

# Notes used in the Message

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## 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 1:1-8

» 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\_

« 50 † "And having escaped the corruption of the world." Having escaped that, **the lust and corruption of the world, you're above that.** Now that's--**now that's the type of person that He's talking to, the person that has escaped these things, see, the corruption of the world.**

*And besides this, giving all diligence, add unto your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

*And to knowledge temperance;... to temperance patience;... to patience godliness;*

*And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

« 51 † **Now He has given us the outline here what to do, know how to do it. Now, as I said, we all are trying to come closer to God. That's why I chose this Message this morning, for the church, knowing that people are traveling.**

For last night, I said, "How many is here, out-of-town?" About ninety-eight percent of the people, from out-of-town. "How many is here from a hundred miles?" Why, it went over, I guess, eighty percent. "How many is here from over five hundred miles?" And nearly a--a third of the people were here from over a hundred, five hundred miles away. Think of it, of the people traveling. Well, those people doesn't come to church like that just to be seen. There's no... as what the outside world would see any beauty around this place. They're all common people, poor, ordinarily dressed. There's no great anthems from some pretended-to-be Angelic choir, pipe organs, and some stained glass windows. You have a hard time getting a seat on a bench and stand around a wall. They don't come for such as that. But they come because inside of them is something that sees a beauty that the natural eye doesn't see. It's a spiritual eye that catches the beauty of Christ. That's why they come.

## 2) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 33 † So now, let us read now, First Peter, or... Second Peter, rather, the 1st chapter, portion of It.

*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:*

34 I like the way that's stated right there, because **my whole subject this morning is based on faith.** See? Let me read that again. Listen close.

*Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that obtain--obtained like precious faith... through the righteousness of God... our Saviour and Jesus Christ:*

35 Notice, **He is saying, that, "I have obtained this faith, and I'm addressing this to them that have obtained the like precious faith." I want... It's not to the outside world. This is to the Church, see, those that are in Christ.**

*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and (through) of Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*According as his divine power has given unto us all things... his divine power now has given unto us all things that pertain unto life... godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue:*

*Whereby are we given unto... given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) **we might be partakers of the divine nature,...***

« 36 † Now let that soak real deep now. Not preaching this morning; we just teaching this lesson. **"Divine nature."** Let me read that 4th verse again now, so you won't miss it. "Whereby we are given..."

*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (these promises) we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

37 **See, "the world," we've escaped that now. He's addressing this to the Church. That's why we're here this morning, is to find out what is the way, what is God's requirement. There's not a person in here, that loves God, but wants to--wants to become more like Christ. Now it's laid out here. Every Christian!** I'm an old veteran. Look at Brother and Sister Kidd here, they're probably the oldest in the building. But if I'd ask them, "What is your heart's desire?" It'd be, "Closer to God." When you learn of Christ, there's something about Him that's so loving, you just try to get right into Him.

3) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 85 † We notice here, He said, "First we have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, goodness or godliness, and brotherly love." All right. Brotherly kindness, and then add love. Let me read this, all, over again, so you be sure to get it now. Now we going to start at the 5th verse.

*And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

*And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

*And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity, which is love.*

*... if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

86 **Now Peter is outlining something here for us, that how to get there.**

4) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 135 † Now, building a house, you put your uprights and everything else. Brother Woods, and some of these carpenters and contractors here could tell us how you build your house. See? **But I'm going to tell you how to build your spiritual house, where God can dwell. He wants to dwell in you. He wants to make you like Himself.** He wants you to be reflected, reflecting, rather, His Being.

5) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 138 † And that's what we're supposed to do, reflect the Son of God. And now we're supposed to do His work. He said, "He that believeth on Me..." Saint John 14:7, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." You're beginning to reflect the works of Christ.

139 But so many of us try to do the works of Christ before the reflection of Christ is in us. Now there's the trouble. We find those things happening. You know it. I know it. We see these, stumbles along the road. We find the scrap heap of ministers, of Christians, piled along the road, is because they didn't go into it right.

