

Hebrews 4:1

» 1 † Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

» 2 † For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

» 3 † For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

» 4 † For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

» 5 † And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.

REST



Labor, then Rest

Genesis 2:1-3

» 1 † Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

» 2 † And on the seventh day God ended **his work** which he had made; and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

» 3 † And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it **he had rested from all his work** which God created and made.

The Sabbath

Colossians 2:16-17

» 16 † Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, **or of the sabbath days:**

» 17 † Which are a shadow of things to come; **but the body** is of Christ.

64-0112 SHALOM_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 SUNDAY_

- **The Holy Ghost is our Sabbath**, the Bible said so, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you sabbath to your soul."
- **Not a "day."** Paul said, "You that keep a day, I'm afraid of you." See, that's right. Yes, sir.
- "There remaineth a rest," Hebrews 4, "to the people of God, a sabbath-keeping."
- **For we which have entered into His rest, hath ceased from our works, as God did from His."**

Rest (The Holy Ghost) in Acts Chapter 2

- 15: For **these are not drunken**, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
- 16: But **this is that** which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- 32: **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**
- 34: **For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,
Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**
- 36: Therefore **let all the house of Israel know assuredly**, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

63-0117 AWAKENING.JESUS_ TEMPE.AZ THURSDAY_

- You say you're a Christian. I believe you are.
- You believe.
- **What are you resting in?** Someday He will raise our bodies up, after they've absolutely, completely perished. If you don't believe that, why you go to church? See? "If there's no resurrection, aren't we, amongst men, most miserable?"
- But His Word of promise, "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Amen. I am the resurrection and Life. Amen. He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up, the last days."

- 57-0516 WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ SASKATOON.SK THURSDAY_
- ...**our soul rests solemnly upon His Word.**
- And faith cannot be based anywhere else. All theology and man-made isms are sinking sands.
- And **faith cannot find its resting place upon the shifting sands of man's theology.**
- **It's got to find it's solemn resting place on the immovable rock of Almighty God's Word. There's where it anchors, "God said so."**
- **That settles it. That's forever the truth.**

The Promise of **Rest** to the **Labourers**

MATTHEW 11:28-30

» 28 † Come unto
me, all ye that **labour**
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.



Three Stages to REST

61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2_
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- Now, yes, **resting**.
- 1. What **Ruth under justification**... Do you see it, say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen!"--Ed.]
- 2. **Ruth under sanctification, laboring, legalist.**
- 3. **Ruth, resting, waiting** for Boaz to return from the finished work.



The Labor of Sanctification



**BAPTISM
of the
HOLY GHOST**

SANCTIFICATION

JUSTIFICATION

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- The Luthers believed It by faith and come into the land.
- But the Methodist taught sanctification, which was the legalistic standpoint of It, see, "**You've got to do something.**" "I got to quit! I got to let my hair grow out," said the women.
- Course, they don't do it no more; but they **did do it**, let their hair grow out.
- **They had to quit wearing the paints in their faces.** They didn't wear their skirts wrong and--and, or, short like the others did.
- **They had to do something.** See?
- That's what she did, the state of justification, the state of sanctification.



Sanctification (Legalism)

- Legalism is **when we base our justification on our own law-keeping** rather than on the finished work of Christ.
- “Legalism exists when people attempt to secure **righteousness** in God’s sight **by good works**.”
- Legalists believe that they can **earn** or merit **God’s approval by performing the requirements of the law.**”

Sanctification (Legalism)

56-0603 THE.LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

- **Now, you've got to be perfect.** Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." Now, how you going to be when you're continually sinning, when you're continually doing what's wrong?
- Now, **this will kinda put a little kink in the legalist. But notice, it isn't what you do; it's what God has done. It's not what you do; it's what He done. See?**
- **You can't be perfect. You can't be in yourself. But in Christ, you are perfected.**
- **You're not trusting in your own good works, or your own church you belong to, but you're trusting in the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus. There you are. That's what makes you perfect. There's what anchors your faith.**

HEBREWS 4:6-11

» 6 † Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

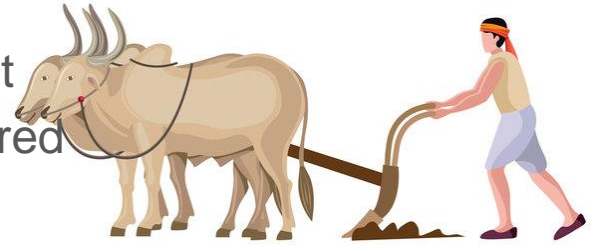
» 7 † Again, **he limiteth a certain day**, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

» 8 † For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

» 9 † There **remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God**.

