

# Who is our Teacher?

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Well, we have a very beautiful day here today. It's a beautiful Sabbath with the sun shining and the snow all glistening and the rabbit tracks all across the snow and the bird feeder being bombarded.

The title I have chosen for this bible study today is, "Who is our Teacher?". There seems to be a tremendous amount of confusion about who is our teacher in many circles today. There are a lot of people who have confused the **function** of a teacher with **who** is the Teacher. There are gifts that are given by Jesus Christ. One of them is that of being capable of being a teacher. But does that mean you are The Teacher? No it doesn't. A lot of people have been deceived into thinking that these teachers, people who proclaim themselves to be teachers, have received this ability from Christ and that it is some type of rank that belongs to only special individuals. We will cover that a little later in the study. For it is very important to our calling.

We live in an age described in many prophecies as the time of the end or the end of the age. If one were to put all the prophecies of that time together and read them back to back, the same human being without God's spirit would never want to be involved with that time frame in any way shape or form. It is a time that will be denoted as anti-God, with immorality and violence as its trademarks. Greed runs wild throughout and mankind does what is right in his own eyes. Yet at this same time there will be great technological advancements and economic progress. What is right will be wrong and what is wrong will be right. Men and women will struggle to rule one another just to be the dominant player in their relationships. False prophets cover the landscape having a form of godliness but denying the power of God. They seek those they can conquer and have dominion over, to rule as emissaries of their god, claiming rank and privilege over all that they can deceive. This is the time setting of the church of the Laodiceans. A time of deep indifference towards God. A time of hollow words and hurtful deceptions. This is the time we find ourselves in today. Daniel was told that at the end of the age, that many shall be purified,

made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. Hosea tells us, or for that matter asks us, in Hosea 14:9:

9: "Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them."

This is a time of extreme arrogance when men proclaim before all that they in fact do that, but God hears it as, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing." This is a time when men claim great titles such as god's representative on earth, god's one anointed, god's apostle, and the end time Elijah. They claim great authority and power over men and become benefactors to the deceived. They claim great privilege, of that which is only God's. God calls these men, "wicked shepherds, worthless shepherds, false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, deceitful workers," and those who serve them, "hirelings, etc..." Let's turn to Ezekiel 34 to read about them. Verses 1-10,

1: "And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
2: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?"

This is a key to recognizing them. We can't forget that. It is a pattern. Verse 3

3: "You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock."

Micah 3:11 says,

11: "Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, And her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us."

Continuing in Ezekiel 34,

4: “The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.

5: So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

6: My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.” [And that means in the sense of the shepherd, the shepherds of spiritual Israel.]

7: Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8: as I live, says the Lord GOD, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock”

In other words, God is pointing out right here that their attention wasn't towards what they were supposed to be doing. They were not doing what He had wanted them to do and that is strengthen the weak, heal those that are sick, bound up the broken, bring back what was driven away, or seek what was lost. They didn't do that even though that's what a shepherd does. Instead they were too busy feeding on the sheep, extracting from the sheep what they could get, rather than them giving to the sheep. Continuing in Ezekiel 34,

9: “therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD!

10: Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, [that's a prophesy for our time right there.] and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; [Another prophesy.] for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.”

That should be very sobering to anyone who considers

themselves a shepherd. We've seen a lot of brethren scattered, doctrinally and geographically. And it's continuing, it's becoming more refined all the time, because God has a purpose here. He says, “I will deliver my flock from their mouth that they may no longer be food for them.” That's the scattering, but yet He's going to do something else too. The two go hand in hand and we'll get into that here shortly. Jeremiah tells us in 10:21,

21: “For the shepherds have become dull-hearted, And have not sought the LORD; Therefore they shall not prosper, And all their flocks shall be scattered.”