140 **And that's why I'm here this morning, is to try to teach this little church, and myself, how that we can become the dwelling place of the living God. How many like to be that?**

[Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] **The dwelling place of the living God!**

6) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 172 † We're not building an organization. I'm not here this morning to build an organization. Christ never sent me to build organization. **Christ sent me to build individuals to the stature of Jesus Christ, that they might be the powerhouse and the dwelling place of the Spirit, by His Word.** By His Word, see, build up the individual to that place. Not build an organization to a greater

denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea. See? Add to your faith, virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now you're coming to a place.

**7) 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 another. 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.

**8) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**  
« 405 † Lust for money, lust for big things, lust for popularity, these things are dead to the believer. We don't care. A tent or a cottage, why should I care; live or die, sink or drown? This is the thing that I'm interested in, the Kingdom of God. Whether I maintain my home, whether I maintain my family, whether I maintain whatever it is, let me maintain Christ, our hope of Glory.

**406 Build me up, O Lord, into This. Let Christ be my Head, that working through me. On my foundation, my faith that's in Him, let virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brother kindness, work in me,** O Lord, is my prayer. I don't care; live or die, sink or drown; denomination, no denomination; friend or no friend. Let That work in me, let Christ's virtue, His knowledge, flow out, **that I might be able to teach those.**

**407 "For God has set in the Church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists, all for the perfecting and bringing all these virtues into it, for that perfection of the Coming of the Son of God."** Each one of these stones are a material off of that One. This is material of This. Each one of these virtues belong into Him, and they're pouring out of Him, down through them. Amen.

#### **8A) EPHESIANS 4:10-15**

» 10 † He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

» 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:

» 14 † That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

» 15 † But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

**9) 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.**

« 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.

**105** Therefore, when you say, "Brother Branham, I believe that God is a Healer." Well, if you believe that, and then accept Him as your Healer, and not lying, but actually believing that by His stripes you are healed, there's nothing going to turn you from it. It's a settled thing. Now you might have hope, just keep dodging to this and dodging to that. But when you got faith, you know it, because it is the evidence. You've already got it. I was...

**10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**

« **131** † **First, you must be born again. And then when you're born again, you have faith; you believe the Word. Until you're born again, you'll argue against It. If you're just religiously inclined, and--and you got a--a--a little human knowledge that you should do right, you'll never be able to agree upon the Word of God. You'll never do it. You've got to be born again. And, born again, it produces faith.** All right. Then, after you get faith, this right here, **f-a-i-t-h, faith, then you're just in position of growing.**

« **132** † Now, a lot of people go up to the altar, and pray, and say, "Lord, forgive me." **And a great experience of sanctification come upon them, and things. Then you have a great time, get up to the altar, shouting. You go back, say, "Bless God, I got it." No, you just started to a place where you can grow. You ain't done nothing yet. See? The only thing you done is just laid the foundation.**

**133** Now you're going to build a house, and you pour the foundation, say, "Boy, I got her." See? You got the foundation to build your house on. Now you got to build a house.

**134** **Now there's where the thing comes in, this morning, we're going to talk about now. All right. A house, this foundation is first. What is the foundation of Christianity? Faith in the Word of God. That's your foundation. Then you begin to grow. Then you start, you begin to add to this foundation.**

**11) 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.

**12) 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.

« **96** † Now notice. **You must be born again, that is, changed. There's got to be a change.**

97 You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know this certain woman over here, why, she never did do anything wrong. She's a good woman. Or, this such-and-such a man, he's a good man. He never does anything. You know he doesn't harm anybody." **That doesn't mean one thing. He might make a good neighbor, but he isn't a Christian until he's born again.**

98 Jesus said, "Except a man be born again," Saint John 3, that, "he can't even see the Kingdom." Now, that means, see, it means to "understand."

99 You look at anything, say, "I just don't see it." You mean you don't understand it.

**13) 62-1014M THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**

« 176 † I think of where David said there, Psalms 1, "He shall be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water." You know, there's a difference from being planted and being set out, stuck out. Like the old oak tree, it's been planted, that weaves down and gets a good hold. Little old stick is sticking in there, you don't know what's going to happen to it. Has no roots. It has no foundation. See?

177 That's like some people coming from a seminary or something, see. Don't have... "Well, Doctor So-and-so ordained me in the ministry." Don't make any difference what that was.

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.**