

Notes used in the Message

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18-0930am - Being Born Again Pt.38 (Go On To Perfection) - Samuel Dale

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 1:1-7

- » **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.

1) 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!

2) 65-0425 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-18 N-2 SUNDAY_

« **42** † **Surely, if God expects people to be perfect, as Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect," there must be some preparation somewhere. And He said, "I'll choose the place that the people will worship Me. No other place will I meet them."** And, now, that's got to be that place, and we ought to seek it out. Find out where it's at, and then go there. And I think we should turn there, quickly, when we find the place, leaving other things alone.

3) HEBREWS 6:1-3

- » **1** † ¶ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- » **2** † Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- » **3** † And this will we do, if God permit.

4) 57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 53 † Now notice.

But strong meat belongeth to them that are... full age, even those who by reasons use... have used their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Know what's right and what's wrong, by the discernment.

54 Now notice, starting now on our lesson. This great background now, let's go for the 1st verse.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ...

What's he saying? All these first five chapters has been laid on Christ, to show who He is. Now we're leaving those principles of the doctrines of Christ.

5) 57-0908E HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 240 † **How many enjoyed the message on perfection? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] "Let us go on to perfection." That was our Message, this morning, in the 6th chapter of the Hebrews.**

241 Now we're just getting into the place to where we begin to get the--the real part. Oh, we can all agree upon these things: upon the Deity of Christ; and Him being the Son of God; and how He was with God, and God was with Him; and He was in God, and God in Him, and so forth. We all agree upon that. **But, now, from here on, I don't know how we're going to agree.** So whatever it is, every few nights, we're going to give you a chance to write me a little note and tell me what you think about It.

6) 57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 65 † Now, Paul, getting there, which I'm sure that through the past lessons you've understood it. We'll go over it again, sometime, the Lord willing, just verse by verse, now.

Therefore having... leaving the--the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;...

66 That stumbles them. Doesn't it? Let us do what?

... let's go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundations...

« 67 † **Watch this. Let's get this word "perfection." Do you know there's only one way you'll stand in the Presence of God? That's, perfect. God cannot tolerate unholy things.**

68 **And you legalists: how could you ever perfect yourself, when you have not one thing to perfect yourself with? You were born in sin. Your very conception was in sin. The very desire of you being here was sin.** "Born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies." Now where are you going to stand at?

69 Where you, sinner, that--that said, "I'll quit smoking. I'll go to Heaven"? Where are you, lukewarm, mossback, so-called Christian, that goes around here with a long face and saying, that, "Well, I belong to the church"? You sinner. **That's right. Unless you are born of the Spirit of God, you're lost. That's true.**

7) 57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 80 † **Now, you, Branham Tabernacle. Oh, I know, "We have healings." That's wonderful. "We have visions." Oh, that's--that's fine. And you have spiritual dreams, and sometimes they're not spiritual dreams. And--and sometimes you... "We, we try to help the poor. We do what we can." Oh, that's all right, but that's not what we're talking about now. We're entering into another phase.**

... leaving... the doctrine...

81 "Oh, yes, we got the doctrine of Christ. We believe He was the Son of God, is virgin-born. We believe that, with all these things." That is just wonderful.

« 82 † **But, "Leaving that, let's go on to perfection." Oh, my! Wish I had the voice of an archangel now,** to bring this to a place where you could see it. Now he says, "Leaving all the doctrine of Christ," all the--the theologians, and all the theology that we know, all about the Deity of Christ, how He was God made flesh, all these other things.

83 Paul goes on to explain it all here, just in a few minutes. Let's just read it, just a little bit, before we get to it.

... laying again the foundations of repentance from dead works...

Now, we believe that.

8) 57-0908E HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 262 † Now listen close as we read. Now he said:

... leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection;...

263 Now, we got that this morning, how that we are perfected. Perfected, absolutely spotless and blameless, not one sin on us. Are you above temptation? Never. Do you sin every day? Yes, sir. But, yet, we are perfected because we are in Him. And God could no more judge us than nothing (couldn't be righteous), He's already judged us in Him. When He judged Christ: He judged me, He judged you. And He can't judge me again, because He took my judgment if I've been redeemed.

264 And I got a ticket to show that I've redeemed my watch from the pawn shop, let somebody try to take it back in the pawn shop once, when I've got a ticket. I have redeemed it.

And if the Devil would try to put punishment on me, I've got a ticket that shows I been redeemed. Yes, sir. No more judgment! "He that heareth my Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life, and shall never come to the judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." That's my ticket. He gave the promise.

9) 57-0908E HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 276 † Baptisms, laying on of hands, and things, but that isn't perfect. That's only the carnal reform. And that's where the churches leave off at, today, is on that carnal reform. One of them said, "Oh, well, the water, the word baptism means this and it means that."

277 And they set up organizations: and one sprinkles, the other one pours, the other one baptizes face forward, the other one backward, and all those things; some of them laying on of hands for the sick, and some making apostles, and some making prophets and so forth, by laying on of hands; and preaching the resurrection from the dead, and which is all right; and the supreme Deity of Christ, that's all right. "But," he said, "all these are formal reformations. We're just been reforming. Now let us go on to perfection." You get the picture? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

10) 57-0915M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB SUNDAY_

« 535 † Now, then, last Sunday we taken, "Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ," in the 6th chapter, we read this, "let us go on to perfection." And we found out that the people today in many churches, along with the Branham tabernacle and different ones, we lay too much on studying about the principles of Christ: He was the Son of Abraham, He was the son of--of so-and-so, and on back, the genealogies. But the Bible said, "Let us lay aside those things, and go on to perfection."

536 First you must know the doctrine, and then you must know all these things; then let's lay them aside, He said, of resurrection of the dead, laying on of hands, baptisms, and all those dead articles of God. Yet, they--they have no Life in them. But the church today just goes to those things, "Oh, we believe in the Deity of Christ." Yes. Sure. "We believe in water baptism." Yes. Sure. "Laying on of hands."

537 Paul said, "We'll do all this if God permits. But in the face of all of that, let's lay it aside now, and go on to perfection."

« 538 † Now, the church cannot be perfected through organizations. It gets further away from God, all the time, or farther away from each other. We draw barriers, we separate ourselves, seemingly not having the Faith. But then when we leave those principles of doctrine, if we move on to perfection, then those little things become of not much use.

11) 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. And then the love of God, Christ, comes down and seals all that up in me, for service. See?

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

« **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 themselves 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.