

Notes used in the Message

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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 4:11-16

- » **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.

HEBREWS 5:8-14

- » **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.

HEBREWS 6: 1-3

- » **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,
- » **2** † Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- » **3** † And this will we do, if God permit.

I CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

- » **9** † For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.
- » **10** † According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.
- » **11** † ¶ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- » **12** † Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- » **13** † Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- » **14** † If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- » **15** † If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.
- » **16** † ¶ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- » **17** † If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- » **19** † Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- » **20** † And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- » **21** † In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- » **22** † In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

HEBREWS 11:5-6

- » **5** † By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- » **6** † But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1) 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.

ROMANS 10:14-17

- » **14** † How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- » **15** † And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- » **16** † But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- » **17** † So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2) 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.**

3) 58-1007 CHURCH.ORDER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD TUESDAY_

« **5** † We believe in justification by faith, Romans 5:1. We believe, that after a person being justified by faith, he has peace with the Lord Jesus Christ. But it's possible that this same person could have habits such as drinking, smoking, doing things that he should not do, filthy habits of the flesh.

Then we believe that the Blood of Jesus Christ sanctifies this person for the service of the Lord. And that's... We believe in sanctification according to Hebrews 13:12 and 13, "Where Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His Own Blood, suffered without the gate." And we believe that sanctification is taught in the New Testament, and meant for the believers through the New Testament age, which we're now living. And we also believe that after the person has been sanctified, unclean habits has gone from the person.

He is a believer on the Lord Jesus Christ, and his habits are gone; we believe that then he is a candidate for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which comes as a filling of the believer. And then when the believer...

It's just, as many times as I have taught it, like picking up a glass out in the chicken yard. Justification is picking it up, ready for--to use it, with a purpose in heart. That's what God does to the sinner. He is still filthy. Then he is cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. And the word "sanctify" is a compound word, which means, "cleaned, and set aside for service." In the Old Testament the altar sanctified the vessel, and it was set aside for service.

« **10** † We believe that the Holy Spirit is putting the same vessel in service. That the Holy Spirit is not another step of grace, but more of the same grace that fills the believer to the extent where that signs and wonders, such as the apostolic gifts spoken of in I Corinthians 12, manifest themselves through this believer, when the Holy Spirit comes in to take up the gifts.

I believe that the Scripture teaches that gifts and callings are without repentance, that when we are born in this world, we are sent here by one purpose, that is, of God. And that before we are even become adults, while we're yet children, the gifts that we have of God is in us then, and only the filling of the Holy Spirit puts these gifts into operation; but we have them in the beginning, such as teachers, and apostles, and--and prophets, and gifts of tongues, and the nine spiritual gifts according to I Corinthians 12. Now, we believe that these gifts are in operation today, and they should be in every local church.

4) 64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_

« **77** † And notice how God makes plain to us His plan of redemption. Oh, this just thrilled my soul when I saw it, how He makes plain to us here now His plan of redemption. Now compare what we see with our own eyes. What God has done to redeem His world, He's done the same plan to redeem His people, for the unchangeable God changes not in any of His plans or anything. Such a glorious thing!

« **78** † How He led us to Himself, to a tabernacle in us, by three stages of grace; just like He's led the world in three stages, to come to the world. **As God will come to the world after it's gone through three different stages of purification, that's exactly how He comes to us through three stages of grace. I taught that at the beginning; I've never changed, since. It's God's Word.**

« **79** † You have to keep your three's together, your seven's, your twelve's. The numerics of the Bible must run perfect or you'll get your picture all mixed up. If you can't understand it, just keep praying. You watch, it'll cut right in, exactly. God is perfected in three's. See?

« **86** † Notice how God makes it plain to us. And if that wasn't a--a great confirmation, a good... a great, loving blessing from God! When I see this, and see that since a boy, first time ever Christ dealt with me, I've still always taught those three stages of grace. Notice if it isn't true now.

« **87** † Now, the first step is "repentance towards God." And then follows after that, is water baptism, "water baptism," "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." See, water baptism follows, showing that repentance was genuine. Or, to "remit" our past sins, that has nothing to do with future sin. It only remits. "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." What for? "Remission." Taking away of past sin has nothing to do with the future. Just, your sin has been chopped off, what you did.

88 You can't repent for what Adam done. You never done it; Adam did. You just get forgiveness for what you done. The old nature is still there.

Then, secondly, comes sanctification, which sets our mind in order for holiness, to think right. Taken away... sanctification is a compound Greek word, which means "cleaned, and set aside for service."

92 Then, the next, comes the baptism of the Fire and Holy Ghost, that God might dwell in us. And the Fire of God cleanses our hearts from sin, and puts the Holy Ghost inside. Then we bring forth the same Life that This did, because That's in us.

