

# Notes used in the Message

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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

- » **1** † ¶ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
- » **2** † Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- » **3** † According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- » **4** † Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- » **5** † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

### 1) « 140-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

To further bring out what we have just said, and to also use a Scripture that should be borne in mind as we talk about who it is that is baptized with the Holy Ghost, see what Jesus says in John 6:45,

*"It is written in the prophets, And they shall All be taught of God."*

But turn to Isaiah 54:13 whence this is taken and it reads,

**"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord."**

**The ALL of God are the CHILDREN of God. Thus it is that the evidence of being a true child of God, (he whom the Spirit has come upon and in-dwells) is again set forth as one taught the Word by the Holy Ghost.**

**Now you can begin to see why tongues is not the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost. It doesn't say in any age that "he that hath a tongue let him say what the Spirit is saying." That puts tongues, interpretation thereof, and prophecy, etc. aside as an evidence. The evidence is HEARING what the Spirit says. The Spirit is talking. Yes, the Spirit is teaching. That is exactly what Jesus said He would do when He came.**

John 14:26,

*"He will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you."*

### 2) « 143-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

**In every age, (and every age is the age of the Holy Ghost for the true believer)--I say, in every age the evidence was the same. Those who had the Spirit, the Teacher, heard the Word, and that Spirit in them took the Word and taught it (revealed it) to them; and they were of the group that heard the messenger and his message and took it and lived it.**

### 3) « 155-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

**Now we have been constantly saying that the true evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost is for the believer to receive the Word for the age in which he lives.** Let me show you most clearly.

**3A) 64-0726E BROKEN.CISTERNS\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-13 SUNDAY\_**

« 66 † Today I was talking with my good friend, Doctor Lee Vayle, who is present now. And he's quite a theologian, and so we usually have some--have some pretty good discussions on the Scripture. Very smart.

And he asked me one time what I thought about the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost, "Was it speaking in tongues?" It's been many years ago.

I said, "No; can't see that."

He said, "Neither do I," said, "though I've been taught that." He said, "What would you think would be an evidence?"

67 I said, "The most perfect evidence I can think of is love." And so we got to talking on that.

And then I thought that sounded pretty good so I just held that, "If a man has got love."

But one day the Lord, in a vision, straightened me out. And He said, that, "The evidence of the Spirit was those who could receive the Word," neither love, nor speaking in tongues, but it's receiving the Word.

**4) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY\_**

« 146 † But the five streams you see coming down through here, tempers this together. It has been the Holy Spirit that made the Ephesus church. It was the Holy Spirit that birthed the Smyrnaean church. The Holy Spirit that give the Pergamos church, and the Thyatira church, in the Dark Ages. It's the Holy Spirit that's built that Bride, the Elect that's pulled out of all the organization systems down through the ages, like that. There's an Elected, a predestinated Bride of Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit has called out the Elect. And it's been the Holy Ghost in this age, that age, that age, that, that, that, that, on up to the top, the Holy Spirit.

147 And now as in the individuals, these virtues and things, are knowledge and temperance, is added to our faith. Then when the Capstone comes, the Holy Spirit cements It together. There is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That's why it's so short today.

**5) MATTHEW 13:36-39**

» 36 † Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

» 37 † He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

» 38 † The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

» 39 † The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

**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) 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.

**8) 65-0124 BIRTH.PAINS\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY\_**

« 46 † Now, in First John 5:7, I believe it is, if I'm not mistaken, It said, "There are three that bear record in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; these three are One. There are three that bear record in earth, that's water, Blood, and Spirit, and they agree in one." Now notice. The first three are One. The second three are earthly, which agree in one. Cannot have the Father without the Son; you cannot have the Son without having the Holy Ghost. But you can have the water without the Blood, and the Blood without the Spirit.

47 I think, through our ages, has proved this to be true; water, Blood, Spirit; justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That types, or makes the... or, and an antitype, which takes away from the natural birth.