» 10 † **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

» 11 † **Let us labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.



Hebrews 6:1

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...

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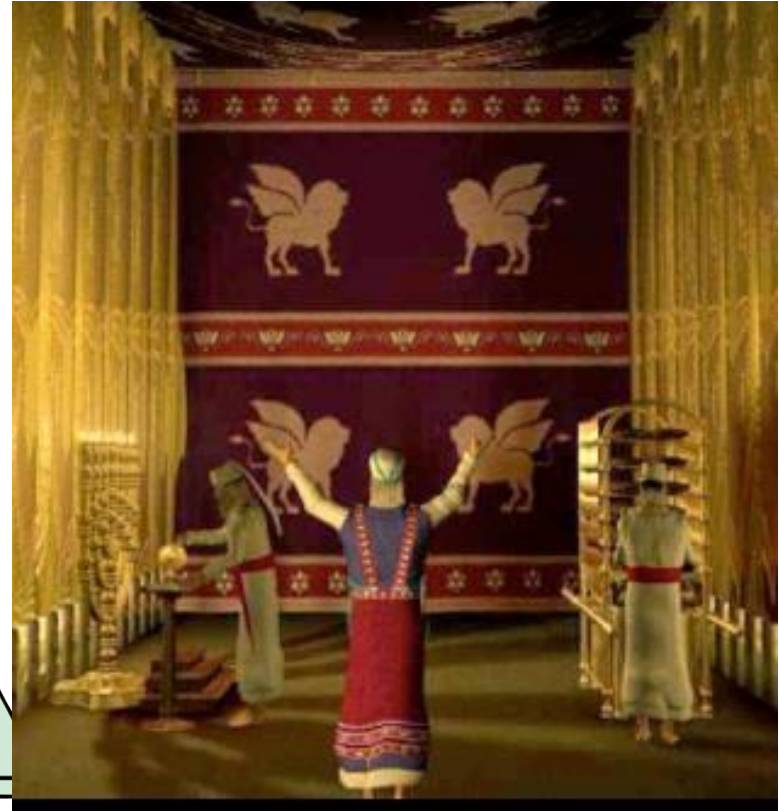
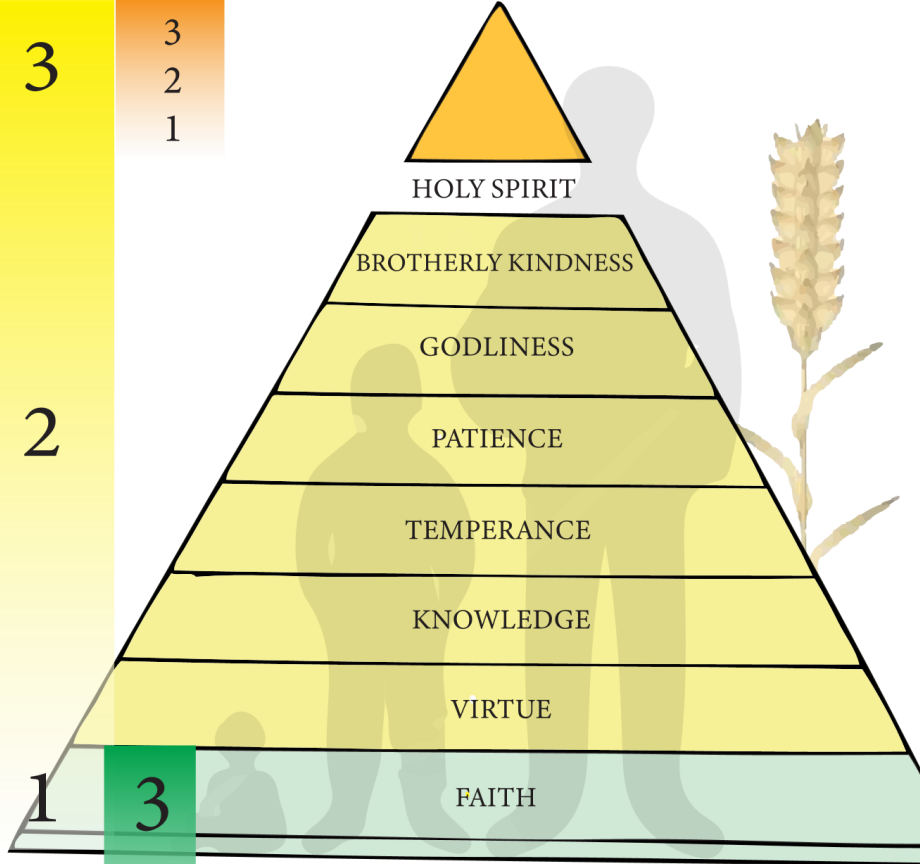
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Philippians 2:12-13

