

Ask The Theologian
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so
and good morning ladies and gentlemen
welcome on this monday to ask the
theologian i'm so glad that you decided
to spend your monday
mid morning late morning lunchtime on
the east coast
with us welcome i say east coast i guess
some of you like even in michigan are
east time zone aren't you uh we're glad
you that
you are here for some good biblical
theological worldview questions
here this week programming note
everything is absolutely normal until
friday i will not be on the air this
coming friday but other than that
i will be on all the way through let's
uh start out
with bruce up in wisconsin
how excuse me what what do you know
about a requirement for a pharisee to be
married
some have said that saul apostle paul
were married but i had never heard this
as a requirement before
thanks bruce for that uh question that
is one of those
that is a a common
teaching yeah you you read it
some in theology books or history
christian history books books about the
apostle
paul you hear it a lot from the pulpit
that paul
must have been married and then there's
all the
uh you know presumptions about what
happened to his wife whether she died or
they got divorced or
he left her back in tarsus and just sent
her a check every
two weeks what was it that took place
i have looked into that before and
actually never
really found that requirement
that a pharisee be married here's what i
think happened
i think that somewhere a couple hundred
years ago maybe
somebody wrote in a book that pharisees
had to be married
now as long as it's written in a book it
is
true and especially if
it is written in a second book that
quotes the first book

if a if if a claim
has a footnote that goes to another
claim
it is absolutely solidly true
this is called academia academia
insists that everything must be
referenced and that if it is referenced
it is true
and from there you just it just begins
to snowball
you just begin to repeat it over and
over and over again
and somewhere along the way fortunately
if we're fortunate someone will question
now we have a clean desk someone will
question the assumptions
and they will follow the trail back and
they will go
and they will say hey guess what here's
the first guy that said it
and he might have even said
it could have been and the second guy
who quoted it just said
thus saith the lord here it is now
uh i'll continue to research this and i
think everyone else should continue to
research uh that as well and
uh if if it indeed was a requirement
then
then we've got it now i am always
suspicious
always suspicious when
someone appears to definitively
know and understand cultural
requirements of the day
when the preacher stands and says in
first century weddings they would always
i almost just tune out because nobody
knows what they did in first century
weddings or first century funerals or
first century
pharisaical requirements we simply don't
have it as a matter of fact
even the written law which uh
would have the rabbinical law which
would have included requirements for
pharisees
it wasn't even written at that point it
wasn't going to come about for another
couple hundred years
so the best you can do is say
200 years afterwards somebody said that
the pharisaical requirement was
again uh pharisees
were something that was only in that
roman era time period
uh and there's just as far as i know
there's nothing written there
uh the dead series dead sea scrolls
would be a good place to look
because the dead sea scrolls wrote a lot
about that era

the dead sea scrolls just in case
someone doesn't know they're not just
texts of the bible that's of course the
most wonderful and glorious part of it
but there's also a lot of other stuff in
the dead sea scrolls that took talk
about life in that day
you know do they say anything has
anything been discovered there
that'd be interesting what
do our jewish friends at chabad my guess
is uh that they don't uh tell us
anything but
i don't know let's uh check here real
quick just to
make sure and uh
let's see khabad c-h-a-b-a-d
dot o-r-g would be the place to go
and um my computer is going kind of slow
there
we go uh let's um
just look up um pharisees here
and see if we get anything on this
columbus day uh
looks like some interesting material
probably about pharisees and
sadducees uh not saying
much else let's try a pharisee
marriage how's that uh see if we get
anything there
arranged marriages that's not about the
pharisees
so just right off the bat i'm not seeing
anything there from chabad and they
probably would be the place to have it
the place might be the jewish
virtual library but my
suspicion and i suspected this enough
that i
probably would put money on it if i was
didn't have a lot of baptist blood in me
i'd go ahead and wager on this one to
say
somebody said it it got repeated over
and over
and that and for those who watch this
program like bruce often
know that that is a huge
huge problem in christianity today and
evangelical christianity even in uh
fundamentalist christianity in fact in
fundamentalist christianity i'll give
you an example in fundamentalist
christianity
that is the area independent
fundamentalists
is the area in which if you're going to
encounter someone who doesn't
observe christmas in in christianity
we're not talking about jehovah's
witness anything like that in
christianity someone who

won't have a christmas tree won't
observe christmas because it has pagan
origins
that is going to you're going to find
them in fundamentalist christianity
the problem is that all goes back to a
book in the
i don't know 17 1800's that uh
a guy wrote it and uh it that that book
has just been recited over and over and
over and over again
as the proof that christianity excuse me
that
christmas has uh pagan origins
well i think it's all uh spurious i
think it's
a hoax if you will i don't think it's
built upon good scholarship
but it's repeated over and over and
again if you repeat it enough times it's
true right
because nobody will question the
assumptions anymore and
i am uh convinced and probably uh you
know someday we ought to just do a
scientific experiment on this
uh if uh if history's not good enough
for us
but i'm convinced that you could take
really one of the most craziest of lies
and just repeat it enough times
and sure enough it's going to be true
that we
you know hitler had the idea of the big
lie and and that's what they did you
know uh
we have a book on dispensational
publishing
and i'm trying to get more so i can put
it on a special but i can't get enough
copies
it's called they thought they were free
and it is
about uh the whole hitler
time period and uh talking about the
people and
you know they thought they were uh
conquering the world for freedom
why because hitler told them that that's
why they're creating this better world
better society
and uh and and the hit the jews how
i read a book once uh listen to audio
version actually uh how do you kill six
million people
uh was the name of the book and the
answer is i'll save you the trouble of
listening or reading the book the answer
is you lie
that's how you kill six million people
we're taking you over here for your
protection it's dangerous for you to be

