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We are just continuing on with this grace message. Peter could have taken what Jesus said, the wrong way when Jesus said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me," but he didn't. He acknowledged it. I have another scripture today. These things are not for our destruction. These things are for our correction. There are times I need correction, but I am

not going to blame a minister for correcting me if I am wrong, I am going to blame myself. This other scripture is John chapter 6, verse 60. "Many of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying, who can hear it?" He had said some things that He did not explain. These things are not for our destruction, these things are for our correction. God sometimes does just like Jesus did, He went out of the way to talk to Peter. There have been things said from this pulpit that have caused flesh to look at itself. But whenever I see people that have walked away and now say, it is alright for the women to cut their hair off, now it is alright for women to wear pants. Who gave them that right? The Bible sure did not give them that right.

The message does not give them that right. We have got some older sisters and brothers in here. I can remember when they were a lot younger, but they were not trying to show their body off. Now preachers wives will unbutton their blouses to here. Somebody has messed up, somebody's mind is messed up, because somebody has allowed this. Whenever you walk away from truth, the devil will attack you, he has every right to. Then when you walk away from truth, you don't feel it is an attack of the devil. Some peoples' minds are being seared. It is my responsibility, as it was Ezekiel's responsibility, as you go to the 30th chapter of Ezekiel, to warn the people. God has set us on the wall as watchmen. Being watchmen is not being watchmen for your destruction, it is being watchmen for correction. Was that not the scripture I mentioned this morning? It is something that corrects us. "When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, (The disciples, they murmured. Sometimes our thoughts is enough, we don't even

have to say anything, our thoughts is enough, but when we put it into words, then we are trying to convince somebody else that we are right. I have seen some of you, who now have families, when you yourselves were dedicated as babies. Now you have your own families. What are we showing before our families? What kind of an example are we before our children? Sometimes our actions get so loud, nobody can hear our words. What is this message for this morning? This message is a warning. Flee, from youthful lusts. Some people never grow up, so it is still a youthful lust. What does the Bible say about that? What is the message? Grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Don't see how close you can walk to the edge as Bro. Bud has said, and keep taking a step backwards. Or two steps backwards. Sometimes our lives get to where we are like beginning to climbing a ladder, after all our effort, we are still on the same rung we started on at the beginning. You are not going to fall off, because you are not going to get high

enough to be concerned about that. The disciples that followed Jesus: I am not talking about the twelve, I am talking about the ones that ate with Him yesterday, the ones that had the fish dinner.) After saying some things in their hearing, he asked a question, He said unto them, “Doth this offend you?” The Methodist church used to talk about Jesus being like a little Sunday school teacher. Does this message offend you? I remember Bro. Bud telling about when he once had a head of hair, which I do not talk about, because I do not see that in my brother. A preacher preached against it, and he got a haircut. He went back to church, the preacher preached against it again and he got another haircut. The way I remember it, he got four haircuts in one week. The preacher did not keep preaching about it then. Sometimes we have to get everything under control. Sometimes it takes more than one message to do that. Just a little dab will not always do the job God wants done. Just being religious is not enough. There used to be a song, Brighten the Corner Where

You Are. The Bible says offenses will come. I don’t say these things this morning to offend anyone, but we do say these things in an effort to try to correct certain situations that are getting out of hand. I am saying these things for this reason, let us look at ourselves, and look in the mirror. God’s word is that mirror. I said at the beginning of this message, Jesus did not apologize, He simply said, does this offend you? Some can say, Well, I won’t listen to that Bud, I will listen to Allen. Is Allen any different than Bud? Are we not on the same page? Or are we (in your opinion) on different pages? Jesus just goes a little further into this situation. Listen to this. “What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?” He did not explain that: He just said it. This message is going to make me or it is going to break me. Every once in awhile I have to look in the mirror of my heart. Don’t bow your head to what I am saying this morning. This is a day of making it or breaking it. When this message is over, I will love you the same as I did when I started it. If you take it

wrong, I will weep over it, but I will not change it. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: (That is plain language, something that I need, something that speaks to me, that tells me to open my eyes because it is the grace of God that is looking into our souls this morning. If you leave offended by what I say this morning, it may break my heart, but I will not change what I am saying, because I believe I am obeying the leading of the Spirit of God. Loose living, trying to see how close we can get to the edge is not going to get you in the rapture as bride saints. I was looking at the monitor this morning with Bro. David. I told the sisters, well the hillbillies are here. I am a hillbilly. I was talking about our sisters from down in Kentucky. What a privilege to be able to preach to people that love God, that are willing to travel a hundred miles every Sunday, when there are people that live close to here, that cannot come once a week. They may think a little dab will do them, but I have to ask, where did you get that from? The Bible says, see that

you do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is. You might say, well you all just keep pounding on that. Yes, that is because we must get this thing right. I know there are some people that cannot make it any more than that, but they have a good reason, not just an excuse. Don't make up an excuse for not coming to services regular. Where is our love for God when we have that kind of attitude? Where is our hope? You know how far Jesus traveled in order to be there at Jerusalem during the Passover, knowing what He was going to do. It was better than eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem and He did not go there on a camel or a great white horse. When He got into the area of Jerusalem, He did not go into Jerusalem on one: He went on a donkey, because He was fulfilling scripture, just as today, we are fulfilling scripture. I will say a little something about the people in South Africa, they get together and watch these services. They get together and watch them with all their heart. They say, you and Bro. Bud, just keep on preaching like

