

>> ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. GO THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.

>> (SINGING)

CLIFF >> HELLO, MY NAME IS CLIFF GOODWIN, AND I WANT TO WELCOME YOU HERE TODAY FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL. THE JOY AND THE PRIVILEGE IS MINE TO BE WITH YOU FOR THIS BROADCAST, AND ALWAYS I WANT TO URGE AND INVITE YOU TO TAKE YOUR BIBLE DOWN AT HOME, OPEN IT UP WITH ME, SO THAT WE MIGHT STUDY THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER DURING THIS PERIOD. I'VE ENTITLED OUR STUDY FOR TODAY SIMPLY THIS: WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST? WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST? I SUPPOSE THAT IF A MAN CANNOT PREACH ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR TOPIC, THEN HE DOES NOT NEED TO BE PREACHING AT ALL. WHERE DO WE BEGIN IN DISCUSSING AND EXPOUNDING THE WONDERFUL NATURE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST? WHERE TO BEGIN? WELL, BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION, I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO BEGIN WITH PHILIPPIANS 2:9. HERE, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE BY INSPIRATION, WHEREFORE GOD ALSO HATH HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, SPEAKING OF CHRIST, AND GIVEN HIM A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME. I THOUGHT THIS ONE PASSAGE HERE MIGHT SERVE US BEST FOR TODAY IN BEGINNING THIS STUDY, WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE IN PHILIPPIANS 2:9, THE AUTHOR MAKES IT CLEAR THAT JESUS CHRIST IS SPECIAL. IN FACT, WHEN HE MENTIONS OUR FATHER'S GIVING HIM A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE UNIQUE AND THE SPECIAL POSITION OR THE SPECIAL STATUS OCCUPIED AND ENJOYED BY NONE OTHER THAN JESUS CHRIST. I BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT WORDING, A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME. SOME AUTHORS AND COMMENTATORS, THEY STRUGGLE TO TRY AND PINPOINT A PARTICULAR NAME. FOR EXAMPLE, EMMANUEL, AS WE READ IN MATTHEW 1:23, OR PERHAPS THE NAME JESUS ITSELF MATTHEW 1:21. AND WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO IS THEY'RE TRYING TO PICK A SPECIFIC NAME THAT IS BEING REFERRED TO IN THIS PASSAGE, PHILIPPIANS 2:9. BUT I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THE IDEA OF A NAME IS MORE OF A STATUS, A POSITION THAT JESUS CHRIST HOLDS OR THAT HE ENJOYS, ONE THAT IS HIS, HIS ALONE, AND ONE THAT IS EXALTED ABOVE EVERY OTHER. AND SO THERE'S NO DOUBT AS WE USE THIS INTRODUCTORY TEXT THAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD IS SPECIAL, INDEED. NOW, WHAT I WANT US TO DO FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS STUDY, THOUGH, IS I'D LIKE FOR US TO DEVELOP THIS IDEA ALONG THREE PARTICULAR LINES OF STUDY AND CONSIDERATION. SO POINT NUMBER ONE, HERE IT IS. WHY IS JESUS CHRIST SO SPECIAL? THE SINGULARITY OF HIS NATURE. THE SINGULARITY OF HIS NATURE. YOU KNOW THAT THE WORD SINGULARITY MEANS ONE. ONLY ONE. IF SOMETHING IS PLURAL, WELL, THEN THAT WOULD DENOTE TWO OR MORE, POSSIBLY EVEN MANY MORE. BUT WHEN WE SPEAK OF SINGULARITY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ONE AND ONLY ONE. SINGULAR. WELL, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST POSSESSES A NATURE THAT IS SINGULAR. IT IS UNIQUE IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THAT WORD AS WELL. LET'S GO TO JOHN CHAPTER 1 AND BEGIN READING AT VERSE 1. THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT OPENS, IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. NOW NOTICE VERSE 3, ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM. JOHN COULD HAVE STOPPED THERE, BUT HE DIDN'T, AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT HE DIDN'T. THE SPIRIT INSPIRED HIM TO SUPPLY THIS ALSO: AND WITHOUT HIM, WITHOUT THE WORD, WAS NOT ANYTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE. THIS IS A POWERFUL PASSAGE, JOHN 1:1-3; BUT REGARDING OUR FIRST POINT, THE SINGULARITY OF THE NATURE OF JESUS CHRIST, WE WOULD DO WELL TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS PASSAGE. HERE, THE WORD, NOTICE IT, IS OFTEN ALMOST

ALWAYS CAPITALIZED AS WE READ JOHN 1. IT'S NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BIBLE, NOT AT ALL. THIS IS TALKING ABOUT A PERSON: GOD, THE WORD. NOTICE THERE THAT THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD. IN OTHER WORDS, THE WORD POSSESSED A DIVINE NATURE. HE WAS GOD IN HIS NATURE. THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD. BUT THEN IN VERSE 3, THE REASON THAT JOHN IS INSPIRED TO WRITE VERSE 3 AS CAREFULLY AND AS ELABORATELY AS HE DID IS BECAUSE IT'S TELLING US THAT EVERYTHING THAT WAS MADE, EVERYTHING THAT IS OF SUCH A NATURE THAT IT IS CREATED, IT CAME INTO EXISTENCE, IT WAS MADE, FORMED, OR CREATED, EVERY SUCH THING WAS MADE BY GOD THE WORD. NOW, THE REASON THAT IS SO IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE IT TAKES GOD THE WORD HIMSELF OUT OF THE REALM OF CREATED THINGS, OUT OF THE CATEGORY, IF YOU WILL, OF MADE THINGS. GOD THE WORD WAS NO MORE CREATED IN ANY SENSE THAN EVEN GOD THE FATHER, OR FOR THAT MATTER, GOD THE SPIRIT. AND SO THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT. LET'S GO NEXT, STAYING IN JOHN 1, LET'S GO NEXT TO VERSE 14. AND THE WORD. NOW, WE'RE IN THE SAME CHAPTER, SAME CONTEXT. HERE, WE CLEARLY IDENTIFY THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JESUS. THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, BECOMING A HUMAN BEING, AND DWELT AMONG US, AMONG OTHER HUMAN BEINGS; AND WE, HUMAN BEINGS, WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. AND SO WHEN THE CHAPTER OPENED IN VERSES 1 THROUGH 3 AS WE READ A MOMENT AGO, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME QUESTION, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME DOUBT AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THIS WORD. WHO IS THIS PERSON, THE WORD? BUT WHEN WE COME DOWN IN THE CONTEXT ABOUT ELEVEN OR SO VERSES FURTHER, WE REALIZE THAT THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST, HE WHO PARTOOK OF FLESH AND BLOOD, AS WE FIND IN HEBREWS 2:14. AND SO IT IS THAT JESUS CHRIST CAME INTO THIS WORLD, HE ASSUMED HUMAN FORM, HE WAS MADE FLESH, HE LIVED AS A MAN AMONG MANKIND. THIS OCCURRING, OF COURSE, APPROXIMATELY, ALMOST 2000 YEARS AGO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SINGULARITY OF OUR LORD'S NATURE. WHAT IS SO SINGULAR, SO UNIQUE AND SO SPECIAL ABOUT HIS NATURE IS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY BEING, THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN BE APPROPRIATELY AND ACCURATELY STYLED THE GOD-MAN. THE GOD-MAN. TOTALLY