That's the state of affairs that God's sheep are in today. All the little Lord Fontroys are running around claiming to be the chosen leader of God. They're not worried or concerned about feeding the sheep, but rather feeding on them. They're all fighting amongst themselves as their feeding frenzy intensifies as the number of sheep diminishes because of their scattering. These worthless shepherds seek alliances with governments. They seek the recognition so they can form great organizations for their mutual benefits. These alliances have become known as “churches” with all claiming to be the true one. Let's look at Ezekiel 13:1-23,

1: “And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2: Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, Hear the word of the LORD!

3: Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!

4: O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. [They're empty, there's nothing there. You don't find foxes out in the desert do you? No, you find scorpions and snakes. They're so out of place we should recognize that. That's what God's telling us here. We find an environment that is full of cold-blooded, inhabitants.]

5: You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD. [These worthless shepherds have not prepared their sheep for the return of Christ.

They were to feed them and strengthen them in the way of the Lord, but they didn't. They would give them enough milk to keep them alive so that they became dependant on them rather than build them up and edify them so they could stand and hold fast as the day approaches. That's why He likens them to foxes. They think they're pretty shrewd, but they're in a place where they haven't got any food any more. They're in the desert. That's a dumb fox, yet they think they're pretty smart and cagey and look where they end up in a place where there's nothing to eat.]

6: They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, Thus says the LORD! But the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. [In other words, they're hoping that what they said comes true.]

7: Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, The LORD says, but I have not spoken.

8: Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you, says the Lord GOD.

9: My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

10: Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, Peace! when there is no peace—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar —

11: say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.

12: Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you, Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?

13: Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it.

14: So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be

uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.”

What have we built on? What type of a foundation have we built on? Bricks, straw, little stones! What type of foundation? Or is it upon the prophets and the apostles and Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. It's important that we understand what these prophesies are talking about and what they're likened to. Look at Ephesians 4:11-16 Here's what it's supposed to be built upon. Here's how the body of Christ should function.

11: “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [To be in charge? Absolutely not.]

12: for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, [Not the ministry] for the edifying of the body of Christ, [**Why? For what purpose?**]

13: till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [Not to be dumbed down. Not to be turned to a benefactor.]

14: that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [We are supposed to by reason of use, be able to discern right from wrong. Not being hand fed the milk of the word. There's a point when we're supposed to grow up.]

15: but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— [Not some surrogate.]

16: from whom the whole body, joined and knit together **by what every joint supplies**, according to the effective working **by which every part does its share**, causes growth of the body **for the edifying of itself in love.”**

Not these folks who are talked about in Ezekiel 13 or 34. They don't function that way. On the contrary, they kept the sheep dumbed down. Paul said to the sheep, “For though by this time you ought to be teachers. You need someone to teach you again the first principles of the scriptures of God, when you have

come to need milk and not solid food.” This is a result of a system of false prophets, worthless shepherds and hirelings. Because it is designed to keep brethren dependent on them. Continuing in Ezekiel 13,

15: “Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it, [The scattering is coming to such an extent that these worthless shepherds, will be feeding on themselves. There’s not going to be anything left.]

16: that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace, says the Lord GOD.

17: Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, [There’s a lot of things we could look at in that scripture. There’s a huge resurgence of self proclaimed prophetesses today.]

18: and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the women [It says women here, but it should say to them.] who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive?

19: And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, [Sounds like a death penalty to me.] by your lying to My people who listen to lies?

20: Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. [How do you hunt a bird? With a trap. You can’t fly after the bird to catch it. You can’t do it on its own terms. You have to trick it. You trick it to come underneath the trap. Then you pull it and let the trap come down. That’s exactly how these organizations do it and we’ll get into that in a bit too.]

21: I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I

am the LORD.

22: Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life.

23: Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

These are the worthless shepherds being talked about here. The shepherds and those who are their willing accomplices and those from among their ranks.

