

Notes used in the Message

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II PETER 1:1

- » 1 † ¶ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
- » 2 † Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- » 3 † According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- » 4 † Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- » 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- » 6 † And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- » 7 † And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- » 8 † For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » 9 † But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
- » 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

EPHESIANS 4: 11-13

- » 11 † And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- » 12 † For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- » 13 † Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- « 102 † Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.
- 103 What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.

FAITH

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4102

4102 » pistis {pis'-tis} pivstiß from 3982; TDNT -- 6:174,849; n f

AV -- faith (239)

-- assurance (1)

-- believe + 1537 (1)

-- belief (1)

VIRTUE

1) strength power, ability

1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

KNOWLEDGE

- 1) knowledge signifies in general intelligence, understanding: the general knowledge of Christian religion, the deeper more perfect and enlarged knowledge of this religion, such as belongs to the more advanced, especially of things lawful and unlawful for Christians; moral wisdom, such as is seen in right living
- 2) DISCERNMENT, INSIGHT

TEMPERANCE

- 1) self control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)
- 2) 3) mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining; controlling one's self, temperate, continent

PATIENCE

- 1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance: in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings: patiently, and steadfastly
- 2) a patient, steadfast waiting for
- 3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

GODLINESS

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2150

2150 » eusebeia {yoo-seb'-i-ah} eujsevbeia from 2152; TDNT -- 7:168,1010; n f

AV -- godliness (14)

-- holiness (1) [15]

1) reverence, respect; piety towards God, godliness

2) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 299 † But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? You're moving right on up the line. All right.

300 Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my! Godliness to be added. What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn't even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jeffery's there, we found it in a--in a dictionary. Godliness means "to be like God." Oh, my! After you got faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew!

301 You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, you can.

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you. Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude.

Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What's that?) perfect, even as your Father... in heaven is perfect.

303 You got way up here now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

ROMANS 12:9-10

» 9 † Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

» 10 † Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

I THESSALONIANS 4:8

» 8 † He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

» 9 † ¶ But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5360

5360 » philadelphia {fil-ad-el-fee'-ah} filadelfiva from 5361; TDNT -- 1:144,22; n f

AV -- brotherly love (3)

-- brotherly kindness (2)

-- love of the brethren (1) [6]

1) love of brothers or sisters, brotherly love; in the NT the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren

3) 57-0309B I.WILL.RESTORE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« E-13 † Now, if Pentecost was God's vine, which was the new vine, that has grewed up, then these four destroyers has been the one that's eat the vine down. Now, let's find out what Pentecost had and find out what we got lacking, and then we ought to find out what the destroyers are, who they are. Well, what's did it.

Now, the first thing that Pentecost produced was brotherly love. It tore down the middle wall of partitions and made a brotherhood, to such a way that they had everything in common in the Bible days--a brotherhood. Paul spoke of this brotherhood, and he gave all the gifts of the Pentecostal church, and then said in I Corinthians 13, that, "Though I speak with tongues as men and angels, and have not this love, which brings the brotherhood, I am nothing. And though I have the knowledge to understand all the mysteries of God, I am still nothing without love, the love of the brethren."

« E-14 † Jesus said, "This will all men know that you're My disciples, when you have love one for the other." Pentecost had that. I'm speaking Pentecost, meaning the first group of the apostles and the disciples. They had that brotherly love. They wasn't greedy. They sold everything they had, for the furthering of the church. They was so together, till even when one heard the other one died, they said, "Let us go and die with him." Such a feeling.

common

adjective com•mon \ 'kă-mən \

: belonging to or shared by two or more people or groups

: done by many people

: occurring or appearing frequently : not rare

Full Definition of COMMON

1 a : of or relating to a **community** at large : **public** <work for the common good>

b : known to the community <common nuisances>

2 a : belonging to or shared by two or more individuals or things or by all members of a group <a common friend> <buried in a common grave>

b : belonging equally to two or more mathematical entities <triangles with a common base>

c : having two or more branches <common carotid artery>

3 a : occurring or appearing frequently : **familiar** <a common sight>

b : of the best known or most frequently seen kind —used especially of plants and animals <the common housefly>

c : **vernacular** 2 <common names>

ACTS 15:35-39

» **35** † Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

» **36** † ¶ And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

» **37** † And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

» **38** † But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

» **39** † **And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;**

HOLY SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 4:15-32

» 15 † But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

» 16 † From whom the whole body fitly **joined together and compacted** by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in **the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

