

Notes used in the Message

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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_

« 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?

354 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.

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.

368 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.

371 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) GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1466

1466 » egkrateia {eng-krat'-i-ah} ejgkravteia from 1468; TDNT -- 2:339,196; n f

AV -- temperance (4)

1) self control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)

4) 62-1014M THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 219 † Fourthly. We'll have to hurry, because I'm just... It just feels so good to stand here and talk about it. Amen. [A brother says, "We're enjoying it."--Ed.] Yeah. Fourthly... Thank you.

220 Add "temperance." Oh, my! We've come to temperance. Now, you've had faith, first; have to have that, to begin with. Then you add virtue to your faith, if it's the right kind of virtue. Then you add knowledge, if it's the right kind of knowledge. Now you're going to add temperance.

221 Temperance doesn't mean, "stop drinking alcohol," here, either. No, no. Temperance doesn't mean alcoholic cure, not in this case. This is Bible temperance, Holy Spirit temperance. That's just one of the lust of the flesh, but we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. That means, how to control your tongue, not be a tattler; how to control your temper, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you. Oh, my!

222 Boy, a lot of us going to fall off before we get started, aren't we? See? Then we wonder why God is not in His Church, doing miracles and things that they used to do. Yes, sir. See?

« 223 † Add these things. Add temperance to it. Oh, temperance, how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy-rollers down there!" Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves now. See? Not that. But talk with godly love, temperance, kindness. Is that the way you want to be? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your example.

224 When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," He could have done it, and show He was God. But He had temperance. When they called Him, "Beelzebub," He said, "I'll forgive you for it." That right? They pulled handfuls of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the cross!"

225 He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't even know what they're doing."

« 226 † When, He had the gift, He knowed all things, for in Him was the fullness of the godhead bodily. They had seen Him perform miracles, by telling people what was wrong with them, and so forth like that. They put a rag around His head like that, around His eyes, and hit Him on the head with a stick, and said, "Prophecy, tell us who hit You. We'll believe You." See? He had temperance.

227 Now, if you got it like that, add it to your faith. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on, huh-uh, you ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add. See? It won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible, just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, then it will vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.

When your virtue is like His virtue, then it'll add to it.

« 228 † When your knowledge is like His knowledge, "I come to do Thy will, O God." See? With the Father's Word, He defeated every devil. Heavens and earth will pass away, but the Word will not. See? When you got that kind of knowledge, it'll vulcanize with your faith.

229 When you got the right kind of temperance, like He had, it'll vulcanize. If you haven't, just a man-made halfway, soused-up belief, or temperance, "Oh, I ought to slap him down, but--but maybe I better not, 'cause they might put my name in the paper about it." That ain't the kind of temperance He's talking about. Don't try to add that. It won't work. But when you can really, with the sweetness from your heart, forgive every man, hold your peace, let it be gone, see, then it'll vulcanize. You can add that to your faith. Whew!

« 230 † No wonder the church is so short. Isn't that right? No wonder. I'd say, "Repent and be baptized, the Bible said, in the Name of Jesus Christ." And a strict Trinitarian don't believe that, say, "That old antichrist. He's a Jesus Name. He's a Jesus Only." Look out, boy, I don't know about your temperance right now. See? Why don't you come, say, "Let's reason this together, Brother Branham. I'd like to hear This explained"? See? Then come down and listen to It. And then It's put right before you, and then you walk away; we'll--we'll get to that just in a few minutes, in "godliness," see. But when you--when you fly loose, want to jump at every conclusion, huh-uh, that's--that's not it. See? You haven't got Bible temperance yet when you do that; how to answer back. Then if you got all this, you can add this to your faith.

5) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« 139 † Our sister had her feet wet when she got to the bottom. All of us know Sister Shepherd to be charitable. Her house is open. Her and brother, I don't care if it's a bum, beggar, whatever it is, they'll feed him, do anything they can to help him along. **Oh! God accepted that, her foundation part.**

140 And here's, now, get this lesson. Here is what's wrong with the--with the... I turn on for this. Here is what's wrong with the Branham Tabernacle. You see, there is two different kinds of faith. There is two different kinds of virtue, as I had it the other day. Two different kinds of knowledge. Two different kinds of temperance.

141 One thinks it's prohibition, they got. That ain't the kind of temperance that God is talking about. It's that ungodly, uncontrollable temper you got, and things of that side, fast back, fuss.

« 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.

« 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.

6) 62-1111E WHY.I'M.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 254 † And that's the way God does the Church. He beats every creed, every denomination, every man-made dogma, until He sees His Own Life reflecting in you. "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not." See? **If what is purposed to the Church, the Life that was in Christ isn't reflecting in you, don't you stand still if you haven't got patience, virtue, all these things, and temperance, and--and things, and godliness, and brotherly kindness, and all these things that's required of you.** No matter what you've done, no matter how much you've shouted, how many churches you've joined, how many feathers you've pinned into yourself, don't do it. Wait till genuinely, from your heart, you can forgive, till in your heart you have brotherly kindness. No matter if they pull a handful of beard from one side, you can turn the other cheek with sweetness, see, until those virtues, no matter what they say to you.