here we need you to be over there we're
going to take you there
and then they ended up slaughtering
there do you lie lie lie
la la la la la la la i know of a
politician who's pretty good at that as
a matter of fact he uh
had to drop out of the 1988 presidential
race because
he lied i remember that i was really
into politics in the 80s
and you know he lied he plagiarized he
was he was such a big
fat liar that the democrats said
we don't want you to be a part of us hmm
sorry i got off into politics you lie
enough
and eventually people think you're an
honest guy
strange isn't it that requirement for a
pharisee to be married
i've i've been watching for it i have
never run across
anything that i think is a legitimate
scholarship that says yes indeed a
uh pharisee did have to be married i
think they
linked you know hear this that they they
made some theological conclusions and i
wouldn't have a problem saying you know
i
i think uh most pharisees were married i
suppose most pharisees probably were
married
uh but i don't know i don't know if
nicodemus had a wife we never hear about
mrs nicodemus
if if he had a wife i should say if he
had a wife
what did she say that night that he
spent out
and didn't come home where were you
who are you talking to jake was state
farm probably
uh let's go to many in san antonio uh
rescinding my question because i'm not
sure you got it i might not have
let's see if the saints are with us
in the body of christ what do we do with
the books of peter
james first john uh aren't uh
they members of the body now this uh
goes back again let me lay a little
ground uh work for
uh for what we've got here uh the
the saints in the first century is what
we're talking about because that's who
peter james first john was written to
uh so my uh
my explanation i believe it was last
week or so uh
is that a person

like peter james
they hear the grace gospel of paul
they receive it they become part of the
body of christ
and yet they haven't forfeited
their rights and privileges under the
covenants of israel
uh for uh for
for israel or for the kingdom so
now if they are part of the body of
christ and as part of the body of christ
they write first and second peter
or james or first john
uh does that in any way
make those letters to us i don't think
so let me give another example
and then swing back around to there i
think it's my position
that the apostle paul wrote the book of
hebrews
uh i writing the book of hebrews
it's still not a letter that is to us
the epistle to the hebrews is to the
hebrews
and when you try to apply it to us
that's when you get into uh problems
that's when you begin to talk about
losing salvation and all the other
things
because you misunderstand the recipients
of the letter and the purpose of the
letter really you got to put those two
together because the recipients of the
letter
let's suppose that the the book of
hebrews was
written to was written by paul
who certainly was in the body of christ
and he's writing it to hebrews
who are also in the body of christ now
the both the author and the recipients
are in the body of christ
but it's not a letter to the body of
christ
it just so happens that the author and
the recipients are in the body of christ
but the content of the letter is about
the national message
to the hebrews it is about the last call
to the kingdom
and uh so in our lovely little chart
here
uh hebrews would uh be again really
right over here uh maybe even after the
acts
period completely and right over here at
the very end of the transition
and hebrews is as i've called it the
last call for the kingdom
so there's this transition so it was
written
from a guy over here two

guys over here about this
just happens to be that the guy over
here and the guys over here uh that he's
writing it to were
jewish people who are also here in this
period of transition
now i would put the uh books of peter
first and second peter
james first john hebrews first second
third john probably the book of
revelation even
i would put all of them to say
that uh even even if the recipients
were included in the body of christ it's
the content
that matters and so it's kind of
easy and and this is actually you bring
up a good point because this is sort of
sloppy talking
it's easy to say hebrews is to the
hebrews and therefore it's not for us
or peter was to the scattered tribes and
it's not for us
but the truth is among those scattered
tribes both peter and the people he were
writing to
he was writing to were recipients of the
mystery gospel under paul and they had
received the mystery gospel under paul
it's very clear in ii peter chapter 3
that they had and they believed and
peter endorsed paul's gospel so the
recipients
were you know members james would be a
little different because it's so early
but all the others you know the people
who got that and the people who read
that were part of the body of christ but
it wasn't
to the body of christ it was delivered
to the body of christ perhaps addressed
to the body of christ but the content
was for the jewish nation
the content was for the saints
and their neighbors their jewish
neighbors in order to
guide them towards repentance for the
arrival of the kingdom of god
so when you read the book of hebrews
it's the last call of the kingdom when
you read 1st and 2nd peter they are
words to the redeemed who
happen to be jews but it's really about
how does a jew live
in these uh times hopefully that uh
helps now
uh it that you know it's um
uh it's it's it's a deep and difficult
issue so continue to keep uh
digging at that until you fully
understand greg in north carolina
locust north carolina do you have

locusts in north
in locust north carolina i suppose you
do you have a big statue of a locust
in locust north carolina
did they tear it down i think in santa
fe today there's a little
uh greg's originally from this part of
the world uh so greg and santa fe i
understand they're trying to tear down
the oblique today
in the plaza in santa fe um
though the mayor has come out pretty
strongly against it that's good
but i don't know something about
indigenous people's day as they call it
here
you and i would call it columbus day uh
and uh let's see i deleted your question
too uh earlier but uh we got to talk
about locust but i remember the question
and that is
will god change the tilt of the earth
yesterday in the sermon on the book of
revelation we were talking about the
remodeling of the earth
and uh
you know i'm going to say no but but let
me start out with yes how's that
uh some of the things that happened the
cataclysmic events that happened in the
book of revelation
could that be all totally caused by just
taking that
little tilt and and and shifting it a
little
this direction or that direction uh even
to the tiniest
tiniest little degree and that causing
the earthquakes and the weather changes
and all that that comes in the in the
last days and
uh some of the events that uh take place
there
maybe i don't know the science on that
strong enough but
maybe you could argue that yeah that
would cause all those things
you you possibly would have to argue
that it would cause
so much more than that i
i remember a sermon years ago by dr bill
toller uh that
he went all over the country uh
preaching this sermon about
how intricately everything was created
uh by
uh by god and the the placement you know
that you've got the sun
uh 93 million miles away and if yet if
it was just you know another five miles
away
uh we'd freeze death another five miles