These false prophets try to collect all the sheep up after the wall is broken, by great swelling words and professing comfort and smooth things. They tell them there is no danger, don’t keep your guard up, turn and come back to us for we love you and want to fulfill our commission from God to serve you. The called of God had better beware! Zechariah 11:8-11,

8: “I dismissed [Or better translated, cut off.] the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul [Notice not souls, but soul as in a unified voice.] also abhorred me.

9: Then I said, I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. [We see the same time frame here. They’re not going to have anything to feed on anymore.] Let those that are left eat each other’s flesh.

10: And I took my staff, Beauty [grace], and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. [In other words He took back his spirit, folks.]

11: So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD.”

We are witnessing these things today. They make our hearts very sad, but nonetheless we are to continue, not as sheep being fed on by worthless shepherds, but by following the one true Shepherd. Ezekiel 34 once again. After He says all that He says to His irresponsible shepherds, He tells us what He will do in verses 10 & 11.

10: "...I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.

11: For thus says the Lord GOD: Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out."

That's exactly what Christ is doing in this end time.  
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20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. [In other words, He's come looking for us. That's what He says right here.] If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

It is very important to understand how all this goes together. Look at Ezekiel 34:12-15.

12: "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. [Yes, He's gonna do that and how does a shepherd seek out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep? **One by one!** That's how He does it, because they're scattered in all directions so He has to go looking for them individually, bring them to a safe fold. He's the shepherd, no one else does it.]

13: And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14: I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15: I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD."

In other words, there's going to be peace in their life, true peace. But not as a lot of folks think. Many think peace is just the absence of war. That's not peace. That's not peace at all. You can be at peace in the middle of a war. But people don't understand that and that's what God is talking about right here. He's going to feed them, as these organizations war back and forth amongst each other and the religions of this world do

the same thing. Jesus Christ says you're going to be there in the midst of it. You're going to be up above it on that high hill looking down on it and you're going to be at peace because I'm feeding you. You've turned to Me, not to any of them. Verse 16

16: "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

The sheep became very lean, but the shepherds became very fat [physically speaking] and they clothed themselves in the hides of the sheep. Everything that the sheep produced they took, claiming it was their right to do so. Yes, Christ promises us, I will never leave nor forsake you. So we may boldly say, the lord is my helper, I will not fear for what can man do to me spiritually. That's why we're at peace. Let's look at something very interesting about Christ's message to the churches back in Revelation 2:1.

1: "To the angel of the church **of** Ephesus write,"

In verse 8 something changes and continues right through to the last era.

8: "And to the angel of the church **in** Smyrna write,"

Now did you notice that? The angel of the church **in** Smyrna. Where it's the church **of** Ephesus. Now look at verse 12.

12: "And to the angel of the church **in** Pergamos write,"

Verse 18

18: "And to the angel of the church **in** Thyatira write,"

Revelation 3:1

1: "And to the angel of the church **in** Sardis write,"

Verse 7

7: “And to the angel of the church **in** Philadelphia write,”

Verse 14

14: “And to the angel of the church **of** the Laodiceans write,”

It is very important to understand the significance of the church **of** Ephesus and **of** Laodicea as compared with the other five being **in** a city, in a fortified place, in something that has walls. It’s very, very important to our understanding of the prophesies found in Ezekiel and other places. It is one thing to be **in** a city and a very different thing to be **of** a city. I can be **of** Kendall, New York, born there let’s say, but not be **in** it. My roots may be **in** it, but I may reside someplace else. But I will always be **of** it. I hope we clearly understand that and see it. Let’s read Revelation 3:14-22.

14: “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16: So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will [Or better translated, am about to.] spit you out of My mouth.

17: Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing ——and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—— [I can honestly tell you I felt I was rich and in need of nothing when I was in the Worldwide Church of God. We thought we were it. We were convinced we were it and there was no other.]