you are: don't change it. They treated us like kings. I told them more than one time, you don't have to do that, we are ordinary people, people like you, but they did not change, they just kept it up, but with respect, not to gain favor. Bro. Ram kept saying, I didn't think you would ever come. Brothers and sisters: seven souls that love God are worth more than this whole natural world. Brother and sister: your soul is more important than the enjoyment of sin for a little season. Sis. Peggy Frakes came here this morning and a message came to her: your mother is dead, unexpected. Life is unexpected this morning. How would it be if our hands were folded?) The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." This is hard, but the Bible says to pull them out of the fire. If I can do that this morning to somebody, then I have done what was expected of me, and done what was my duty, and there is no reason for me to rejoice in what I accomplished: I have done my duty. When I get through with this message, I have done nothing except what is my duty. I don't say

this for you to go away and judge what I say, I say these things in love, and in concern for your well-being. Sometimes a brother can preach a message and you could say, he is just picking on me. You don't know what he went through before he got to the pulpit. He was not standing up there laughing, saying, boy I will get them today, or I will get them tonight, wait until the next time, I will pour it on them. This is not the kind of message we are dedicated to. The message is love; and love is corrective. Listen to Jesus, "But there are some of you that believe not. (Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him, and he said), Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." This hit and miss, every once in awhile kind of life will not get it. Jesus was not through: He had more to say.. After these disciples walked away, He turned to the twelve and said, "Will ye also go away?" I am saying to some this

morning, you are walking on the edge, you have not yet made up your mind, the devil will make it up for you. Will you also go away? I am saying today, how many more want to walk away and feel that precious love. Some preachers wives, who have walked away are now wearing their dresses cut down to here, preachers wives. I would not walk five feet to hear somebody like that preach. When Jesus asked that question, listen to how Simon Peter answered Him. "Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." You might say, you are just saying things this morning, to try to discourage people, trying to get rid of people. I am not trying to get rid of anyone, but I am trying to let us see that there is a shaking going on; and it is not Elvis Presley. Bro. Branham said don't name your little boys Elvis. The man would sing, and I saw some of the things he would do. He would sing at night and wipe sweat from his brow with something, and hand that to some young girl and she would fall out. Don't tell me there is not a spirit in

that. Then he would feel so guilty, he would sing gospel songs all night. Do you know what that was? It was Esau. There was no way he was coming back to God because he had already taken what God had given him in that Pentecostal church and he had messed it up. He had already gone to his Heartbreak Hotel and he is there today. Oh yeah, he got a preacher to preach him into heaven, Rex Humbard, he preached him right into heaven. That made me think less of Rex Humbard than what I already thought. Bro. Branham preached serpent seed, these preachers turned against him. One preacher had a vision of Bro. Branham dying, he said I started to pray, then I remembered I had that vision and he said, I quit praying when he had that wreck. He said, that message on serpent seed was straight from hell. I don't want to be in that preachers place when his time comes. Bro. Branham, instead of saying pulpit, he said pollpit, a woman jumped on him about it, Bro. Branham, you embarrassed me this morning, you said pollpit for pulpit. He said pollpit, that is

what it is, isn't it? Everybody wants to get their words right, but they don't want the message. Well I saw a little man one day, Bro. Jackson explained it that way, I saw a little man one day, when he began to talk and tell things, I couldn't get away from it. Now the ones that claim to follow him, what are they doing? They are buying their arenas for recreation, million dollar arenas with basketball goals. I am not against anyone watching basketball, but when basketball becomes your God, then it is too much. If I come here and the Spirit of God is moving, and my team is out here playing, and I would rather be there, there is something wrong. No matter how we feel, they are going to win or loose. If our heart is there, we are going to be the loser. It is just a game. But this thing we are talking about is not a game today, it is a promise. God gave a promise to Abraham and the Bible says they, without us, could not be made perfect, they are waiting on us. Their inheritance will never be what yours will be, because they come under a different message, a message that

was brought by the Law. But Abraham believed God before there was ever a Law, so that we could be included in that promise. I have one more scripture I want to read this morning, Matthew 16, no, I think I have the wrong scripture there. I will just quote it for you. Jesus begins to tell what is going to happen at Jerusalem. He began to tell His disciples how He was going to suffer at Jerusalem. Peter begins to rail on Him, oh this is never going to happen to you. Jesus said to him, get behind me Satan. Here it is, in verse 21, chapter 16. "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But He turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Has He ever said that to you? Get behind me Satan. If I said that to