closer we burned it
i don't know you know i i don't remember
all of his statistics i'm sure he
studied it
uh more because he did that uh sermon
over and over and over again
uh and it was really a fascinating thing
about
the the intricacy at which our world was
put together now i remember
him talking about the tilt of the earth
i'm getting my science from a preacher i
don't know if he was right or not
somebody should study this more than i
but i remember him talking about if the
tilt was a little bit more one way or
the other we would all just be flung off
and a little bit less we'd all be sucked
in
and it had had something to do with the
gravitational pull
now here's the reason ultimately i'm
going to come around and say no
it appears to me and i could be wrong
here but it appears to me
that the tilt of the earth was not
changed with the curse if it was then
i'd say he's going to change it
but it appears to me that the tilt of
the earth the rotation of the earth of
its axis
the revolution of the earth around the
sun
that those were things that were not
changed with the curse
and it appears to me that what we're
going to do in the book of revelation
is remove the things that came with the
curse now
i would say that uh even the mountains
and the islands
are really an ultimate um
uh result of
the curse uh right here in our
neighborhood
if you were to uh just uh
drive out uh a few miles uh
you would uh see uh there's a decent
picture of it uh the rio grande
gorge um and
uh let's see there's our bridge uh i
think it's the second highest bridge in
america i could be wrong on that
uh but uh uh often take tourists out
there because it's just a few oh here's
the
bridge with uh
um what do you call that when you change
a picture
photo photoshop here's our bridge with
photoshop
they put locus north carolina grass

uh all over our bridge there might be
30 minutes a year that it would look
like that
i would say normally it looks more
that's that's actually a pretty green
picture
right there of the rio grande gorge once
again
there's our bridge and our mountains and
our
blue skies and
uh there's uh yeah that one they didn't
turn quite so green but anyway what i
was
looking for an aerial view of that
let's uh we'll see if we can find one
here because i'm talking about
uh you would you'd think i'd be able to
find a real good picture here's
we're going to go with this one right
here
basically it's flat land and then
a huge split
in the earth that is just
almost like uh you know a giant
fingernail came in and
and it fits together on both sides if
you were to move it back it would be
there
now what i say is that
that and the mountains all around
came from the cataclysmic events of the
flood
and the emptying out of the uh
of the cavities of the earth of water
and then after the flood
you know maybe uh 10 15 100 150 years
after the flood as those begin to cave
in and the mountains begin to come up
you can find places all over the
american west here as you know greg that
you can tell that mountain was made by
the ground just
sinking on one side and raising on the
other side and the mountain goes up like
that and then it and then it
cracks right there in albuquerque you
got one uh and
uh that that's all a result of the curse
so put that back together like it was
in the beginning i think that's what
happens in the remodel of the earth
i think that you probably
would have to lean towards if you looked
at all the science you would have to
lean towards
the tilt of the earth was not changed
through all that
uh and uh i
appreciate uh your question oh another
one from uh greg
banner day for greg here uh let's uh go

to
john chapter 17 verse 30.
um in john 17 30 jesus says
talio it is finished
and it must not be john 17 because
there's only 26 verses
there but um
i'm sure it's a reference to jesus on
the cross when he says
it is finished using the word teleo
um and in revelation 16
17 the voice at the temple door says
ginamai it is done what's the difference
in the significance of these two words
okay
even even with uh the wrong reference
there i can uh
tell you uh genomic
is the word that uh
it's often used as as
to be born actually not a word for
beginning but
uh it is it is born it is accomplished
it
uh you know we've given birth to this
thing we get the word generation
out of all of that and it
is uh the word that
has much more of an accomplishment
teleo is a word that has
the end in view and what is going to be
accomplished let's
uh let's go to revelation
16 uh verse 17.
here it is done let's uh
pull up in strong's this particular
greek word genomic if we go to the
bottom okay let's go to the
root this is the root right here i was
hoping and he doesn't have
um the
comparison um
often at the end this is a different
word right here often at the end he'll
have these synonymous entries right here
and i love those um
or the theological word book of the new
testament would be good because it would
give us the comparison of those also
but i don't have them on my computer
here to show but
um gino mai i think has much more
of the idea that um
it that that something physically has
changed
whereas teleo we have accomplished a
goal
i think that uh you know if
if i accomplish the goal of uh you know
i have
learned learned the abcs then it's a
tele-eye

if it's i have accomplished the goal of digging the ditch and now the ditch is dug
then it would begin am i that there's actually a physical change in there now i'm not enough of a greek expert to totally go by that so
let's do a little digging in some of the resources and see if we can find uh all of uh all that that was there what happened with eli
i assume we are talking about eli uh the prophet priest in the uh scripture who uh it was eli that uh fell and died was it not
they samuel grew up with eli um and eli's
yes it was eli that uh that fell back and died
uh i want to see if i can find a picture of the place that he died it's actually a beautiful place
and
i have only been there once because it is uh one of the places that's not uh the most safe place in israel to uh go so i don't neces don't usually go there with a group
um yeah here we go
this picture ah sorry i can't get it big for you there we go
uh there's shiloh as they say shiloh is what is what we would say the the foundation stones are actually here
that's a little hard to see him from this picture but this is where the tabernacle stood for hundreds and hundreds of years
eli got word that the ark of the covenant had been taken by the pharisees and eli an old man then fell down and died uh broke his neck there at the
at the gates of the temple so here is his death place if you will not the age of the temple but the gates of the tabernacle so
here he is and uh he dies he he you may remember he raised two sons that were just uh wicked and
and and he also in a sense raised we don't know exactly how this went but in a sense he raised samuel and of course samuel was not wicked and samuel uh took and and this really became the end of the theocracy
when the priests when the priesthood was

corrupted
then the theocracy can't work and
therefore it uh passed over really into
an age of uh
prophets and this is when they begin
saying hey just give us a king
look how bad this has worked out and and
isn't that the dumbest thing
uh we had this priesthood that was based
upon
genealogy and we got some bad kids
and it messed us up so let's have a
but people um people get a derangement
syndrome and they don't think
now eli raised uh two two uh sons that
were bad
you know this is uh this is a hard thing
to
analyze what went wrong in someone
else's parenting
uh i have a few uh
i have a few thoughts about parenting
though let me just get into this as we
think about eli sons
first of all definitely when eli's sons
are
grown men and they are behaving in a way
that dishonors the
god that eli serves
and not only dishonors the god that eli
serves but
dishonors eli and
dishonors or or
brings about the destruction of the
nation
now these are grown men eli should have
said
earlier as they're grown men i suppose
they were pure as the driven snow
growing up right
uh but as they're grown men it is time
to say
get out of here i'm done
you're not welcome here as much as that
hurts
goodbye walk that way don't
turn around until you are willing to
come
in repentance before me and before god
now had eli done that it might have
saved the nation would have hurt no
doubt about it
but he had had all the hurt that you
could have at that point anyway
but how do you keep them from getting to
that point
uh i don't want to i don't want to say
that it's uh
that there's any surefire way because
uh you know god made adam and adam turn
uh his uh back up on god but i really
do think as a as a parent and a

