

Notes used in the Message

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14-0122 - Mercy and Grace - Bob Black

II JOHN 1:1-3

- » **1** † ¶ The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;
- » **2** † For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.
- » **3** † Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

MARK 16:15

- » **15** † And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

1) 64-0830M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

« **198** † **348. Brother Branham, some say mercy is over and no one can be saved. Now, is this true?** (I'm glad I got this one.) **We watch and pray--we watch the prayer lines, and it seems some are still finding mercy. Now, that's the first question, you got two.**

"Is mercy over?" Don't never think that. See? Just keep right on doing everything you can until you're taken away. See?

"We notice in the prayer line some's finds mercy." Sure. Mercy's--the doors are open. See? I think where you got this--this thought might lay between... See, I don't have time to give each one of these Scriptures their right place (You see?), each one of these things their right place. They... In the prayer line you find mercy, certainly.

If I knowed Jesus was coming this afternoon, I'd be doing just the thing I'm doing right now (See?), just continuing right on. Mercy is always open. See?

« **201** † And now, where I think you get it, is about the finishing of the Seven Church Ages and the Seven Seals being loosed. See? The Seven Seals, it's manifested what takes place has--what has took place. The seventh church age, we're at the end of the seventh church age. When I say the end, that doesn't mean it's this very hour, this very minute. You remember, the Bible said, back in the times of--of the Lord Jesus, Paul said, "For the time is at hand." Do you realize how long that was in God's time? That was yesterday. My time, it's been two thousand years. See? The time is at hand. See? What God calls at hand is not what we call at hand. See?

So just keep on believing, keep on praying, keep on... God's still got mercy open; just keep flowing into it as fast as you can. God will do the stopping when it's time to stop. See?

1A) MESSAGE.OF.GRACE_ JEFF.IN V-13 N-3 SUNDAY_ 61-0827

57 So in the Deity of Jesus Christ, if the Lord God could come there and confirm that that is the truth, not only that, but by His Word He confirms it's the truth, and by signs and wonders He confirms it's the truth. Then, also, grace is the truth. Then why could anyone criticize and say that grace is wrong, that we're saved by works? We are saved by grace, that through faith, not by works. Works shows that you have been saved. But what saves you is the grace of God. Grace saves you. **Grace is what God does for you.** Works is what you do for God to show appreciation of what God did for you. But by grace are you saved.

2) Grace holding back judgment

58-0309M THE.HANDWRITING.ON.THE.WALL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-69** † You, in the audience, with your heads bowed, and you'd like to be remembered in prayer, though you did not come up, but you'd like to be remembered, would you raise your hands? Did you--God bless you. Do you know... Just look at the hands, ninety percent of the audience. Do you realize this is a searching out time? This is a time that we must be searched out. This may be the last Gospel message that's preached.

Before the message begins tonight, you know, that bomb may strike the earth. There isn't a thing to keep it from do--being so. They're set. They're ready. All it takes is a few drinks of vodka, and here it would come. And the only thing that holds it off right now, is the grace of God, trying to get His church together. Won't you hear me as your brother? Hear the Scriptures, as your Saviour, and let Christ be supreme Ruler in your life. Grant it, while we pray.

3) 65-0124 BIRTH.PAINS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY_

« 57 † So, notice, in a seed's birth, the old seed must die before the new one can be born. So, therefore, death is hard, any time. So, it's painful. It's distressful. Birth is the same, because you're bringing life into the world, and it's--it's painful.

58 Jesus said that His Word was a Seed that a sower went forth to sow. Now, we're all acquainted with that. And I want to teach this like a Sunday school lesson, 'cause it's Sunday. Notice, then, this Word, being a Seed. But, remember, the--the seed is only bringing forth a new life when it dies.

59 And that's the reason it was so hard for those Pharisees to understand our Lord Jesus Christ, because they were under the law. And the law was the Word of God in seed form. But when the Word was made flesh, and become, not law, but grace. Now, grace and law cannot exist at the same time. Cause, grace is so far above law, law is not even in the picture. And therefore it's so hard for the Pharisees to die to their law, so that grace could be born. But it must go. The two laws cannot exist at the same time.

60 There cannot be a law says that you can run this semaphore, and the other one says you can run it; one says you can, one says you can't. They, it has to be one law at a time. Maybe one time you could have went through it; caution, go through it. But this time it's red. Stop! See? And so there cannot be two laws exist at the same time.