you, you would walk out of here, and you would have every right to. But Jesus said that to Peter and he had a choice to make. You think that I and Bro. Bud have been hard. Jesus tells His main disciples that were going to be a spokesman for Him, get behind me devil. We have never said anything like that, but Jesus said it and He did not apologize. Wake up! We are getting ready to leave this world! If it takes a rebuke of that kind to straighten me up, let me have it. Let me have it, and I will take it, don't pass it off onto someone else, give it to me. If Bro. Bud says something that I am doing is wrong, I will take it, I will not run from it. If you see me bow my head, it is because I am ashamed, not because I am sorry. You think nothing has ever been said to me? That man that spoke to Bro. Bud those times, he just kept on. Bro. Bud kept getting his hair a little shorter, a little shorter and a little shorter. I don't remember that Bro. Bud. I remember the Bro. Bud you see sitting here this morning. I don't remember that other man, because he listened. I have a reason

for preaching this message, because I don't want anybody to come and sit in Faith Assembly, thinking there are two different ideas here in this pulpit. We have got our different ways of preaching the gospel, but I don't think that Bro. Bud said anything any harder than I have said here this morning. Do we love God? Or is this world an attraction to us? Do we have our fingers white from gripping onto something that we can't let go of? I am saying this morning, let it loose, let it go. I say this with respect, get right with God. You might say, well I had an experience. That is good, but is that experience holding you over, or is there something lacking? You need to get it right

GROW IN GRACE

I am going over some familiar scriptures tonight as I look on into this message, very familiar, and very true. I am going to take my scripture from Galatians, the 1st chapter, then on into the 2nd chapter. The scripture was meant for us to take a look at ourselves. It is not just a written book to fill up time and space, but it is written that we may learn, because the Bible

says come and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your soul. So there is a certain rest in the scriptures, so that you can feel comfortable and content, that you are walking in truth. There is no other way in this time, the day and hour that we are living in. I know there are people depending on the messages that come from this pulpit and whoever is preaching here, because people know around the world that there is not going to be any loose cannons come from here. I remember three and a half years ago, as a lot of brothers came to me and said, how did you ever take what was said here by those four men? But then they turned around and said, we know people should have heard it, because if you had never heard what those men said, you would never have believed what was going on. But because you were able to hear and to know, it gave you understanding of why certain things have been brought out the way they have, and truth has been stood for. When I preached that message that morning in September, there were preachers that laughed about it from the pulpit. But it was the word of God. What Bro. Turner said this

morning, I have never wanted to give anybody, and I say that sternly, I never want to give anybody the idea that we are teaching that Jesus Christ is God. Because that is not according to scripture. I know that Bro. Branham had come through the Pentecostal realm of people and I remember a statement he made one time, maybe more than one time, concerning Matthew 28:19. The statement he made was all power is given unto me, as Jesus said, in heaven and in earth, and he made the statement if there is any other god, then he is powerless. You know people have looked at that, and looked at what he said at other times, that to believe that Jesus was God, because I know that it was somewhat confusing to me. But the thing about it is, when I started coming to Faith Assembly, maybe it was not right off, maybe a couple years into the time I had been coming here, that Bro. Jackson took a glass of water like this, and held it up before the congregation and said, this glass of water is like the ocean. But he said, you take a glass of water out of the ocean, you have got a part of that ocean, but it is not the whole ocean. He was teaching that Jesus Christ was a

part of God, but He was not God. I know I have used that scripture that came from Isaiah, chapter 7 and on into Matthew chapter 3, where it talks about His name shall be Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us. But you have to understand what that means. When Jesus began His ministry, at the beginning of His ministry, He received the Holy Ghost. He was the divine Son of God. He was not born an ordinary person, because the seed of life that was in Him was from God. When He walked this earth, Jesus said I and my Father are one, but the thing about it was, He was not taking it upon Himself to be God. The Bible is very plain in saying there is one God, and there is one Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Lord and Savior because He died for us. I know I have made the statement; and I stand behind the statement I have made, that when you receive the Holy Ghost, you receive a part of God. When Jesus received the Holy Ghost, He received the fulness of what God would impart into a human body. We only have it in part. Jesus had all the attributes of the Father in full measure, because He was perfect man. When He received the Holy Ghost, it was

God in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself. But when you receive the Holy Ghost, you receive the Spirit that God endowed the Lord Jesus Christ with, that is why it is called the Holy Ghost, because it is something you do not see. You could not see God, but you see the works of God. Jesus was a manifestation of God in the flesh, but He was not God. When He prayed in John chapter 17, He prayed that they may be one, as we are one, one in motive, one in attitude, one message, one in purpose. There cannot be two messages in this end time message. I am not bragging tonight, but I know what I believe. I am persuaded that He will keep that unto that day, as the apostle Paul was persuaded when he made that statement. Jesus said I have power to lay my life down and have power to take it up again. This was given to Him of God. You have the same promise tonight. By the grace of God, you have the same promise, that if you have to go to a grave, then the same Holy Ghost that you have will raise you up one day. There is not two Gods, there is not two Holy Ghost's. But the Holy Ghost in you is the Spirit of Christ.