grandparent
that you really ought to nip it in the
bud
and when you've got a three-year-old
that's throwing a temper tantrum
you have to say no
actually i would say it different if if
i had a three-year-old throwing a temper
tantrum
i would put them in the room shut the
door
and let them have their tantrum they can
have
i would let them have as many tantrums
as they want by themselves
always by themselves i'm not going to
negotiate with you
i'm not going to talk to you i'm not
going to be kind to you
i'm not going to feel sorry for you i'm
not gonna i'm not gonna say well it'll
be okay later
i'm going to stick you in the room i'm
going to shut the door
three years old by yourself and you can
all day long if you want because i'm
reading a book
now you do that twice and you'll never
have attention
temperance that thing again you won't
have one
anymore why because temper tantrums
require
an audience they require a response
so yeah i mean you know you don't even
have to spank them
you don't even have to you know say
you're in timeout or whatever you put
them in the door you shut it
say hey in our house we don't do that
come out when you're done crying two
days three days
a month whatever come out now
no one three years old okay that you
know a strong-willed three-year-old will
stay in there
45 minutes uh that's you know you got 12
baby monitors in there anyway
looking at them and these sensors
everywhere you know it's trust me
they're safe in there
and so much better to let them learn
mommy doesn't come running mommy doesn't
fix your problem
mommy doesn't care about your feelings
and
by the way mommies don't care about
their feelings
care about their obedience if they have
obedience
you'll have a lifelong of good feelings
but who cares

about they got their feelings hurt they
didn't get what they want
whatever shut the door how did i do i
always asked to end up asking that
question how did i get there from that
question but eli had some bad kids
he should have thrown them in a room
when they were three years old let them
have their uh
temper tent next time they did and and
what what happens you know they learn
these things then they say ah
i gotta have my temper tantrum when i'm
at the store
because she can't throw me in the room
at the store ah
that's when you
this is a hard thing to do you leave
your cart
you take your child you stick them in
the car seat
you drive them home never saying a word
you put them in the door you shut the
door you let them have their temper
tantrum
45 minutes later you go you pick up your
card it's still there
and you finish your shopping and it
works now here's the problem
you'll get them home and daddy will
negotiate or mommy will negotiate you
got to be
together on this that they're going in
the room
the door's shutting please by the way
slam the door
if a picture doesn't come off the wall
they didn't get the message
i mean go for it let them know
mommy ain't happy with all this now
again i mean
maybe it seems a little severe but uh it
works doesn't it i mean how many of you
raise children and uh
uh and uh that's uh that's what you did
and that uh what
but but you gotta do that when they're
you know three years old
uh if you do that even even if you know
six years if you if you didn't do it
when they're three and they're six start
at six okay if you didn't do it and then
we're six start at eight start whenever
you can
you get to a point where
they'll just uh you know teenagers they
crawl out the window and go live in the
woods in which case
okay back to your uh that was a world
view question wasn't it
uh let's go to uh tony in nebraska good
to uh

see you today uh do you think that the
must
be of first timothy
chapter 3 verse 2 applies to the whole
list
of the overseer is the overseer required
to be married based upon this
coupled with verse 5 as a proof of
ability first
timothy chapter 3 is about a bishop
then if anyone desire the office of a
bishop
this is the word episk episcopas it's
the word overseer
we would use it interchangeably and we
could argue for this to show you why but
a pastor if he desires the offers of a
pastor he desires a good work
we ought to uh in our churches we ought
to teach our boys this
that hey it's a good thing to grow up
and be a minister i've been reading
an autobiography of james adams john
adams excuse me
the the president uh president john
adams
uh and it's really a good biography
except that the biographer it was
written in
eighteen
somewhere like that late 1800s revised a
little bit in 1912.
um the only negative i have towards the
book
is that the author really kind of raked
john adams over the coals because he
wanted to be a minister
and he the the author went into
uh what a waste that would have been had
john adams become a minister
he needed to do something much more
great wonderful and glorious than that
it's just a would have been a terrible
waste of a good mind
and a good mouth had he become a
minister now
that guy needed a weapon on that he
needed to be put
in his room no he was adult he needed a
whoopin uh i've been watching the
rifleman too you know i showed you i
mean they took care of things quick
he needed to be taken care of on that
one taken to the woodshed
well uh that author
he didn't believe that the office of a
bishop was a good thing he thought it
was a
waste of a good life basically i think
we ought to
teach our children our sons that hey
to grow up and be a pastor really is

a good work you desire to do
amen we want to encourage that we want
to provide for that we want to
make that happen as a matter of fact
early church has
would make sure that those boys
got the intellectual training that they
needed
at no cost to them and the mentorship
that they needed they would provide
everything and therefore they had
preachers in the future i think we're
getting to a point where churches are
not going to
have a preacher they're not going to be
able to get a preacher
but nonetheless to get further to the
question
uh if he desires the office of a bishop
and then here's the question this must
be here
must be uh does this
uh must be apply
to the whole list of the overseer
and that is can you say a bishop
must be blameless a bishop
must be the husband of one wife a bishop
must be vigilant a bishop must be
sober now if you do take it that way
then a bishop must be
married because to be the husband of one
wife
you must be married let's look at it in
the greek and see if we can
discover anything here i'm going to
enlarge this a little bit so we can see
that a little better
and uh that's interesting here it has
it behooves now behooves
is not a word you used today probably
but
uh it's a word that is a little it's not
as strong as must be
is it uh let's go to
young's literal it behooveth therefore
the overseer to be blameless the husband
the the a uh of one wife a husband
uh let's look at darby and
uh darby said
the overseer must be uh so he used the
must be
young's literal used behooveth the
interlinear
used behooveth let's uh take this word
must be and uh
day day i
um
it it's actually tied in it's a cousin
to the word
deo from not not
not from god but from from two two
things