» 17 † ¶ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

» 18 † Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through **the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:**

» 19 † Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

» 20 † **But ye have not so learned Christ;**

» 21 † If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

» 22 † That ye put off concerning the former conversation **the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

» 23 † And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

» 24 † And that ye put on the **new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

» 25 † Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

» 26 † Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

» 27 † Neither give place to the devil.

» 28 † Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

» 29 † Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

» 30 † **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

» 31 † Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

» 32 † **And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

4) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 328 † Now, in building, the virtue... Building this monument, building this stature, see, it starts off with the foundation stone; faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness. **Now what does it do? Then they're waiting for the Headstone, which is love, for God is love. And He controls, and He is the strength of every one of these things. That's right. Yes, sir.**

329 **Right in here, right in here, you see I got, in between, all these works in here, and here these little waves come. What is that? The Holy Ghost coming down, through Christ, see. Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is above all this, welding this together, building (a what?) a perfect Church, for the Capstone to cap It off.**

330 **What's it been done again? It's manifested through Seven Church Ages, and seven Church messengers.**

« 331 † Started back here. Where was the Church first founded? Where was the pentecostal Church first founded? By Saint Paul, at Ephesus, the star of the Ephesian Church Age, Ephesus.

332 The second Church age was Smyrna. "Virtue." Irenaeus, the great man who held up the Gospel of Paul.

333 Next Church age was Pergamos, who was Martin. Martin was the great man who stayed. Paul, Irenaeus, Martin.

334 Then in Thyatira come Columba. You remember? Here it is, drawn out right there. Columba. After Columba... The Dark Ages come in there.

335 Then come Sardis, which means dead. Luther. Hallelujah! What then? What come next after Sardis, Luther?

336 Then come Philadelphia. "Godliness." Wesley, holiness! "The just live by faith," said Luther. Sanctification through Wesley.

337 Then come in brotherly kindness, through the Laodicea. And we believe the great Message of the second appearing of Elijah, in the last day, shall sweep the land.

« **338** † Here you are, Seven Church Ages, seven steps. God building His Church, is like one person into an individual, into Himself. **The glory, the Power of God, coming down through this, welding It together.** Therefore, the Pentecostal people that let out the Lutheran, let out the Wesleyans and things, doesn't know what they're talking about. You see, they lived in this part of the temple. That's the way, some people can come up that high and drop off. **But there's a genuine part of that,** keeps making that building come on. "I will restore," saith the Lord.

339 You remember The Bride Tree? You remember the sermon on The Bride Tree? They eat It down, but He pruned it. They got denominational branches; He pruned them off. They raised up another church, denominational branches; He pruned it off. But the heart of that Tree kept growing. "And in the evening time it shall be Light." See? **That's when come Christ, the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes down and sets Himself at the Head of the Church then, and He will resurrect this Church, being His Own Body. In there is the Body.**

340 And the way God is expecting us as an individual to grow, the way He has brought His Church in to grow. Every Church age, It becomes one big Church. See?

« **341** † These fellows wasn't required what these fellows are. This wasn't required what this was. See? But He brought His Church up the same way. He brought His--His Church up the same way He's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says, first, seven things: faith, virtue, (see, come up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, add brotherly kindness, and then the love of God. **The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you. Then, God lives in a Tabernacle, called the Building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.**

« **342** † **When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues, you might impersonate any gift that God has got. You might do that. But until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.**

5) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« **346** † Now, that is the House that God dwells in; not a building with a big bell on top of it, and a high steeple. See? "But a Body has Thou prepared Me," a Body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in. Amen! **Living instrumentality of God, God walking on two feet, in you.** Glory! "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you. "For ye are written epistles, read of all men." And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore.

6) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« **96** † Now I'm backgrounding this, so that you will see when the sister's dream is being told.

