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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_
« **94** † **Well, now that's the way it is, trying to--to manufacture Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do, is be born again. You've got to be changed. See? And when you're changed, you become a new creation. Now you're getting right, now. See? Now you don't have to worry about the feathers, it'll take care of itself, when--when you are born again. Yes, sir.**

95 Like I've always said. You take a--a hog, scrub him up and put a tuxsailor suit on him, or tuxedo suit, rather, on him, and turn him out there; he go right to a mud hole and wallow. Cause, you see, it wouldn't do any good. He's a hog. That's his nature. Wallowing is his nature. **You've got to change his nature, and (he) the rest of it will take care of itself.**

2) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« **100** † A man can't understand why people shout. A man can't understand why a human being's language would change and he'd speak in tongue. The natural man can't see how a glory of God would come over a man's eyes, and he'd see vision and tell man of certain things, and what to do; tell them things that's fixing to happen, and fix things to come to pass, like the Lord did for us here last night, even. See? See? The--the natural mind tries to figure out. "Well, what did he do? Or, what kind of a hoax is he using? What gimmick has he got?" To see a man speaking in tongues, they'd say... and somebody interpret and tell just exactly to a certain member of the Body what they've done, and what they should not do. See? See? They think it's some kind of a hoax. "There's something fixed up between them."

101 They can't understand it until that man is born again. Then when he's born again, then he's in line of fellowship, because he is a new creation. That old suspicious, doubting character he was, is dead. Now, he's a new creation. **So, you see, he don't have to add anything to his, now, because it'll automatically be added.**

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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.**

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

5) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« 141 † Now here is what we do. What's the first thing? Have faith, and be born again. **That's laying the foundation.**

142 Then, after we lay the foundation, **secondly** you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... **First you have faith, then you add virtue to your faith. This is the next column. First, pour your foundation, faith. Then, to your faith, add virtue.**

143 Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes. "Add virtue to your faith." **That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like the woman or a man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that.**

« 144 † The Bible said, we read over here in the Book of Luke, where It said, **"Virtue went out of Him."** That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue, then. We must have it, to be like Him. Is the first song that I ever loved, in--in the hymns, one of the greatest, was, To Be Like Jesus. Well, if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue, **and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people. Because, "Virtue went out of Him to the people."** Virtue! And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first. You haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

145 What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, and the check would return "insufficient funds"? See? No, no, none there to draw from, check bounced. **Somebody looking at you as a Christian, and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawn from that. See? Right.**

« 146 † **Virtue must be in us.** And until we get virtue... **Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith.** That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. **Faith alone won't do it.** You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue, in order to add it to your faith.

147 Now, then, it might be, the reason you don't have it, because many churches of today teach you don't have to have it, or the days of it is passed. "They don't have to have it. Only thing you have to do is just join church. Yeah, days is passed."

148 Virtue, anyone knows what the word virtue means, see, **and we must have it. If virtue went from Him, to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His Church, because He was our example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? Virtue is strength, power.**

149 Some of them don't even believe in power of God. They say, "That--that--that's passed. Only thing you have to do is just put your name on the book, and be sprinkled, or poured, or baptized, or whatevermore. And that's all you have to do."

6) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« 158 † I said then, the first thing you know, there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish. He's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it. Before he can give out beauty, he has to have it.

159 **Before you can give out virtue, you have to have it.** So, add to your faith, virtue. Amen. Understand? We could stay on that a long time, but our time would get away from us. Adding virtue to your faith. Now, first is faith, then virtue.

« 160 † And then, **thirdly, you add knowledge. Knowledge, now, that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God; but knowledge to judge, judge (what?) right from wrong. How do you judge it, then, if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith? You judge whether the Word is right or wrong.** And if you can lay aside all your creeds,

and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie. "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be true." See? **Now you're getting knowledge. That's supreme knowledge. You don't have to have four degrees in some college, or something like that, to have it, because all these virtues are given to you by God, to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real, living man of God. Yes, sir.**

« **161** † **Add, add knowledge, because, knowledge of His Word. You must believe it in this way. Such as, you should believe today that the... and accept it, that the days of miracles is not passed. Knowledge that what God said, God is able to perform.**