I can read in the Bible, where it says in the Old Testament that the Spirit of Christ which was in them, told you of the time, but that was the anointing. Christ means anointed by the Spirit of God. Christ was not the second name of Jesus: it identifies Him as the anointed one. He was Jesus the anointed One. When He received the Holy Ghost, that is who He was. He was the anointed one. Him, being the anointed one, was simply that God the Father was in Him, reconciling the world unto Himself, which fulfills Matthew chapter 3, which speaks of Emmanuel, meaning God was in He who was known as Jesus Christ. Because the attention of heaven was on Christ, it was on Jesus, let me put it that way. There was not another message in earth when Jesus was here. That was the only message given to mankind, when Jesus was here. But He had to be made under the Law to reconcile those that had come up under the Law. He said in John, chapter 10, other sheep have I, which are not of this fold, they shall come and there shall be one fold. I hope this explains something to you, that you are never confused on who Jesus Christ is, that He was God's anointed one for death to

reconcile us to God. He was that second Adam. The first Adam fell from his perfect state of being. He was a created being, the second Adam, as the Bible says, is the Lord from heaven, meaning His life came from God. So I hope this explains to you my belief, according to the scripture. I do not say that, as I said in the beginning, I do not say that to dispute with Bro. Branham, the statement he made, but Bro. Branham lived back in a time before all the revelation that we have now, was known. I want to go to Galatians chapter 1. "Paul, an apostle, not of men, (He was not appointed by men. A bunch of men did not lay their hands on him and say, you are now the head apostle. That is a flimsy excuse for any man to have a calling like that. Because it will not work.) neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead; (That ought to explain to you somewhat, of what I have been saying.) And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: (Galatia was an area in the world, and that is why it was not just one church. The Galatians were the Gauls. Galatia was a little nation in a nation.) Grace be to you and peace from

God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. (To me, he is putting a picture together here, of what he believed and what we stand for.) Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, (He is not talking about Him taking us out of the world, but delivering us from the presence of the evil that is in the world. You can live in the world, but you do not have to be a part of it. The old unregenerate man is different.) according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, (That is the truth, especially in this hour.) and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, (He is not talking about a little minor something, He is talking about something that can speak to us. God has angels that are sent for the saints of God, but the devil has angels too, that are very persuasive. Sometimes more persuasive, than the angels of God, if we listen to them. But though we or an angel from heaven...) preach any other gospel unto you than that

which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” You know, the ministry, God’s ministry has authority over the evil forces of this world. That is what he is saying here. He said, though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. He is not talking about man only, but he is talking about angels also. I will say again as I said this morning, do you want to live right on the edge all the time? “As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” That will take you into the 3rd chapter of the book of 1st Corinthians. Paul talks about the platform that he has built upon. That is the only foundation. He said, let every man take heed how he builds thereupon, that foundation. Brother Steve said some things in his testimony here that I will not repeat, but he said some things that somebody should hear concerning things that have gone on in other minister’s minds and lives, and how people have been treated. “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men?” If I preach a

watered down gospel, I will say this and will say no more about it, there was a sister after the service that came to Bro. Bud and me, with tears in her eyes and said, thank you for what you preached this morning. I admired that, not because of me, but because of truth. I am only hurt, and this could be for a time, I understand that, I am only hurt at what a preacher will say if I am desiring to go another way. Sometimes truth hurts, because this flesh is something we live in, and it is something that can get hold of us. I will say this to you tonight, I would rather somebody be mad at me, other than God. My best friend, I would rather my best friend be angry with me, than I would for God to be angry with me. That friend has a chance to change, but God does not change. When He created the heavens and the earth, He thought first. This message which we believe, has been thought out before we ever got here. God had nobody to counsel with, He meditated with himself. What He determined when He meditated with Himself, is unchangeable. Sometimes I can change my thinking about certain things, but the scripture does not change. It has already been thought through. Do I

persuade men, or God? (Paul said) Or do I seek to please men? If I seek to please men, I may gain friends, but I have lost my way with God. "For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Paul said in one place, now we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us. In another place he said we are stewards of the mysteries of Christ. In other words, we have God's riches in our hands. That is what a steward is. He is someone that holds God's riches in his hands, to be able to distribute unto the people at the right time, and the right way. "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of men is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." We are people that God is speaking to. A true minister is someone that God is speaking from. Bro. Branham said one time, God could have sent the wind to preach the gospel. He could have sent an angel, but He did not, He sent human beings. You will never receive it just by what I say, but you will receive it by revelation as you consider what is being said. He goes ahead to talk about his conversion, you have heard of my

conversion, how he profited in the Jews religion. Verse 15, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace." That is the message, by His grace. The reason I am using Paul in this, Paul had a revelation for the Gentile people, like no other man, and I do not condemn other men. They had a revelation from God too, but not like the apostle Paul. Because he cut through all the red tape of the Law, to be able to get to Grace. This was something hard for Peter to do at the beginning. It was hard for James to do and it was hard for others to do. Sometimes old things are hard to get rid of, and I do not speak against them, but sometimes it is hard. We remember that from Peter, when God had saved Peter. He had given him the Holy Ghost, but he was not ready to preach to the Gentiles. He had already been down to Samaria. The Samaritans were not true Jews. He had been down there and seen how they had received Christ. But he had never been among the Gentiles, because they were to him, even yet, an unclean bunch of people. So when it came time, in chapter 10, of Acts, for him to go among the Gentiles, God had to give him a vision. It