97 Now, these things here absolutely must be in the Christian before the Holy Ghost ever seals them, before this comes down on top and makes a complete unit.

7) 62-1014E A.GUIDE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-7 SUNDAY_

« **35** † And the Holy Spirit always speaks of the Word. "I've got many things to tell you, you cannot understand It now, but when He comes, He'll guide you to It." That's the reason the coming of the Seals. At the finishing of the Seventh Seal, the mystery of God should be finished, to know Who God is, what He is, how He lives, His nature, His Being. **You're supposed to be all the way up here by that time, see, bring us into the full stature of sons and daughters of God,** a Church that's washed in the Blood of Christ, that's bought without money, is paid for by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

8) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« **150** † Then, that was number one. Number one, coming to you, your mental faith right here, comes the Holy Spirit coming down into your mental faith, making it a spiritual faith. Then the spiritual faith only recognizes the Word now.

151 And number two, three. Then you'll have spiritual, **you'll be have the Holy Spirit, and will seal all these things into you, as that Holy Spirit covers this. From your faith, up to the Holy Spirit, seals**

you in with Christ. Then you become One. Amen. (Get this thing out of my way; it's hard on your arms.) You become one. See, you and Christ live together. "At that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me." See? Then that's a sealed unit of the Lord God now.

152 And then they are vindicated and placed. When that time takes place, they become vindicated sons and daughters of God.

CHARITY, LOVE, HEADSTONE

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-4

» 1 † ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

» 2 † And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

» 3 † And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

» 4 † ¶ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

I CORINTHIANS 13:13-14

» 13 † And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

» 14 † And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 25

25 » agapao {ag-ap-ah'-o} ajgapavw perhaps from agan (much) [or compare 5368]; TDNT -- 1:21,5; vb

AV -- love (135)

-- beloved (7) [142]

1) of persons: to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly

2) of things: to be well pleased, to be contented at or with a thing

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 26

26 » agape {ag-ah'-pay} ajgavph from 25; TDNT -- 1:21,5; n f

AV -- love (86)

-- charity (27)

-- dear (1)

-- charitably + 2596 (1)

-- feast of charity (1) [116]

1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence

2) love feasts

9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 367 † You get it? These people who died, in here, are depending and waiting on us. So, this Church has got to come to perfection, in order to bring the resurrection. And they're under, souls under the altar, waiting for this Church to come to Its perfection, that when Christ does come.

368 And this Church, you see, is coming smaller, in the minority. [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just like to write that cross there, see. It's come up to a needlepoint. **Until, the Church, in the minority, has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of a ministry that this left, because, when this Headstone comes back.**

369 It's got a little pocket-like here, where it's going to sit right in there, on the regular pyramid. It just isn't a cap that sits across the top. It's a little flange, and it's got to sit on there, 'cause it sheds the water.

And when it comes, this Church has got to be honed.

370 All these, rest the stones in the pyramid, are laying so perfect till you can't run a razor blade between them, weighing tons, laying in there. How they got them up, they don't know. But they were built.

371 And up here, when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid Itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed. Not only just some creed or doctrine, or something other we come through. It'll

have to be so perfectly like Christ, till, when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. See? Then will come the Rapture, the going Home.

GALATIANS 3:23-29

- » 23 † But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
- » 24 † Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- » 25 † But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.
- » 26 † For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- » 27 † For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- » 28 † There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- » 29 † And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

GALATIANS 4:1-7

- » 1 † ¶ Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
- » 2 † But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
- » 3 † Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
- » 4 † But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
- » 5 † To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
- » 6 † And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

- » 7 † Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

ROMANS 8: 14-25

- » 14 † For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- » 15 † For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- » 16 † The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- » 17 † ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- » 18 † For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- » 19 † For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
- » 20 † For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
- » 21 † Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- » 22 † For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- » 23 † And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
- » 24 † For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
- » 25 † But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« 415 † And I want you to take it and study it, and compare it, and then act upon it. Don't just study it, compare it, but act upon it when you do. Take it sincerely to yourself. Don't say, "Well, I enjoyed listening at it." I did, too. But to listen at it, and then receiving it, is different. See? See? It's different. See?