» 12 † Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but **now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

» 13 † For **it is God which worketh** in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

II Peter 1:9

» 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for **if ye do these things**, ye shall never fall:

Give Diligence

- **careful and persistent work or effort.**
- **constant in effort** to accomplish something; attentive and persistent in doing anything
- done or pursued with **persevering attention;**
 - painstaking:
i.e. “a diligent search of the files.”





Matthew 11:28-30

» 28 † **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

» 29 † **Take my yoke** upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

» 30 † For **my yoke is easy,** and my burden is light.

RESTING in CHRIST



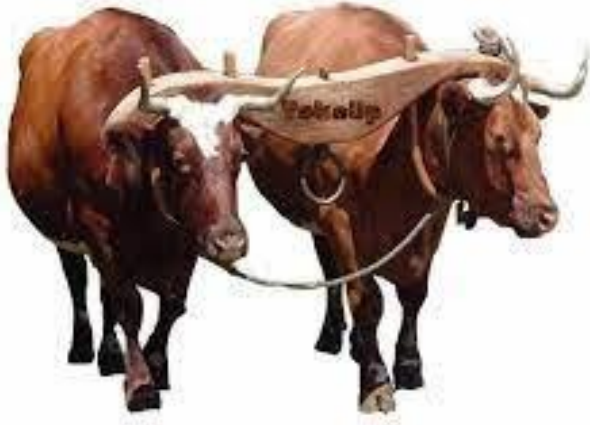
63-0901E DESPERATIONS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-1
SUNDAY_

- The Token, we have talked to the Token all the way along, but now is the manifestation of the Token. See?
- Now, we have sometimes allowed it. The Lutherans allowed it to, "Accepting the Word; accepting Christ as personal Saviour." The Methodists said, "When you get happy enough to shout, that's It." The Pentecostal says, "Speak in tongues, then you got It." And we find out that all of it was wrong. See?
- **The Token is the Token. It's you and Christ as persons together.**
- **See? It's the Holy Spirit, His Life in you, working His Own Life through you.**
- And it's for the rich, the poor, or for whosoever will receive It.

RESTING in CHRIST

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

- You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it.
- You're a prisoner.
- **You're yoked with Him.**
- **"My yoke is easy."**
Yoked with Christ, with His Word.
- "I do that only which the... pleases the Father.
And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word."

