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I PETER 1:18-23

- » **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.

II PETER 1:1-5

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- » **5** † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 58-0105 HAVE.FAITH.IN.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-5 † In the book of St. Mark, the 11th chapter, and I wish to begin tonight at the 20th 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.

8) 53-0614A EARNESTLY.CONTENDING.FOR .THE.FAITH.THAT.WAS.ONCE.DELIVERED.TO.THE.SAINTS_ CONNERSVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-73 † **Why brother, it's by faith you're saved. Is that right? But listen. In accepting of your faith, God confirms your faith by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If you say you believe, and you don't get the baptism of the Holy Ghost, then you do not, it--it--your faith isn't accepted in the sight of God. You've got a mental faith and in the stead of a heart faith. That's right.**

When you truly believe God, God's under obligation to pour the Holy Ghost on you. And then if He does pour the Holy Ghost on you... You say, "Well, I've got the Holy Ghost too." Well, if you do, you're bound to believe in the supernatural signs and wonders, because you're added to it. That's the faith.

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) II PETER 1:1-5

» 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:

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12) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« **33** † So now, let us read now, First Peter, or... Second Peter, rather, the 1st chapter, portion of It. *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:*

34 I like the way that's stated right there, because my whole subject this morning is based on faith. See? Let me read that again. Listen close.

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that obtain--obtained like precious faith... through the righteousness of God... our Saviour and Jesus Christ:

35 Notice, He is saying, that, "I have obtained this faith, and I'm addressing this to them that has obtained the like precious faith." I want... It's not to the outside world. This is to the Church, see, those that are in Christ.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and (through) of Jesus Christ our Lord,

According as his divine power has given unto us all things... his divine power now has given unto us all things that pertain unto life... godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are we given unto... given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) we might be partakers of the divine nature,...

« **36** † Now let that soak real deep now. Not preaching this morning; we just teaching this lesson.

"Divine nature." Let me read that 4th verse again now, so you won't miss it. "Whereby we are given..."

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

37 See, "the world," we've escaped that now. He's addressing this to the Church. That's why we're here this morning, is to find out what is the way, what is God's requirement. There's not a person in here, that loves God, but wants to--wants to become more like Christ. Now it's laid out here. Every Christian! I'm an old veteran. Look at Brother and Sister Kidd here, they're probably the oldest in the building. But if I'd ask them, **"What is your heart's desire?" It'd be, "Closer to God." When you learn of Christ, there's something about Him that's so loving, you just try to get right into Him.**

13) 59-0612 ALL.THE.DAYS.OF.OUR.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« **E-30** † And that was so at the beginning, and it's so now. Because he was deceived by trying to sew fig leaves together to make hisself a way, and reject God's way. And that's what he's still doing: sewing his creeds together, and making this and that, and big churches and places to try to deceive man by. The Bible said he would do it: "Have a form of godliness and deny the power thereof..." So you see, it's... You've got to be a slave one way or the other.

But we who are bondslaves to Jesus Christ, we are slaves of joy. I'm so glad that I got shackles on me, that shackles me away from the things of the **world, that I could become a slave to Jesus Christ, to serve Him in love. And you, my brethren and sisters, who are like precious faith, who's been borned of the Holy Ghost, that's had the Blood of Jesus Christ to sanctify and cleanse you from all the filth of the world, that die daily to the flesh, crucify it, putting it away, and becoming a slave to your own body to serve God, we look for a City to come. Blessed be the Lord.**

14) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« **116** † Omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite, that's God. So, when they make a phone call and say, **"Pray!" That contact! And your faith brings God. It's the thing that brings the prayer and God, together, on the scene. Prayer! Faith changes from here to here. It brings it together.**

117 "Speak the Word. All I want You to do is say the Word, and everything is all right." See, He didn't have to be there. "Just say the Word." Why? God is omnipresent. He's all-powerful. He's just as powerful beneath the world as He is on top the world, or on either side. He's God. "And the only thing You have to do is just speak the Word," he said.

118 And, now, faith does the rest of it. Faith does the rest. So you must have faith for a foundation. All Christianity, all you are, all you'll ever be, is based upon faith in the Word. That's the reason I believe the Word. See?

« **119** † **I can't put my faith on nothing else.** If I was going to put it on the church, which church would I put it on: Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostals? Where would I put it on? I don't know. They all scruple up and everything else, twist lines, and everything else.

120 But when I put my faith in His Word, it's anchored. Nobody interpret It. Here It is, THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then I believe That. There's the basis.

15) 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.

« 104 † **But, first, it's got to be faith. Let me stay on that foundation for a while. Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what... "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's, you already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," Hebrews 11, see, "the evidence." What is it? What kind of an evidence? A holy evidence.**

105 Therefore, when you say, "Brother Branham, I believe that God is a Healer." Well, if you believe that, and then accept Him as your Healer, and not lying, but actually believing that by His stripes you are healed, there's nothing going to turn you from it. It's a settled thing. Now you might have hope, just keep dodging to this and dodging to that. But when you got faith, you know it, because it is the evidence. You've already got it. I was...

16) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 131 † **First, you must be born again. And then when you're born again, you have faith; you believe the Word. Until you're born again, you'll argue against It. If you're just religiously inclined, and--and you got a--a--a little human knowledge that you should do right, you'll never be able to agree upon the Word of God. You'll never do it. You've got to be born again. And, born again, it produces faith. All right. Then, after you get faith, this right here, f-a-i-t-h, faith, then you're just in position of growing.**

« 132 † **Now, a lot of people go up to the altar, and pray, and say, "Lord, forgive me." And a great experience of sanctification come upon them, and things. Then you have a great time, get up to the altar, shouting. You go back, say, "Bless God, I got it." No, you just started to a place where you can grow. You ain't done nothing yet. See? The only thing you done is just laid the foundation.**

133 Now you're going to build a house, and you pour the foundation, say, "Boy, I got her." See? You got the foundation to build your house on. Now you got to build a house.

134 Now there's where the thing comes in, this morning, we're going to talk about now. All right. A house, this foundation is first. What is the foundation of Christianity? Faith in the Word of God. That's your foundation. Then you begin to grow. Then you start, you begin to add to this foundation.

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18) 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.

19) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 94 † **Well, now that's the way it is, trying to--to manufacture Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do, is be born again. You've got to be changed. See? And when you're changed, you become a new creation. Now you're getting right, now. See? Now you don't have to worry about the feathers, it'll take care of itself, when--when you are born again. Yes, sir.**

95 Like I've always said. You take a--a hog, scrub him up and put a tuxsailor suit on him, or tuxedo suit, rather, on him, and turn him out there; he go right to a mud hole and wallow. Cause, you see, it wouldn't do any good. He's a hog. That's his nature. Wallowing is his nature. You've got to change his nature, and (he) the rest of it will take care of itself.

« 96 † Now notice. **You must be born again, that is, changed. There's got to be a change.**

97 You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know this certain woman over here, why, she never did do anything wrong. She's a good woman. Or, this such-and-such a man, he's a good man. He never does anything. You know he doesn't harm anybody." **That doesn't mean one thing. He might make a good neighbor, but he isn't a Christian until he's born again.**

98 **Jesus said, "Except a man be born again," Saint John 3, that, "he can't even see the Kingdom." Now, that means, see, it means to "understand."**

99 You look at anything, say, "I just don't see it." You mean you don't understand it.

« 100 † A man can't understand why people shout. A man can't understand why a human being's language would change and he'd speak in tongue. The natural man can't see how a glory of God would come over a man's eyes, and he'd see vision and tell man of certain things, and what to do; tell them things that's fixing to happen, and fix things to come to pass, like the Lord did for us here last night, even. See? See? The--the natural mind tries to figure out. "Well, what did he do? Or, what kind of a hoax is he using? What gimmick has he got?" To see a man speaking in tongues, they'd say... and somebody interpret and tell just exactly to a certain member of the Body what they've done, and what they should not do. See? See? They think it's some kind of a hoax. "There's something fixed up between them."

101 They can't understand it until that man is born again. Then when he's born again, then he's in line of fellowship, because he is a new creation. That old suspicious, doubting character he was, is dead. Now, he's a new creation. So, you see, he don't have to add anything to his, now, because it'll automatically be added.

20) 62-1111E WHY.I'M.AGAINST.ORGANIZED .RELIGION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 224 † That's the reason I have spoke against the church, the--the lodge. I can't call it a church. There's only one Church, that's the Church of the Body of Christ. But these lodges that's called "church," my Bible tells me that they are blasphemous names, all of them, all organizations. What are they blaspheming? Blasphemy is to "be contrary to," or, "speak against." **When God says "come be born," and they say "come join." See? When the baptisms of the Spirit is falsely took over for a wafer in the Catholic church, a handshake in the Protestant church, and an emotion in the Pentecostal church, instead of the Person of Christ coming in with all that pyramid building we had the other day.**

225 Add to your faith, virtue, and so forth, all this in First Peter, the 1st... Second Peter, I believe, the 1st chapter, where it's all added to your faith, all these things, godliness, and purity, and holiness, and everything, and then you're sealed by the Holy Ghost.

21) 60-1207 THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 229-285 WEDNESDAY_

« 98 † Now, we want to notice here again now, in the 2nd verse, that which would be the 13th:

I know thy works, and--and where thou dwellest, even... Satan's seat... and thou holdest fast my name, and has not denied my faith,...

See, they're living where Satan is seated, and still they're keeping the Name of Jesus. See, "And not denied My faith." What kind of faith did He give them? Pentecostal faith, at the beginning. They had a Nicolaitane faith there, a church organization, and so forth, they was building up, a church coming into existence under organization; but He said, "You got away from that, you hated it, and so do I. And you've not denied My Name; you not went after their little ol' cults and things, you have stayed right straight on My Name. And you still got My faith like it was at the beginning." Oh, I like that! ... not denied my faith, even as those in the days wherein... (I guess you pronounce that A-n-t-i-p-s)... Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

22) < 224-1 † THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6

"I know your faith." Now he does not say here as He did to the church in Pergamos, "you hold MY faith". He is not talking about His faith now, but He is commending them for their faithfulness. And as He does He also mentions their 'patience.' Now faithfulness and patience go together.

In fact patience is the outcome of faithfulness, for it says in James 1:3,

"The trying of your faith worketh patience."

There is absolutely no other way in which to gain patience. It has to come by the trial of our faith.

Romans 5:3,

"Tribulation worketh patience."

How highly God regards this outworking of our patience is seen in James 1:4,

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire lacking nothing."