uh in fact uh we would say deuces
from that same word d-u-e you know you
roll the dice and you get twos it's
deuces
in yahtzee and
so uh and actually aces
and deuces ace and deuce both come from
greek words
uh so
dei ties together with this
idea for two now that
it's not really the normal word for it
is required
it's rather a word to say these things
should be tied up
together if you will uh in fact i think
you see
yes deo is the word for for tie
or bind again it's coming together with
a word for two
and let's take this particular word
let's look at it in the bible that's
what i thought is we were going to find
a bunch of times 105
times that it is used many times it's
must but other times it's ought
um and here's one in luke 24 46 king
james use behoove
thus it is written that uh that it
behooved
christ to suffer uh let's see if i
happen to have a note on that
um because somewhere
along the way i have done a notes on
there no i do not
okay uh so that's interesting you know
it behooved
christ to suffer and to rise from the
dead
on the third day well it did behoove him
didn't it
but you know should we say christ
must suffer and die it behooved christ
to suffer and die what are you going to
go with there
with this word here even in john 3 ye
must be born again
uh well it's that uh same word where men
ought to
appear to be the uh
chief use of the word down here in verse
seven is the same
moreover he must have a good report of
them
that are without now let's again let's
open up the
strong's concordance here see if it
gives us
some synonyms yes it does let's go to
5829 uh
so dei 1163 seems to be more suggestive
of moral

obligation denoting especially uh
that constrain that constrain which
arises from divine appointment
whereas this second word
signifies the necessity resulting from
time
and circumstances so uh
suggestive of moral obligation
there's this moral obligation that's the
right thing
uh for him to be blameless now
it behooves the overseer
approachable to be um
so the dark blue that you see there is
the direct
object of
to be it behooves to be the overseer
irreproachable uh
of one wife husband i would say
grammatically
that uh must be only
ties to blameless and then
we go down
to these other things it looks to me
like
um of one why i you know you could
probably i don't know that you could
prove that grammatically one way or the
other
uh probably you could get one that uh
would
would uh give it strongly this way
another that would give it strongly that
way
i think that if you were to do some
research you would find
that um
it pro you could probably find examples
going both ways
uh i think and obviously i haven't done
the study here but i think that
there's not enough grammar to go by to
say
a bishop must be blameless and must be
the husband of one wife
and the reason i say that again it comes
into does he have to be married
if he must be the husband of one wife
then not only
does he have to be married but
later on he has to be uh he has to be a
parent
as well because one that ruleth his own
house comes in
verse four having his children sub in
subjection with all gravity so he must
be married
uh one time if his wife died
he cannot get remarried even to another
woman who was never married or her wife
died can't happen because then he would
be the husband of two wives right

uh so i think that however you could
you could uh uh well let me
i don't want to run off too much too far
from the question here
uh if you were able to find
in this list of 105 times
if you could find some
similar construction where you've got
day i it behooves with a list of things
and say look it's used there with a list
of things
and it's used third time with a list of
things
then you might have a much more stronger
argument
now i happen to think that first of all
if you take this husband of one wife
and say what does it mean i think when
you look through scripture it means
he's not divorced i wrote a paper on
this years ago i don't even know that i
could find it i just wrote it
locally for my uh church
and uh later on it was the deacons and
the deacons were talking about this and
honestly one of the recurring things
that i always had to deal with
as a pastor is uh can we ordain
divorced men as deacons
and so i wrote a little uh white paper
on it uh on this passage in the
corresponding passage to deacons i came
to saying
what this says is can't be divorced
uh the husband of one wife even as we
see in the um
young's literal uh
of one of one wife a husband that's kind
of interesting uh
verbiage isn't it let's look at it in
the greek uh of one wife
husband now uh
there is this exact phrase
uh that is used the other way around
when it's talking about
taking care of the widows in the church
the widows are to be
of one husband wife and
it clearly is talking about she's not
divorced
divorcee doesn't go on the on the
widow's list
um i think this is talking about uh
that issue that a bishop is not to be
divorced now
why not um
because he's a bad man no a lot of good
men have become divorced
uh because he's committed the
unpardonable sin
no there's no such thing as the
unpardonable sin for our day and

especially for
um uh you know being in right standing
with god
no he hadn't committed the unpardonable
sin he can be forgiven he can do a lot
of service
but god has in our
fallen world established some parameters
that and and most of those parameters
are with a family in authority
that keep our world with some degree
of sanity so it says to the divorced man
there are many roles that you can have
in serving the lord
in even teaching
for example in writing in
some forms of missionary service yeah
you can do all those that's not
prohibited
here it's talking about the leader of
the local church
needs to be that example that says
i've got a marriage that's together uh
i've got a marriage that has uh stood
the test of time
and that requirement now there's a lot
of married men that shouldn't be pastors
because their their marriage is not uh
any good
so it's not you know i don't think just
because you can say you're the husband
of one wife means that
you're fit to be a pastor either thanks
uh for
the word uh there um
and i appreciate that uh let's see
do you think jesus knew he was dying for
our sins
if so why pray let this cup pass
excellent
michael from cucamonga welcome good to
see you today um
uh
what is the passage um
that that i'm thinking of
uh
and
okay sorry michael had to think through
that uh did jesus
know he was dying for our sins he
certainly
knew um that he
had to die and he certainly knew
that this was the father's plan not my
uh
and
i would say he certainly knew that
messianic reign was dependent upon
the death burial and resurrection i
think you can build that from the old
testament scriptures and obviously he
did he know that god was going to