GOD, YES, ABSOLUTELY; BUT ALSO TOTALLY MAN AS WELL, IN THE SENSE THAT HE WAS MADE FLESH AND BLOOD, IN THE SENSE THAT HE WAS BORN OF WOMAN. TOTALLY MAN. LOOK WITH ME NOW TO THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS, COLOSSIANS 2:9. FOR IN HIM, NOW THE ANTECEDENT IS CHRIST, FOR IN CHRIST DWELLETH ALL. CIRCLE THAT WORD, ALL. THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. WE NEED TO COMMENT ON AT LEAST THREE WORDS IN THAT VERSE. THIS IS A MOST CRUCIAL PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE. FIRST OF ALL, LET'S COMMENT ON THE WORD GODHEAD. BACK OVER 400 YEARS AGO, IN 1611, WHEN THE KING JAMES TRANSLATORS WERE TRANSLATING THE BIBLE INTO OUR ENGLISH TONGUE, IN THAT VERSION, THE WORD GODHEAD MEANT GODHOOD. THE SUFFIX HEAD IS AN ARCHAIC FORM OF OUR SUFFIX TODAY HOOD. AND SO IF WE SPEAK OF MANHOOD, YOU KNOW WHAT WE MEAN. WE'RE DESCRIBING OR REFERRING TO THE STATE OR QUALITY OF BEING A MAN. MANHOOD. WELL, THIS WORD, GODHEAD, IS MORE READILY UNDERSTOOD GODHOOD, THE STATE OR QUALITY OF BEING GOD. ANOTHER GOOD WAY OF DESCRIBING THIS WORD AND ITS CONCEPT OR ITS MEANING WOULD BE DIVINE NATURE, THE NATURE OF GOD, THE NATURE OF THE DIVINE. AND SO IN THIS PASSAGE, COLOSSIANS 2:9, WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL IS TELLING US, OR RATHER THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH PAUL'S WRITING, HE'S TELLING US THAT JESUS CHRIST POSSESSED THE DIVINE NATURE. HE WAS GOD. THE STATE OR QUALITY OF BEING GOD, JESUS CHRIST POSSESSED GODHOOD. NOW, THE NEXT WORD THAT WE NEED TO NOTICE IS THE LITTLE THREE-LETTER WORD ALL, THAT I'VE ALREADY DRAWN YOUR ATTENTION TO. ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD DWELT IN JESUS CHRIST BODILY. AND SO WE ARE INACCURATE, IN FACT, WE ARE UNSCRIPTURAL IN BOTH OUR UNDERSTANDING AND IN

OUR TEACHING TO OTHERS IF WE PRESENT JESUS CHRIST AS ANYTHING LESS THAN GOD. ALL. CIRCLE THAT WORD, A-L-L. ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHOOD, THE DIVINE NATURE, ALL THE FULLNESS DWELT IN JESUS AS A MAN. NOW, THAT JUST BOGGLES THE HUMAN MIND, I KNOW, I READILY ADMIT THAT; AND YET THAT IS SCRIPTURAL FACT, SCRIPTURAL TEACHING THAT WE FIND RIGHT HERE IN COLOSSIANS 2:9. THE THIRD WORD IN THIS VERSE THAT ALSO MERITS OUR CAREFUL ATTENTION, IT BASICALLY APPEARS IN AN ADVERBAL FORM IN ENGLISH. IT'S THE WORD BODILY. SO HOW DID THE FULLNESS, ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, GODHEAD, HOW DID THAT DWELL IN JESUS CHRIST? AND THE ANSWER IS THAT NATURE DWELT IN A BODY. IN A BODY. AND SO THIS IS WHY JESUS CHRIST IS SO SPECIAL. IT'S THE SINGULARITY OF HIS NATURE. NO ONE EVER BEFORE HIM IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD COULD APPROPRIATELY BE STYLED THE GOD-MAN. NO ONE AFTER HIM IN THE 2000 OR SO YEARS SINCE COULD EVER BE STYLED THE GOD-MAN. BUT IN JESUS CHRIST, WE HAD THE FULLNESS OF DEITY, GOD THE WORD, WHO WAS PUT INTO A HUMAN BODY. FULLY HUMAN, YES, FLESH AND BLOOD; BUT ALSO FULLY DIVINE. FRIENDS, I GET EXCITED PREACHING AND TEACHING ABOUT THIS BECAUSE THIS IS THE SINGULARITY OF HIS NATURE. NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER FILL THIS ROLE. NO ONE ELSE WILL EVER POSSESS THIS STATUS, NONE BUT JESUS CHRIST ALONE. AND THAT BRINGS US TO OUR LAST PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE ALONG THESE LINES. THIS WAS A PROPHECY GIVEN BY