method is all of the means of his grace. But especially the preaching of his word and the hearing of his word preached that there is this humble means by which he has been pleased to show himself and give himself to sinners and Jesus Christ, which he is pleased to grow them In Jesus Christ, by which he is pleased to receive them to himself, and they're gatherings for worship.

God Himself has the method for these things as given the method for these things. But we are not impressed with God himself. We are impressed with ourselves. And we should not think that somehow because we are Presbyterian or because we are reformed, because we are truly reformed draw. We go to Hopewell that somehow we are immune to becoming impressed with ourselves and our methods and truth over the last 200 years.

It was largely the fault of a Presbyterian minister who the church was slow to discipline. Man named Charles Finney and whose methods infected the rest of American and through America Western Protestantism. And that's why We live in a day. Now of such confusion such spiritual weakness and responding to the present spiritual weakness, with more of man's foolishness and methods.

The trend of shorter and shorter sermons. Now culminating for many in sermon, less worship, so-called friendship evangelism, which operates on a principle similar to the one in Scripture that those who are in Christ, ought to be light, ought to be different ought by their contrast strangeness, and even offensiveness display.

The difference that Christ makes so that they may have opportunity to answer for that difference. But instead is the idea that if we are close enough to the world or a world-ling for long enough somehow, they will eventually feel like becoming Christians as if God hasn't prescribed the method, by which he makes a Christian, The replacing of evening sermons or midweek sermons with small groups, which we only have because we've forgotten that God has small groups.

They're called families households or replacing it with nothing at all. Because after all evening is the holy period called primetime and the Lord's day husband set apart for football and other entertainment. And so, the church lays down that instrument, by which God has willed to wield his power? Because we think that in our wisdom, it can fix the present weakness.

The decline even in families, where there are things called devotions the decline of fathers appealing to their children and husbands appealing to their wives from the Bible knowing that the Word is God's method for giving and growing faith in Jesus Christ. Now, if you can write a devotional as short as a Twitter feed or in some circles, they do actually a little bit better, They read a chapter of the Bible and then close it and they're done.

At least they used the word. Praise God. But they've forgotten that there is an appointed servant for the washing of his wife, with the Word as an instrument in the hand of her heavenly husband, Jesus by which continual and daily effort and application by her loving husband on earth.

Her perfectly loving husband. In heaven is making her spotless to be presented to him in the last day. This is traded in So forgotten that when a 21st century man goes to seminary and reads about these things. As just the ordinary thing that has done and every Christian home, of course, by men departed, some three or four hundred years.

It's almost like reading an epic fantasy novel of a land that might have existed somewhere at some time.

All of these things and more, our symptoms of a church that has forgotten that God has a particular method by which He gives faith and by which he grows faith. And this commends to us in particular, of course The Word of God belongs to the people of God through all ages.

And it is unsurprising that everywhere. He has gathered his people in His word has been, oh, plainly opened and earnestly applied that they have felt always like this was written, just for us. But we come to a passage that says God has the method by which he has willed to save and God has given the message that is proclaimed.

His method is the preaching hearing words from men on earth that the humble, man who speaks, and the humble man who hears would marvel at the glorious word. That is spoken.

And so that the word and the God of the word would get all the glory and then God's good providence to you.

If this week, we have the opening verses of second Thessalonians 3, which makes the same exact point.

That God has chosen as his method, the preaching of his word and that God's message is who Christ is and what Christ has done and the implications of that in the life of those who are Christ's, That's it. That's what preaching is because that's what the Bible teaches. The implications are many The Bible teaches aloft, But God has the method and God has the message.

There are many ways in which God communicates and acts chapter 10, But there is one way through which he is appointed to give faith and one activity in which, and during which He appointed to make display of the pouring out of his spirit, an angel appears too Cornelius and speaks to him a voice speaks to Peter with the vision that he has After the vision.

And he's puzzling within himself, the Holy Spirit speaks to Peter and he doesn't tell him very much. He says there's three men at the door, go with him and don't do any of that doubting and questioning that you were just doing on the roof And so Peter, when he sees the three men, he has to ask them.

What are you here for? You know, there's the Holy Spirit doesn't even tell Peter what they're here for. He makes him dependent on these Gentiles further driving home. The message that was in the sheet that came down, These men are not unclean. They've been cleansed by God. God's about to save them And Peter finds out when he asks them.

And when he arrives at the house and he asks Cornelius again because those were the servants wants to make sure the servants and the master are on the same page and he appear, he asks Cornillus in Cornelius. Says the same thing. God has done all these miraculous things to get us to the place where we hear words from you.

