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.



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_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 747-793 SUNDAY_

- Now, yes, resting.
- What Ruth under justification... Do you see it, say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen!"--Ed.]
- 2. Ruth under sanctification, <u>laboring</u>, legalist.
- 3. Ruth, resting, waiting for Boaz to return from the finished work.



61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 747-793 SUNDAY_

- 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 <u>did do it</u>, let their hair grow out.
- They <u>had to quit wearing the paints in their faces</u>. 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." 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."





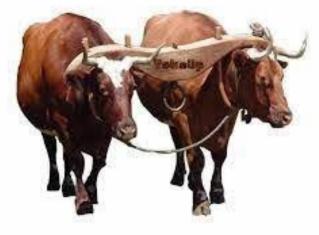
Matthew 11:28-30

» 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.

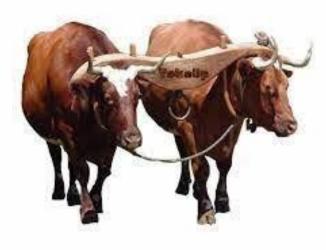
RESTING in CHRIST



- 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_



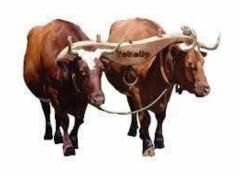
- You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it.
- You're a prisoner.
- You're yoked with Him.
- "My yoke is easy."
 Yoked with Christ, with His Word.
- "I do that only which the... pleases the Father.

And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word."

RESTING 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

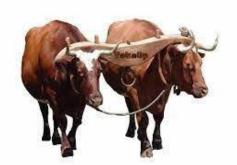
» 29 † Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

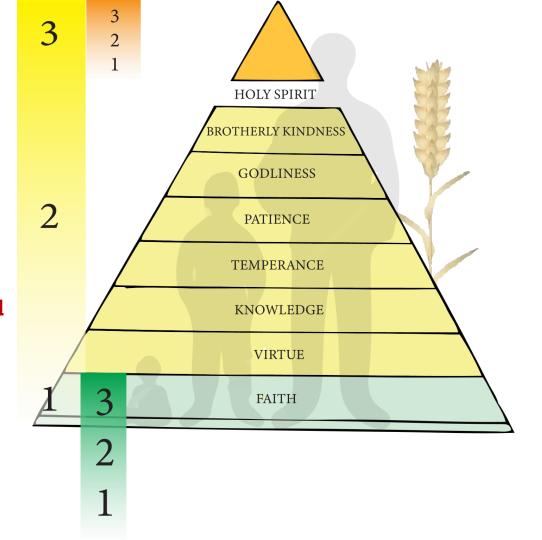
RESTING in CHRIST

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 IN THE

FINISHED

WORK OF CHRIST

Charles Spurgeon



If you rest on the finished work of Jesus you have already the best evidence of your salvation in the world; you have God's word for it; what more is needed?

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 broads.

the breasts.

line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

» 11 † For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept;

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.

Precept upon Precept

Precept: a general rule intended to regulate behavior or thought.

Romans 12:2

 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



- ... all tables are full of vomit... no one clean. Who shall he teach knowledge?
 Not worldly knowledge; spiritual knowledge!
- 4. Who shall he teach knowledge?... whom shall He make...

 understand doctrine?
- "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?

Now what's the sabbath?

"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."

The Sabbath Rest

Education

the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university.

We can't figure these things out, you. And God is past figuring out. You've got to believe It, see. God is known not by knowledge, not by education. He is known by faith, and faith only.

vs Revelation

the divine or supernatural disclosure to humans of something relating to human existence or the world.

 By revelation, by revelation, not by education, but by revelation.
 Abel saw that it wasn't bananas, or apples that Eve eat, and he offered blood; and God accepted it. It was revealed to him. 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

"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 refreshening," 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) Somebody said keeping a Sabbath day... I'm « 89 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 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_
```

- 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.
- 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.

(1/2) 61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 747-793 SUNDAY_ And when Ruth was resting, it was a « 116 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.



(2/2) 61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 747-793 SUNDAY_

- 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 <u>is alive and active</u>. 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...

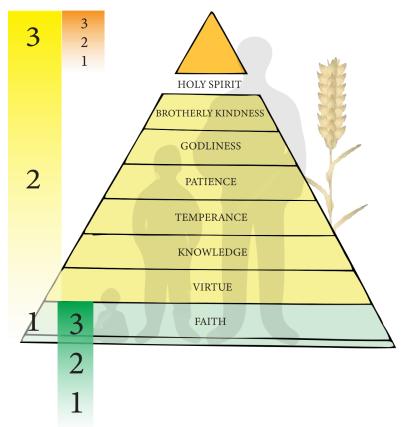
63-0825E PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_

- 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.

Hebrews 4:12 ...piercing even to the **dividing asunder** of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,

- soul
- and spirit,
- and of the joints
 and marrow

"It cuts asunder the carnal from the spiritual."



...and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

» 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.

Profession: an act of declaring that one has a particular feeling or quality, especially when this is not the case.

- » 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.
- "God can't do nothing to you till first you confess that He is. Then when you confess it, then believe it, act upon it, and stay with it, and God will bring you out."
- "Jesus Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father to accept you; for He's setting
 there the High Priest of your confession to make good before the Father anything that
 He died for, that you're confessing that He done."
- Every sinner is saved tonight in the sight of Jehovah God. But it'll never do you any good until you accept it, and believe it, and confess it. And then He's the High Priest of your confession to make it right before God.
- Jesus is the High Priest of your confession. Whatever you confess that He's doing He'll do.

- » 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;
- To alled of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.
 Tof whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.
- Tor 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.
 Tor 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.