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18 ⁺ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 [†] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

» **20** [†] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

» **21** ⁺ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

» **22** ⁺ Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

» **23** ⁺ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1A) JOHN 3:1-18

» **1** [†] **¶** There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 ⁺ The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

» **3** ⁺ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

» 4 ⁺ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

» **5** ⁺ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

» 6 [†] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 T Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 [†] The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 [†] Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

» 10 ⁺ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

I1 + Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 ⁺ If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 ⁺ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 + And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 + That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

» 16 ⁺ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 ⁺ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 ⁺ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1B) 64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_
 86 [†] Notice how God makes it plain to us. And if that wasn't a--a great confirmation, a good... a great, loving blessing from God! When I see this, and see that since a boy, first time ever Christ dealt with me, I've still always taught those three stages of grace. Notice if it isn't true now.

« 87 ⁺ Now, the first step is "repentance towards God." And then follows after that, is water baptism, "water baptism," "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." See, water baptism follows, showing that repentance was genuine. Or, to "remit" our past sins, that has nothing to do with future sin. It only remits. "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." What for? "Remission." Taking away of past sin has nothing to do with the future. Just, your sin has been chopped off, what you did.

88 You can't repent for what Adam done. You never done it; Adam did. You just get forgiveness for what you done. The old nature is still there.

89 ⁺ Let me take this board just a minute. [Brother Branham draws illustrations on the blackboard--Ed.] Now, here is a human heart. Now, I'm not... I'm a long ways from being an artist. Here is a human heart; and here is a human heart. Now, this one over here has a snake in it, that's sin, here he has his life. This one over here has a dove in it, which is the Holy Spirit, here he has a Life. Well, this one here, he has malice, hatred, envy; that's what's causing it, is this fellow here. Well, this one over here has love, and joy, and long-suffering; and That's what does it, down here.
90 Now, when you are asked, or you are forgiven of your sins, you've only done this, taken that away. But the thing that made you do it is still there. That's the old root of evil; it's still there. Notice, then you repent and are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, that He forgave you of your sins. Notice.

« 91 [†] Then, secondly, comes sanctification, which sets our mind in order for holiness, to think right. Taken away... sanctification is a compound Greek word, which means "cleaned, and set aside for service."

92 Then, the next, comes the baptism of the Fire and Holy Ghost, that God might dwell in us. And the Fire of God cleanses our hearts from sin, and puts the Holy Ghost inside. Then we bring forth the same Life that This did, because That's in us<mark>.</mark>

« 93 [†] Notice, in the natural birth, when a woman gives birth to a baby. The natural life types the spiritual life. When a woman gives birth to a baby, the natural, the first thing happens is breaking of water, then blood, and then the spirit (the life). Grab the little fellow and spank him [Brother Branham claps his hands together once--Ed.], and away he goes, screaming. Water, blood, spirit.

<mark>94 </mark>And now when a baby is born into the Kingdom of God, he comes the same way: water, Blood, Spirit.

1C) 59-0708M DEDICATION.OF.BUILDING.TO.THE.LORD_ CLEVELAND.TN WEDNESDAY_ « E-14 ⁺ What is it? The congregation, the sinner comes in and hears. That's where he's eating, how he learns that Jesus died in His stead, him being a guilty sinner, subject to death, and duly deserves death. But when he hears, "Faith cometh by hearing," then he rises to his feet, and makes a testimony that he is not fit, but that he does believe and accepts the death of the Lord Jesus that He suffered in his stead, and that Jesus atoned for his sins; and he's accepting it by faith through the Word. And he has--going to change his life from this on and live right.

Yet in that heart still, desires, the root of evil to do wrong because the tree's just cut down. He can only be forgiven for what he done, not what Adam done, what he done, the sins that he did. He can ask forgiveness for what he did. But he cannot ask forgiveness for what Adam done. Then the Blood of Jesus Christ, through sanctification, comes in and cleanses that heart from all sin, and roots out every element of sin.

The word "sanctify," people stumble at it. But it's a Greek compound word which means "being cleaned and set aside for service." The altar sanctified the vessel and cleansed it, and it was set aside for service. But being set aside for service isn't in service yet. But when the Holy Spirit comes to this sanctified vessel, It fills it and puts it into service of the Lord.

1D) 59-1219 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

« 73 [†] Then after Martin Luther, preaching justification, John Wesley come along preaching sanctification. And he preached that a man, after being justified... It's all right--but you've got to be sanctified, cleansed, the root of evil taken out of you by the Blood of Jesus. Now, you can't expect the Lutherans to preach sanctification, 'cause they're not going to do it.

1) « 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.**

2) 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.

* 235 ⁺ You say, "Well, I'm a Lutheran. I'm a Baptist. I'm Presbyterian." That don't mean one, don't mean [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your finger.
236 What is it? It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word. And when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself. See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, con-... and fulfill His law, by death. And Christ, God, died in flesh, in order to condemn sin in the flesh, that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God; and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man. You see it? That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. The new Birth reveals this.

3) 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_
« 240 [†] The new Birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great
mystery, and that's a new Birth. Now what are you going to do when you get all that group together,
where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same
actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest! Oh, if the Church only knew its
position! It will, one day. Then, the Rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now notice.
241 You say, "Brother Branham, but that--that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

4) 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

301 ⁺ "Blind leaders of the blind!" Notice, God holds this key, alone. No theologian can tell you; It's not known. It's hid from them. They know nothing about It.