« **93** † Notice, in the natural birth, when a woman gives birth to a baby. The natural life types the spiritual life. When a woman gives birth to a baby, the natural, the first thing happens is breaking of water, then blood, and then the spirit (the life). Grab the little fellow and spank him [Brother Branham claps his hands together once--Ed.], and away he goes, screaming. Water, blood, spirit.

94 And now when a baby is born into the Kingdom of God, he comes the same way: water, Blood, Spirit.

« **95** † Now notice, sanctification, the third stage... second stage of it, cleanses the mind; sets the heart, the mind of the heart, in order of holiness.

96 A man can repent of sins and he is still thinking of... Well, maybe he's a--a immoral man, every immoral looking woman he finds, is still there. Maybe he's a drunkard; every time he smells the drink, it's still there. See?

97 But then when he gets sanctified, that cleanses that desire out of him. See? It takes the want of it away. He can still be tempted, but He takes the want of it away. Still, he's not right yet.

98 Then, he is baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Cleansed, burnt out, cleaned up; and then put into the service of God.

Sanctification only sets them aside for service.

« **99** † And notice just exactly how that come, the messages coming. Martin Luther, justification; John Wesley, sanctification; the pentecostal, the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The messages, that's where there can't be no more ages of it, see. We're at the end time. Three stages. Baptism cleanses the heart with the Holy Ghost.

« **100** † How striking now, He takes the place where we are to dwell in, through the same process.

101 Now, He's called the Church through justification, called It through sanctification, then filled It with the Holy Ghost and Fire. And He took It through a process, that He Himself, the Holy Spirit Himself, the Son of God, could dwell in the human heart. Now, It has to go through that before He can come into It.

102 Notice, He done the world, where that Bride is going to live in, the same way, His same plan of--of salvation.

5) 53-0604 THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.LORD_ CONNERSVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« **E-5** † The new birth is an experience. It's a gift of God. It's the seal of your faith. The Holy Spirit is a Seal. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption."

6) 57-0324 WHY.SOME.PEOPLE.CAN'T.KEEP.THE.VICTORY_ OAKLAND.CA SUNDAY_

« **E-50** † Yes. That's what we need today is experiences of the new birth. Now, I want you to watch the order that Ezekiel brought it in. He said, "I will give you a new heart, and I'll give you a new spirit, and I'll put My Spirit in you." I want you to watch; there's three of it. A new heart. "I'll take the old stony heart away." That's that old different heart you have. "And I'll give you a new spirit." Now, many times, and there's been a terrible mistake, the people has thought sometimes that that new spirit was the Holy Spirit. But it isn't; it's a new spirit. God gives you a new... Why, you couldn't even get along with yourself with your old spirit; how you going to get along with the Holy Ghost? God had to give you a new spirit so you could get along with His Spirit. And sometimes people...?... "A new heart, a heart of flesh, so you will receive it; then a new spirit in that heart, and then I'll put My Spirit in that." You see? New heart, new spirit, "and My Spirit," three things He spoke of.

« **E-51** † Now, many times we try to make that thing just say... Well, as soon as you get the new spirit, you quit your stealing, you quit your lying, things like that. You say, "Oh, hallelujah, I got it." And you find out the first time anyone crosses your path a little bit, oh mercy, what a difference. Sure. You blow up like a frog eating buckshot. But let me tell you, brother. That's the reason you never got God's Spirit. That's true. "Oh," you say, "he stepped on my toe; I'll just not put up with that." All right. That shows what you got in you. That's true. "I'll put a new spirit in you, and then I'll put My Spirit in you."

Now, the heart is in the center of the emotions of the human being. Your heart is the middle of you. That's exactly right. So God puts a new heart in the middle of the old man, then He puts a new spirit in the middle of the new spirit, or heart, and puts His Spirit in the middle of the new spirit.

7) 60-0626 THE UNFAILING REALITIES OF A LIVING GOD JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

« **76** † Now, the Holy Spirit will not misbehave itself in one person, and behave itself in another. It'll make each person come into Its character (See?), because it's a Spirit that leads you. It brings--makes you subject to Its nature. You don't bring It subject to your nature; It makes you subject to Its nature. And the Holy Spirit makes you live and love to do it. Oh, how you love to give up the things of the world, when the Holy Spirit comes in. How it cleanses you and washes you, and puts a desire in you to--to--to follow Him, and a thirst, and a hunger for more of it, just bathing yourself. He brings realities.

8) 61-1231E IF.GOD.BE.WITH.US.THEN.WHERE.IS.ALL.THE.MIRACLES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-15 N-1 SUNDAY_

« **36** † Someone said to me one time, a noted doctor was talking about a miracle that had happened among--a sick person. And he said to me, "Preacher, don't you believe, if you told them people to go out and touch a tree or a post, the same thing would take place?" I said, "No, sir." I said, "Because you cannot have faith in touching a tree or a post." Faith is not that loose. It's got to be based upon some noted fact. You've got to know something about what you are having faith in, before you can have faith in it. So we first must know how and what: what God's desire is, what God's plan is, and how to approach God by that plan. And then we can walk up boldly to the throne of grace, and plead what the plan is promised us.

