

Notes used in the Message

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18-0214 - From Salvation to Redemption Pt.3 (What is The Baptism of The Holy Ghost)- Samuel Dale

JONAH 2:9

» **9** † But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

EPHESIANS 1:4-14

» **4** † According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
» **5** † Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
» **6** † To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
» **7** † In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
» **8** † Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
» **9** † Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
» **10** † That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
» **11** † In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
» **12** † That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
» **13** † In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
» **14** † Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1) 54-0719A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« **E-48** † Now, there's... I don't see people but what's old enough to understand this, and I--I got a mixed congregation. This would be a doctor's talk, and I'm your brother, so listen. In the life, the first thing in a baby, when it's borned a natural birth, the first thing is water (Is that right?), blood, then spirit. It's got twitching of muscles, but not till it's born has it life. Now notice, but I mean breathing life, you know what I...

Now look, so is it in the spiritual birth. The first thing, the things that come out of Jesus' body wa--the elements that came from His body is what makes up the spiritual body. When Jesus died what came from Him--what did come out of His body? Water, Blood, and Spirit. Is that right. Now, that's the things that makes up the supernatural birth. The... **When a man is borned again, he's--three elements that he has to go through: Water, Blood, Spirit: justification by faith, believing on the Lord; sanctification, that life being cleansed up; And the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Not three works of grace, one grace...** **Notice, justification by faith, sanctification through the Blood, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When a baby is born water, blood, and spirit. When a baby's born, new born baby in heaven, he comes through water, Blood, and Spirit. The natural types the spiritual.** Every thing on the earth. That was my first Bible, to watch nature. You get nature typed up with God, and you find out you got the same thing.

2) 57-0602 LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-42** † Joining church won't do it. No, sir. That's only perverting the real cause. If the devil can't get you out on those things, he will take you to this other. **But don't settle for nothing less than an old fashion experience of the new birth to be born again of the Spirit of the eternal God, when your soul and God locks together and you become one.**

David also in the Psalms being a--a woodsman and a hunter... In the south they still use it. Bunches of wild dogs get after the deers lots of time. And in Africa I've noticed it. And when the deers get to running, the wild dogs nip at them. And they got real sharp front teeth. And they're very sneaking like sin. They lay in the ambush for the little deer. They get against the wind so that he can't smell them.

3) 64-0206E GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.FOR.THIS.DAY_ BAKERSFIELD.CA V-22 N-6 THURSDAY_
« 37 † That's the way man ought to do today, not be herded in by some denominational coop. **But come in the way God said come in, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the new Birth, swarming revival. Not church joining, soliciting from door to door, and passing magazines; but a Birth, being born again, filled with the Holy Ghost, God's way, freeing himself from the world.** Right! Believing God's Word! The hour is here. That's what we must believe.

4) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_
« 90 † Now, there is some of these Things you might miserably disagree with. So if there is, just like I always said about eating fried chicken, "When you hit the bone, you don't throw the chicken away. You throw the bone away." So always do that. "Eating cherry pie, and you run into a seed, you wouldn't throw the pie away. You just throw the seed away." So you do the same thing in listening to This.

91 Now, I--I believe that--that the--the reason that there is so much confusion today, about the Holy Spirit, it's not correctly taught. I believe that the baptism is taught... and just say "the baptism."

92 But then be like you say "automobile." But now I've got several mechanics in this church, and I don't know one thing about it. So if I make a mistake, brethren, I'm... Remember, I'm not a mechanic. There has to be coils, and plugs, and points, and valves, and everything else, that makes the automobile.

93 And when you talk about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, there's a lot goes with That. Huh? See? There's a lot goes with That. And here is what I think that God is proving: the Holy Spirit is here. See?

5) 57-0303A WHY.IS.IT.THAT.SO.MANY.CHRISTIANS.FIND.IT.SO.HARD.TO.LIVE.THE.CHRISTIAN.LIFE_
« E-16 † When the Holy Spirit begins to say that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that falls in an old, dry church hide, you know what happens? They just blow up. That's all.
If you say the baptism of the Holy Spirit was promised on the day of Pentecost to you, and to your children, and to them that is far off, even as many as the Lord, our God shall call, the old dry skin just bursts open, and you lose your sermon. That's right. It doesn't do any good. And I'm ashamed that Pentecostals skins are drying like that. That's right. Come back to the Word.

Notice. Now, a new skin... He said, "New wine is put into new bottles," and the new skin has oil in it: flexible. And then when the Holy Spirit comes down and says, "The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the same today as it ever was, Divine Healing is the same as it ever was," that new wine begins to spread out and the skin gives with it. Every time the Word of God is preached in Its power, the new skin will holler, "Amen." It'll give away. So you see the wisdom in a new bottle for new wine.