18: I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; [It’s like the kid’s story, the king without clothes. Do we remember that? He was convinced he had beautiful clothes on. He didn’t have any clothes on at all. He was as naked as a jay bird. It took some little kid out there hanging on a tree to tell him when he was

going by, hey that kings got no clothes. Then everyone started laughing because everyone knew the king didn’t have any clothes but for one reason or another weren’t telling him he didn’t have any clothes. Deception can run thick and it can run long.] and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19: As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

20: Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21: To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Christ is talking here to a group of people who had their roots in Laodicea, so they are of Laodicea but no longer in it. They’re out of it. He’s in search of them. Verse 20

20: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice “

They’re scattered. He comes looking for them. It’s important we understand these things. Yes, we are of this era. Our roots were in it. We were begotten in it, but we have come out of it. Revelation 18:4 applies physically and spiritually.

4: “Come out of her, my people,”

This era is the time of great organizations all claiming to be the one and only. All tied solidly to Babylon. In Rev 3:20 Christ is out seeking us. We are not in one place. We are scattered just as He foretold in Ezekiel 34 and elsewhere. We’ve formed a covenant with Him, no one in-between. No benefactors, vickers, or little lord Fontroys. No wolves in sheep’s clothing, no hirelings, no nothing, just Him and us. This is a one on one relationship. No one else can do it for us. It is our very deep sincere and personal commitment to Him. We have been weaned from milk and are making an effort to eat solid food. We have held fast and are overcoming. It has become real to us and we want to live it as Christ says we should. So we realize

we can only do it with His help, with Him living in us, feeding us. It isn't dependant on anybody else. In Hebrews 5 and 6 He tells us,

13: "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. [If we are content to feed from the bottle, held and supplied by another, then we will never be weaned. We'll never take those steps to reason of use.]

14: But solid food belongs to those who are mature, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Use of what? Use of His words so that we can discern. We can learn. He can teach us right from wrong. Where we're not depending on somebody else to explain to us what's right and wrong. We have to be able to do it our self. The bible says, if you say you know Me and don't keep My commandments then He says we're a liar and the truth isn't in us. Do we know enough to find where the commandments are even mentioned in the bible? Or do we take a guess at it. Some people don't even have a clue. Yet they say they know Christ. Can't even find where they are in the bible let alone know and understand what they are. It says we are a liar and the truth is not in us, if that's the state we're in. But that does not apply to those that have learned to walk, by reason of use. They've struggled to the table through effort. They've gotten up and fallen down over and over. They were not content with the comfort of being fed sweet smooth things. Things easy to digest with no chewing or exercising involved. He says in Heb 6:1-3,

1: "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2: of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

He's calling these, the milk of the word. We've just got to get beyond that. Then He says,

3: "And this we will do if God permits."

That's a **stunner** to a lot of people. We have to show we're willing to do it and then and only then does He **permit** it to happen, this going on to perfection. He pulls us in and we're one on one with Him. He comes seeking us and finds us. God is the one who sees us trying to walk to the table. To struggle to walk and follow Him, beyond the vain repetitions of the religious organizations and then He helps us. He helps us to succeed at dining with Him. **He becomes our Teacher** as we open the door and listen to His voice and not the lullabies of the great ones. We become a part of His body. Not some government sanctioned organization aligned with and basically patterned after Babylon with their layers of benefactors. We become mature and are not easily concerned about things like tax deductions for money given. The economic ties are severed to the Babylonian alliance in our minds. We confess our true alliance with Christ.

And that's who it's with, not to men. That brings instant division in their minds. We take up our cross and follow after Christ. It is a dark and gloomy day at first, isn't it. We are forsaken by all. We leave becoming sojourners looking only to Christ. The true Shepherd becomes our Teacher and we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let's look at 1 John 2:24-27

24: "Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father."

Now what's he talking about here? What does he mean by from the beginning? Flip the page over here a couple pages to 2 John verses 4-6

4: "I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

5: And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

6: This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should

walk in it.”

