**The Effectual Working of the Body of Christ**

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

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:

16 **From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

EPHESIANS 3:1-13

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ )

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by **the effectual working of his power**.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

12 In whom **we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.**

13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at **my tribulations for you, which is your glory.**

EPHESIANS 4:17-24

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

59-0712 A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-11 N-1 SUNDAY\_

« 51 † I wonder this morning, as Christians, if we have yielded our own will, and yielded ourself so completely to God, till God can trust us the place that He has put us. I wonder this morning, of myself, if I could be so yielded to God till God could trust me, could trust Brother Neville, could trust our trustee board, our deacon board, or our members of our church. We all have a place and we got a duty.

The minister's got a place of duty to stand and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ without compromising, if he's called to be a preacher. He wouldn't spare one thing for one person if he's called to be a preacher.

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« 53 † And the member of the church, he's called to be a member of this certain group, then he would not compromise. If the church believes that we should not gamble, then that member should never touch a deck of cards. We don't believe in drinking; he should turn his head completely from drinking. If we do not believe in gambling or smoking, the member of this church should never touch such a thing. God gives complete deliverance. When we... He will do it if we'll completely surrender ourselves to Him. If we will completely deliver ourselves into His hand, then God can live in us, Christ the Hope of glory. He can reflect Himself from us as we get ourselves out of the way; then our thoughts are His thoughts. Could you imagine Christ smoking a cigar? Could you imagine Christ drinking or playing cards? Then if your spirit is part of His Spirit, He wants it to be upon your confession. But you permit the devil to come in and take over, and all the time in your heart way down deep you know you're wrong when you do those things.

And when one member would talk against the other member; you know that's wrong. You're commanded to pray for one another, not to talk against one another, but to love one another. And if someone is down, let's pick him up, help him. Now, that makes us a--a--a unified group of believers. Now, when we don't obey that, then we don't obey God and we displease God. And therefore, our church, our people cannot prosper, the church cannot go on, is because we're disunified together. As Jesus said, "A little leaven leavens the lump."...

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« 54 † Now, if the church board, or like the--the deacons would come and say that we were to--thinking we should build a new tabernacle. If that is the vote of the deacons, and the trustees are consulted and they don't have the money to do it, then they have a building program like we have going on now. And then it's took over the general audience, as we should be, all the church being sovereign. Then if the church votes for the new tabernacle, then we all should cooperate together in building that new tabernacle.

Frankly, myself, when they spoke of new tabernacle to me, I was against the thought. That's right. I said, "We don't need exactly a new tabernacle. I'll probably be leaving here pretty soon as the Lord if it--what He showed me comes to pass. What do we need with a new tabernacle? We haven't got the money."

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« 56 † Then I come down and felt the feeling of the church, that the church in the majority seemed to want it. Then what did I do? I sacrificed my own thoughts and throwed in with the church. Sure, let's do it, if that's the way we cast lots. That's the way it was in the Bible time, the way the church voted. The--the sovereignty, the groups of the people they come together. In unity there's strength. So therefore I said, "Certainly, if that's the way the church wants, if that's what God is wanting, He's got more of authority to vote amongst a whole group of people than He has to me, because I have no vision to say that it shouldn't be. So we throw in with the church, and move with the church. And I'm behind it to do all that I can (See?), to help out the church.

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« 57 † That should be the motive of every Christian and every person in the church is for to unify ourselves and stick together. Whatever the church votes for, that's what we should stand for. Then say, for instance, they want to change something in the church. Well then, if the trustees wants to, or somebody else wants to, the deacons, they want to change something, that comes before the church, the church then together... And if our--if our idea here seems to be a little different than what the whole church does, let's sacrifice that idea, because that's the only way we can stand united. And if this church will just go on the way you're going now, and be united together, God will... It's unlimited what He'll do if we'll stick together. We must stick together. That's how we want to be, so complete with one another, and then so complete in the hands of God.

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« 58 † And then we've got to have a man that we believe that preaches the Word of God. If the man don't do it, then get somebody who does do it. That's the way we must stand. If the trustee board won't stand for what's right, then it's your business to elect somebody who will stand for what's right. And then when you do it, stay by it. It's up to you. Stand by it. And all together we're standing for one Thing; that's God.

If a member makes a mistake, don't turn him down; help him, raise him up, get together, have a hearing with one another. That's what the Scripture said. When we make a mistake, let's go before God. Before we can go before God, we got to go before the person we hurt.

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« 60 † I just had to do that. And I know that I did wrong; I lied, caused my wife to lie. I believe I told you about it here at the church. It was a few days not long ago; it's been about six weeks ago. The attorneys had me so tore up over this investigation, till I hardly knew where I was at. I'd just went home from the office to eat dinner, and the private phone number rang, and Meda went to answer the phone. She put her hand over it, said, "It's them attorneys again."