162 Abraham believed that. And when he was a hundred years old, he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief. Look how ridiculous that Word looked. Here's a man, a hundred years old, looking for a baby to be born into his home, by a woman ninety years old. See? Almost fifty years passed bearing, lived with her since she was a--a young girl, or teen age. And here he is, his life stream was dead. And Sarah's womb was dead. And all hopes is gone, as far as it was hopes. **But, yet, against hope, he believed in hope, because he had knowledge that God was able to keep everything that He promised.**

« **163** † Now, when you got it like that, then add that to your faith. When you got true virtue, add it to your faith. When you can walk out here on the street, **live like a Christian, act like a Christian, be a Christian, add that to your faith. When you have knowledge...**

164 You say, "Well, **I don't know now whether this Scripture is just right.**" Now here is Acts **2:38**, I don't know how to go about it with Acts 28:19. I don't." All right. You don't--don't add nothing, 'cause you ain't got it yet. See? What you going to do? Because, you haven't got knowledge enough to know of God, yet, that the Bible doesn't contradict Itself. Leave it alone. Don't say no more about it. See? Leave it alone.

165 **But when you can see that the Scripture is not contradictory,** that you can say that; and can see, that, by the revelation of God, **the whole Word is wrote in mysteries, and only the knowledge of God can reveal It;** then **when you get and say, punctuate every Word of God with an "amen," then add that to your faith.**

« **166** † Oh, you're getting to be a pretty good man right now. See? You're coming up, see. What with? With faith, then with virtue, then knowledge. See how it's building this man? You can see **there's no--no way escaping it. This is the way to become in the full stature of Christ.** Yes, sir.

167 To judge, judge right. Judge whether it's right or wrong, to believe God's Word. Judge whether it's right or wrong, whether I should serve a creed or serve God. Judge whether it's right or wrong, I should be born again or join a church. Then you beginning. Judge right, when the preacher says, "The days of miracles is passed." The Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now which you going to believe?

168 When you say, **"I'll take God." Now, you don't say that just to say,** "Well, I--I take it," just from your heart. But, something in you, your faith pushes out there. There you are. Your faith says, "I know He's the same. Amen. I've witnessed Him the same. There's nothing can take it away from me. I know He's real." Amen. Then add that to your faith. Lay it down on the foundation. Coming up now, coming right on up towards the Kingdom. Got to a spot now. All right.

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« **179** † Now there will be another thing on this knowledge, we might speak of, godly knowledge. See? "Has the Bible in this day lost Its meaning?" See, they, a lot of people tell you that, that the Bible doesn't exactly mean that. If God watches over me, and corrects me in my sin, and if I am a son

of God, He does that. He does you that way, sons and [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] daughters. When you do anything wrong, He corrects you. Then if God is so particular about you, that He watches over you and corrects you, how much more has He His Word, which is your example, which is Himself!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And... made flesh, and dwelt among us,...

« **180** † The Word is the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Bible said so, Christ being revealed in His Word. And if He has watched over you when you transgress these laws, He condemns you for it, how much more has He watched over His law that condemns you! Amen.

181 Go on, boy, don't tell me that stuff!

182 I believe in genuine, Holy Ghost knowledge. Holy Ghost knowledge will always punctuate the Word with "amen." **When you get these things that seem to contradict themselves, in the Bible, you sit down and study it, and prayerfully like that. And the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit begins to move in. After a while you see it ties together, and there you got it. See? That's knowledge.**

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

« **188** † **Now, knowledge, now, not worldly knowledge, but it's Heavenly knowledge. And Heavenly knowledge, when God is the fountain of all knowledge, and God is the Word. Then, if you've got Heavenly knowledge, you believe the Word, and you reason anything by the Word.**

189 And this tax case that the church has been in, or I have been in. One of the men one time, in a little hearing, told me. Said I said... "They couldn't find nothing wrong." And so they begin to...

9) 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."

10) 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."

11) 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!

« 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:

« 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?

12) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« **312** † **Then, sixthly, let's add,** the Bible said here, **adding brotherly love... brotherly kindness.** Now, that's a good one, right here, the sixth, seven. All right. Adding brotherly kindness. All right. **When we get to that, brotherly kindness, put yourself in his place, on the matter. Now you say...**

313 "My brother sinned against me," said Peter. "Shall I forgive him," he said, "seven times a day?" He said, "Seventy times seven." See?

314 Brotherly kindness. Now, you see, if a brother is all out of tune, don't be impatient with him. See? No. See? Be kind to him. Go, anyhow.

« **315** † Somebody said, not long ago, said, "How can you believe these things the way you do, and still go to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest?" **Then put, see, brotherly kindness. See? See? Hoping, someday, see; patient with him, see; temperant, enduring with him; knowledge, to understand what he believes, remember, it's in his heart, that's what is; virtue, in yourself, to let it go out with kindness, meekness, to him; having faith that someday God will bring him in. See?**

316 **Brotherly kindness, the seventh thing. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.** [Brother Branham taps on the chalkboard seven times--Ed.] **See, seventh thing. Then, now, you're coming.**

317 **Next thing, then, add charity, which is love. That's the capping stone. One of these days, in the church...**

13) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« **318** † Now, please, let it be known on the tape, and wherever more, I'm not teaching this as a doctrine, what I'm going to say now. But I just want to show you that, by the help of God, what it really is, that, the first Bible that God ever wrote was the Zodiac in the sky. It starts off with the virgin. It ends up with Leo the lion. And when I get into that Sixth and Seventh Seal, you'll find out, when that other Seal was opened, the Zodiac mark of that place was cancer, the crossed fish. And that's the cancer age we're living in now, revealed. And the next thing the Seal tore off, It revealed Leo the lion, the second Coming of Christ. He come, the first, to the virgin; He comes, next, Leo the lion. I'll bring this to the...

319 **Now, I don't know whether I'm going to have time this morning. I'm going to do the best I can, to show you that these steps are in the pyramids, just exactly, the second Bible God wrote. Enoch wrote them, and put them in the pyramid.**

« **320** † And the third, God always is perfected in the third, then He made Himself His Word.

321 **Here, now, remember, in the pyramid... I guess many you soldiers and things was in Egypt. The pyramid hasn't got a cap on it. Never been. The--the Stone of Scone, and everything else they got, but still...**

322 If you have a dollar bill in your pocket, you look on the dollar bill, and you'll find out that, over in the righthand side, it's got an eagle with the American flag. And it said, the seal "of the United States." On the other side, it's got the pyramid, with a great big capping stone and a man's eye. It says on this side, "The great seal." Well, if this is the great nation, why wouldn't this great seal be its own seal of the nation? God makes them testify, no matter where they go.

« **323** † I was talking to a doctor one time, and he was just raking me over the coals, about Divine healing. Was standing on the street. He said, "Mr. Branham, you only confuse people." Said, "There's no healing, only through medics."

324 I happened to turn around, look at his sign on the car, had that serpent on a pole. I said, "You better take that sign off your car, then, 'cause your own sign testifies that God is a healer."

325 A real doctor believes that. That's them quacks. Yes, sir. The serpent on the pole! Moses lifted up the serpent on a pole. He said, "I'm the Lord that heals all your diseases." And they looked at that serpent, for Divine healing. And yet they testify against it; yet their own sign testifies against them. Whew!

« **326** † Here, our nation, saying the things they are, and making fun of these things, and their own money, their currency, testifies that the seal of the whole universe is God. See that eye standing up there above that, on that dollar bill? **That's the great seal.**

327 It never was put on top of the pyramid. They couldn't understand why. The capping Stone was rejected, the Head, Christ. But It will come, someday.

« **328** † Now, in building, the virtue... Building this monument, building this stature, see, it starts off with the foundation stone; faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness. **Now what does it do? Then they're waiting for the Headstone, which is love, for God is love. And He controls, and He is the strength of every one of these things. That's right. Yes, sir.**

329 Right in here, right in here, you see I got, in between, all these works in here, and here these little waves come. **What is that? The Holy Ghost coming down, through Christ, see. Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is above all this, welding this together, building (a what?) a perfect Church, for the Capstone to cap It off.**

330 What's it been done again? It's manifested through Seven Church Ages, and seven Church messengers.