6) « 144-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4
So you can see now, that we cannot afford to say what the Bible has not said. **When Scripture teaches us that the work of the Holy Spirit, and the manifestation of that Blessed Person is to bring the truth of each age to the true seed of that age, then we know that the Spirit has to be abiding in the person or he cannot receive the truth for that time. Amen. That is exactly correct.** And if these ages bring out anything, they surely bring and bear out this truth.

« 144-2 † **SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4**
Now before we leave this subject I want to make myself very clear on what the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is according to the Word. It is not according to me, and it is not according to you. It has to be according to "Thus saith the Lord," or we are falsely led. Amen.

« 144-3 † **SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4**
To begin with you will notice that in my meetings when I have finished preaching an evangelistic service, or some teaching message, I cast the net and invite a response from the people. I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this believe that I am inviting people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again. So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit, these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean. I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched. In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.

« 144-4 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Now I realize that it is going to be confusing for a moment here, as most people know that I was ordained a Baptist preacher and **I have steadfastly declared that the Baptists have missed it for saying you receive the Holy Ghost WHEN you believe, for that is not so. You receive Him "SINCE you believed."**
Acts 19:2-6.

"He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him Which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

There it is. Paul asked, "Have you received SINCE, NOT WHEN you believed." And there is a great difference there, for it is AFTER we believe that we receive. Ephesians 1:13 is an exact word repeat of what happened in Ephesus according to Acts 19,

"In Whom ye also trusted, AFTER that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; in Whom also AFTER that ye believed (not when ye believed), ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

Now here is my point. Too many of our modernists and even our fundamentalists (so-called) believe unto salvation at a certain specific time which in many cases is called "making a decision," and that has been called receiving Christ or being born again. Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen. These folks believe. That is wonderful. But they stop there. You receive the Holy Ghost AFTER you believe. It has always been that way and always will be. The very first word of direction to the people was by Peter at Pentecost and he said,

"Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,

For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

« 145-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

These directions came as a direct answer from Peter relative to what had actually happened at Pentecost. **What came to pass was that God according to Joel was pouring out the promised Holy Spirit upon all flesh. He was not poured out before that time or given before that time. This was it. But THIS was to come from now on by repenting, being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then God was duty bound to fill the ones who came. Peter, or any of the apostles never said, "Ye must be born again, and then filled with the Spirit."**

8) « 146-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

That this is the pattern of experience relative to receiving the Holy Spirit, note carefully the very next time that the Spirit fell upon a people.

Acts 8:5-17,

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before-time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria giving out that himself was some great one:

To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God they sent unto them Peter and John:

Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

(For as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.)

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

According to verse 12, THEY BELIEVED THE WORD. They were then baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. But according to verse 16, in spite of all that, they had STILL NOT RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT. It was only AFTER believing and being baptized correctly that they received the Holy Ghost. That is the exact pattern as set forth by Peter in Acts 2:38-39.

« 146-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Another Scripture that casts wondrous light on this is found in Galatians 3:13-14,

"Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that (in order that) we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Now by no means can it be said that the "blessing of Abraham" is the rebirth, and that the "promise of the Spirit" is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost as two separate events. For the Scripture reads thus: "Jesus died on the cross, and by means of that death and resurrection, the blessing of Abraham came on the Gentiles, leaving the Jews. This transpired in order that the Spirit might become available to the Gentiles."

9) « 147-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

To understand what I have just said is to clear up why students have never ever found Paul saying at any time, "Be born again and THEN be Spirit-filled." They have inferred it is there, and they have put their own meanings to make it say it, BUT SCRIPTURE DOES NOT SAY THAT. Jesus never said it either.

Look at John 7:37-39, and read it now with understanding.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink.

He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake He of the SPIRIT, Which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Now it says here distinctly and emphatically that the believer upon drinking by coming unto Jesus in faith would have rivers of living waters pouring out of him. And it places this experience at Pentecost.

Now keeping this thought in mind we read John 4: 10 & 14,

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

This same living water is mentioned, but this time it is not called a river; it is called an artesian well. There is where the people make their mistake. Because it is called a well and a river, they think that in one place it is eternal life given by the Spirit and in the next place where it is called a river (implying a great dynamism) it has to be the Spirit now given as an enduement of power. Not so. It is one and the same. It is the Spirit that gives life and power, and that came at Pentecost.