shows his reluctance to go among the Gentiles, because God showed him a vision of a net let down, or a sheet let down from heaven, that had all kinds of four footed beasts, and God said to Peter, kill and eat. Peter, in his vision, looks back and said, not so, nothing has ever come into my mouth of an unclean nature, I am a Jew. He was a Jew, he was a good one. He could say, I no longer curse and swear, I am not a fisher anymore, I am dedicated to the gospel of Christ fully, but there was something inside of Peter that was not what God wanted. He was in training. Bro. Branham was in training, Bro. Jackson was in training, we are in training. When I said what I did about what Bro. Branham said, he was in training, I am not speaking against him. Somebody sends me an e-mail every week about Bro. Branham's messages, Malachi 4:5, every week I get that. I don't know what it says because I don't read it. People in the Branham move can quote Malachi 4:5-6, they can talk about that, they can talk about Luke 17:30, Revelation 10:7, but they do not know what he meant. They will never know what he meant, because they will not go any further, but the message moves on.

Bro. Branham said, I must decrease. Even the man that sends us that, said that in there, every time it is the same thing. That is alright, I can delete it. But I am not trying to delete what Bro. Branham meant unto this hour. Don't anybody tell me that he did not mean something for this day and hour. He stands out head and shoulder above that whole thing, Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, and all the rest of them. The message was not perfect. Oh I know you hate that, but it was a start. These people that want to quote Revelation 10:7 and say all the mysteries, that is not what the Bible says, it says the mystery of Christ, not mysteries. I remember Bro. Branham preached one Sunday morning, he was talking about Elijah. When Elijah began to think and say, God, I am the only one that is left. The reply of God was, I have seven thousand men that have not bowed their knee to Baal. Bro. Branham misquoted it and said, seven hundred. Somebody was foolish enough to ask Bro. Branham, is that a new revelation. God is not ignorant. Bro. Branham had to straighten it out in peoples' minds that he made a mistake. Oh, Bro. Branham made

a mistake? He said, I am a man, I am learning, next year I will know better. Never did I do with the countdown over here on the wall, what they have done with it. Because they have said 2004 ½ don't mean anything anymore. You are lying. That will stand before you on the day of judgment. That was not a prediction. You have made it to be the same that Bro. Branham said about 1977. It was told me that somebody that left here said, I knew when Bro. Jackson said that, I knew that was going to cause problems, and it did. Thank God for the problem. Paul is talking about angels cannot change it, men cannot change it. I am sure not going to try to change it. These men trying to run for president, out here with etch-a-sketches. How ignorant men can get. Go ahead and hand it over to Obama again, that is what you are doing. You are an ignorant bunch, that could be called idiots. Maybe you think I should not say that. I did say it; and you know it is true. "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace; To reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with

flesh and blood.” In other words, I conferred not with man. That is the reason. If he had gone to Jerusalem and got everybody’s opinion, he would have been one confused man. But what he did, he went off in the desert and got an answer from God. To me, I feel that I have been taught by the best. When our brother died, I knew that I had to get alone. In my truck driving up and down the road, I began to listen to the seals. But God began to speak to me words out of that, that I had never heard before. It was easy to sit down and listen. But many times just sitting and listening, a man becomes our prop. But I am not sorry that I did, because it was leading me on further and further. I did not want to interrupt the plan of God. But you can only lean on something for so long, then finally, what you are leaning on is taken out from under you, and down you go. You will either land on your knees or you will fall on your face. It is much easier to fall on your face, because if you fall on your face, you are looking at nothing but the ground. But if you fall on your knees, then you can begin to look up from that position. I remember when I was going to school, while in the

Methodist Church, there was a scientist that came through. He was talking about different things, and he told about being in Florida and he saw a statue of Christ. It was bent over like this. As a professor said, why is that statue of Christ so bent over like that? The professor said, that you have to get down and look up to see the face. Even crawling you can look up, but laying on your face, you see nothing. Is that what you wanted? Is that what Faith Assembly wanted? Somebody laying on their face, giving up? The only animal that when it goes forward looks back all the time is a frog. He never knows what is in front of him because he is always looking behind. Are we that afraid in this hour? Are we looking back, thinking that we have missed something? Or are we going on, knowing that there is something ahead of us that we have not yet seen, but knowing that we are going to see, because there is a rapture coming? There is a rapture coming, and there is a people going to be with the Lord. I don’t say these things the way I do to disturb anyone, I am saying them in a way that we may examine ourselves. How many people come up here for

prayer that have been to the doctor, and the doctor did not give them a good report. Because they realized in their body there was something wrong, they did not know what it was. If we will be honest with God, when we see something inside of us that is not going right, there is a song, little is much if God is in it, there is a crown and you can win it, a crown of life. God has taken this and opened up a window for us to be able to see through. We are not walking in the dark. Jesus is the light of the world, and I want to be in His light. The Bible says walk as children of light, that is what I have preached and that is what Bro. Bud has preached. He has not preached anything to deter anybody to knock them off the track. Those who have a stubborn attitude, will be offended at times, but that stubborn attitude does not come from the Spirit of God. We place so much on so many little things, when the Bible says that if we lose our soul we have lost all. If we gain the whole world, we just gain things. But if we lose our soul, we have lost it all. There is an inheritance, that God wants to share it with His people. There is something inside of us that knows there is something down the road that we can have if