302 So the schools, when you say, "I got a Ph., LL.D.," you only make... To me, and, I believe, and to God and to any real true believer, that means you're just that much farther away, you just backed off. God is not known by education. He is not known by how to explain It.

303 God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ to the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology. It's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church." No other rocks accepted, no other things accepted, no other Roman rock, no other Protestant rock, no other school, no other nothing, but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ through the new Birth. He borns in there, and He injects His Own Life, and your life is gone. And the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you, with the preeminences, to the people; that they see the very Life, and works, and signs, and wonders, that He did, is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to, at all. Watch God's great revelation unfolding!

5) 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." No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost." No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost.

6) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY_ « 151_ † Now, for the birth of the Word is Christ, not of polluted with denominations. The early Church, no denominations, just the Word, and Spirit irrigated. Brother, the... God laid the Word down like that, and the Holy Spirit irrigated It, and there She went. She brought forth children. Certainly.

7) 61-1231M YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-5 SUNDAY_

* 129 [†] Now, false teachers will bring false births. True prophets will bring the Word, the birth of the Word, Christ. False prophets will bring false birth, the birth of churches, the birth of creeds, the birth of denominations. And here you are, Pentecostal brother, false sent--or sensations, and tell a man he's got the Holy Ghost 'cause he speaks with tongues. I've seen devils speak with tongues, pencils lay down and write in unknown tongues. That don't mean a thing. See, it's got to be a life: by their fruit you shall know them. "Brother Branham, do you believe in speaking in tongues?" Yes, sir. "You believe in shouting?" Yes, sir. To be a Christian, I believe that. I believe God's Word. But if the life isn't there to back it up...

8) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_ « 161 † All of God's sons must be the same. Yes, sir. To be born of the Word and Spirit, brings us back to the spoken Word again, like in John 3. See? To be born of the Water and the Spirit, what does It do? Then It brings you right back again unto the place of where you should have been at the beginning. See? That's the reason of Christ's death, brings us right back again to (where?) sons of God.

162 If Eve would have brought forth that Child... She would have finally done it. Did not God tell her, "Multiply and replenish the earth"?

9) 65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY_

* 105 [†] Now, faith is "a revelation from God." Now, faith is a revelation. There's where I want to stay, there, just a moment. It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. You ever have faith, it's give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you, therefore faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.

10) 65-1204 THE.RAPTURE_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_

65 [†] But, to the Church, the Bride, the Rapture is a revelation to Her. It's revealed to Her.
That, the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the Rapture.
66 Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you, like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him, as though it wasn't so. Now, faith, that's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The Church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire Body.

11) HEBREWS 11:1

» **1 † ¶** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

12) 57-1215 SPEAK.TO.THIS.MOUNTAIN_ BROOKLYN.NY SUNDAY_

E-12 The With my purchase power, there's where it is, Christian friends. Please understand. May God open our hearts to this understanding, that faith is not a myth, neither is it something that's a--you just imagine. Faith is positive. Faith is the substance, just the same as this glass is, just the same as this book is. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence..." O blessed be His holy Name. It is the evidence of things you do not see, but you believe it. When God has spoken it, God has to keep His Word. And every promise is yours if you can receive it as yours.

13) 58-0105 HAVE.FAITH.IN.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« **E-5** ⁺ In the book of St. Mark, the **11**th chapter, and I wish to begin tonight at the **20**th verse and read a portion, and then I want to quote back sometimes, the original translation. This is the King James.

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter calling to remembrance said unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursed is withered away.

Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Now, I want to quote that from the original, that last verse.

Verily, I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain be thou lifted up and thrown into the sea; and shall believe in his heart that it is being done, shall have what he saith.

My subject is, "Have Faith in God." Now, we are taught in God's blessed Word, that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word or of the Word. Now, faith is also an experience. And many times faith is had, by a former experience makes faith grow. Faith being the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things that's not seen, so many people fail to find the real meaning of what faith is. Some people believe that faith is some sensation or some emotion. But the Bible said that faith is the substance of things hoped for.

« E-6 [†] Now, some thinks that it's a mental conception of the Word, but that is not right. Faith is a substance. Faith is not a myth. Say... Faith is a substance of things hoped for; the evidence... To have an evidence, it must be a substance. So it is not just something that you imagine in your mind; it's something that absolutely, you have. It's something that you possess in your own being. And what is it? It's the evidence of things that you have hoped for. It's the evidence of things you do not have as yet, but you have the authority of God to say that you have it. It's an evidence, something you have in your heart.

« E-7 [†] Now, it's--it's not something that you just kindly push yourself to. I've noticed so much of that in my meetings, that people try to work themself up into something, to make them believe. Now, you can't do that. You're just beating the air. But faith is something that's just as calm and settled as it can be. It's taking God at His Word and having the assurance in your heart, that God is able to keep what He has said that He would do and will perform everything that He said He would do.

Now, I've noticed it many times, people think they must be prayed for. That's all right. We should pray for each other. Or that their hands might be... or some evangelist's hands, must be ministered. That's all right. That'll bring contacts and so forth of faith. But real, unadulterated faith is taking God at His Word. That's the main thing.