I said, "I couldn't stand another evening. My head feels like it's going off. I'm losing my mind, just pulling me this way and that way and this way." I said, "I can't stand it." And I jumped up, and I said, "Tell them I'm not in here," and run around behind the house.

When I come back (Meda's very conscientious of those things), she met me at the door, half crying; she said, "Bill, was that the right thing to do?"

You know how you are. I know how I am. I said, "Sure, I wasn't in here right then." I knew God had condemned me for it. I said, "I wasn't in here right then." Said, "But you was in here when he made the call."

59-0405E THE.QUEEN.OF.SHEBA\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SUNDAY\_

« E-16 † And they would keep speaking about the great things that Solomon would do.

Now, faith cometh by what? Hearing, hearing the Word of God. And you know, when this word kept coming to this little queen, she begin to believe that it was the truth, and she begin to thirst to go find out about it.

Oh, Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." But if the salt has lost its saviour, or its strength, it's henceforth, good for nothing, but to be cast out and trod under the feet of man--made roads out of.

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« E-17 † Well, I do not wish to be critical, but to a certain degree, we are letting this great blessing go to that. The strength of the Holy Spirit should be in every member of the Church. What do you mean, "strength?" The power of the resurrection. The life that Jesus gave for the Church should be operating in every member of it--the body. The strength... Salt will only save if it contacts. But it must contact. And if the Church gets that burden on their heart to contact someone, get someone saved, then the strength's coming back into the Church again and into the people.

And this little woman... First place, she had a lot of--of difficults. The odds, as we would call it in the world, was against her. The first place, she was a woman. And then, she was a pagan, a worshiper of idols. And being in her position, the queen, she'd have to ask release from her own church before she could go up and attend that revival.

65-0206 DOORS.IN.DOOR\_ FLAGSTAFF.AZ V-17 N-3 SATURDAY\_

« 86 † Sometime ago there was... I read a story of the days of our noble... One of the greatest Presidents I think the nation ever had was--was Lincoln. Not because that he come from Kentucky, but because he was a great man. He was deprived of an education, but yet was--was something in his heart, some purpose.

87 I--I like a man of vision. I like people that's got something they're fighting for, just not just lay around, "Well, ever what comes along will be all right." Oh, be up and at it! And Lincoln never let his education stand in the way; he had something to do. I think every Christian ought to be that way, find your purpose and go do it.

88 Every member of this chapter, just not, "Well, we have a breakfast once a month," that isn't it, "or once every Saturday." Have a purpose in life, something you're going to do. Let's. God has placed you here; do something about it, every member of every church. There is a revival in town. That revival is there for a purpose. Let's get something out of it. Let's do something about it.

62-1230M ABSOLUTE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 399 † Bless our pastor, Brother Neville, this humble servant, Lord. Standing at his post of duty, just as reverent, as a member of the Body of Christ, trying his very best to follow everything that You'd tell him to do.

400 Bless the trustees, them men who stood with me so gracious in this great, dark time that I been through.

401 Stand with the Church who prayed with me and stood by me in times of trouble. Lord, I love them. And I offer my prayer, that they will look to You, Lord. May they look away from this mortal clay of a servant. May they look to Him Who is the Omnipotent, Who is. And we know, Lord, that we are finite. No matter who we are, we're still mortal. But, not the messenger, but the Message. Grant it, Lord. That's where we point, to Jesus Christ the Son of God. Grant that He will be so real to every one here today, even to the little children, that He will become the absolute of the entire congregation. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

I love Him, I love Him

Because He first loved me

And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's tree.

62-1122 RETURN.AND.JUBILEE\_ SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY\_

« E-17 † Now, we find that when Joshua divided the inheritance to the people, each person was placed positionally, exactly the way these Hebrew mothers named those children, how they were placed in Palestine just at their place; Asher, Gad, and--and Naphtali, and each one, Judah. Every one just placed in their position.

What a--a wonderful picture it gets us, because it's a type of God's placing in the church, Himself, every member, every stone, every place, every Christian, to itself. Each one of us in our peculiar way has a place in the house of God, like Solomon's temple when it was cut out all over the world. But when it was brought in by--to Joppa by--floated in and took from there by ox-cart... And all these odd rocks had their place when the temple went together.

62-1122 RETURN.AND.JUBILEE\_ SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY\_

« E-18 † And I think that God, down through this time has cut out some very odd stones that we might not have understood, but they have their place exactly in the temple, in the building of God. And Joshua, by inspiration, not by just mathematics, he--he by... Inspired by God he 'lotted each one of those patriarchs in their position, just exactly the way their name belongs.