we keep pressing on. I wonder how the apostle Paul felt when he went fourteen days without food? It looks to mortal man, like God would have answered him all at once, but God has a reason for everything. Though it took fourteen days for God to give him an answer, he said yesterday night the angel of the Lord stood before me. That angel of the Lord said there would be no life lost, but you listen to me. Could it be that God is speaking to us in the hour, saying listen to me. I am not talking about me, I am talking about the Holy Ghost. When I hear a brother or a sister, like a sister this morning defended what decision I had made concerning the church, which somebody did not appreciate. But Faith Assembly, one of these days, may possibly be rubbish, and you people that wanted it so bad, you can have it then. Even back as far as 1991 there was a preacher that said, and I know of two people that he had said it to, that when Bro. Jackson is gone, he would be pastor at Faith Assembly. That was not in God's plan, that was a plan made by proud man. God does not pick the most popular people to do His work. Sometimes it is the least popular. It is somebody that has not

tried to make themselves something special. Well, I will go up to Jerusalem and find out what I should do. The message comes in some of the most unlikely places at certain times. Three weeks before our fall meeting that year, there was a man that called me, a man with a grudge against me, and he called me and told me there were some men that planned to change my mind. When I got off the phone, I had thanked him, because it let me know something, because he was with them, but he told me something I needed to hear. Chapter 2, "Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. And I went up by revelation, (Not on his own, he goes up by revelation.) and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain." Paul was a wise man. I tried to use a little wisdom when we went to South Africa. I did not want to let everybody know, because I was not going over there to be a spectacle, we were not going over there for opposition. We were going over there for fellowship

with brothers and sisters that love God. I could have said we are going to South Africa, and one hour from that time, people would have known it around the world. There are brothers and sisters that wanted to see somebody that believed like they do. Face to face we looked at each other. They had already seen us, but I had never seen them. We came away from South Africa with a message that we had for Faith Assembly, they love you just as much. One day they are hoping for the privilege of being able to see your faces. Seeing each other is not like seeing some beauty queen or something, but it is like seeing a heavenly queen. What Max Factor and all these others advertise on television, the stretching of the face to where you don't know if it is going to pop or what, one of these days it is going to be changed and God is going to put it back in place. The sagging skin, the droopy eyes, and all that stuff is going to be taken care of. Bro. Jackson said God will keep skin and bones together until His message is finished. "But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised." That is what flesh will do for you. They were looking for Paul when he got

to Jerusalem. They were looking for him because they wanted to find fault. That is how carnal minded men are. He went on and took his circumcision, but that did not change his mind and it didn't change Paul's mind. Take this body that I live in, take it, but you cannot destroy the soul that is in there. I will repeat a story I read from the Fox's Book of Martyrs one time, where this woman had ten children. One of them was just a baby she was carrying in her arms. Her and her husband were believers. They stood before the council and they commanded them to repent or they would take their family and get rid of them. That took courage. I want to see somebody like that one of these days and shake their hand and thank them because they have been a witness unto me. The woman was stronger than the man. They said, we will not repent, we will not recant. The woman gave her husband a word of encouragement. She said, honey, whatever they do to us, we will be together in a few minutes. They took the husband off and killed him. They took the woman, she had this little baby in her arms, they took her and the baby and put them in a sack and threw them over a bridge into the

water. She had told her husband, we will be together in a few minutes. Stories like that have been told as a witness. One day maybe God will permit me to take that woman by the hand and that man by the hand and say thank you, you left a testimony to me. In the middle centuries, God had already spoken in His Word how He would take that woman's children, speaking of the Catholic Church, Jezebel's children, and would kill them with death. That has not changed. She is still guilty of murder, but she has continued to ride on the back of that beast all this time. One of these days though, that beast will ride her. It says that in Revelation 17, they will hate the whore, they will burn her with fire. Sometimes we think the sufferings we have gone through are so minuscule to what others have gone through, but tonight it takes something to stand for the gospel. When you see your family walk away, when you see your children, and when you see your husband, your wife walk away, and you have to walk alone, it hurts, but God has put something in you that will not let you turn back. Walking alone is not so bad if you have a friend with you. Jesus Christ is a friend that

will stick with you to the end. He said I will never leave you, I will never forsake you. Does what I am talking about make any sense to you tonight? Or am I just a foolish man speaking a bunch of words? The Spirit of God in you speaks plainly to that. There is nothing to turn back to. I see Sarah Bean stand here every service that she is here, with her hand up, singing whatever song is being sung. She knows the words too, and she sings every one that anybody sings. I remember when she was small and that song Achy-Breaky Heart came out, somebody said something to her at school about that. She said, I don't sing Achy-Breaky Heart: I sing, It Is Bubbling. It is bubbling, and it is. In Milwaukee they call a water fountain a bubbler. That is what I call it tonight, it is a bubbler. It will give us a drink of water and will wash our faces. It will wash our eyes to where we can see a brighter day ahead.

