

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_

« **355** † Here come a man, Paul, laying the foundation. Irenaeus begin to pour this onto it. The next one poured this. The next one that, and 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.**

« **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.**

360 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.**

« **361** † Then the Word, coming from Here, manifests Itself through each one of these beings, see, and makes this complete Being a Tabernacle of the living God, a walking, living example of Christianity. What Christ was, these people are, because His Life is in here. They are in Christ. And their life is dead and hid in Christ, through God, and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost. First Corinthians 12. That's right. See? You reckon yourself dead, then you're born of faith. **Then virtue and these other things is added to you till you're a perfect, living image of God. That wonderful?** [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

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) HEBREWS 11:40

» **40** † God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

4) 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.

5) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« **299** † But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? You're moving right on up the line. All right.

300 Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my! Godliness to be added. What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn't even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jeffery's there, we found it in a--in a dictionary. Godliness means "to be like God." Oh, my! After you got faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew!

301 You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, you can.

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you. Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude.

Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What's that?) perfect, even as your Father... in heaven is perfect.

303 You got way up here now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

MATTHEW 5:48

» **48** † **Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

6) GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5046

5046 » **teleios** {tel'-i-os} **teveleioß** from 5056; TDNT -- 8:49,1161; adj

AV -- perfect (17)
-- man (1)
-- **of full age** (1) [19]

1) brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness; perfect; that which is perfect: consummate human integrity and virtue; of men, full grown, adult, of full age, mature

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

« **304** † **Let's turn to Ephesians 4,** and find out over here what, in the Book of Ephesians, it says about this thing, too, about how we should--how we should do. Ephesian, the 4th chapter, and begin with the 12th verse. Ephesians 4, and begin with the 12th verse. All right. Let's begin up here at the 11th verse.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;...

305 Remember last night? Don't try to take the other man's office. See?

... and some, evangelists; and some, pastors... and some, teachers;

306 **"For the perfecting of God"? Does it read like that?** [Congregation says, "No."--Ed.] **The perfection of what? ["Saints."] Who are the saints? The sanctified ones. Amen. The ones started from down here.**

... perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry (the ministry of Jesus Christ), for the edifying of the body of Christ (for the edifying, building It up, edifying): until...

Till we all come in to the unity of the faith, and... the knowledge of the Son of God, and to the perfect man, unto the assurance, (oh, my), to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

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

« **307** † **"Perfect," takes godliness. You have to add to your faith, godliness. See, you start off down here, with virtue. Then you go to knowledge. Then you go to temperance. Then you go to patience. Now you're on godliness. Godliness! Oh, my! Our time is getting away. Let's see. But you know what godliness meant. You've sang this song:**

*To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus,
On earth I long to be like Him;
All through life's journey from earth to Glory
I only ask to be like Him.*

308 That's godliness. When He was smite on one side of the face, He turned the other. When He was spoken rough to, He didn't speak. He didn't rile back. See? Godly, always looking for one thing, "I always do that which pleases the Father." See? Yes, sir. Always. That's godliness. See?

« **309** † **After you done come from here, to here, to here, to here, to here, to here, now you're coming into the full stature now of a son of God. But you got to have this, plus all this, and you can't even start until you get this.**

310 Now remember the black bird with peacock feathers. Don't forget him. See? Don't try to add it till you're actually born again. Cause, you, it won't work, and you--you can't make it work. It'll come to this, or this here, it'll crumble somewhere.

311 **But when you get down here, a genuine born-again dove, then you don't add nothing. It adds to you, see, comes on up, all right, coming into perfection now.** All right.

9) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« **277** † **To my knowledge, I add temperance, self-control.** I like that. "My country 'tis of thee, crown my soul with self-control, from sea to shining sea." See?

278 **Patience. Oh, my! Tested.** Don't you worry; Satan will count them for you. I'm climbing up the ladder now. See? **I've added virtue, knowledge, temperance, now I've got to add patience. I still ain't got the Holy Ghost.**

279 Then after I add patience, I add godliness. You know what that is? Like God. I add that. Don't misbehave myself. Go like a Christian gentleman ought to. Let that not be a put-on. Something in me, the love of God, just boiling. See? See? Not say, "Uh-uh-uh-uh, boy, I could do it, but maybe I better not." See? Huh-uh. Huh-uh. It's there, anyhow.

280 **It's a Birth. I been birthed into this, into this, into this, into this, into this, into this, into this. And then the love of God, Christ, comes down and seals all that up in me, for service.** See?

10) 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?

11) 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.**