

Notes used in the Message

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18-0110 - Manifestation Not Impersonation - Aaron Roberts

ROMANS 6:1-11

- » **1** † ¶ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- » **2** † God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
- » **3** † Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- » **4** † Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- » **5** † For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- » **6** † Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- » **7** † For he that is dead is freed from sin.
- » **8** † Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
- » **9** † Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
- » **10** † For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- » **11** † Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GALATIANS 2:20

- » **20** † I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

59-1220E IDENTIFIED.WITH.CHRIST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-4 SUNDAY_

« **62** † Would just seem to see there's no satisfaction among the people. What do they--what makes them do it? It's for a cause; it's a nature. God gave them that nature. They've got a nature that makes them want to have something to identify themselves with. They must have something that they want to be like, an objective in life. They want to be a movie star, or a cowboy, or--or something on that idea.

I was hearing on the radio coming home, where some great Italian man at Denver was trying to play a Hopalong Cassidy, something with a loaded gun; instead of that he's going to be a Chester the rest of his life; he shot his kneecap off. There you are.

But they are trying to find something to identify themselves with. And the reason they are doing it, is because that there's something in them that God made them that. But God made them an Example to be identified with, and that was when He made Jesus Christ to become your Saviour. That's the Example. That's what people wants--should want, to be identified with Jesus, to be like Him.

59-1220E IDENTIFIED.WITH.CHRIST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-4 SUNDAY_

« **65** † If all the little boys that wants to be Hopalong Cassidy or--or some of these others, or the little girls, the Annie Oakleys and so forth; if they only wanted to be like Jesus as much as they want to be like that, the Sunday schools would be running over everywhere. If the women that wants to be like some movie star, would want to be like Jesus, the church... Why, they'd never have to take up an offering. Certainly.

God made a man to desire to have an example, and God gave him an Example. That Example is Jesus Christ, to be identified with Him.

Now, if we would be more like Him, then there wouldn't be so many big shots in the world; there wouldn't be any hungry children in the world; there wouldn't be any whiskey, or drinking, or gambling. **God gave us an Example to be like, but we refuse to be it. Now, that's what's the matter with the world. They got the desire; God has give them that; but they've turned it the wrong way. It's time to return back, and get on the right road, and get facing Calvary. Nature proves it.**

59-1220E IDENTIFIED.WITH.CHRIST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-4 SUNDAY_

« **68** † **Now, if people of this day with that great desire and great ambitions to be like somebody for an example, if they took Christ as their Example, then we would have--we could fire every police there was in the nation. Everybody would be meek and humble; everybody would be kind and have brotherly love one for the other; there would never be a divorce case ever pled in our**

country. There would never be any sickness; we could even dismiss hospitals, if everybody tried to make Jesus Christ their Example. We wouldn't have need for nothing else.

So that nature is in the man, but he puts it on the wrong thing. He makes some man... And you know the Bible said that we are cursed when we make flesh our stay? When you try to make flesh your stay or put your trust in flesh, the Bible said you are cursed. How well I know; it's so easy to do it.

59-1220E IDENTIFIED.WITH.CHRIST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-4 SUNDAY_

« 73 † **But, oh, I'll be thankful all through eternity to one day I read about Jesus. That satisfied me. I want to be like Him. That's my desire, to be able to turn the other cheek or go the second mile, to be able to forgive when the odds is all against you, hold nothing against anybody, though they're mistreating you rightfully--or wrongfully for your right doing, but still love them. That's the way I want to be. I want to be that kind of a person. I want to be able that when I'm railed upon I would rail not back. That's the kind of a Example that God gave us in Jesus Christ. We ought to be identified with Him.** We are...

"How do you become identified with Him?" You'd say, "Brother Branham, now, to get... You have to dress like the Hollywood stars and do these other things." **But how do you become identified with Jesus Christ? First, you repent of what you already have done. And then, you're identified with Him here in the pool. No doubt but what many will be identified with Him in a few minutes. In the pool you are identified with Him in baptism, for if we are buried in Christ we are identified to His death, burial, and resurrection. That's why we are baptized. We go down into the water, come back up to witness that we believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And if we be planted in His likeness in His death, God gave us a promise: we'll be like Him in the resurrection.**

63-0113M LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« 65 † That's the way of a Christian experience, when people are trying to put a cold, formal confession into a powerful pentecostal Church, or experience, unless that person is built from ground up, built up, born again, regenerated. Impersonators of today, going around, trying to impersonate speaking in tongues, trying to impersonate this and impersonate that, the gifts, if they are not born again.