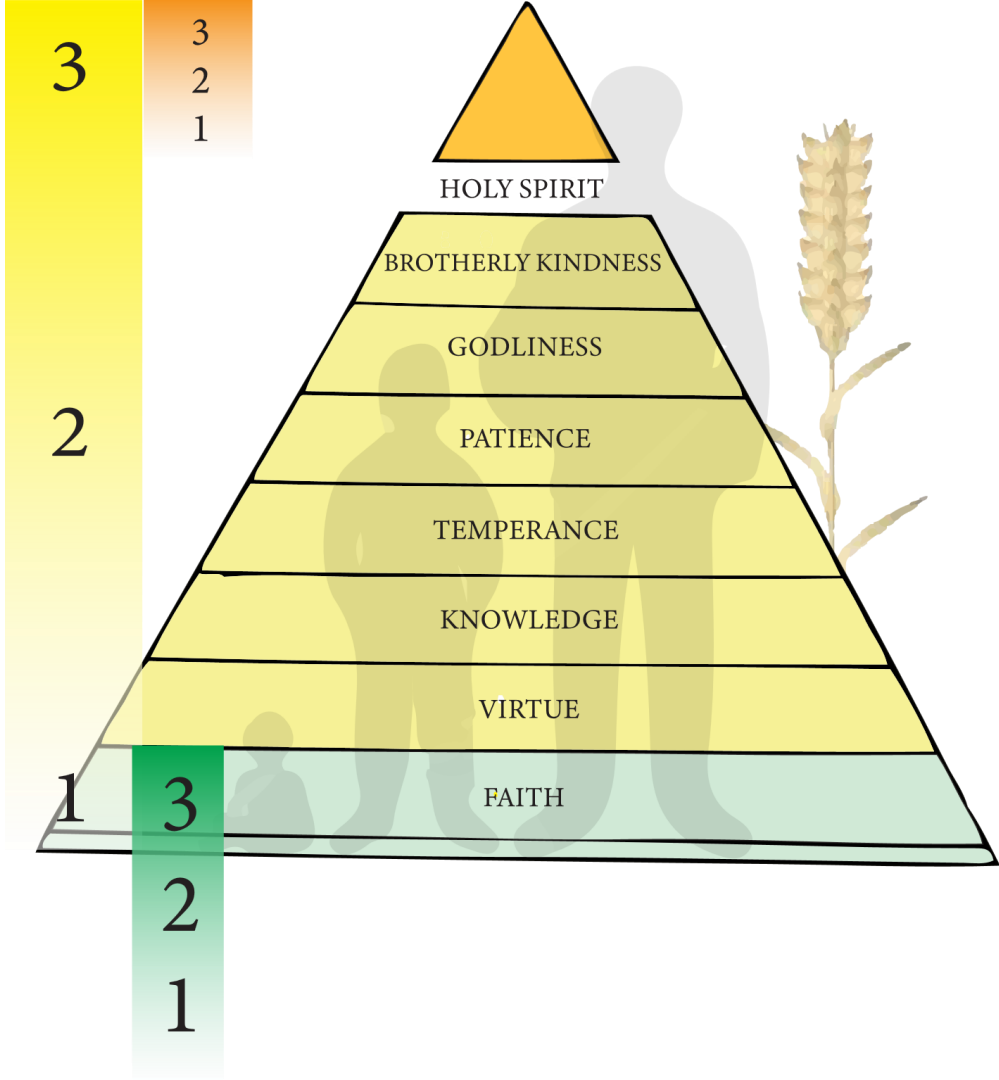


RESTING in CHRIST

II Peter 1:

» 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...**



RESTING and LABORING in CHRIST

I Corinthians 3:9

For **we are labourers together with God**: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.



I CORINTHIANS 4:11-12

» 11 † Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

» 12 † **And labour, working with our own hands**: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

I Corinthians 15:10

» 10 † But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but **I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

COLOSSIANS 1:29

» 29 † **Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working**, which worketh in me mightily.

Isaiah 28:9-13

» 9 † Whom shall he **teach knowledge?** and whom shall he **make to understand doctrine?** them that are weaned from the **milk**, and drawn from the breasts.

» 10 † For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

» 11 † For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

» 12 † To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may **cause the weary to rest;** **and this is the refreshing;** yet they would not hear.

» 13 † But **the word of the LORD** was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Now what's the sabbath?

... all tables are full of vomit... no one clean.

Who shall he teach knowledge?

Not worldly knowledge; spiritual knowledge!

Who shall he teach knowledge?... whom shall He make...

understand doctrine?

176 "Oh, bless God, our organization don't believe This. They wouldn't put up with That."... care what your organization believes.

What does God's Word say about it? "Oh, well, our pastors, you know, are educated." Oh, sure. Certainly, got so much education, they left God out of it. Truly, for you can tell them the Word and they'll walk around and say, "Well, I don't believe It just that way." Oh, you sissified thing! Let me tell you.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

410 "Remember the sabbath day; keep it holy," one day in the week; now He magnified it, the "rest" comes from keeping the Spirit of God. **Precept upon precept, and line upon line; here a little, and there a little.** Hold fast that what's good. For with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. **And that is the rest.** That's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord."