48 **Look when a--a woman or anything in travail, for birth. The first thing comes to pass, the breaking of the water, a normal birth; second thing is the blood; and then comes life. Water, blood, spirit; and that constitutes the normal, natural birth.**

« 49 † **And so is it in the spiritual realm. It's water; justification by faith, believing on God, receiving Him as your personal Saviour, and being baptized. Second, is sanctification of the spirit, that God cleanses the spirit from all elements of the world, and the desire of the world. And then the Holy Spirit comes in and gives new Birth and fills up that sanctified vessel.**

#### 9) I CORINTHIANS 12:13

» 13 † **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,** whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

#### 10) EPHESIANS 2:18

» 18 † For through him **we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

#### 11) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 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.**

#### 12) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 45 † That's the way it is with Christ. See? We've got to be so in love with Him, till when we ask for something, and **He doesn't give it to us, that doesn't shake us a bit. See? See? Why? And the only way you can do that, is to become partakers of His Divine nature, then you'll understand the reason He can't give it to you. "Partakers of His Divine nature."**

46 **And look here, "Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." Escaped it! See who it's to? It's to the Church, them who are in Christ, has been exalted above these things. Not he exalted himself, but Christ brought him up.**

« 47 † To my colored brethren and sisters who are present this morning, I don't mean this through any harm. But, was in a meeting some time ago, I don't know whether I ever said it in the tabernacle. I've told it many places. There was a colored sister said, "Can I have a testimony, or testify?"

**"Certainly, sister, go right ahead."**

48 She said, "I want to make this testimony for the glory of God." She said, "You know, I--I ain't what I ought to be," and she said, "I--I ain't what I want to be, but," she said, **"one thing sure, I ain't what I used to be."** See? She had come from somewhere. She had been brought up.

« 49 † **That's how we know we've passed from death unto Life. We look back to the pit where we was hewed from. See? We're not what we want to be; we're not even what we ought to be; but one thing we're thankful for, we're not what we used to be. That's right. We're on the road.**

« 50 † **"And having escaped the corruption of the world." Having escaped that, the lust and corruption of the world, you're above that. Now that's--now that's the type of person that He's talking to, the person that has escaped these things, see, the corruption of the world.**

*And besides this, giving all diligence, add unto your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance;... to temperance patience;... to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

**13) 65-1204 THE.RAPTURE\_ YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY\_**

« 93 † **Then how do we get into this Body? First Corinthians 12, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into this Body, by one Holy Spirit baptism."** That, if you want to put that down, it's First Corinthians 12:13. "And by one Spirit we are all baptized." **And the Spirit is the Life of Christ. Is that right?** [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The Life of Christ! And the life of any seed... Which, **He was the Word Seed, brings the Seed to Life. You get it? If that--if that Life is laying in the Seed, and this baptism of the Holy Spirit comes upon It, it's bound to bring that Seed Life.**

**14) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**

« 403 † **Peter said, "And because you have escaped the corruption of the world through the lust of money, and lust of big time, and pleasure, and the eating, and drinking, and lust that we have. You've escaped that. And now you're built up into livelihood. I'm addressing that to the Church,"** he said. There you are. Did you read it? Did you get it? Did you hear it when we read it back here in Second Peter? Just listen what he says here, how beautiful that's wrote in here, how he--he addresses it. All right. Listen to him now as he speaks. All right.

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

**15) 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.

**16) 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...

**17) 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.**

**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.**

**261** The mystery of water baptism. Where, the extreme trinitarianism has brought it into titles of "Father, Son, Holy Ghost." And the mystery of the Godhead being fulfilled in the baptism of the Name of "Jesus Christ," according to the Book of the Revelations, that the Church in this time was to receive.

There is some of the mysteries.

**262** The Pillar of Fire returning back. Amen! That's the thing that's supposed to take place, and we see it. Oh, how we could go on, naming the mysteries!