

II PETER 1:1-10

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.
9 † But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
» 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

EPHESIANS 4: 11-13

» 11 † And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
» 12 † For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
» 13 † Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

HEBREWS 5:14

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.

HEBREWS 11:1

1 † ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

1) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 102 † Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

103 What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.

« 104 † But, first, it's got to be faith. Let me stay on that foundation for a while. Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what... "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's, you already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," Hebrews 11, see, "the evidence." What is it? What kind of an evidence? A holy evidence.

VIRTUE

1) strength power, ability

1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth

1b) power for performing miracles

1c) moral power and excellence of soul

ACTS 1: 8

» 8 † But ye shall **receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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

KNOWLEDGE

1) knowledge signifies in general intelligence, understanding: the general knowledge of Christian religion, the deeper more perfect and enlarged knowledge of this religion, such as belongs to the more advanced, especially of things lawful and unlawful for Christians; moral wisdom, such as is seen in right living

3) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
« 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.**

4) « 16-1 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1
You will recall that I mentioned at the beginning of this message that this Book we are studying is the actual revelation of Jesus, Himself, in the church and His work in the future ages. Then I mentioned that it takes the Holy Spirit to give us revelation or we will fail to get it. **Bringing these two thoughts together you will see that it won't take just ordinary study and thinking to make this Book real. It is going to take the operation of the Holy Ghost. That means this Book can't be revealed to anyone but a special class of people. It will take one with prophetic insight. It will require the ability to hear from God. It will require supernatural instruction, not just a student comparing verse with verse, though that is good. But a mystery requires the teaching of the Spirit or it never becomes clear. How we need to hear from God and lay ourselves open and become yielded to the Spirit to hear and know.**

TEMPERANCE

- 1) self control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)
- 2) 3) mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining; controlling one's self, temperate, continent

5) 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!

6) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_ 227 Now, if you got it like that, add it to your faith. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on, huh-uh, you ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add. See? It won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible, just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, then it will vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.

7) 56-0101 WHY.ARE.PEOPLE.SO.TOSSED.ABOUT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-14 SUNDAY_ << 41-3 † Some people gets the wrong impression of what the anointing is. Did you ever think of that? When was the greatest anointing ever give to anyone, and what did they do when they had the anointing? The greatest anointing that was ever give to anyone was Jesus Christ. We have the Spirit by measure. He had It without measure. And one day He entered into the temple, and picked up the Scroll, and read, said, "The Spirit of God is upon Me, for He has anointed Me to preach the acceptable year, to bind up the broken hearts, to heal the sick, give sight to the blind." And now, we would think, if such anointing was on Him, that'd been prophesied eight hundred years before that It would come, and here He was with that type of anointing, the full blessing and anointing of the Lord upon Him, we would want to run all over the building, scream and holler. But the Bible said, "He laid down the Scroll, and set down, and precious words proceeded from His mouth." That's what He done under the anointing. The anointing is not emotions. The anointing is supreme power in control, like knowing exactly what and how (See?), and that's what's here.

PATIENCE

LUKE 21:19

» 19 † In your patience possess ye your souls.

- 1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance: in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings: patiently, and steadfastly
- 2) a patient, steadfast waiting for
- 3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

ENDURING

ROMANS 5: 1-4

» 1 † ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

» 2 † By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

» 3 † And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

» 4 † And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

HEBREWS 10:36

» 36 † For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

JAMES 1:2-4

» 2 † ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

» 3 † Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

» 4 † But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

8) 57-0113 WHAT DOES IT TAKES TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN LIFE CHICAGO, IL

« E-35 † The Holy Spirit will make every movement like Christ. It'll make you Christ-like. The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, faith. Those things are what the Holy Spirit controls, **our emotions**.

Our emotions is not so much as jumping up-and-down. You could do that. A shindig will bring that to you. But the Holy Spirit brings you into operation, or in control of God, that you walk in peace and in love and in joy with longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. You see? **It isn't something that you do. It's something the Holy Spirit does in you. You see, it's no longer an intellectual thought of your own; it's a subconscious moving of the Holy Spirit. Oh, I wish I could shout the praises of God around the world to that.**

9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 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.

10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

« 275 † **And we should have patience with one another, too.** See? One time... We get--we get so much impatient with one anothers. We think we got to be like Moses. Moses had patience with the people. Look, that's what caused them not to go over. See? If you're trying to do something...