offer based upon his death burial and resurrection
this age of grace i think you could probably argue that he did not know that and that is really more where the death for our sins comes in
however if you can take and connect it for the jewish people you know maybe you could tie that in there i think you probably got a fairly weak argument i think
uh that um what does isaiah 53 say does it give any um indication uh of sins uh in isaiah 53.
uh tell you what let's just look at that uh who with believed our report for he shall grow up as a tender plant as a root out of the dry ground he has no form or comeliness
and when we shall see him there's no beauty that we should despite should desire him he is despised and rejected of men a man of sorrows acquainted with grief
as we hid and we hid as it were our faces from him
he was despised we seemed him esteemed him not
he had borne our griefs carried our sorrows yet we did esteem him stricken smitten of god and afflicted he was wounded
for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities now that i think gets pretty close into saying that he understood because he certainly would have known isaiah 53 and knew known that it applied to him
that he understood that uh it was for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities and with that you could even go into genesis 3 15 and see the stomping on the head and getting the bruised heel and why was that it was because of the sin of adam and the sin of adam really is the only one you need
you don't don't need uh michael's sin and rancho cucamonga
in order for jesus to have to die uh michael would have needed to that had he lived uh pure as the driven snow and never sinned
once so in that sense uh dying for uh because of sin and to eradicate sin does seem like jesus would know that at least the adamic sin

which which damned us all uh so
if so why pray let this cup pass
you know it almost as you look at that
again it does sound like huh
you know let them eat cake uh
i i as long as i live here in my comfort
then all is good
i think that in one sense it does show
the humanity of jesus
and i think he doesn't want to go
through the pain
that's understandable i think we have to
take that whole context he didn't
just pray let this cup pass he prayed
if there is any way then let this cup
pass
but not my will but thine be done
so i think the overall message of that
was
i wish i didn't have to go through with
this but i do have to go through with
this because prophetically i am going to
be
wounded for their transgressions and
bruised for their iniquities
uh but i know that my soul will not
decay in hell i know that this is going
to end well
but isn't there a different way for it
to end well uh
is is uh how i would look at that uh
great uh
great question and looking through there
thank you pastor rick out fresno
california
it is claimed by anti-dispensationalists
that c.i scofield abandoned his wife
and his daughter is there any truth
to this well as
a matter of fact um
if one went just for example
say to dispensational publishing and
they decided to get my mark book at
twenty percent off
and they discovered that i think today
is the last day to get my mark book at
twenty percent off uh speaking of fresno
california carol fiendstra
of fresno being the author they might
also
while they were there uh
they might do a little google search or
not a google search a dispensational
publishing
search for the life of ci scofield
and push the wrong button there trying
to push enter there we go
um ah there we go the life of c.i
scofield get this one with this picture
on because it's the uh
it's the paperback it's cheaper um
and uh 12.99

for the life of uh ci scofield uh
and
don't have the table of contents up on
that one by the way this is one of those
you order today and read today and then
the book gets
sent to you so you can already start uh
reading it for only 12.99 you'd know the
answer to your question
moving on i'll go ahead and answer
uh yes he did
abandon his wife and daughter uh
he was early on a scoundrel
he was saved after that point
um i don't recall
if he got remarried or stayed single
uh i've read the book i should know this
but he was not a good man
uh he was i believe he was in prison for
a while
head of the u.s attorney's office for
kansas
i may be wrong in the office but it was
a pretty high legal office
for the state of kansas a a a a federal
job
but over the state of kansas uh i
think he might have even been in uh the
kansas legislature for a while
um anyway pretty high up in politics
and uh then got into uh
some uh some stuff that got him arrested
and
put in jail uh and he served his time
there and
it was either in jail or after that that
he came to know the lord
really interesting uh story now this is
his authorized biography
uh but it doesn't seem to
hold any punches uh and um you know
gloss it up too much
uh he wasn't a good guy in his early
days so
uh really interesting to uh read of that
i appreciate it
um also from uh pastor rick
the question do you have any issue with
using the word repentance in a gospel
presentation
in this dispensation as long as it's
um i would say here's the
challenge with it even when you rightly
define it
everybody already knows how they define
it and it's hard to come up
over that hill i think i would prefer
now if i heard a person using
repentance and the word repent
uh and rightly rightly define i'm not
going to stop them from the gospel
presentation

as a matter of fact even if they're
using it wrong i'm probably not going to
stop them
because i i i would
be thrilled seeing someone share the
but i think because of the baggage of
the word
and because i was desiring to see
someone saved
i might say uh you know
i'm here to tell you about a wonderful
gift that god has provided
now we have had our own uh
you know agenda our own set of
circumstances i knew a guy once named
c.i scotland who
was you know just quite the scoundrel
and he was just living for himself
all of us have been like that and uh you
know
somewhere along the way for me it was as
a boy for you
uh you know it's here where in this
maybe in this place where you are today
somewhere to change our mind about the
things like that and to
turn our eyes towards jesus and to focus
on him can
show us this wonderful gift that he's
offering even to people like
a little boy like me or a young man like
you
and can i talk to you about thinking a
little bit differently about jesus and
about some of the things that he
provided for you
see i'd rather uh just just avoid the
whole issue
altogether uh and yet still get in
the the point that needs to be
needs to be made there now uh let me
also say
that some of you uh are
in environments in which
there is a can i say a political
necessity
to say the word repentance
uh i
i would not split a church over that
and and and uh again in especially some
of the fundamental circles
if you didn't say repent
then you didn't share the right gospel
now i think with a little training and a
little understanding those are people
who love the word and they love the lord
and they love the gospel
and i would rather work with them any
day than
uh somebody who uses the message and uh
lucy goosey and all their theology and
everything else