« 147-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is it that caused this misunderstanding? **The answer is, "EXPERIENCE"**. We have gone by experience and not the Word. Away with experience as your measuring line. There is only one plumb line, only one rod, and that is the WORD. Now watch carefully and get this. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." **Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?" This is the whole of our problem right here. People repent of their sins, they get baptized in water, BUT THEY DON'T GO ON AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. YOU BELIEVE UNTO RECEIVING THE SPIRIT.**

Believing on Jesus is the step in the right direction which is toward the Holy Ghost. But the people stop there. They go as far as water and then stop. They believe, and then stop. The Bible does not say that you receive WHEN you believe. It is, "Have you received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed?" The exact and literal translation is: "Did ye, having previously believed, receive the Holy Ghost?" The people believe and then stop. You don't receive the Holy Ghost when you believe UNTO Him, having repented. You go on and receive the Holy Ghost. Do you see it? That is what is wrong with our fundamentalists. They have no power for they stop short of Pentecost.

10) << 148-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

They are like the children of Israel who came out of Egypt and stopped short of the Promised Land. Now those children of Israel left Egypt about two million strong. They all journeyed together, all saw the same miracles of God, all partook of the same manna and water from the smitten rock, all followed the same cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night but ONLY TWO reached the Promised Land. ONLY TWO WERE TRUE OR REAL BELIEVERS. That is correct because the Word tells us that the rest died because of unbelief; and because of unbelief they could not enter in (Hebrews 3:19). **Then since that is so, and only TWO ENTERED, then the rest were not true believers. What made the difference? Two stayed with the Word. When the hearts of the ten spies failed at Kadesh Barnea, Joshua and Caleb did not stagger for they believed the Word and said, "We are more than able to take the land." They knew they could because God had said, "I have given you the land." After all those Israelites saw of the power and goodness and deliverance of God they did not enter into rest, which is a type of the Holy Ghost. So you can see right now that very few will ever believe all the way to receiving the Spirit of God.**

11) 59-1216 WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-2 WEDNESDAY_

<< 22 † Upon this place, we wish to approach the subject (which I think is the outstanding subject of today) of the: "What Is the Holy Spirit?" What is It? And now, the reason I have taken these subject in line like this, you cannot come and receive the Holy Spirit, unless you know what It is. And you cannot receive It (if you know what It is), unless you believe It's given to you and It's for you. And then you cannot know whether you've got It or not, unless you know what results It brings. So if you know what It is, and who It's to, and what action It brings when It comes, then you'll know what you've got when you get It. See? That just would settle it.

12) << 154-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

<< 154-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What we have just set forth would be much easier for all to understand if all believed the doctrine of the oneness of the Godhead. For there are not three persons in that Godhead but ONE. Thus we are NOT born again by the Spirit of Life of Jesus coming in, and then subsequent to that the Holy Spirit coming in to give us power. If that were true, why are we dishonoring the Father by not giving Him a part in our complete salvation, for if salvation is of the Lord and there are three Lords, then HE (Father) must have something to do, too. But surely it can be seen that Jesus made this very clear that it was He and He alone Who is God and it is He and He alone Who is coming into the believer.

John 14:16 says that the Father will send another Comforter.

But verse 17 says that He (Jesus) dwelleth with them and should be IN them later.

In verse 18 He says He will come to them.

In verse 23 in speaking to the disciples He said, "We (Father and Son) will come unto him." Thus it is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost all coming in at the one time for IT IS ONE PERSON comprising the Godhead. That advent took place at Pentecost. There aren't two comings of the Spirit, just one. The trouble is that people don't know the real truth, and they simply believe in Jesus for remission of sin but never go on to receive the Spirit.

13) 60-0611B FELLOWSHIP_ MIDDLETOWN.OH SATURDAY_

<< E-31 † Now, the elements that came from the body of Jesus was water, blood, spirit. What come from His natural body is what constitutes the new birth. What's--what is when a baby's born, what's the first thing happens? (Excuse me, my sisters.) What's the first thing happen? Water breaks. What's the next thing? Blood. What's the next thing? Life. Exactly right.

What constitutes the natural birth is a type of the spiritual birth. What is the first thing? Water, it's waters of separation: justification by faith as Brother read the Scripture this morning, Romans 8--or Romans 5, justification by faith. What's the next thing? The cleansing, sanctification. Taking the--the mug and justifying it is picking it up. Sanctifying it is cleansing it. Then it's ready for filling of the Holy Spirit. See? The Word "sanctify," is a word, means "cleaned and set aside for service," but not in service.

There's where I dif... You brother Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness, that thinks that sanctification is the entire work of the Holy Spirit, it is not. Sanctification cleanses you, but the Holy Spirit fills you. The glass is set aside for service, but not in service until it's put in service by the Holy Ghost and filled with the Holy Ghost. See? That's it.

