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REVELATION 3:14

*** 14 † ¶** And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

II PETER 1:1-8

» **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.

1) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

*** 135 +** Now you say, "Brother Branham, do we, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely. That's gifts of God. But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God.

136 This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, the same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual; made out of same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them. You can't imitate them. They've got to be God-sent and God-

born. Imitation only causes confusion.

137 It's like I said. Could you imagine seeing a buzzard setting there with a dove feather stuck in his wings, say, "See, I'm a dove!" He's not a dove. He's a buzzard, vulture. Could you imagine a black bird with a peacock feather in his wings, and saying, "See!"? That's something that he stuck in.

138 But it has to come from the inside out, and it produces Christianity; God, by the power of the Holy Spirit!

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

* 160 ⁺ And then, thirdly, you add knowledge. Knowledge, now, that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God; but knowledge to judge, judge (what?) right from wrong. How do you judge it, then, if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith? You judge whether the Word is right or wrong. And if you can lay aside all your creeds, and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie. "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be true." See? Now you're getting knowledge. That's supreme knowledge. You don't have to have four degrees in some college, or something like that, to have it, because all these virtues are given to you by God, to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real, living man of God. Yes, sir.

3) 62-1123 THE.WAY.BACK_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY_

« **E-44** ⁺ Now, we find that. And we see that one time that that inoculation wasn't too good. There was a conscience always of sin, and he had to come year by year and make his offering. But now in Hebrews It tells us that if the worshipper is once purged he has no more conscience of sin, or otherwise, no more desire to sin. The whole thing's gone from him.

There's no more... You don't have to sin every day. You don't have to do these things. You do it because you willfully want to. And the reason you willfully want to is 'cause you have never died to yourself. Oh, brother. I know that's scorching, but it's good. When you die to yourself then you become a new creature. Then those things are gone.

And if you try to act like you've got them before you have, it's like a--I said the other day like a blackbird trying to put peacock feathers in his wings, say, "You see, I'm a--I'm a peacock." He isn't. That's something he's stuck in hisself. It has to grow from the inside out.

And that's the way the Holy Spirit is. It's not something you smear on or something like that. It's a new birth. You've got to be borned again. And these virtues of the Holy Ghost has to come from the inside out. And when world and sin, and cutting hair, and painting comes out against the Word of God, it shows the Holy Spirit's not there. That's a direct evidence.

3A) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

I think of where David said there, Psalms 1, "He shall be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water." You know, there's a difference from being planted and being set out, stuck out. Like the old oak tree, it's been planted, that weaves down and gets a good hold. Little old stick is sticking in there, you don't know what's going to happen to it. Has no roots. It has no foundation. See?

177 That's like some people coming from a seminary or something, see. Don't have... "Well, Doctor So-and-so ordained me in the ministry." Don't make any difference what that was.

178 Christ born you into it, see, see, by your faith. See? You're regenerated and born into it. And then after you're born into it, these are the things that He expects you to add. Just keep adding them. Now we're going right down the line.

4) 65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 84 ⁺ Not just say, "Well, I--I believe Jesus Christ, Son of God." That's all right. Then add the rest of It to it. You say, "I been justified. I give my hand to the minister. I believe in Jesus Christ." Then you've got to be born-again. You must be filled with the Holy Ghost. See? Just keep adding on, as you keep on going. You're growing into the stature of a son and daughter of God. My!

God, able to prepare us, and to give to us that crave in our life, that we want to see something. How many in here wants more of God? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Why, it goes to show there is more for you. See? You're craving it. Your little birth pains are coming on. See? You need more, so that we can be happy, and free, and perfect. We got to be.

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

« **141** ⁺ Now here is what we do. What's the first thing? Have faith, and be born again. That's laying the foundation.

142 Then, after we lay the foundation, secondly you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... First you have faith, then you add virtue to your faith. This is the next column. First, pour your foundation, faith. Then, to your faith, add virtue.

143 Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes. "Add virtue to your faith." That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like the woman or a man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that.

* 144 [†] The Bible said, we read over here in the Book of Luke, where It said, "Virtue went out of Him." That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue, then. We must have it, to be like Him. Is the first song that I ever loved, in--in the hymns, one of the greatest, was, To Be Like Jesus. Well, if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue, and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people. Because, "Virtue went out of Him to the people." Virtue! And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first. You haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

145 What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, and the check would return "insufficient funds"? See? No, no, none there to draw from, check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian, and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawed from that. See? Right.