66 And if they are born again, they cannot impersonate, because they were built for those things. They're born, regenerated, remolded; not just something that's patched up, and shook hands, and got emotion, and danced around the altar a few times, and says, "I got it." It's something that's been remolded, and regenerated, and become a new creature. Then it can stand the pressure of the persecution and the things that follows the spiritual life. You've got to be made and built to stand the pressure. And only one thing can do it. That's when you come into God's molding house, and be torn down and rebuilt, a new creature in Christ Jesus.

63-0223 A.DOOR.IN.A.DOOR_ TUCSON.AZ SATURDAY_

« 43 † And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man, wherein eight souls were saved by water."

44 What if today the Rapture came? And He took two from Tucson, and one from Phoenix, and around the world, as the universal Rapture will be. And the ones that rises from the dead will go to meet Him in the air, and steal away, a mysterious thing. And then one of these days judgment drops upon the earth. You say, "Well, wasn't there supposed to be a Rapture first?"

"It's already come, and you knew it not."

45 Think how many people will disappear in the world today, and there won't even be a word. You'll know nothing about it. There'll be five hundred people in the world today will come up missing, and you won't know nothing about it.

46 We're living in a terrific time. Let us have our lamps trimmed. I don't say it'll be that way. I'm saying, what if it was? Then the judgment strikes and the Rapture is gone. See?
"He's already come, and you knew it not."

63-0223 A.DOOR.IN.A.DOOR_ TUCSON.AZ SATURDAY_

« 47 † So when we gather in these meetings, let's gather, we, for one purpose, that's to serve God. Let's put our lives to business. **What good does it do us to impersonate something? Why will we accept a substitute when the whole skies are full of genuine, pentecostal power and blessings? Why should we accept a substitute? You won't exhaust God's blessings. Ask abundantly.**

48 Could you imagine a little fish, about half-inch long, out there in the middle of the ocean, saying, "I'd better drink of this water sparingly. I might run out"? Now, that sounds silly. Well, it's more sillier than that, think you could exhaust God's goodness.

65-0801E EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-3 SUNDAY_

« **131** † God, come into our fellowship tonight that we have around the Word. God, it's so scarcely believed today amongst the peoples, but I'm thankful that there is some that You have called and ordained them to Eternal Life, and You said, "All that the Father has given Me will come." And now while the evening Lights are shining, while You have permitted, Lord, that not one prophecy (out of the hundreds that's went forth) has ever failed one time. Then truly if that identifies, it has to be You, 'cause no person could be that accurate. Just like the Bible, no man could write, no one in the space of sixteen hundred years, by forty different writers, could write, and not one error be in It.

Dear God, I pray that You will manifest Yourself tonight, of Hebrews 13:8, that You're the same yesterday, today, and forever. And the works that You did then, You do today. And You promised it, You said, "**In this last days, when the world is sitting like Sodom and Gomorrah, perversion. We look at these boys just so much like girls, wearing clothes like them, and--and see the girls trying to act like boys, and see the women and man in this perverted age, see sex appeal has become a--a idol of worship. The Gospel has been pushed out to one side, and nakedness in the Laodicea church.**" O God, what a hour! Come, Lord Jesus, make Yourself known to us. For we ask it in Jesus' Name.

55-0624 ABRAHAM_ ZURICH.SWITZERLAND FRIDAY_

« **E-12** † That's the kind of faith that we all want. Do not argue about it. It's... The Bible is not to be argued. It... The Bible is to be preached and lived. Jesus said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. But if I do the works of My Father, then believe the Word." And today, if we don't live the Christian life, well then, would--people can say we're not Christians. But if Christ is in you, He lives His Life in you.

« **E-13** † **As Paul said, "It's no more me, but Christ that liveth in me." And if Christ lives in a man, He... Christ lives His Life like He did when He was here on earth, for He said so. He said, "A little while and the world won't see Me no more, but you shall see Me. For I will be with you to the end of the world. And the things that I do, so shall you do." And He's raised from the dead, and He's here now in the same power that He had when He was here on earth, doing the same thing, saving the same kind of people, healing the same kind of sick, showing the same kind of visions.**

51-0923 THE.PRINCIPLES.OF.DIVINE.HEALING_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-31** † Now look, in Hebrews 3 and 1, Jesus Christ is a High Priest of our confession. He is what we confess Him to be. And any redemptive blessing that He died for, He's setting at the right hand of the Father tonight, to make good anything that you accept in Him. My, I hope you get it.