7) GALATIANS 5:22-23

» 22 † But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

» 23 † Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

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

« 231 † Then, after that, fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. If you got faith, "it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So, this is patience. Now, that's the next thing is going to build this stature. You know, God has got real material in His Building.

232 See how short we are, brother, sister? See? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See? We have glory, have shouts and things, because we got faith. But when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that stature. See? He can't. He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things. We fall, slide off with it. See? He can't build His Church.

« 233 † Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing, is have patience with God. If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.

234 Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to heal me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh, my! What patience?

235 God told Abraham, and twenty-five years later there wasn't even one sign. He was still believing. He was patient with God. Uh-huh.

236 Put Him always before you. Let Him be the next crossing thing. You can't cross Him, so just keep Him before you. "He said so, and it's going to happen." See? Keep Him before you. That's right.

« 237 † Noah had patience. Yeah. Noah had real, godly patience. God said, "I'm going to destroy this world with rain," and Noah preached a hundred and twenty years, yet. Plenty of patience. Not even dew fell from Heaven. Wasn't nothing. Just as dusty as it ever was, for a hundred and twenty years, but he was patient. Then, God tries your patience. That's right. God tries them.

238 After He told Noah, now He said, "Noah, I want you to go ahead and get in the ark. I'm going to run the animals in there, and I--I want you get in. Climb way upstairs, now, so you can look out, top window. Now, I want you get in there. I want you to tell these people, 'Tomorrow, what I been preaching for a hundred and twenty years, is going to take place.' All right, you go down there and tell them."

9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 242 † Next day, instead of a black cloud, here come the sun coming up just like it always did. Noah looked out. Said, "Hey, there ain't no cloud."

243 That guy come up, said, "Ah, I knowed you was one of them. You see, you're hanging around up here."

244 "Well, pardon me, sir. Ha-ha. Maybe I--I--I just, you know, just enthused, you know. Kind of, see. Ha-ha-ha."

245 But, Noah, he had patience. Said, "If it didn't come today, it'll be here tomorrow." Why? God said so. "When did He tell you that, Noah?"

246 "A hundred and twenty years ago. I've come this far, so I'm just waiting here now." See that? After a while...

247 We find, God come this far, waiting for the Church, too, but It'll be there. Don't you worry. He promised It.

« 248 † Waited all this time for a resurrection. There'll be one. Don't worry. God promised it. Just wait patiently. You fall asleep, that won't... You might take a little nap before it happens, but you'll wake up at that time. He promised it, you see. A nap, see, what we call a nap of death, you know. What we call death, just a little nap, or sleeping in Christ. No such thing as dying in Christ. Life and death don't exist together. See? We just take a nap, a nap that our friends can't call us from. He's the only One can call. "He'll call, and I'll answer Him," said Job. Job has been sleeping now for four thousand years. Don't worry. He'll--he'll wake up. Don't worry. He's still waiting.

10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 256 † Moses, he had patience with God. Yes, sir. "Moses, I've heard the cry of My people. I've seen their affliction. I'm coming down to deliver them. I'm going to send you down."

257 And the little contrast there between him and God, and God showed him His glory. Said, "Here I go." When he once seen the glory of God, you see, he had faith.

Said, "What's that in your hand, Moses?"

He said, "A stick."

He said, "Throw it down."

It turned into a serpent. He said, "Oh, my!" He started...

258 Said, "Take it up, Moses. If I'm able to turn it to a snake, I can turn it back again."

259 Ah! [Brother Branham claps his hands three times--Ed.] Amen! If God can give me a natural life, He can give me a spiritual Life! If God could give me the first birth, He could give me the second Birth! Amen! If God can heal this, by Divine healing, He can raise it up again to His glory, in the last day. That's right.

260 "I can throw this stick down and turn it to a serpent. I can turn it back to a stick. Take it up by the tail."

261 Moses reached down and got it. There it was, a stick. He begin to add knowledge then. See?

"What's the matter with your hand, now, Moses?"

"Nothing."

"Put it in your bosom."

262 "All right. What about..." White with leprosy. "O Lord, look at my hand!"

"Put it back in your bosom, Moses."

263 He put it back like that, it turned out just like... He just begin to add them like this, then, see. Yes, sir.

11) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 280 † The Hebrew children had patience. Sure, they did. God had promised them, told them, "Don't you bow down to any image." But they had patience. Said, "Our God is able. But, nevertheless, we're not going to bow to your image." Patience, knowing this, that God will raise him up in the last days again.

281 This life don't mean so much, after all. See? God will raise it up again in the last days. But when it comes to bowing to an image, we won't do it. Now, we'll give Caesar what's Caesar, but, when it comes to Caesar interfering with God, God is first.

282 "God said, 'Don't you bow to that image.' and I won't do it. Our God is able to deliver us. If He don't, I'll not bow to the image."

Said, "All right, there's the furnace."

283 "Well," he said, "oh, I guess, rain hard tonight and put it all out." But didn't do it. Still patient.

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

« 296 † Now, if you've got that kind of patience, after God gives you a promise and you see it in the Bible, "It's mine," then wait. Then, if you've got that kind of patience, add it to your faith. And see how high you're getting now? You're getting way up here now. All right. The clock hand is getting way round, too, isn't it? All right. All right. Add this to your faith.