9) 63-0630E IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY.OF.THE.GOSPEL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-5 SUNDAY_

« **143** † When this takes place, the thing you'll do then, you'll find out that the Spirit that comes in you, from the new Birth, you will believe and do everything that God says in His Word is for you to do. And everything that the Bible quotes for you to do, you'll punctuate it with an "amen." And you'll not stop, day and night, until you receive it. That's right. That's right. **And in all this time, you'll certainly, above everything, bear the fruit of the Spirit.**

144 You say, "Will I speak with tongues?" You might do that, and you might not. "Will I shout?" You might do that. You might not.

But there's one sure thing you will do. You will bear the fruit of the Spirit. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patient. Your temper will not be, "Oooh!" Just remember, when you got that, that poisons the Holy Spirit away from you. See? When you get to a place that you want to fuss with everybody you come along to, there's something wrong. When you get a place where the... a minister will read from the Bible, that it's wrong to do a certain thing, and, you'll... Just remember, there's no Christianity there at all. That's now, that, "By their fruits you shall know them." That's what Jesus said. See?

« **145** † If it's the Word, and God said so, that Spirit in you will cope with that Word, every time. Cause, genuine Holy Spirit will cope with the Word, 'cause the Word is Life and Spirit. Jesus said, "My Words are Life." And if you've got Eternal Life, and He is the Word, **how can the Word deny the Word?** See? What kind of a person would you make God? That's one thing to know, that you're a Christian, when you can fully agree upon every Word of God.

10) 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7

« 233 † Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.

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. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a--a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. 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.**

« 235 † You say, "Well, I'm a Lutheran. I'm a Baptist. I'm Presbyterian." That don't mean one, don't mean [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your finger.

236 What is it? It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word. And when the Word is revealed, **It expresses Itself.** See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, con-... and fulfill His law, by death. And Christ, God, died in flesh, in order to condemn sin in the flesh, that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God; and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man. You see it? That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. The new Birth reveals this.

11) 63-0801 A.PARADOX_ CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 THURSDAY_

« 98 † That virgin birth was a mystery to the people, they couldn't understand it, just like the new Birth is today. **The new Birth is a mystery to the people. They can't understand it. They don't know what you mean. They have belittled it, bring it down, saying, "Well, just because you believe something."** The devils believe the same thing, and tremble. It isn't what you believe; it's what God has actually done. The new Birth is a birth. It was a new. It was a paradox, when God brought new Life to the human race. To reject it, is Eternal separation. To receive it, is Eternal Life. You have...

« 99 † You're on the same basis as Adam and Eve was. You can take... If God puts you on anything else, it would be unjust to Adam and Eve. Each Adam and Eve, tonight, has got the right and wrong setting before them. You can make your choice. You can take God's Word or leave God's Word

12) 64-0830M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_

« 247 † This first conscience controls this body with see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, and it's just got us all scrupled up; we reason and everything else. But that new body, that comes from this borned again (not this first conscience, it'll pass away)... It's that inside something that lives. Everybody understand it say, "Amen." [Congregation replies, "Amen."--Ed.]

It's not this outside see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. It isn't. It's subject to death and will die, but the inside part of you, down in here, inside, that is the person that cannot die. See? And that's the person that the new life starts from, from this new birth; **and it builds another person in the image of this person you are, around that life. You get it?**

13) CHAPTER NINE THE LAODICIAN CHURCH AGE. THE SALUTATION

Take a good look around you. Examine the people as they walk by. In the multitudes you see, can you pick out those that have the appearance of Christians? Watch how they dress, watch how they act, hear what they say, see where they go. Surely there ought to be some real evidence of the new birth amongst all those we see go by. But few there be. Yet today the fundamental churches are telling us they have millions saved and even Spirit-filled. Spirit-filled? Can you call women Spirit-filled who go around with frizzy bobbed hair, shorts and slacks, halters and briefs, all painted up like Jezebel? If these are adorned in modest apparel as becometh Christian women, I would hate to think what it would be like if I had to witness a display of immodesty.

HEBREWS 11:1

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

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4102

4102 » pistis {pis'-tis} pivstiß from 3982; TDNT -- 6:174,849; n f

AV -- faith (239)
-- assurance (1)
-- believe + 1537 (1)
-- belief (1)
-- them that believe (1)
-- fidelity (1) [244]

1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

1a) relating to God: the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

1b) relating to Christ: a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

1c) the religious beliefs of Christians

1d) belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

2) fidelity, faithfulness, i.e. the character of one who can be relied on