Yes. If you a memorized 10:15 again or if you if you memorize 11:15 and 16 which is not the memory verse for next week, Then you might have missed that. I assigned a proportionately longer than usual, memory verse, verse 22. Because as so much, the point of these last couple of main points of the sermon of this passage and they said, Cornelius, the Centurion.

A just man one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews and you can hear and what they're saying, they they know that he's going to be offensive to Peter but they're reminding him. God has cleansed this man. God has given him the fear of the Lord.

God has changed his heart and you can hear with Peter the words on the roof ringing in his ears and in his heart. What? God has cleansed. You must not call common. And so the the statement of the servants rhymes resonates with what, what the voice on the roof said and what the Spirit said while he was puzzling over the voice on the roof.

So, he was divinely instructed by a holy angel. Sounds great. So it's not just that God has set this man apart and God is going to save him. But now there's this grandness and this glory to what is going to happen and what is it? That is so grand and so glorious to summon you to his house.

And to hear words from you, That's that's why what he was definitely instructed to do by a holy angel to someone. You dirty fishermen?

But nobody in the eyes of the world and someone who in the eyes of the church for thousands of years, when they read of the Lord using you, they will say, how marvelous is the grace of God that he would use Peter? You to hear words. This is God's ordained message.

This is sorry. This is God's ordained method. So great in the giving of faith to those whom he is saving from his sin, whom he is cleansing. Whom He is setting apart to himself from a world that deserves to perish under the fiery. Wrath of God against every single one of our sins.

God is forgiving, those sins and counting people righteous in Jesus. He is sacrificed his own son, who has born the wrath and now he's joining to Christ by faith. Those for whom Christ died and the method by which he does that joining by the method by which he applies that infinitely.

Glorious redemption. That Christ has accomplished is by having men and picking especially an impressive ones which is also a problem for Paul. Remember when he was a true apostle and they said, well he's not very impressive in person. Picking unimpressive men to stand in front of people and speak.

Plain words, That's God's method. That's why we're here today in the public worship of God, Hearing a sermon from an unimpressive. Man is just speaking plain words because God himself became a man to live obediently and die. Atoningly and rise powerfully. And the godman has poured out his spirit, who uses this method, to give life to sinners so that they can believe in Jesus and be joined to Him and have him together with all his benefits.

Cornelius for his part understands by the buildup that having Peter come stand in front of everybody and speak. Words is a glorious thing. We read in the beginning of the passage that he feared God with all his household. Verse two is already a man who, who knows? And take seriously his obligations to those whom.

God has entrusted to his care. As much more important to him, that they get the worship of God. And the word of God then that they each get their daily provisions and their daily assignments, is a God-fearing man and ahead of a household. It's not just gonna put food on the table so they can survive a little longer until they perish in their sins.

And so when when he's told, when he is divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon. Peter to hear words, what does he do? He got his household, he gathers his men, he tells all his relatives and he gathers them and any friend who's close enough to come to the house?

He gathers them too. And so the house is packed, he does make the mistake of thinking that Peter is really going to be something. So, in Peter shows up, he immediately falls down and worships Peter's. Nope, I'm a man like you

But that gives more that it's God's Word. That is glorious and Cornelius learns. That lesson almost immediately to You see in verse 33. So I sent to you immediately and you have done well to come. I figured it out here. Just a man. I get instructions. I'm supposed to follow them.

You get instructions. You are also supposed to follow them. We're all here in obedience to God. The man who standing. And speaking the Word is is not the main thing. He's just a servant. He's just obeying to. It's God and His Word and His power and what he is going to do through that Word.

You get that all in verse 33. Don't you now? Therefore we are all present before, God to hear all the things commanded you by God. And I wonderful for God, fear and Cornelius to be able to

say that because up until this time, he has been excluded from the fellowship of the synagogue.

And if he's ever visited Jerusalem he could only go up. As far as that wall that said if any Gentile goes past here he forfeits his life and he couldn't go into the presence of God but he himself is learning. Now that, that Jerusalem, phase, that temple phase, that ceremonial phase, where you draw near to God through that place, and through those exercises that that's over with what joy, he would be able to say that.

He a Gentile with his Gentile household, and his Gentile relatives, and his close friends, who are all Gentiles because the Jews weren't even allowed to be close friends with him that they're all here in the presence of God. Which is why the worship room is sometimes called the sanctuary.