so in that situation i
i i let's let's just say that uh
you know i got uh
magically picked up today and dropped in
kansas city
and in kansas city uh i was assigned
to a rigid independent fundamentalist
god loving king james version breathing
dragon of a man
and we're going out witnessing
and uh uh as a matter of fact what was
that show uh
that guy you know he just would come out
suddenly he's in somebody else's life so
if suddenly i'm there
i'm knocking on the door i look and
here's this uh
wonderful uh king james version only uh
fella
and uh the door opens and there's a
family right there
and uh it's time for me to talk i don't
have time to teach him
i don't have time you know probably i'm
going to say
hey we can turn from our ways
we can repent we can change our thinking
and our behavioral change our life will
change
everything else which i'm gonna i'm
gonna throw the word out there because i
know it has to be given
who cares is what i would say i'm i i
would say let's
let's make it work uh in order to uh
help all of that now
if i'm uh if if then i get to have lunch
with the fellow afterwards or i get to
uh be his pastor or something like that
then i'm gonna do some some training and
eventually i'm going to get
people trained in there but i understand
that many
people who come from church backgrounds
in which the word repent
has been very uh strongly pushed first
of all
that it's a very good church background
that they came from and it's a healthy
church background that they came from
they need to question the assumptions
just like we need to question the
assumptions
but that's so much better than than you
know someone who came out of joel
osteen's church
uh and so hey you know this is the
baggage that i have to deal with there
that's better than the baggage that i
have to deal with over here
at least this guy knows the scripture
and is trusting of the scripture

now i can go through and i can begin to help him to rightly divide in the meantime to use the word repentance in a gospel presentation as long as it's rightly defined i would say go for it and then i would say work to where uh you you won't get kicked out of the baptist synagogue if you if you uh don't use the word uh but always give a full grace uh gospel presentation through that now i know that that answer might not have made anybody happy i don't know because here's the here's the challenge with that answer i came in between two groups and there is a group let's say over here uh since that fellow from kansas city was there there's a group of independent fundamentalists that is rigid about using the word repentance dogmatic about using the word repentance uh then there's this other group over here of let's call them right dividers and this group over here many of them preach about this guy being a dogmatic and they're just as dogmatic or preach about this guy being judgmental they're just as judgmental and they say if you use the word repentance you didn't even share the gospel now i understand where they're coming from i understand where this guy's coming from you guys can get together bacon cheeseburgers will solve the problem sit down and talk a little bit and you'll find you both love the lord you both love the word you both understand the gospel and and and preach it uh there so in my answer however uh in accommodating for this guy i probably made this guy mad and uh some of these guys might have said no wait you're way too accommodating uh so nonetheless that's uh where i would stand uh through that uh but uh but but dan does bring about a good question if you see someone drowning do you uh tell them to repent before you save them um and uh you know obviously it's an illustration that's uh you know not uh not when we we come

across every day probably
if we literally see someone drowning we
we don't care do we we don't care who
they are or anything about
all of that you know incidentally did i
tell you i was watching the rifleman
season one
i think it's number 16
um in which
an old coot from the civil war
bumped into an old coot skew
an old coot from the south bumped into
and they were both older men at that
time and you know they got into all the
brawl and all that kind of stuff
and then they began to make uh good
friends
uh it was an inspiring episode actually
about
uh you know overcoming the things of the
civil war
we could probably in time get together
on this but
uh in a in a point of uh
crisis uh you know
clearly i think those who've listened to
us very long we know that uh
what we are interested in is sharing the
grace gift of
jesus christ and what we're interested
in is
helping other people to understand what
that grace is okay i've got two more
questions and i'm not going to take any
more because i'm already out of time but
i am going to answer
um the uh oh there's three more
questions
uh i am going to answer these three
questions one is
from bev up saint croix county
and she says what difference does it
make if the man was divorced before he
came
became a christian i really agree with
you and this is where
uh i don't know that i would agree with
dr schofield later becoming a pastor
uh i think that divorce
marriage and divorce is not
really a christian thing it's uh
certainly a god thing but
it's not just christian people who get
married
and my guess is that c.i scofield when
he got married
uh got married either at a church
or uh maybe he got married by justice
the peace who knows
but either way he made a promise i would
almost
uh you know put money on this one as

well he made a promise
till death do us part and he didn't keep
that promise
uh you know when when i sign a contract
with someone i don't check first say
well are you a christian
you know because contracts only matter
for christians oh contracts matter for
non-christians as well marriage
contracts matter
so my personal position is
that if someone was ever divorced
then a lot of good things they can do
but pastoring a church is not one of
them
now schofield i think he could have
carried out just nearly all
of his good works except for becoming
the pastor of the uh
i think it was the first congregational
church in dallas which later became the
schofield memorial church
and i would have said
i i i don't think the way i interpret it
i don't think you should be the pastor
of that church
uh i want you to keep doing your bible
study ministry
i want you to keep uh uh you know
writing your schofield reference bible
all those kind of things
you've got a mind for this you can work
on it but let's not be the pastor let's
let somebody else be the pastor
you do this other work i can support
that i can encourage that
and carry that out now again i'm going
from vague memory
i don't think he ever went back and took
his wife back
and they were married again that i think
would
change that because he would be the
husband of one wife you
could
possibly you could say
if he was divorced and never remarried
you could possibly you could technically
legalistically say he's the husband of
one wife then you'd have to go back and
say
what does the what's the real meaning of
those words there it does come down to
an interpretive uh
matter again for those of you who are
divorced and
want to serve the lord uh maybe uh
you know maybe a middle-aged man who
says hey i want to
be in ministry even i think there's
plenty of good places to do it i
wouldn't

discourage you on that as at all i would
just say
the pastor of the local church is not
that place so
find uh find another place uh there and
you know it's it's it's the same way on
uh why is the husband the head of the
wife
uh and the head of the household
could you have a situation in which a
wife could be a better head of the
household than a husband
probably so i've met some scoundrel
husbands along the way
uh but this is the order that god has
set
in the fallen world in which we live and
it uh
keeps us from killing ourselves as i've
said a number of times it keeps some
sanity to what we've got so let's go
with his order
and know that of course someday god is
going to
repair all of that charles tula says
when we pray for a specific item should
we end the prayer with
sure
that your will
is in harmony with his will then
but we do live in an age
of freedom and and of uh of
of grace obviously and
so i think if i if i came to something
and i said
this is not
outside of the will of god
uh there are certainly some things that
are outside
of the will of god that are pretty clear
if you're praying for someone's early
death
praying they'll get coveted really bad
that's probably outside of the will of
god
but if you're praying for something that
is not expressly
within the will of god but it's not
outside of the will of god
then i don't i i don't think let's let's
say
i really want to buy that particular
house i
like that particular house i like the
color i like the layout i like the price
of that particular house that is the
house that i want
i don't think that god has a will that
you would be
in that house or in this house so you've
got these two opportunities that come i
wouldn't have a problem saying lord