Look [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit--Ed.], my dear friends, this is not some fanaticism, not some little worked up something in a corner. About seven or eight years ago, people said the program can't go over; it'll never be. But when the Angel of the Lord appeared to me out there on Green's Mill bank, out there in that little cabin that night, He told me to go, and I'd be praying for statesmen, and great men, and kings, and monarchs. It would sweep around the world, and now, there's a revival sweeping the world, originating in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Amen. Oh, how wonderful.

« **E-32** † Now, kings, and rulers, and great men, they don't deal in fanaticism. **Now, I will admit the devil's got scarecrows along the road. He's got people who tries to impersonate something. He's got people... Devil's got people that impersonates a Christian, try to make people believe they're Christians when they're not. But that don't take away the value of a real Christian. To my opinion, it makes him conspicuous.**

And that's the same thing on Divine healing. There's people go around with a bunch of work up and fanaticism, calling it Divine healing. That don't take away the value of God's Word and His death at the cross. It only makes it more conspicuous that it is right. For as long as there's a bogus something, there's bound to be a real one for it to be made off of. It's only a vindication that there is a real one.

56-1206 A.SECONDHANDED.ROBE_ BROOKLYN.NY THURSDAY_

« **E-66** † Today is the day, as I said about the prophets packing their Bibles and impersonations. It's a great day of impersonations. Paint your steps red next week and find out what your neighbor will do. He will paint his red, too. Wear a little black hat to church and find out what your neighbor will do. They'll wear a black hat, too. They want... Get a new suit of clothes and see how nice it is, and watch your neighbor will ask where you got it. It's an impersonation. They want to match. Want to be matched.

And, brother, I don't care if my trousers match with my coat or my shirt matches my tie. I want my experience to match God's Bible. That's the kind of matching that the church ought to do. It's exactly right. My Lord raised from the dead, and He's alive tonight. He's your Lord, also. And He's here to bless you and to help you.

« **E-67** † And here's the way the Bible is to me. It's either the truth or it's an error. If it's an error, I want nothing to do with it. No, sir. I believe I'd want to be that... If it's a error, I want nothing to do with it. If it's the truth, I'm ready to die for it. That's right. **So make it one or the other way. God speed the day when so-called Christians will either profess and be Christians, or either say what they are to begin with. I'd rather be a infidel than a hypocrite. That's right.**

Be what you are. If you'll believe Christ, say, "Yes," and don't just, "Oh, I believe this, and I--I believe this, and I..." Either believe it all or believe none of it. It's God--either God's Word or it's not God's Word. If God didn't write it, then just... If part of it's wrong, then the other part's wrong. That's right.

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

« **76** † We know the old seed is, must, before the new seed can come out of the old seed, it must rot, absolutely. Not die, only, but rot after it's dead. We know that to be true.

77 That's the same thing in new Birth. We never go back, but we go forward when you're born again. And that's why I think, today, we have (so many) not so many, rather, genuine new Births, is because the seed is, maybe, will sympathize with the Word or the person, but they don't want to rot away from the old system that they were in. They don't want to come out of it. They want to stay in the old system, and claim the new Birth, or the Message of the age. We found that under the Luther, Wesley, Pentecostals, and all other ages. They still try to hold on to the old system, and claim This. But the old system age must die, rot, in order bring forth the new one. They still want to cling.

33-4 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

Now don't let anyone be misled by what I have said and think that I do not believe in the accuracy of the Word as we now have it. I believe this Bible is accurate. Jesus completely authenticated the Old Testament when here on earth and it was compiled exactly as was our New Testament. Make no mistake about it, we have the infallible Word of God today and no man dares take from it or add to it. But we need the same Spirit that gave it, to teach it to us.

« 34-1 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

Oh, how we need revelation by the Spirit. We don't need a new Bible, we don't need a new translation, though some are very good, and I am not against them, BUT WE NEED THE REVELATION OF THE SPIRIT. And thank God, we can have what we need, for God wants to reveal His Word to us by His Spirit.

« 34-2 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

May God begin by His Spirit to give us continuous life-giving and prevailing revelation. Oh, if the church could only get a fresh revelation and become by it the living Word manifested, we would do the greater works and glorify God our Father in heaven.