GROW IN GRACE

I have held up on certain scriptures because I was wanting to wait upon it, or even to see whether I should use them or not, but I hope to get to that tonight, if I don't get to any of it this morning and maybe clear up

some thinking. I am glad that Bro. Dwayne said what he did this morning concerning the Godhead, because if we don't get a clear picture of the Godhead, we will never get any further than that. It takes a revelation of the Godhead to be able to understand many scriptures in the Bible. I remember the times when Bro. Branham would say that Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of the New, and it really left a puzzle in my mind, because I did not understand it fully. It seems that there are still people that do not understand the Godhead fully, but if you listen to the ministry and listen to what is being taught, you will have a better understanding of the Godhead, and that will open up other scriptures to you. I appreciate the things Bro. Turner said, that Jesus is not God, as so many out here are saying in this hour. He is the Son of God, and there is no reason for us to be fooled in these things. I don't know how it could be made any plainer than what it has been in the time that we are living in, because in Ephesians 4, it tells there, and I will go ahead and read that, which is not

a part of my message. It says in the 12th verse, which is referring to the 11th verse, I will not read that. It says that these ministries, we call it five fold, I don't know how much of a fold you can put upon it, but it is five different offices of one ministry. This is not five different ministries, but it is five offices of one ministry. If you read there what it says, there is only one faith, one Lord and one baptism. You cannot make any other thing out of that, because that is what it is, but these five offices of this one ministry are really for the perfecting of the saints in this end time. I will read that again. Of course you know it, but there is a certain point in this next verse that I want to get to. "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Can you see that? There are three different things that are mentioned in that. He mentions the first thing, which is last, for the perfecting of the saints. Whenever the saints are perfected they are going to leave here. Because we see Isaiah 52:8, that tells us they shall sing together with one voice. That one voice is

speaking about the end time, when Zion is to be brought back, which Zion is Israel being brought to the knowledge of a truth. Israel will recognize their Messiah, but their Messiah does not replace God. Their Messiah is their recognition of what Jesus did two thousand years ago, because that is what it points back to when they say, where did you get those scars in your hand? And about the spear in His side, that goes all the way back for two thousand years, where they missed it. I am not talking about all Jews, I am talking about the Jewish nation as a whole, they missed their Messiah. Only a certain number of them caught on to a message, which we are a part of today. The message that came through Peter, James, John, Paul and the apostles of that hour, is a message that we are acquainted with today, a message that leads right into that is going to bring perfection. The closest thing to perfection, since the early Church, will be at the end time. Because the Church in the beginning, were people that fully trusted in God with a true revelation. Then it was passed unto

the Gentiles after the Jews had nothing more to do with it. We realize there were Jewish believers, but the nation as a whole rejected the Word of God. Just as this nation has, which I want to get into for a couple messages, before the convention, what is wrong in this nation today. I have scripture to back it up. I have testimonies of men that have fulfilled what is wrong with this nation now. They become a part of it, and their lives were brought down to the bottom because of their quotation of the Bible, several years ago after 9/11. But anyway it says, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. That is the three things. "Till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, (Bro. Jackson brought this out to magnify, just like putting a magnifying glass on that part of that verse, till we all come into the knowledge of the Son of God. He said this will be the last revelation, which will be for perfection of the Bride of Jesus Christ. We are looking, one day before long, that

there will be seven thunders. Seven thunders are not going to perfect the Bride. The Bride is going to be perfected before seven thunders come. We are living in the hour of the perfecting work of the Son of God.) unto a perfect man, (That is talking about the Church, unto a perfect man, which would include both genders.) unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." So this is all bringing us unto getting rid of our differences, getting rid of opinions that have always caused a problem. What do you mean by that? Well, I believe it this way, or well I believe it that way. There is only one way to believe the scriptures. They are not open to opinions of natural thinking. There is not going to be a perfection here and a perfection there, because it is all going to be one perfection. I know this sounds strange to people that do not understand the necessity of revelation. We have come a long way in the last several years, in the enlightening of our understanding, to know more about the revelation of the hour. We cannot any longer say that Jesus is God. There has

been too much time and too much anointed Word taught, for anyone to still believe that. If we are teachable, we soon learn that Jesus is the Son of God, and not God Himself. That is what happened to the Jesus only believers. They came upon scriptures that would not fit into their mold. I do not say these things to condemn Bro. Branham or anyone else. It is just a case of us being in a learning progress. God has never revealed everything there is to be revealed all at once. We are in a progressive message that keeps opening up as time moves closer to the end. This scripture that I just read to you is progressive. It has that word, until, and that word until refers to time. It is passed through the ministry from the time especially of the late 1950's into the early 1960's up until 2012. I know Bro. Branham said the way things were progressing, he believed it would be all over by 1977, but people forgot that he said in 1962, that it could be another generation. We are living in that generation beyond 1962. Let me put it this way, at least sixty percent of the people that are here this