i can live in house a or house b
i prefer to live in house a
i would ask could you arrange all the
circumstances in life that everything
would work out that i could get
into house a i don't see any reason
saying now not my
not thy will but not my will but thine
be done
because i don't think he has a will on
which house you live in
uh obviously uh you know you might be uh
financially irresponsible with one or
whatever and that comes into the will of
god
but i think we live in such a different
age that
uh that only
only if you really are uncertain is this
within the will of god
uh would i do that but i don't know that
it's uh i mean i don't think it's a
problem
anywhere to have that attitude that i
want the will of god and sometimes my
heart is deceptively wicked and leads me
the wrong way
and so lord first of all give me wisdom
and
help me to understand as i get counsel
as i read the word as i
fellowship with other believers as i
share with them as i ask the theologian
whatever
provides some way for some wisdom so
that then i can make the right decision
then i can move forward
with with confidence in that
thank you surely out in ridgecrest
california
starting to say north carolina because
there's a ridgecrest north carolina
and i understand now that lifeways got
it up for sale
that's a southern baptist deal but we'll
talk about that another day perhaps
surely last question of the day on this
overtime day but i wasn't with you
friday so i'm making up a little for it
right
a friend excuse me argued against the
pre-trib rapture
saying we won't be gathered together
unto the lord
until after the falling away and after
the son of perdition is revealed
the restrainer michael they are going
from 2nd thessalonians
and paul says we beseech you brethren by
the coming of our lord jesus christ by
our gathering together with him
that you uh be not soon shaken in mind

or be troubled neither by spirit nor by
the word
nor by letter as if from us as that the
day of the lord
is at hand the day of the lord is
uh the the the second coming
this the the the subject
what comes first is the day of the lord
uh
we have uh
at dispensational
publishing also yeah if you after you
search for schofield if you go down
and just do a search for the day of the
lord i
think we will find yes the day of the
lord project by brian ross and david
reed this particular
uh book here is in outline
form uh and it's only six dollars
and
the taos prophecy conference 2019
are the videos for this i say all that
say that defines
the day of the lord the day of christ
and the day of the lord here it's uh
all spoken over there and we're talking
about
the second coming there now that let no
man deceive you by any means for
that day shall not come now this is a
little interpretive notice it is
italics but i think it's a i think it's
a valid interpretation
that it's not talking about our
gathering
but the day of christ shall not come
except there come
a falling away first
oh did i mention that after you search
for the day of the lord you could click
that little box right there and type
falling away as i have done before i see
there and
uh in that then you would find
uh let's go down here somewhere you'd
have just the book there you go
the falling away a second look at second
thessalonians chapter 2 verse 3
to see what the falling away
means so the day of christ will not come
except there be a falling away
first not the rapture and surely what
they're arguing is
that the gathering will come after this
it's the day of
christ that will come after this uh even
if you
you take this as the tribulation the day
of christ brian
and david don't and i don't either i put
that more of the

return of christ but even if you argue
it's the whole tribulation
then the tribulation does not come until
there's a falling away even if you take
that in the normal
apostasy sense then fine
it doesn't it comes before the day of
christ and
and it's not talking about our gathering
with him uh the son of
of uh the man of sin be revealed the son
of perdition
now that is to say prior to
the return of the lord the son of
perdition is going to come
or even prior to the tribulation because
the son of perdition is very much a part
of the tribulation so
i think what they've done is they kind
of conveniently took part of that verse
but not that
whole verse or part of that passage that
not that whole passage
and they applied these things in verse 3
to the gathering together with him and
said
these things have to happen before we're
gathered together
now if paul had always
taught that these things happened
before we come together that had been
paul's teaching
if always and forever paul had said
that here's what we're going to go
through folks we're going to go through
a falling away
we're going to go through the man of sin
the son of perdition is going to come
exalt himself before god and taught all
those things and then
we're going to be gathered together with
him if that's what he had taught
then why would they be soon shaken in
mind or troubled either by a spirit or
by word or by letter from us that the
day of christ was at hand
they if the day of christ was at hand
and paul had always taught a post-trib
rapture
they would be saying hallelujah we made
it
it wasn't so bad after all we're here
so the whole logic falls apart when they
begin
when they begin to do what your friend
has
done here and arguing against the
pre-trib rapture based upon this a lot
of people do argue
against the pre-trib rapture based on
this actually i
uh i came to a pre-trib rapture based

upon this passage right here
and uh um
i happen to have written about it
in uh why i am a pre-tribulational
pre-millennialist uh which uh you can
do a little search right there and uh
well we got a number of things there we
go just that little uh
book right there you notice all the
books look at that 2.49
blood sweat and tears poured into that
for 249. i think of that when i go to
um we don't have one here so i haven't
been in years you know those 99-cent
stores
and they sell a dozen eggs for 99 cents
i'm thinking that poor hen had to sit
there
12 times spitting those eggs out
the farmer had to go squeeze the chicken
you know get the egg
12 times for 99 cents
what a deal well
you can get this one for 249. and those
other two for six bucks or whatever we
talked about
and all that uh and this one's 14.35
oh what a what a day now this happens to
be
columbus day which means the mail's
not running today but go ahead and order
today we'll have it in the mail
for you tomorrow been so nice to be with
you again sorry i
kept you a little late here hope you
were able to stay with us uh
and uh catch those uh those you were
watching the archives i hope you haven't
missed an episode of the rifleman or
anything like that
uh but it's been wonderful to be with
you today get you an african violet
that's what you need
uh and that that's better than a reason
for live
i should write a book the african violet
driven life
just stop and smell the african violets
every now and then glad to have you with
us here
uh today i look forward to being with
you tomorrow again every day this week
for
uh all of our asta theologians and
wednesday night and thursday night every
day
but friday i'll be off on friday headed
down to a wedding that i'm
officiating at this weekend and we will
see you
you