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I PETER 1:22-23

- » **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 1:1-8

- » **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;
- » **6** † And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- » **8** † For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

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

- « 367 † You get it? These people who died, in here, are depending and waiting on us. So, this Church has got to come to perfection, in order to bring the resurrection. And they're under, souls under the altar, waiting for this Church to come to Its perfection, that when Christ does come.
- And this Church, you see, is coming smaller, in the minority. [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just like to write that cross there, see. It's come up to a needlepoint. Until, the Church, in the minority, has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of a ministry that this left, because, when this Headstone comes back.
- 369 It's got a little pocket-like here, where it's going to sit right in there, on the regular pyramid. It just isn't a cap that sits across the top. It's a little flange, and it's got to sit on there, 'cause it sheds the water.

And when it comes, this Church has got to be honed.

- 370 All these, rest the stones in the pyramid, are laying so perfect till you can't run a razor blade between them, weighing tons, laying in there. How they got them up, they don't know. But they were built.
- And up here, when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid Itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed. Not only just some creed or doctrine, or something other we come through. It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ, till, when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. See? Then will come the Rapture, the going Home.

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

- « **352** † Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman. God represents His Church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son, to go in that Bride, He also has brought the Bride through these ages, [Brother Branham taps on his chalkboard seven times--Ed.] till He brings this one complete Church into this.
- 353 My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did, neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See? The feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hand. Ear, you become eyes." See?
- But, each age, God has placed these things into His Church, and patterned it by showing that each individual has these, possesses these qualities. And This, being when it's completed, is the Church of God going to Rapture. And this being, and completed, is a servant of God, in the Church of God, that's going in the Rapture. Glory! See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.
- « **355** † Here come a man, Paul, laying the foundation. Irenaeus begin to pour this onto it. The next one poured this. The next one poured this. Next one that, and that, and on down till it comes to the last age. But what is it? It's the same Spirit.
- **356** The same spirit that dwells in me, says, "Hands, reach after that case." The same spirit says, "Feet, make a step." See what I mean?
- 357 Then, the whole stature of your being is governed and controlled by these things, but it cannot be completely controlled till it completely possesses these qualities.

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

- We're not building an organization. I'm not here this morning to build an organization.
 Christ never sent me to build organization. Christ sent me to build individuals to the stature of Jesus Christ, that they might be the powerhouse and the dwelling place of the Spirit, by His Word. By His Word, see, build up the individual to that place. Not build an organization to a greater denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea. See? Add to your faith, virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now you're coming to a place.
- « **173** † Now when they begin to say, "Well, we don't have to accept that today." You do have to. It must be.
- 174 The Scriptures cannot lie. "And they are no private interpretation," the Bible said. You just believe It the way It's written There. See? You've got to have these things. And the only way you'll ever be able to have them, is have Heaven-born knowledge. And Heaven-born knowledge will vindicate the Word. See?
- 175 You've got to believe, not make-believe it. None of these are make-belief, see, if you try to say, "I got it." Don't be a black bird putting peacock feathers in yourself, see, 'cause they'll fall right out. They're not naturally growed in there. They're just stuck in.
- « **176** † I think of where David said there, Psalms 1, "He shall be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water." You know, there's a difference from being planted and being set out, stuck out. Like the old oak tree, it's been planted, that weaves down and gets a good hold. Little old stick is sticking in there, you don't know what's going to happen to it. Has no roots. It has no foundation. See?
- 177 That's like some people coming from a seminary or something, see. Don't have... "Well, Doctor So-and-so ordained me in the ministry." Don't make any difference what that was.
- 178 Christ born you into it, see, see, by your faith. See? You're regenerated and born into it. And then after you're born into it, these are the things that He expects you to add. Just keep adding them. Now we're going right down the line.

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- « 341 † These fellows wasn't required what these fellows are. This wasn't required what this was. See? But He brought His Church up the same way. He brought His--His Church up the same way He's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says, first, seven things: faith, virtue, (see, come up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, add brotherly kindness, and then the love of God. The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you. Then, God lives in a Tabernacle, called the Building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.
- « 342 † When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues, you might impersonate any gift that God has got. You might do that. But until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.
- 343 But, you know, the--the heathen, they prostrate themself before an idol, imaginary god. And in imaginary way they believe that that imaginary god speaks back to them. That's heathenism. That's Romanism. They bow before all kind of saints and everything else. And they have Saint Cecelia, a house god, and so many different things like that. They bow to that, and actually believe that in imaginary way. What a--what a type it is, of the true living God.
- « **344** † But when we, not in imaginary way, but prostrate ourselves before a living God, a living virtue, a living knowledge, a living patience, a living godliness, a living Power coming from a living God, makes a living man a living image in the stature of God. What's he doing? The same things that Jesus did; walking the same way He walked, doing the same things He did. Because, it's not imaginary thing. There's a reality that proves.
- 345 See what I mean? See how these virtues, these building materials, type in with the Church messengers, with the Church ages? Now, one of these days, we're going to take each one of these words, and study them out, and show that it proves it. It all goes together. Sure. See? Oh, my! How wonderful that is, see, to see what it--what it does.
- « 346 † Now, that is the House that God dwells in; not a building with a big bell on top of it, and a high steeple. See? "But a Body has Thou prepared Me," a Body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in. Amen! Living instrumentality of God, God walking on two feet, in you. Glory! "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you. "For ye are written epistles, read of all men." And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore.

7) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- « **350** † If you die, you take the blood out of a man, you embalm him. Trouble of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed. You take the blood out of the man, he's gone. Then the only thing you do is put another blood back in him; he's going to live again. You took his blood out.
- And now we've put the Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head and controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen! Controlled by the Head, takes the...?... There you are. There is the perfect man of God, when he possesses these virtues.

8) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- 358 † Did you ever hear this? Now let me tell you this. And keep real... Put this on your listening ear. See? A chain is its strongest at its weakest link. That's right. It's no stronger than its weakest link.
 359 No matter how strong these are built up, this is built up; if it's got a weak link, there's where she breaks.
- And it's no stronger than that weakest link. [Brother Branham is referring to his chalkboard drawing--Ed.] Now if you possess, you say you got this, this, this, you don't have this, there's where she breaks. If you got this, and haven't got that, she'll break right there. You got this, and haven't got that, it'll break. This, and haven't got this, it'll break. This, and haven't got this, it'll break. See? And if you ain't... Can't have this without having this.
- So when you surrender your complete being, then the Holy Spirit just pours through you, in these virtues, then you're a living tabernacle. Then people look out and say, "That's a man full of virtue, knowledge (he believes the Word), temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, full of the love of the Holy Ghost. See, there he is, walking around." What is it? A stature that

unbelievers can look at and say, "There is a Christian. There is a man, or a woman, who knows what they're talking about. You never seen a kinder, sweeter, godlier person." You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, you see the seal just the same. There you are. See? When a man or woman possess this, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God, which is the Holy Ghost.

- 9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
- « 405 † Lust for money, lust for big things, lust for popularity, these things are dead to the believer. We don't care. A tent or a cottage, why should I care; live or die, sink or drown? This is the thing that I'm interested in, the Kingdom of God. Whether I maintain my home, whether I maintain my family, whether I maintain whatever it is, let me maintain Christ, our hope of Glory.
- Build me up, O Lord, into This. Let Christ be my Head, that working through me. On my foundation, my faith that's in Him, let virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brother kindness, work in me, O Lord, is my prayer. I don't care; live or die, sink or drown; denomination, no denomination; friend or no friend. Let That work in me, let Christ's virtue, His knowledge, flow out, that I might be able to teach those.
- 407 "For God has set in the Church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists, all for the perfecting and bringing all these virtues into it, for that perfection of the Coming of the Son of God." Each one of these stones are a material off of that One. This is material of This. Each one of these virtues belong into Him, and they're pouring out of Him, down through them. Amen.
- 10) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_
- « 135 † Now you say, "Brother Branham, do we, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely. That's gifts of God. But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God.
- 136 This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, the same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual; made out of same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them. You can't imitate them. They've got to be God-sent and God-born. Imitation only causes confusion.
- 137 It's like I said. Could you imagine seeing a buzzard setting there with a dove feather stuck in his wings, say, "See, I'm a dove!" He's not a dove. He's a buzzard, vulture. Could you imagine a black bird with a peacock feather in his wings, and saying, "See!"? That's something that he stuck in.
- **138** But it has to come from the inside out, and it produces Christianity; God, by the power of the Holy Spirit!
- 11) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
- « 418 † I can imagine them apostles never acted liked us. They went around, probably men of few words, till they got in the pulpit. They walked in and they done what they was supposed to do, and walked out. Yes, sir. They had power. They had virtue. They had no arguments with men. They know where they stood. That's all. They know who they believed. They kept on walking in the Spirit. Doing only...
- 419 Just as I said the other night. One little nod, that's all God had to do, then nothing going to stop them. They didn't question and study, and hum-haw and worry like we do, whether they should do this or that. They went ahead and done it, anyhow. Just one little nod from God, that done it, just as soon. Why? How could they know it was a nod from God? They had all these virtues in here, all these qualifications. And the first little nod of God compared with every bit of this, and with His Word. They knowed it was the Word of God, and away they went. Didn't have to worry about nothing else. When God spoke, they went. We speak...