What a--a picture it puts before us of God in His master works. No one could've ever done it but God. There's no way of doing it: God alone. It was to be for--was to be their--theirs forever. It was a gift from God. God, by His marvelous grace, give these people this land in this position and placed them in it according to His Word and the birth of the people. Just perfect, how it clucked right together. And I think it was a type.

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« E-19 † And now, no one else could take that place. It had to be for Israel alone, just them alone was the only ones that could take this place, and still it--the blessings on the place. And if somehow or other, during these time... If they lost their inheritance by some means... It might been poverty; it might been some other way that they--they lost their inheritance where their fathers... One would leave it to his son; he would leave it to his son. It belonged to that tribe. It belonged to that people forever. It was an inheritance.

And if I'm not misunderstanding the Scriptures wrong, I believe in the great Millennium that is to come (You know what I mean.) they'll take right back to that place. For we know Zion shall be lit up, that great city, and they'll not have day nor night there for the--the Light will hang on Zion. And I believe in the Millennium, those tribes will take their positions again.

63-1117 ONCE.MORE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-13 SUNDAY\_

« 168 † Oh, if that could only be the objective of the Pentecostal move tonight! "I'm willing to forget about whether I'm this way, or oneness, twoness, threeness. I'm willing to forget about all these worldly things and everything. Just once more, Lord! Once more take me out of this creed and this thing that I'm bound up in! Once more! Once more let me see the appearing of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Once more, Lord, once more!" The church would scream that, though they've been blinded from these things, blinded from their brother and his idea. Just take God's idea and you won't have to argue about It. "Once more, Lord, once more!"

63-1117 ONCE.MORE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-13 SUNDAY\_

« 169 † Then there stood that big bulk of a frame, powerless and helpless. All at once, he begin to feel something happening. Every fiber of his body begin to fill with the Power of God.

170 Oh, if the church could only get to that again, and all the way from the preacher to the deacon, to the laity, every fiber and every member of the body would be filled with the Power of God!

171 Those big brawny muscles straightened up, and he crushed it together. "Let me die with them, Lord! Let me die with them! You raised me up to destroy it. Now I've built myself up around it; let me destroy myself with it, my reputation and whatever it is. Let me destroy it, but I want to see the Power of God again."

63-1117 ONCE.MORE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-13 SUNDAY\_

« 172 † Always, when the Power of God comes in, the walls that you've built around you, fall. Your denominational walls will crush, and God will be known again. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

173 His every fiber filling with the Holy Ghost, every muscle filled, every bit of his body was just filled up with the Holy Ghost. That was Samson's greatest victory.

174 Oh, Church of the living God! I'm going to omit the rest of my notes, to say this one thing. Why don't we? Are you ready, Assemblies of God? Are you ready, you, United Church? Are you ready, Oneness, Trinity, whatever you are? Are you ready, church of God? Are you ready, all the rest you denominations, to forget this nonsense and the thing that you've done? Look where you got people, tonight, and what kind of a condition they're in.

63-1117 ONCE.MORE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-13 SUNDAY\_

« 175 † O God, let's break them walls down. "Once more, Lord!" I don't care, we're at the end of the time, folks. We ain't got much left. We better be hollering right now, crying out. "Once more, Lord, once more! Just this once more, at the end of the world, let Your strength fill my every fiber. I'll break away from all these things. Fellowship cards, and bishops, and denominations, and everything, don't mean a thing to me. I want You, Lord, more than anything."

176 Let's think of it, as we bow our heads just a moment. I'm urged to do this. "Once more, Lord!" Everybody, sincerely, reverently, just as reverent as you can be. Just have faith, and down in your heart say, "Once more, Lord!"

63-1114 INFLUENCE\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY\_

« 24 † For instance, the moon, if the moon would ever move out of its place, the earth would be filled with water, in a few moments. See, the--the moon is--is rather like a watchdog of the sea. "He set its bounds, that it can't pass." And when the moon turns from the earth, here comes the tides in. If the moon didn't catch it around the other side, it would cover the earth. See? So the moon stops and--and he turns his back to look around the other side of the world, and--and here comes the waters coming in real fast, and then he turns again. He is Jehovah's servant. Sea stops and goes back to its place again, because it sees the perfect moving of Jehovah.

25 Oh, if we in the church, as the members of the Body of Christ, could only work in harmony like that, you would see a great and mighty Church of the living God, all in one array, filled with the Holy Spirit. Wouldn't it be wonderful? Every member of the Body functioning just exactly to its place, every gift to its place, every gift helping the other, every member helping the other, that would be wonderful. That's what we want to see. But we'll see it someday, and if it be right.