He’s not talking about some doctrine that’s been in error that some organization has put forth. He’s not saying that these are the things we’re suppose to hold fast to. The bible interprets the bible. It’s not open for private interpretations. And that’s what we have to be able to learn to do. Continuing in I John 2,

25: “And this is the promise that He has promised us——eternal life.

26: These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

27: But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Put the brakes on now folks. Who teaches us? Let’s take a good look here. Look at verse 26

26: “These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.”

Deceive here is *planao* #4105. Strong’s says it means to cause to wonder, lead astray, in the sense of to seduce. Why does John use this word here? Because he knew that these deceivers were trying to separate the brethren from their Husband, the One who they’re betrothed to. That’s why He uses a word that in its raw form means “to seduce”. It’s amazing when you go into these words and see what’s used and what was inspired by God. These deceivers were trying to get in-between Christ and His bride and seduce her away. Christ is the Head and as such the Teacher. This is a living example which He expects us to be acknowledging and exhibiting in our relationship with our spouses, as we can read. It says in 1 Corinthians 14:33-34,

33: “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

34: Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; [This is not a put down here. This is here for an example.] but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

35: And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.”

And if we understand the whole context there it’s talking about church services, about judging in church. How no more than two or three were to speak and then the others were to judge, openly, not just to believe. The women were not suppose to do that. They were suppose to go home and do that with their husband. And that’s the example Christ is trying to set here. That His bride will seek Him for learning and understanding, not somebody else. Not out there shooting her mouth off. That’s the example that’s set here. This is a pattern and it’s to be followed in all circumstances if we are to keep order and clear consciences, not allowing a seducer to enter in. It’s just between the husband and the wife. Eve listened to the serpent instead of her husband and was seduced to do evil. Many today have come claiming they are of Christ and whisper smooth things to the bride and lead her astray. Some allow these deceivers to get between themselves and Christ. They convince her that they have a better understanding of God because they are anointed by Him and become benefactors only to rule her and have dominion over her and live off her until there is nothing left. John says in verse 27 however we **individually** are anointed. So what does he mean anointed? Let’s read that again. Verse 27

27: “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

That Greek word here for anointing is *chrisma* #5545 in the Strong’s. Strong’s says it’s from #5548 an unguent or smearing, i.e. figuratively the specific endowment of the holy spirit. Vine’s says of this word, “*chrisma*, the corresponding noun to *chrio* #5548 which means sacred and symbolically anointing. *Chrisma*, however signifies an unguent or an anointing, it was prepared from oil and aromatic herbs, it is used only metaphorically in the New Testament by metonymy of the holy spirit. 1 John 2:20 and twice in verse 27, that believers have an anointing

from the holy one or christos indicates that this anointing renders them holy, separating them to God. The passage teaches that the gift of the holy spirit is the all efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the truth.” That’s what Vine’s has to say of this word.

If we have received the holy spirit of God and if it dwells in us, we are God’s anointed, part of the body of Christ. Don’t ever let anyone or anything lead you astray on this vital doctrine. The great ones have seduced many by their slippery teachings that they and only they are the anointed, the gifted ones, who are to teach the poor dumb sheep. Christ says to us in John 14:15-18

- 15: “If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- 16: And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another helper, that it may abide with you forever—— [This is the anointing folks.]
- 17: the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
- 18: I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

Here in 1 John 2:20 He tells us

- 20: “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”

John 16:13-15

- 13: “However, when it, the spirit of truth, has come, it will guide you into all truth; for it will not speak on its own, but whatever it hears it will speak; and it will tell you things to come. [That’s what the word of God does through the holy spirit, enabling us to understand it.]
- 14: It will glorify Me, [And that’s what the bible does, not try to get in-between. The holy spirit doesn’t try to do that because it’s a power, a force of God.] for it will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- 15: All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that it will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

Yes, there are no benefactors between us and Christ. When we receive His spirit we are lead and guided by it. We are anointed by it and are not in need of some surrogate teacher who wants only to turn us from our “one on one” relationship with Christ. And it’s important to understand that. 1 John 2:27 Let’s take a look at that once again. This should be very clear to us. We must believe this to partake of it, to share in it. It is very clear.