MICAH. VERSE 2 OF CHAPTER 5, BUT THOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH, THOUGH THOU BE LITTLE AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF JUDAH, YET OUT OF THEE SHALL HE COME FORTH UNTO ME THAT IS TO BE RULER IN ISRAEL; WHOSE GOINGS FORTH HAVE BEEN FROM OF OLD, FROM EVERLASTING. IMMEDIATELY THE CAREFUL BIBLE STUDENT WILL RECOGNIZE THIS IS A MESSIANIC PROPHECY. AFTER ALL, WHO WAS TO BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM? AND OF COURSE THE ANSWER IS JESUS THE CHRIST. WHO WAS TO BE RULER IN ISRAEL, OR, IF YOU WILL, RULER OVER GOD'S PEOPLE? JESUS CHRIST. AND YET MICAH TELLS US, HIS GOINGS FORTH HAVE BEEN FROM OF OLD, FROM EVERLASTING. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? IT MEANS WHAT WE FOUND IN JOHN 1:3 A MOMENT AGO, GOD THE WORD NEVER WAS CREATED. HE IS NOT A CREATED BEING. HE IS TRULY ETERNAL, HAVING ALWAYS EXISTED. WELL, GOD THE WORD CAME AND ASSUMED A HUMAN FLESH AND BLOOD BODY, KNOWN TO US NOW AS JESUS THE CHRIST. HE IS STILL DIVINE. HE WAS NEVER CREATED. THE ONLY ASPECT OF HIS BEING NOW THAT WAS CREATED, OF COURSE, WAS THE PHYSICAL ASPECT MADE POSSIBLE BY WAY OF THE MIRACULOUS CONCEPTION, THE MIRACULOUS VIRGIN BIRTH. IN THAT WAY, THE WORD BECAME FLESH. AND THAT ASPECT OF HIS BEING WAS CREATED. BUT THE SPIRIT OR THE SOUL WITHIN, SO TO SPEAK, THE ETERNAL SPIRIT HAS NEVER BEEN CREATED. JESUS IS TRULY THE GOD-MAN. NOW, THAT ALONE MAKES HIM SO SPECIAL. BUT NOW NUMBER TWO, LET'S MOVE TO ANOTHER LINE OF CONSIDERATION, AND THAT IS IN THE SECOND PLACE, THE SINLESSNESS OF HIS LIFE MAKES JESUS CHRIST SO SPECIAL. THE SINLESSNESS OF HIS LIFE. I WANT TO REFER YOU TO JOHN 8:46. IN JOHN 8:46 JESUS IS STANDING BEFORE A HOSTILE AUDIENCE, AND HE SAYS THERE, WHICH OF YOU CONVINCETH OR CONVICTS ME OF SIN? AND IF I SAY THE TRUTH, WHY DO YE NOT BELIEVE ME? I HOPE THAT YOU WILL APPRECIATE WITH ME THE GRAVITY AND THE WEIGHT OF THAT STATEMENT WE JUST READ IN JOHN 8:46. AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, JESUS WAS STANDING BEFORE ENEMIES, HE WAS STANDING BEFORE A HOSTILE AUDIENCE, PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE LOVED NOTHING MORE THAN TO POINT OUT A SIN, A FLAW IN OUR LORD'S CHARACTER; AND YET HE LOOKED AT THEM AS IT WERE, EYEBALL TO EYEBALL, AND HE ASKED THEM, HE SAYS, WHICH OF YOU CONVICTS ME OF SIN? WHO CAN DO IT? AND AS WE SAY PROVERBIALY OR COLLOQUIALLY, YOU HEAR CRICKETS CHIRPING. NOBODY HAS ANYTHING TO SAY. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD CHRIST; AND YET THEY CANNOT, THEY CANNOT CONVICT HIM, NOT OF ONE LEGITIMATE CHARGE. NOT ONE. THAT RIGHT THERE TELLS YOU THAT JESUS INDEED WAS SINLESS IN HIS NATURE. THIS IS NOT BECAUSE OUR LORD'S

LIFE WAS A BED OF ROSES, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OUR LORD WAS GIVEN A PASS, AS IT WERE, HE GOT TO COME AMONG HUMANITY, LIVE AS A MAN, AND NEVER SUFFER ANY TEMPTATIONS. THAT'S NOT THE CASE AT ALL. LOOK WITH ME TO HEBREWS 4:15. FOR WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES. THE DOUBLE NEGATIVE THERE MEANS THAT WE DO HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO CAN BE TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES. THAT'S THE POINT. BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. AND SO THE HEBREWS AUTHOR MAKES IT CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT JESUS