* 146 [†] Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue... Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it. You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue, in order to add it to your faith.
 147 Now, then, it might be, the reason you don't have it, because many churches of today teach you don't have to have it, or the days of it is passed. "They don't have to have it. Only thing you have to do is just join church. Yeah, days is passed."

148 Virtue, anyone knows what the word virtue means, see, and we must have it. If virtue went from Him, to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His Church, because He was our example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? Virtue is strength, power. **149** Some of them don't even believe in power of God. They say, "That--that--that's passed. Only thing you have to do is just put your name on the book, and be sprinkled, or poured, or baptized, or whatevermore. And that's all you have to do."

« **150** [†] But Peter said here, "Add virtue." Now, Peter is talking about building the House of God, see, the Temple of God, fixing it to a place. And after you have virtue, you must have... After you have faith, you must have virtue with it. That's right. Have virtue for the whole world.

151 I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Rev. Mr. Lily. Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lily, how they neither toil or spin. Yet I say to you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one."

152 Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck. And every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part. Don't complain. It's just got it, to give out. What if the bee come in there; insufficient funds, no honey? That little bee would scratch his head and say, "What kind of a lily is that?"

« **153** ⁺ If a man coming along, trying to find salvation, go to the church that believes the days of miracles is past?

154 Like Jack Coe once said. Going into a restaurant, and have a great big menu; begin to read it down, T-bone steaks and things. Say, "I'll take a T-bone."

"Well, that was for a day passed. We don't have it."

155 Might as well lay the menu down and get out, see, that's right, 'cause they ain't got nothing to eat, anyhow. So you might as well go where a restaurant has got something to eat.

156 And the spiritual man, growing, needs something to eat on. That's the Word of God. I believe every Word of It.

God has a table spread where the saints of God are fed,

He invites His chosen people, "Come and dine."

With His manna He does feed, He supplies our every need,

Oh, it's sweet to sup with Jesus all the time.

157 That's right. Yes, sir. He's got It. The Church has It, the Church of the living God, that's built up into this perfect man, of the knowledge of Christ. Now, now you must have virtue.

I said then, the first thing you know, there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish. He's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it.

159 Before you can give out virtue, you have to have it. So, add to your faith, virtue. Amen. Understand? We could stay on that a long time, but our time would get away from us. Adding virtue to your faith. Now, first is faith, then virtue.

6) 64-0122 LOOKING.UNTO.JESUS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-2 WEDNESDAY_

« 186 [†] Just like the life that's in the tree. You don't have to pour the apples in the tree, to make it bear apples. It's just planted in the ground, and it drinks and pushes out.
187 Woll, that is the tree to be the balance of the b

187 Well, that's the way you do the Holy Spirit. It's on the inside of you. You just drink from the inexhaustible fountain of Jesus Christ, and It pushes out the fruits of the Spirit. See?

7) 54-0228A EXPECTATION_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-56 [†] Then the only thing that you have to do is plant that little tree, and put the water to it. Is that right? And it has to go to drinking from that water (Is that right?), nursing that--that water. And when it goes to drink, drink, till it pushes out some leaves, pushes out some buds, pushes out some oranges. And the only thing the tree does is drink, drink, drink, drink, till it pushes these things out that's on the inside of it. Is that right?

And when a man's borned of the Spirit of God, filled with the Holy Ghost, everything he has need of in this life's journey, is in him right then. And the only thing he has to do is just drink from the inexhaustible Fountain of Life, which is Christ Jesus, until he pushes out Divine healing, powers of God. He just pushes it out by his drinking from the everlasting inexhaustible Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

* 142 [†] Patience, and so forth, there's a mockery of it, a pretending to be; a nature-given faith; a nature-given virtue. There's a nature-given temperance. All these things are nature given.
 143 And the biggest part of our faith is mental faith. [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] By hearing the Word, it brings us to a mental recognition of God.

144 But if This, coming from Above, oh, brother, if It ever strikes this, there is a godly spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That faith recognizes only the Word. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And the Word is still God. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." And when the Word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation.

145 "And upon this foundation I'll build My Church." See? Not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of That; but upon the revelation, when them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got. Then, upon this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." See? That shows they would be against It, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a glorious thing! Now see the faith. These five streams...

I had a piece of chalk here, but I guess he never brought it out.