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18-0506pm - Being Born Again Pt.12 (Divine Nature) - Samuel Dale

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) 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:

- 2) 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...

3) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- 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.
- 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.

4) I CORINTHIANS 12:12-13

- **12** † ¶ For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
- **To 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.

5) I PETER 2:1-3

- * 1 † ¶ Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
- » 2 † As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:
- » **3** † If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

6) II CORINTHIANS 1:21-22

- » 21 † Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
- » 22 † Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

7) II CORINTHIANS 5:4-5

- » **4** † For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.
- » 5 † Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath **given unto us the** earnest of the Spirit.

8) EPHESIANS 1:12-14

- » 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.

9) 56-0120 FELLOWSHIP.WITH.GOD.THROUGH.RECONCILIATION_ STURGIS.MI FRIDAY_

« **E-39** † I think today, that great men has swept this nation back and forth, Jack Shulers, Billy Grahams, many others has went over, and over, and over through the nation, and go right back the same year, and find the same group that he preached to just as far deluded in sin as they ever was. Because man can't save you, when man can only make an altar call, **but it's your individual--or personal faith and trust in God to plunge beneath the Blood, and to be filled with His Spirit, and by become a partakers of the Divine, not a partaker of the church, a partaker of the Divine. The Divine nature changing your own vile nature into a nature that loves God, who believes every Word that He said is the truth, and accepting it as your own personal gift from God.**

10) 58-1221E THE.UNITY.OF.ONE.GOD.IN.THE.ONE.CHURCH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-16 N-8 SUNDAY_

« 97 † There is so many people today who says that the Holy Spirit is not real today. While tens of thousands of them, and millions, are saying it's not so, there's that many enjoying the blessings of It. Mostly are poor people, people who's been dejected and rejected by the world, people who's been throwed out of churches because that they believed God to be God; but they have been filled with His Spirit. They are one in purpose; they're one in heart. Who are those people? Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Catholic, Jehovah Witness, orthodox Jew, all together, they become one. Not one to a creed, not one to a denomination, that's the working of the devil through intellectual conceptions, but the working of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God in you.

And God sets on the throne of your heart in His control room, controlling your emotions, and controlling your powers, controlling your conceptions, and making you one with Him in fellowship and in love. And God fills you with love. He fills you with power. He fills you with the Spirit. He fills you with His own Divine Nature, and He changes your carnal nature into His Nature. Then, in this, you become a new creation in Christ.

11) 55-0227A THE.POSITION.OF.A.BELIEVER.IN.CHRIST_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-33 † Look at it, bruised, wounded, tore, opened up His side with a Roman spear in order that by the Holy Spirit we could be baptized into His body, partakers of His Divine nature. You get it? Then you become a partaker, after coming into His body, a partaker of His Divine nature: Christ's nature in you. How can you cheat, steal, lie, backslide, proselyte, everything else with the Divine nature of Christ in you? It's impossible. Let that soak just a few minutes, 'cause it's right...?... If you be a partaker in Christ, then you become a new creature; old things have passed away, and all things have become new. All of our warrings, and fussings, and stewings, and arguings, and tempers, and all these things pass away. You see it?

What is the fruit of the Spirit? We've planted it on church membership, upon shouting, upon demonstrations of our works. But the fruit of the Spirit is first love, love Who? Then is when you love those who are unlovable. That's the Spirit of Christ. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, there's the fruit of the Spirit. So no matter what church you belong to, what you have done...

12) 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.

- 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.
- « **38** † Excuse this expression. I told my wife, here not long ago, she... both getting old, and I said to her, I said, "Do you love me like you used to?"

She said, "I certainly do."

- **39** And I said, "You know, I love you so much till I would like to take you and pull you inside of me, so we could just be, really, be one, more."
- 40 Now, that, multiply that by a hundred million, and then you'll find out how that the believer, who falls in love with Christ, wants to get into Him, because it's a love. And here He's going to show us how that, through these promises, we might be partakers of Christ's Divine nature. These, mortal body, how that we can be partakers.

13) 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."
- 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.

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

- « 59 † Now, these people are--are... Peter is saying, here, how that we must be partakers of His Divine nature. Now, each one of us are trying to grow into the stature of God.
- **60** Now, after we get through with the Seven Seals, then, at that time of the sounding of the Seventh Seal, or the loosening... Course, we know what a seal is, is to loose the ministry, to loose Seven Seals. And we'll see that right on the chart. Is loosing a Message, something that's sealed up.

15) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- « 68 † Now in the... Now, "tabernacle," is, course, a place where we go to rest, now, get freshness, and so forth, like resting from sleep, or so forth. Now, Hebrews 10, and the 5th verse, Paul brings it in. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice... (That's Christ.)... Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:
- 69 What is the Tabernacle now? A Body, God tabernacling in a Body.
- **70** God once, up high, when He come down on the mountain, even if a--a bullock or a cow touched the mountain, he must be killed. God is holy.
- **71** Last evening, when those Angels covered Their faces. Holy Seraphims with holy faces, don't even know what sin means, and They have to cover Their face, in the Presence of God; cover Their feet, in humility.
- 72 Now, holy God could not condone sin, so nothing could touch the mountain where God was.
- 73 Then God was made flesh and dwelt among us, in the form of Jesus Christ, His Son, His creation. Then that Son gave His life, and the Blood cell of God was broken, that the Life might come out of the Blood, to us.
- Through that Blood we are cleansed. And now our blood, our life, which came by living through sexual desire, brought our life in the world. The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us, changes our nature, by sending upon us the Holy Spirit; then we become into the Divine nature of God, then we become a dwelling place for God. Jesus said, "At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me." See?