Not because that's all holy place but because when God gathers His people on earth and they are led in a worship that is presided over mediated and led by the great high priest in heaven. They enter by faith into the true sanctuary beyond the veil. Where Christ is our anchor and where he is ultimately bringing us And so you can dim the lights and play the, the music and run the smoke machine and create all the ambience.

You don't know that the Eastern Orthodox have been doing that forever, dark rooms, and smelly incense and creepy. Music flickery lights off of shiny things. Yeah, they even have the light show, silly stupid contemporary Americans who think they've found something so much more profound when they enter into silly stupid.

1500 year old Eastern Orthodoxy with technology.

That's not the presence of God. The presence of God is a man as unimpressive as Peter opening the Bible and speaking whatever God has commanded and a congregation with their Bibles opening. Open following along, knowing this is what God has commanded to do. This is what God has commanded to speak.

We're not just in the presence of each other and of the man in front, saying the words, We're in the presence of God, to hear God, because our coming to faith in Jesus, and our being forgiven of our sins and our coming to the last day. Having been made.

Holy is a work of God So it's done by his method using his message. We're going to creep a little bit into the second point. They overlap one. Another, that's part a big part of Peter's, sermon, Peter opens his mouth and he's going he's going to preach the message and we'll see that In the second point.

But a big part of his message is that this is the method that the fact that I'm here standing in front of you is a corroboration of the fact that God really has become a man to save. Sinners and I stand before you and I say the same thing as we'll see in a moment.

Peter opened his mouth and said in truth. I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation, whoever fears him and works, righteousness is accepted by him. We opened those verses. Last time we won't take the time to redo that The Word, which God sent to the children of Israel preaching, peace through Jesus Christ.

He is Lord of all. This is very good preaching form by Hebrew because that he bookends the passage. So God sent a word to the children of Israel. What was that word? You can skip down to verse 43 to him all the prophets witness that through his name. Whoever believes in him will receive remission of sins.

So verse 36 and verse 43. We've heard Peter preach that sermon before, but he was preaching it to Jews on the day of Pentecost. He's preaching. John 2. Not John. Sorry. Joel 2, he was preaching a section in Joel 2. That starts out with the Jehovah, Yahweh saying I will pour out my spirit and that concludes with Yahweh, saying, whoever calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.

Now, Peter enacts 10 is starting to better understand Peter's, sermon from Acts 2 because now he's not just saying whoever calls upon the name of Yahweh will be saved among the Jews. He's saying that in every nation whoever calls upon the name of Yahweh will be saved because the Lord is pouring out His Spirit, not just on Jews but on everyone and that Yahweh of dual chapter 2 is the Lord Jesus Christ.

So he says he is Lord of all. He's being reminded himself as he preaches to Cornelius. That you all have. The Jews is not just God of the hills, the way the Arameans, there's New King James Assyrians, in your first Kings. Passage for the coming week, think he's got to the plains as well.

He's got over all He created all but he's also Lord over all and that he's redeeming from among all that the scope of God's redemption is no there's no smaller than the scope of God's creation because Jesus is Yahweh. And so he says the Lord has chosen preaching from the start.

He's been preaching to the Jews for a couple thousand years but then when Jesus, the Christ Lord of all came, what did he do? He preached, I forgot to look it up. I was going to look it up. Give credit to the the man who first said it. Sure, it was a puritan, maybe a Presbyterian.

So God had one son and when he sent him he called him to be a preacher preaching to gospel. Ministers about the weightiness of their call that word you know which was proclaimed throughout all Judea and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached. So his he's going to say in a moment and we're already conflating the two points but just follow with the scripture as well as you can.

He's gonna say in a moment about Jesus being anointed, not with oil. But by the Holy Spirit, you know, Aaron was anointed with oil. Jesus was water. Baptized and then the spirit descended upon him. He says The one who came was not like the old prophets, It's not like the old priests.

It's not like the old Kings The Christ Jesus. The Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit So he's going to talk about the power that displays the truth of his being anointed as the Christ but his primary mission as the Christ or his primary activity. As the Christ is in verse 37.

Proclaiming throughout all Judea beginning from Galilee After what, After the baptism, which John preached? I'm not interesting.

We are accustomed to saying, John the Baptizer. Don't want to confuse, you know, current denominations with the identity of the man. But here in Acts 10:37 he's John, the preacher, not even John the baptizer because he's proclaiming repentance. Is as he baptizes as a seal firming, by a physical visible display.