CHRIST, WHILE UPON THIS EARTH IN THE FLESH, CATEGORICALLY, GENERICALLY, HE WAS TEMPTED IN ALL POINTS, EVEN AS YOU AND I FACE TEMPTATION AS HUMAN BEINGS; AND YET THE HEBREWS AUTHOR ADDS, YET WITHOUT SIN. NOW YOU TELL ME, HOW SPECIAL IS THAT? OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS SO SPECIAL. THE SINLESSNESS OF HIS LIFE DEFINITELY ATTESTS TO HIS BEING SPECIAL. NOW, BECAUSE HE WAS TEMPTED IN ALL POINTS CATEGORICALLY, AND BECAUSE HE ALWAYS RESISTED, HE ALWAYS OVERCAME TEMPTATION SINLESSLY, THAT MEANT THAT HIS DEATH COULD ATONE FOR THE SINS OF EVERYONE ELSE. AND THIS IS THE GRAND THEME OF THE GOSPEL. LOOK WITH ME TO 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21. FOR HE, GOD THE FATHER, HATH MADE HIM, GOD THE SON, TO BE SIN FOR US, THE LIKELY IDEA BEING TO BE A SIN OFFERING FOR US; WHO KNEW NO SIN, AGAIN, JESUS CHRIST WAS SINLESS. HE KNEW NO SIN. ALL OF THIS IN ORDER THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM. DEAR FRIENDS AND VIEWERS, I TELL YOU HOW WONDERFUL THIS NEWS IS, HOW SPECIAL JESUS CHRIST IS. HE WAS SINLESS IN HIS LIFE AND IN HIS CHARACTER; AND THEREFORE, WHEN HE DIED WILLINGLY UPON THE CROSS, HIS DEATH ATONED AS THE ULTIMATE AND PERFECT SIN OFFERING. HIS DEATH ATONED FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD. AND WE'RE GOING TO SAY MORE ABOUT THAT IN OUR FINAL POINT. BUT BEFORE WE LEAVE THIS SECOND IDEA, THE FACT OF THE SINLESSNESS OF HIS LIFE, LET'S CONCLUDE THIS WITH 1 PETER CHAPTER 2, BEGINNING AT VERSE 21. FOR EVEN HEREUNTO WERE YE CALLED. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE CALLED EVEN TO A LIFE OF SUFFERING IF NEED BE AS CHRISTIANS. BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US. WELL, IF THE MASTER SUFFERED, WELL, THEN THE SERVANTS WILL SUFFER ALSO. JESUS IN HIS SUFFERING LEFT US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS, VERSE 22, WHO DID NO SIN. THERE'S THIS TRUTH STATED ONCE MORE. NEITHER WAS GUILF FOUND IN HIS MOUTH. AND SO WHAT PETER SUPPLIES FOR US IN THESE TWO VERSES, NUMBER ONE AGAIN, HE STATES THE SINLESSNESS OF OUR LORD'S LIFE HERE UPON THE EARTH IN THE FLESH, JESUS WAS SINLESSLY PERFECT, BUT PETER TAKES IT A STEP FURTHER FOR US, AND HE SAYS BECAUSE OUR LORD WAS SINLESS, HE HAS LEFT US THE PERFECT EXAMPLE TO IMITATE, THAT WE MIGHT WALK, AS IT WERE, IN HIS STEPS. WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST? I'LL TELL YOU. THE SINLESSNESS OF HIS LIFE IS SPECIAL INDEED. BUT NOW FINALLY, POINT NUMBER THREE. WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST? THE SUFFICIENCY OF HIS SACRIFICE. THE SUFFICIENCY OF HIS SACRIFICE. THAT'S ALMOST A TONGUE TWISTER, IS IT NOT? WELL, LET'S DEVELOP THIS UNDER TWO LINES OR TWO TYPES OF SUBPOINTS, THE FIRST ONE BEING THIS: OUR LORD'S DEATH UPON THE CROSS, HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH, WAS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL SINS, ALL SINS OF THE WORLD. LOOK WITH ME TO WHAT WE FIND IN ACTS 13, BEGINNING AT 38. PAUL WOULD SAY ON THAT OCCASION, BE IT KNOWN UNTO YOU THEREFORE, MEN AND BRETHREN, THAT THROUGH THIS MAN, REFERRING TO JESUS CHRIST, THE GOD-MAN, IS PREACHED UNTO YOU THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, NOW NOTICE, AND BY HIM, JESUS CHRIST, ALL THAT BELIEVE, THAT IS, BIBLICAL BELIEF, WHICH ALWAYS INHERES OBEDIENCE, ALL THAT BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED FROM ALL, A-L-L, ALL THINGS FROM WHICH YOU COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW OF MOSES. NOW THINK WHAT GREAT NEWS THIS MUST HAVE BEEN TO THE JEWISH AUDIENCE IN THE FIRST CENTURY, THOSE PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE THE LIMITATIONS OF THE MOSAIC SYSTEM OR THE LEVITICAL

SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM. THOSE JEWS WOULD HAVE KNOWN ITS LIMITATIONS BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE. AND YET HERE PAUL CAME, AND HE TOLD THEM THAT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST YOU CAN BE JUSTIFIED FROM ALL THINGS THAT YOU COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED FROM OR CONCERNING UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES. HOW WONDERFUL IS THAT? BUT IT GETS EVEN BETTER. LOOK WITH ME NOW, TO 1 JOHN 2:2. THIS WAS INTENDED NOT ONLY FOR JEWS; BUT REGARDING JESUS, IT IS SAID, AND HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS; AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD. FRIENDS, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GET AROUND THAT. I KNOW THAT CALVINISM ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT, DISTORT, AND TO GET AROUND WHAT THAT VERSE IS CLEARLY TEACHING. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IT MEANS WHAT IT SAYS. THE SUFFICIENCY OF OUR LORD'S SACRIFICE IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD. THE SECOND LINE OF REASONING UNDER THIS, HIS SUFFICIENCY IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL SINNERS. IT'S NOT ONLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL SINS, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL SINNERS. LOOK WITH ME TO 1 TIMOTHY 1:15. THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING, AND WORTHY OF ALL ACCEPTATION, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS, OF WHOM I AM CHIEF; HOWBEIT FOR THIS CAUSE I OBTAINED MERCY, THAT IN ME FIRST, AS THE PROTOTYPE, AS IT WERE, JESUS CHRIST MIGHT SHOW FORTH ALL LONGSUFFERING FOR A PATTERN TO THEM WHICH SHOULD HEREAFTER BELIEVE ON HIM TO LIFE EVERLASTING. IN OTHER WORDS, WE MIGHT SAY JESUS CHRIST SAVED THE CHIEF OF SINNERS, AS IT WERE, TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE IS ABLE AND WILLING TO SAVE ALL SINNERS WHO WOULD COME UNTO HIM. AND SO AGAIN I ASK YOU, WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST? MUCH. MUCH INDEED.

JAMES >> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK HAS JUST BROUGHT YOU PREACHING THE GOSPEL WITH BROTHER CLIFF GOODWIN. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION RELATIVE TO ANYTHING THAT'S BEEN TAUGHT, JUST CALL THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN. BE HAPPY TO SEND IT TO YOU. AND BY THE WAY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STUDY THE BIBLE PRIVATELY IN YOUR OWN HOME, WE OFFER FREE A SET OF FIVE STUDIES, AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO SEND THESE TO YOU AT NO COST AT ALL, AND IT WOULD BE OF GREAT ADVANTAGE. STUDY YOUR BIBLE, LEARN THE TRUTH, AND OBEY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. IT WILL HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY. WE APPRECIATE CLIFF, THE EXCELLENT JOB THAT HE DID IN THE PRESENTATION OF TRUTH. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. MAY GOD BLESS.

>> (SINGING)