276 Like, I've tried to get this Message over at the tabernacle, **to see that each member of the tabernacle become This. It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years. See? Have patience. Women still bob their hair, still just the same. But just have patience. See? Just have patience. Wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on this down here. Have patience.**

11) 64-0119 SHALOM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 111 † Some people says, "But, Brother Branham, I have tried and I have tried."

112 But wait a minute. Patience is virtue. Patience is Holy Spirit virtue. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

113 You say, "How can I wait any longer?" Just keep on waiting. **When you've done all you can do to stand, then stand, see, just stand. "How am I going to do it?" Stand! He said it's the Truth, and**

it's the Truth. He said it'll happen. "How?" I don't know; but it'll happen. He said so. He promised it. If He promised it, it's going to happen. That's all. It can't waste.

114 So now just remember, God took thousands of years to fulfill His promise of a coming Saviour. Four thousand years, God took to fulfill that promise. But He knowed, from the beginning, just when it was going to happen.

GODLINESS

I TIMOTHY 3:16

» **16 † And [without controversy great is the mystery of godliness](#): God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

I TIMOTHY 4:7

» **7 † But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.**

» **8 † For bodily exercise profiteth little: [but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.](#)**

» **9 † This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.**

I TIMOTHY 6:6

» **6 † ¶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

» **7 † For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2150

2150 » **eusebeia** {yoo-seb'-i-ah} **eujsevbeia** from 2152; TDNT -- 7:168,1010; n f

AV -- godliness (14)

-- holiness (1) [15]

1) [reverence, respect; piety towards God, godliness](#)

12) 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?**

II TIMOTHY 3:4

- » 4 † **Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**
- » 5 † **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**
- » 6 † **For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,**
- » 7 † **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

ROMANS 12:9-10

- » 9 † **Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.**
- » 10 † **Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;**

I THESSALONIANS 4:8

- » 8 † **He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.**
- » 9 † ¶ **But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: **for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.****

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5360

5360 » **philadelphia** {fil-ad-el-fee'-ah} **filadelfiva** from 5361; TDNT -- 1:144,22; n f

AV -- brotherly love (3)

-- brotherly kindness (2)

-- love of the brethren (1) [6]

1) love of brothers or sisters, brotherly love; in the NT the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5361

5361 » **philadelphos** {fil-ad'-el-fos} **filavdelfoß** from 5384 and 80; TDNT -- 1:144,22; adj

AV -- love as brethren (1)

1) loving brother or sister; in a broader sense, loving one like a brother, loving one's fellow countrymen: of an Israelite, of a Christian loving Christians

13) 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...

14) 62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_
« 126 † Now, you might say, "Look, I--I--I sure don't like Brother Neville." Or, "I sure don't like Brother Jones. I don't like Brother So-and-so," and something like that. But just let something happen to him, brother, your heart is broke. It just nearly killed you. **See? We can obtain brotherly kindness and feeling for one another. See? But to maintain in a group of people...**

127 Why do you care for that brother? Because you've broke bread with him here at the altar, as you will tonight. You fellowship with him. You shook his hands. You worship with him. He's your brother. And he might do something in the flesh, that you would disagree with, because you just kind of stay, (which you oughtn't to do), but shun him a little. But in the bottom of your heart, if something happened to that brother, it would just nearly kill you, or that sister

15) 57-0309B I.WILL.RESTORE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_
« E-13 † Now, if Pentecost was God's vine, which was the new vine, that has growed up, then these four destroyers has been the one that's eat the vine down. Now, let's find out what Pentecost had and find out what we got lacking, and then we ought to find out what the destroyers are, who they are. Well, what's did it.

Now, the first thing that Pentecost produced was brotherly love. It tore down the middle wall of partitions and made a brotherhood, to such a way that they had everything in common in the Bible days--a brotherhood. Paul spoke of this brotherhood, and he gave all the gifts of the Pentecostal church, and then said in I Corinthians 13, that, "Though I speak with tongues as men and angels, and have not this love, which brings the brotherhood, I am nothing. And though I have the knowledge to understand all the mysteries of God, I am still nothing without love, the love of the brethren."

« E-14 † Jesus said, "This will all men know that you're My disciples, when you have love one for the other." **Pentecost had that. I'm speaking Pentecost, meaning the first group of the apostles and the disciples. They had that brotherly love. They wasn't greedy. They sold everything**

they had, for the furthering of the church. They was so together, till even when one heard the other one died, they said, "Let us go and die with him." Such a feeling.