The need for that repentance, It's a different thing than Christian baptism. Will see that and act 19 when you know, wonder what were you baptized into the baptism of John and so forth. But you see the point here Peter is saying, God was a preacher to Israel for 2,000 years and then the one who was to prepare the way for the Christ.

I mean, that's the great significance of John is that there was supposed to be someone who prepared the way, right, That was prophesied. And you would know that the Christ was coming when the preparer of the way came and the preparer. How did he prepare By preaching? And then when the Christ came, what did he do?

He preached and then after he had done this preaching of peace with God through himself as the Christ and displayed the, the authenticity and the power of his salvation. After Jesus had done that in all Judea and starting from Galilee and he ends up in Jerusalem. What happens to him?

Peter says we are witnesses of all the things, which he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. God raised him up on the third day and showed him openly, not to all the people but to witnesses chosen before by God.

Even to us who ate and drank with him. After he rose from the dead. Here's Peter learning that when God cleanses someone when when he sets them apart to himself and he brings them to himself. He he makes them okay to eat and drink with by the atonement of Christ and by the righteousness of Christ and he's processing.

That Jesus, who is God in the flesh and had died and risen again for him? What had Jesus done? Jesus had eaten and drunk with him, How convicted he must have been than just four days ago. He wouldn't have been willing to eat and drink with Gentiles for whom Jesus had died and to whom Jesus was supplying his salvation.

If Jesus would eat and drink with him, shouldn't he eat? And drink with whomever. God has cleansing through faith in Jesus Christ, and by His blood, giving of his spirit was one of the great, the points of contention, during Jesus's earthly ministry, Heats and drinks with sinners. But even after his resurrection, he still ate and drank with sinners and even to this day, He still comes to table with sinners.

He shows himself forth and word and sacrament but especially in the preaching of the word He had shown himself in an electing open, showed him openly verse 40 but electing selective, not to all the people. But to witness his chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with him, after he rose from the dead and he commanded us to do what to preach.

God chose Israel. He was bringing a salvation through them. And how did he announce that salvation to them? He preached faith in Jesus Christ for remission of sins, through all of their prophets verse 43. God sent the preparer and what did he do? He preached the necessity of repentance but that there was one coming after him.

Who could actually give it remission of sins through faith in Jesus Christ. God, did that with his people. God did that through John. That's what Jesus preached. When he came peace with God through Jesus Christ starting in Galilee and through all Judea and up into Jerusalem. Jesus is murdered, but he's hung on a tree God-fearing Cornelius.

Knows what that means. He reads his Greek translation of the Old Testament. Jesus was cursed on a tree and the place of sinners rises again from the dead. And what does he do? He sends preachers to proclaim, forgiveness of sins, through faith in Jesus Christ.

This is his message. Notice we'll borrow a little bit from next. Lord's Day is text The Holy Spirit. Fell upon whom verse 44, all those who heard? The word God's appointed method. And then when Peter is giving his report back in Jerusalem chapter 11 verse 14, here reminds them or tells them that Cornelius had answered that.

Peter would tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved, the Christ who has accomplished our salvation that we hear preached. He's accomplished it. He's rendered to God, the obedience He has said the blood that takes away the guilt, He's accomplished the redemption. He defeated death, He atoned for sin, but he is also the one who applies to us the redemption that he has accomplished and he does it through the Word preached.

Yes, he uses a sacraments. Yes, He uses prayer the sacrament. What does it do that displays? And it assures that signs. And it seals what faith believes from the Word And what does prayer do? It gives up all hope and self puts hope only in God and if it's being done in a biblical way, at borrows its language and thinking from that word, So does the word preach, which we see in the sacrament And it's the word preached, which forms our prayers.

So yes, the means the words sacrament and prayer, but it's really the word. And in particular It's the word. Preached Cornelius have been reading that Bible his whole life. The holy Spirit could have just opened his eyes and given him understanding of what he had read. But what Jesus had appointed as the means by which he and all his household which ended up being pretty big on that day because he was so excited to gather everyone who could hear, which is what you do If you want your loved one to be saved.

Yes, you tell them the gospel yourself. You don't have to wait to do that, but you especially want that friend. Want that relative want? That coworker to come sit under the plain preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ from Jesus's appointed servant, because it's Jesus, who saves by the power of Jesus's Spirit blessing, the preaching of the Word God has a method

And God has a message, and you've heard most of it already the history of Christ's saving acts. Really? We should go back to verse 37. I think your outline says, 39 through 41, the preaching of Jesus and the works. Which corroborated you remember, when those who were disbelieving his words, he said if you don't believe the words at least believe the works, Do you not see the Father testifying with me by the Spirit, as I do the works that prove that I am the Christ so that you should believe everything that I hear Jesus was saying.