- 27: “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Let’s take a look at Hebrews 8:6-13

- 6: “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.
- 7: For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.
- 8: Because finding fault with them, He says: Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah——
- 9: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.
- 10: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- 11: None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.
- 12: For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.
- 13: In that He says, A new covenant, He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete

and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

That’s what we’re going through right now. That’s the stepping stone, that’s the stage. But that’s just a repetition of Jeremiah 31:31-34 Let’s take a look at that. Once again in a prophesy about the end of the age. Let’s read the same words here.

31: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

32: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

33: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; [This is the anointing.] and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34: No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

The deceived look to another however. They are beguiled and once they are hooked by some of the simple truths, the great ones spring the trap of government on them. They’re just like a bird. Christ says to those who would be the greatest, to those who would put themselves in that position, the following, Luke 22:25-26

25: “And He said to them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors.

26: But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.”

What a turn around that is. You don’t find that in the organizations. You’re served up. But the benefactors don’t see it that way. They use the milk of the word for bait and once hooked, you are fed a diet of

government which you begin to worship as a surrogate husband. Look what these benefactors do. Matthew 23:4-11

4: “For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5: But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

6: They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

7: greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ [Master, master or its shortened form Mr.]

8: But you, do not be called ‘Rabbi’ [or master or Mr.]; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. [How about that.]

9: Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, [He’s talking spiritual titles here folks.] He who is in heaven.

10: And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11: But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.”

Yes, we have only one Teacher. Only one has the ability to take that title. If we abide in Christ and He in us, we are of the body, His body. If so we receive the gifts of the spirit of which one is the ability to teach, as Ephesians 4:11 tells us. But this is only an ability, it’s a **function**, it’s not a title. It is given for a purpose. And once again it’s a function just as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor. [They’re all layers of rankings to those in the organizations.] 1

Corinthians 12:28 describes the order in which God gave these to the Church. These are not rankings! He says first apostles. First came the apostles. They had to. They’re the ones sent forth. Then prophets second, and thirdly teachers. It had to be in that order.

Prophets as in inspired speakers. Inspired by Him.

And thirdly teachers because people were being gathered to them at that point and were beginning to understand and needed someone to help them,

someone to teach them what the word said, so they could learn to do it on their own. Remember Ephesians 4. For the edifying, the building up of the body, not the dumbing down, til we all come to the

unity. Not just some upper cast or elite group. When we receive Christ's anointing we are expected to grow in it by reason of use. Not just sucking on a bottle all day long. We are not to become lazy and slow, but rather to test all things and hold fast to that which is good. As 1 Thessalonians 5:21 tells us. We are to abstain from every form of evil also. We are not to walk in a compromising way but to overcome, endure, and persevere. We at this time are to follow Christ's good council as He says. Revelations 3:18

18: "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see."

Yes, come out of her my people. We must no longer be **in** the church of Laodicea, but rather be **of** the church of the Laodiceans which is of the body of Christ, lead and taught by our Husband. Yes, we were in it, but we came out of her. We were scattered. He

made sure of that and now He's out collecting us back together, but with Him as the Head, Him as the Shepherd. We must never cease to dine with Him. Never allow another to come between Him and us. We must help others to see these things if they ask about the hope which lies in us. We must do our part to keep the body healthy according to the affective working by which every part does its share causing growth of the body for the edification of itself in love. Recognize your own gifts as well as others. Each one is critical to the body being healthy and being able to edify itself in love. Each of us must be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Spirit of God which unifies us, not an individual or religious organization. We are to have love for one another as Christ displayed it, even if others reject us as brethren. Only then can we begin to understand the depth and breadth of the peace of Christ in a war torn landscape.

Our peace we give to you.