14) 55-1110 A.HIDDEN.LIFE.IN.CHRIST_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA THURSDAY_

« E-20 † **And that's the same thing it takes to make up the new birth: water, blood and spirit: Justification by faith, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, cleansing up, the sanctification through the Blood, and then the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to put you in the holiest of holies. Now, that constitutes the--the man who is separated from God and hid away in Christ.**

I say this with reverence, there's too many of us playing in the courts yet. See? We don't take our lives over with Christ to be hid away. The fruits of the Spirit proves it. You see? That... We might think that we are, but until your life measures up with that... That's what proves it. Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." Not by their denominations, but by their fruit you shall know them.

15) « 154-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth. It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

16) 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 233 † Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? **Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.**

234 **What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a--a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.**

17) 60-1204E THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_

« 71 † **Now ask God to... while we're talking on Revelation, ask Him to give you a revelation of This. For It can only be known by revelation, and you can only be saved by revelation. You have a knowledge of It, intellectually, but you can't be saved until It's revealed to you. "No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost."** That's what the Bible says. No man can say Jesus is the Christ until he has received the Holy Ghost. He might say, "The pastor says so, the Bible says so." Them are truths. "The church says so." **That is true. But you don't know yourself until the Holy Ghost has revealed It to you, and He's become in you. "No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost." Not by knowledge, not by intellectual.**

18) 62-1230E IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-11 SUNDAY_

« 255 † That's some of the mysteries that this angel is supposed to wind up, all "the mystery," all the mysteries of God.

And the other:

256 May I say this with reverence, and not referring to myself, but referring to the Angel of God.

257 The serpent's seed, that's been a hidden mystery, all through the years.

258 The grace, straightened out; not disgrace, but real, true grace.

259 No such a thing as an Eternal, burning hell. You'll burn for millions of years. But, anything that was Eternal, had never a beginning or a end; and hell was created.

All these mysteries!

260 **The mystery of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, without sensation, but the Person of Christ performing in you the same works that He did.**

19) 55-0311 THE.SEAL.OF.THE.ANTICHRIST_ LOS.ANGELES.CA FRIDAY_

« E-28 † And said, "One day I'd made a sale in the car lot. And I come in; I put my coat on." said, "It was summertime." Said, "I put my coat on to go out, 'cause some ladies out there." And said, "On the road back," said, "I hung up my coat, and when I did, I said, I wonder if I gave them the keys. And I reached down in my pocket, and I pulled out a little piece of paper, and it had wrote on it, **'Where will you spend Eternity?'**" Said, **"I just laid it down, turned the fans on."** And said, "I picked it up again; I couldn't get away from it. 'Where will you spend eternity?'"

And said, "I'm forty years old; I--**I got to settle that thing.**" Said, "That's right," said, "I just had to turn the work over to someone else, and **I went home to seek God.**" Said, "I went to a famous minister." Well, it's

Mr. Graham, is who it was, Billy Graham. And said, "I went to his meeting." And he said, **"All that wants to receive Christ, stand up."** Well, said, **"That I did."**

And he said, **"Accept Christ, now as your personal Saviour, and it'll be settled."** Said, **"I talked to some of the men there who told me that's what I had to do."**

Well, said, **"I did the best I could."** But said, **"Brother Branham, it wasn't settled."**

« E-29 † Said, **"I met up with some Nazarene people."** And said, **"They taken me back in a room and told me, unless I got happy enough to shout, that I wasn't sanctified yet."** And said, **"I stayed in there, and all of us prayed together till it sounded like one person praying."** Said, **"I did get happy and shouted."** And said, **"They told me, 'It's all over now.'"** And said, **"I--I--I thought it was. Then I went out, and still it--it wasn't all over."**

Said, **"I sold all of my cars."** Said, **"I was worth nearly a half a million dollars."** I sold my car lot, all of my cars." Said, **"The only thing is got is just old beat up car, trying to give it to preachers, and so forth, where I can find peace to my soul."** He said, "I want to find the Lord." And he said, **"Then I finally run into the Pentecostal people."** They told me that I'm... If I'd... **Asked me if I'd ever spoke in tongues. And I told them, "No."**

They said, **"Well, you haven't got it until you speak with tongues."** Said, they taken me back, and I prayed pretty near half the night in a little tent out behind a big tent."

And said, **"Then I spoke in tongues, and they said, 'Now you've got it.'"** But said, **"Brother Branham, I didn't have it."** And said, **"Then I went down to Shreveport, or to Dallas, to the Voice of Healing."** Said, **"They had all their boys up there,"** and said, **"They tried to do me good, and they couldn't."** And said, **"Then they told me, you was a prophet."** To come see you, and you'd tell me, surely, that I had crossed the separating line, and there was no hope for me, if I had done all this, and still didn't have it."