4) A Messenger

56-1208 ABRAHAM_ BROOKLYN.NY SATURDAY_

« E-86 † Now, here's a woman. He knows the woman. I don't know the lady. I've never met you in my life. There's not a way for me to know you, but now, if the Lord Jesus will speak again... Will it take all the superstitions and doubt from you? **Now, remember He's permitting this. This is His grace to you and to me (See?) by permitting a Divine gift to operate.** Not me, I don't have one thing to do with it, just my mouth is all, and my surrender, my will surrendered to His. That's all it is. You are the one that's doing it, not me. God's permitting it, but you're doing it.

Now, if I don't know you, never seen you. Then if there's something you're standing here for, God can reveal it to me. Can't He? And if He will, will you--would you believe it come His permitting will to help you? Would the rest of the audience believe the same thing? Does anyone know the lady? Would you raise your hand anybody that knows her? Yes, there's people here that know her, all around. Then you be the judge whether I know her or any way of knowing her. She's just a lady standing here, but do you believe Christ knows her?

5) 54-0301 THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.COVENANT_ PHOENIX.AZ MONDAY_

« E-9 † Please believe Him. **If there's anything that I could do to help you, I'd do it. If there's one thing I could do to help anyone and wouldn't do it, I'd be a brute not to do that. But the reason I'm here trying to represent our Lord is because I believe, by His mercy to let me do it, I believe I can help you to see Him and believe Him and be healed. Don't be scared. That's the reason you--you--you can't receive, is because you're afraid it won't happen. Just as... In your mind it's already happened.** See? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

6) 54-0403 THE.HAND.OF.THE.LORD.CAME.UPON.HIM_ LOUISVILLE.KY SATURDAY_

« E-27 † Went up to the school of prophets, and when he got this big pot cooked up (You know?), and all full there, they's cooking up something; they had something cooked up all right. They got it today, cooked up too, but "There's death in the pot," he said. That's right. "Death in the pot."

But look, in the amazing grace (Here it is.), the grace of God, there happened to be a real prophet standing by who said, "Go get me a handful of meal." And he took the meal and threwed it into the pot and said, "Now there's life. Go to eating."

What made the difference between death and life was the meal. Now, any of you teachers know here that meal, was from the meal offering; which the meal offering was Christ. The little burrs had to be set just so perfect till every grain had to be ground the same. Every little parcel of that meal had to be the same. So they dipped up a handful of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever, and throwed it into death and it become life. See? Ground the same, means that there from death to life, from sickness to health, He was the Healer in the meal. Amen. And He's still the Healer. Throwed it in there, said, "Now eat all you want to; it's good now. It's got life in it." Meal offering... Beautifully.

7) 55-0807E LEADING.OF.THE.SPIRIT.OF.GOD_ CAMPBELLSVILLE.KY SUNDAY_

« E-39 † **Five minutes from there, he was setting on the side of the bed shaking hands with me. I jumped out and grabbed a plane, and went to the station, the plane was still waiting, just making its last call. God, through grace, stopped that airplane, and kept it there because of a poor, ignorant colored woman. Think of grace, measureless and boundless is the grace of our God. Grounded an airplane, and held it setting there for the prayer of a poor wash woman. Oh, my.**

About a year ago, I was passing through, the train... Well, the train stopped. If you ever went to Memphis, how the train pulls up; I started down to get me a sandwich; it was too high on the train, so I went down to get me a hamburger. And I got out of the plane--or the train, started walking down; I heard a redcap "Hello there, Parson Branham."

I looked around, I said, "How do you do, sir?"

Said, "You don't know me, do you?"

And I said, "I don't believe I do."

Said, "You remember that morning that the Holy Ghost led you up to my Mammy's house?"

I said, "You're not the boy?"

He said, "Yes, parson." Said, "I's healed, and I's a Christian, now." Amen. Oh, my.

8) God's Will

57-0519E LOVE_ SASKATOON.SK SUNDAY_

« E-66 † **Now, Christ is here. And I declare to you He's raised from the dead. He loves you. He wants your soul. He wants to heal you. He wants to make you happy. He wants to bring you up in the glory. He can only do it as you permit Him to do it. He can't do it against your will.**

So now, if He has raised from the dead. And a woman that... Usually I bring the people up to the platform, one by one. You seen me do that. The Lord has changed it. Right here at Saskatoon. This has worked; it will tonight. There's not a person in this building that I know, that I know for... Yeah, I beg your pardon, I did see the-- Sister Sothmann, and Sister Norman, Brother Norman setting right out here. That's all I know. How many in here know that I don't know you, raise up your hands, like this, that you know that I know you? Put your hands up, ever who you are, anywhere.