411 **And yet they would not hear It, and wagged their heads and walked away,** for their denominations. Uh-huh. **This is the refreshing,** see, magnifying the sabbath day; to you Sabbatarians, and so forth. Oh, my! He don't change. He magnifies it. "Hell has spread her gates to receive them."

59-1216 WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
V-4 N-2 WEDNESDAY_ (1/2)

« 89 † Somebody said keeping a Sabbath day... I'm not rejecting or making light of anybody's church or religion, but said, "The Sabbath day, the Sabbath of God was the rest day." Here's the rest day. "This is the rest," He said, "that you cause the weary to rest." This is it. Amen. It'll be precept upon precept, line upon line. There's the rest. **What is the Holy Ghost? The Rest. Oh. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

59-1216 WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN
V-4 N-2 WEDNESDAY_ (2/2)

What is He? The One that comes in you, **gives you peace**, your
Sign, your Comforter: comforted, **at rest**, sealed. How are you?
It's a Sign. The world knows something's happened to you. What
is It? It's a Comforter. What is It? A Seal. **You're at rest.** You
have... It's your Advocate. If you--something happens to you,
there's Something there to make an advocate for you right quick
(See?), making intercessions. It's the Spirit of God living in the
church, prophesied exactly what It would be when It come; It
would be a everlasting, eternal rest.

The Holy Ghost Rest

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

234 **What is the new Birth then?** You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.**

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235 And **no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ;** pastor, priest, whatever it might be.

It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

...

240 **The new Birth is Christ, is a revelation.** God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's a new Birth.

« 116 † And when Ruth was resting, it was a type of the Church resting in the promises of God! We have the earnest now of our salvation. We're not worried whether we're going over there or not, we're going! That's right. God said so! God promised it and we've got the earnest (Amen.), done been received, Christ has accepted us. No way to get away from It now, we're there! Amen! **All we have to do is just wait** till the... He take... He's down doing the Kinsman Redeemership. **We have the earnest of it right now, waiting for the time that when He comes back.**

And then what next thing Ruth was, Ruth was rewarded.

That's what the Church did. It entered into justification, under Luther. Then it went into sanctification, under Wesley. **Went into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, in this last days. And now resting with the earnest of our inheritance that we know that something happened in us, we've passed from death unto Life, and waiting, groaning with nature, for that time when we will receive an immortal Life, an immortal fulness; our bodies will be redeemed.** Everything's redeemed, and we're just waiting from Him to return back from the gate. Amen!

HEBREWS 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

Hebrews 4:12-16

» 12 † For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



For the word of God **is alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful...

« 61-1 † PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

- Now Paul said that the Word came **in power** as well as voice.
- **The Word preached actually demonstrated itself.**
- Like a flaming, cutting sword **it went to the consciences of men**, and like a surgeon's knife **it cut out the diseases and set captives free.**
- Everywhere those early believers went, "they went preaching the Gospel (Word) and God confirmed that Word with signs following."
- The sick were healed, devils were cast out, and they spoke in new tongues.
- That was **the Word in action.**
- That Word has never failed in the mouths of believing Christians.
- And in this last age it is here stronger and greater than ever in the true Word bride.
Oh, little flock, you little minority, hold on to the Word, fill your mouth and heart with it, and some day God will give you the kingdom.

Hebrews 4:12 For **the word of God is quick**, and powerful...

63-0825E PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-11
SUNDAY_

- Think of that! The Word of God is That, **a Discerner of the intents of the heart.** "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and of spirit, and of the joints and of the marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
- **The Word made flesh!** Hallelujah!
- **The Word operating in human flesh**, by physical signs, by material signs, by Scriptural signs, perfectly, to bring to you a Perfect Faith for a Perfect Rapture.

» 13 † Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but **all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

» 14 † Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**

» 15 † For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

» 16 † Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 5

- » 1 † For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:
- » 2 † Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.
- » 3 † And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.
- » 4 † And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.
- » 5 † So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.
- » 6 † As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- » 7 † Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

» 8 † Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

» 9 † And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

» 10 † ¶ Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

» 11 † Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

» 12 † For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

» 13 † For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

» 14 † But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.