So Christ's saving acts His preaching and the works that tested to his preaching, his dying the the atoning death in which they killed him but they did it by hanging him on a tree Because it was an accursa death in which he bore the wrath of God, the hell that dreadful and endless torment.

You children's catechism reciters. Jesus is an endless person, So he was able to take endless torment in a few hours on the cross. You are not an endless person. Like Jesus. You have a soul that will go now forever. But he has. He is God. And man is a divine person.

He was hung on a tree. He rose again from the dead and he is the one who sends his servants, Anyone who preaches. The gospel of Jesus Christ. Should stand in front of men and not say, what I am this powerful or you. You know, God has done all that he can and now it's up to you.

That is satanic. That's not the gospel that you could fill in, where God has fallen short. We want to think that we're being reasonable when we're saying the most irrational and wicked things that you could imagine. No, it's Jesus who died on the cross. And it's Jesus, who gives faith as Jesus, who sends Peter or preachers while Peter 2, in that case.

And it's Jesus who pours, out His Spirit to attend the preaching with his own power by which he did all of those works. You say, oh, I wish we still had miracles in the churches today and I say, yes, I wish we still had miracles in the churches today.

I wish we still had the preaching of the Word of God and the hearing of believers who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit that the same spirit who who raised paralytics up from their beds and deceased synagogue rulers daughters up from their deathbeds and Lazarus out of his grave.

We're still being obeyed. So that by the preaching of his word, by those whom he has sent his spirit, would resurrect souls greater works than anything that happened. Not that anything greater works than what he was pleased to do even through his own earthly ministry.

God's message is, who Christ is what He has done, what he is still doing in the sending of preachers. And what he will do, Note that part of the gospel presentation, as we've been seeing in Romans 2, Remember then with on the day, when God will judge the secrets of men's hearts.

According to Jesus Christ by Jesus Christ. Sorry, according to my gospel Romans 2, This is part of the gospel that the one who hung on the tree, will sit on the throne, and he will judge verse 42, and he commanded us to preach the people and to testify that it is, he who is ordained by God, to be judge of the living in the dead.

That when the god man returns there is no more time. It is appointed to man to die once Hebrew says and after that judgment so that you will know that Christ will get glory from you. One way or the other, and he offers you to bring him glory in your redemption.

Lest that necessary glory which you will bring to Jesus Christ come instead by your condemnation. You say, well, I can't believe So. Yes. But Jesus can give you faith and he has brought you today to hear his gospel preach, and it is the method by which He gives that faith.

Christ has died and risen again for sinners. And he selected particular men, including Peter, to whom to show himself openly in eating and drinking, and he has continued to select particular people to whom to show himself openly in the preaching. So you come and you're gonna hear preaching and one of the things you pray as Lord Jesus by your spirit.

Show yourself openly to me as a man speaks words. And as I hear them show yourself Lord by your spirit by your power. Give me faith. Grow. My faith Christ is still sending preachers. He is even granted to us this morning, to have one of his servants stand in his unimpressiveness and speak those words by which he gives salvation and glorifies himself alone, believe in the Lord.

Jesus Christ, and you will have remission of sins. Complete forgiveness and you will say, who is he? That condemns Christ. Jesus, who has died and has risen and has ascended. And is interceding. He doesn't condemn me now. There is therefore now. No condemnation. He will not condemn me then because the one who chose me died for me, sent me a preacher.

Made me hear the words. Gave me his spirit so that by the hearing of those words, I would be joined to him by faith. Oh man, let's pray.

Lord Jesus. We praise you. Who are y'all faith? The Creator and who became a man for us? Who are the Christ anointed not by oil from men's hands, but with your own Holy Spirit, Are great and last prophet or gray type. Priests are forever. King The judge over all and how we thank you.

That you exercise all of your Almighty power to apply to us all of your perfect redemption through this humble means of a man speaking words and our hearing words do your saving work. We pray and restore us to an appreciation and desire for and attendance upon the preaching of your word, and bring back the times of refreshing.

Rent the heavens and pour out, your spirit, bless your word, and give life to your church and a time. And in a place where it is so dead and so dry that it would be. So plain that all the glory belongs to you. So we ask it in your name.

Amen.