Unto the woman he said,...

9) 57-0602 LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-54 † When we think about those things, how great and wonderful. **Oh, He's real to us. Won't it be wonderful there? The great Physician is now present. He wants to heal the sick and the afflicted. He wants to make those who are weary to be strong. He wants to make those who are afflicted be well.** Now, let us bow now just in His Presence as we're offering Him our praises.

O Thou great Physician, as our hearts bleat out. We bleat like Thy sheep. And we hear Your Spirit moving back to us. "My sheep know My voice." And we love to shout Thy praises. We love to weep in Thy Presence for joy. We like to express our feelings to Thee because we love You with all that is within us. Our whole soul, mind, and body loves the Lord. And we pray, God, that You'll give us this deeper and deeper continually. May it become so real to us, that the world will fade in all of its folly. Then there'll be no more thoughts of it. It'll fade out into a--an eternity. It had a beginning, now may it have an end also. We know it will.

10) 59-0418 A.TIME.OF.DECISION_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SATURDAY_

« E-32 † Just as Eliezer watched that sign on the girl, you'll have to watch the sign of the church, because Jesus said. I don't care what man said. I know men say those days of miracles is passed, all these stuff is all passed and are gone by days, it's no more.

Now, you've got to make a choice. Jesus said, "Let every man's word be a lie and Mine be the Truth."

Now, you've got to make up your mind. You've got to make a choice. And this may be your last time to make a choice. Tomorrow may be too late. God might have chose you to Eternal Life. But if you don't make up your mind and accept it, somebody else will take your place. Maybe tomorrow will be that time. God may be wanting to empty this whole row of wheelchairs here tonight. I know He does. He may be... I know He wants to heal every sick person here. Tonight you'll have to make your choice.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, you're going to have a prayer line tomorrow night." Let that be for somebody else. You must make up your mind quick.

11) 56-1004 WITNESSES_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_

« E-60 † **Now, He is here tonight, or He--He said something that He can't back up. And to think that someone would say that God put affliction upon people to make them be His servants. Oh, friend, that's an error of the devil. If God made you afflicted so you could be patient, and He could show His mercy to let you suffer, then when Jesus come, He absolutely protested what God did. He healed every one He come in contact with. Then He done exactly what God made the people sick for**

His glory, and Jesus come down and healed them. Then He took the glory off of them by healing them. Could you imagine that? No, sir. Not at all. Jesus don't want you to suffer. Listen, friends. People who say that. The pagan of Africa can produce a better god to the people. No wonder we got Communism. God don't want you to suffer. He wants you to be well. He died for that purpose. He don't want you to suffer. He wants you to be well, and He's made one basic thing: if you'll believe. He sent His Word. He sent His Son. He sent His prophets. He sent law. He sent everything and today sent the Holy Spirit to continue the ministry that Jesus did when He was here on earth.

His grace cannot be exhausted

60-0229 THE.ONCOMING.STORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-15 N-2 MONDAY_

« 16 † The only thing I know is, Brother Shakarian or... Excuse me, Brother duPlessis just was out at the car when I drove up, and Brother Mercier and I were talking about the lovely Spirit at this church. We love that, such a fine fellowship. That's very good brother, keep that up. That's very good, our brother, pastor. And that's good. And we were talking, and I... He said, "Brother Branham, I guess you have lots of hard..." I said, "No. The thing surprises me is the grace of God." I said, **"I have exhausted His mercy many times, but I never can exhaust His grace, and I'm so glad of that."**

60-0310 ELIJAH.AND.THE.MEAL.OFFERING_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-4 THURSDAY_

« 104 † Maybe your sickness tonight, maybe your sacrifice to come out here, was just a blessing in disguise. The Angels of God are here present to join their wings together and rejoice, because it's written in the Scripture, that, "The Angels of heaven rejoice when one sinner repents." Think on that. For THUS SAITH THE LORD, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. **His grace cannot be exhausted. And He's willing to give to you anything your hearts' desire.**