« E-30 † And I said, "Well brother, I want to tell you something." I said, "I'm not a prophet. It is--that's what people say." But I said, "I--that's," I said, "I'm just His servant." **But now, you don't need a prophet to straighten you out; you just need the word of God."** And I said, **"What Mr. Graham told you is the truth. And what the Nazarene people told you is the truth. And what the Pentecostal told you is the truth; and yet it's not the truth."** To shout, to raise up your hands, to speak with tongues, is not receiving Christ. Receiving Christ is receiving the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then these other things take place after that. See? Now, you could do all those still didn't have Christ yet."

He said, **"Well, Brother Branham, where can I find Him?"**

I said, **"I want to ask you something. Let's go back to your story."**

And he walked up; he said, **"Well, what do you mean?"**

I said, **"You said, that day when you come in, picked up that piece of paper, something struck you, and you said, 'Oh, I want to seek God.'"** I said, **"From--up to that time you were going this a way, down the road. And then, you turned this a way, what did it?"**

I said, **"What changed your opinion? What come into your heart, that made you one time not care for God, and something come in to make you go to loving God? What done it?"**

He said, **"Well, I don't know."**

I said, **"Before there could be a creation, there has to be a Creator, to create that creation. God came into your heart, right there when you looked at that piece of paper."**

He said, **"You mean I've had it all along?"**

I said, **"Certainly, brother."**

And he jumped out of there, and begin to scream and cry. That was settled. What is it?

He said, **"Do you want to pray for me?"**

I said, **"What's the use of praying for you. You don't need any prayer. The truth has made you free. See?"**

« E-31 † **Now, them other things is all right, but you can't pin your finger to anything. It's the Holy Spirit's work, the Person, not a thought. When He ('He's' a personal pronoun)--when He the Holy Spirit has come... The Holy Spirit is the Personage of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we accept into our hearts, that brings a new different attitude, look out and everything to life. Amen.**

No matter, you might join churches, shake hands with pastors, put your name on the books; all those things are good. You might... Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels; though I have wisdom and understand all the knowledge of God; though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice; though I do all these things, I'm still nothing." That's right.

But he said, "Where there's tongues, they shall cease; where there's knowledge, it'll vanish; where there's prophecies it'll fail; but when love has come, it'll endure forever."

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« **E-73** † **"I want to tell you something,"** I said, "Fellow (See?), what did you tell me awhile ago, that you was once a great businessman. You told your wife that went up in the Pentecostal church and got saved." Said, "She got the Spirit on her. She lived a different life." And said, "She went up in Tennessee." He was from Minneapolis. Said, he went up in Tennessee, she did, to a meeting, to a camp meeting. And he had been selling a car, and come back, reached down in his pocket to get the keys to give to a lady, and he found a little ticket, said, **"Where will you spend eternity?"**

« **E-74** † Said, "After all, **I'm past forty years old. That'll have to be settled.**" He told his wife he never cared for God. Said he was only in church once in his life. He threw it in the trash can. He couldn't get away from it. He picked it up again. He threw it again, and he picked it up again. He sold his cars and give it to preachers, trying to find grace with God.

I said, "Sir, you didn't have to sell your cars to give to ministers. You didn't have to do that." I said, "You've already received Christ."

He said, "Brother Branham, did I receive Him when I spoke with tongues, or when I shouted, or when I raised up my hands?"

I said, "Neither one. You received Him when He knocked at your door. What changed you? What made the difference? You were going down a road one way, not caring for God." I said, "Shouting is all right. Raising up your hands is all right. Speaking in tongues is all right. They're all, all right, but it's not all the truth. To receive Christ is to receive the Person of Christ, to receive Christ. Then the shouting and speaking in tongues takes place, after that."

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« **201** † Oh, brother, sister, **we're--we're at Kadesh-barnea. You're tasting now. Last night the Holy Spirit fell upon us. Come in us--in like a rushing wind. It settled upon many of you. Today ministers have been visiting homes here and there, laying on hands and praying for them that's seeking the Holy Ghost. Don't you take a substitute. Don't you take some kind of a noise. Don't you take some kind of a sensation. You wait there until God has molded you and made you a new creature, made you a new person. You're tasting It now, just tasting It, but let the Dove lead you right to the table,** and--and the Lamb and Dove set down together, and feast forevermore upon the Word of God. For It will stand when there's no heaven or earth; the Word of God will remain. That is true.