morning, were not even born in 1962. That ought to make you feel good. I remember those times and that opportunity that God gave for people to believe something that was out of the ordinary. Those days are behind us now: time is too short to be hanging onto anything other than that which God is revealing by His Spirit. I am still on this Grace message today, but I have added some more scriptures to those I had listed, scriptures from the book of Revelation. I hope all of you understand why I have done that. It is because Revelation, chapter 7, will go along with another scripture I have, Ephesians 3, and also Ephesians 2. I want to go to Ephesians 2 first. Paul says in verse 1, "And you hath he quickened, (Quickened means made alive. You might say, well I am already alive. Well, you have breath in your body, and you move and do your work and all, but you really did not have life that was going to last beyond this one, which is eternal life.) who were dead in trespasses and sins." If you go to 1st John, the 1st chapter, you will find that if we say we have never sinned, we are

liars. But if we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. That is a part of the perfection. It is the starting point. That is not the whole thing. Just because you were saved, does not mean you have all you will ever need. I know they witness and testify of this in the Baptist and Methodist churches, years and years and years, but there was never any growth from that point. I happen to be from the Methodist Church, that is why I mention that. There was never any growth and whenever you tried to grow in grace, they put a cap on it. They did not want you to go beyond what their belief was. They wanted to talk about John Wesley, but they did not really believe John Wesley. They were not acquainted with John Wesley. What do you mean they were not acquainted with John Wesley? They did not have the same Spirit in them, that John Wesley had in him. If we don't grow, we stalemate. If we don't grow, we stagnate. It is kind of like the little joke about little Johnny. We always pick on Johnny. He was

sitting back in the corner, nobody noticed he was back there. He was just sitting there when a woman jumped up and testified and said, I was filled with the Spirit forty years ago, not a drop has gone in and not a drop has gone out. Little Johnny jumped up and said, I bet it has wiggle tails in it. If you have a water barrel sitting around your house, and you have rain water that goes in there, leave it about a week and you will have wiggle tails in it. They form in stagnated water. When there is no growth, that is what you become, stagnated. God never did invent a new way for perfection, we must grow into it. The plan that He had was from the foundation of the world. It never has changed. It was there all along. That is what I mean by progress. Progression is what the scripture is all about. Growing in grace. You don't grow from plants. If you plant corn in a field and you get no rain, then you get no harvest. Therefore if we, as Christians, never are dealt with in our lives to the point that we are in growth, we become as the corn field that gets no rain. We get all parched and dried up, just like

that field. Paul is not talking to Jews. He is talking to Christians, though there may have been a little element of Jews among them, he was talking to Gentile people. The Ephesian people were Gentiles. The Gentile church, if you go to Revelation chapter 2, starting in verse 1, you will find that the Ephesian church, at the time, was different than what it would become, and what it had been. That is the danger in our lives, when we get settled in what we have and fail to press on. What I mean by settled, is in a place where there is no growth in our lives. There absolutely must be growth. Growth only comes by revelation. Revelation only comes by the Word of God. If we find ourselves bickering about our present state, then we find ourselves in a position where the devil can work on us: he cannot work in a deep stream. I have seen rivers, they look so calm, though the wind is blowing on them, they look so calm. But if it is a river, there is movement in it, movement that you do not see, but it is moving closer to the big stream. There must be movement

in our lives in order to accomplish God's purpose for us in the time that we are living in. There is no need of us looking at ourselves, wishing to be like someone else. God expects us to grow into what He expects us to be, not what somebody else is. If He had done that, He would have made a twin out of you. But twins don't even think alike. We have twin babies here in this congregation. They are getting older, and growing, but a little later on, as they grow more, they are going to think different. God does not make copies. Some have accused me of trying to be like Bro. Jackson. God did not make me to be like Bro. Jackson. I have not tried anything like that, I have not tried to be anything but faithful, but if God gives you something, it is absolutely imperative that we follow truth, that we follow what God has for our time, the day and hour we are living in. I am still talking about growing in grace. The thing that is so terrible, is that people can sit around truth for years and years and years, and it has not had the right effect in their lives. I have not said anything

trying to be mean, and neither has Bro. Bud said anything to be mean, but people accuse us of that. As far as I am concerned, I am still the same person I was when Bro. Jackson was living. I have not changed, the message has not changed, but the Bible is still right, so we are admonished to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some people do not want that, they have a denominational mind. That is hard. What do you mean by that? A denomination does not want to go any farther than what they started out with. You can read Paul's Writings, from his earlier messages, and please do not think I am picking on Paul, but you can see a strength, you can see grace as he moves on. Somebody said that we supposedly, I will put it that way, supposedly in this message, that we cannot go back and look at what Paul said and shape our lives by it today. I don't aim to listen to a person like that. Really, when he was talking about hair and thing like that, he turned around and said, we don't have any such customs as that, and people sit and gobble that

stuff up because they don't want to measure up to what the scripture says for the time they are living in. A preacher like that can preach here today, and preach somewhere altogether different tomorrow, because he wants to fit in with wherever he is. I say to such a man; You are a hireling. You can go and preach in about any of these churches around today, but not at Faith Assembly, and not down in the hills of Kentucky. "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world." Is Faith Assembly perfected? I will ask you that. Am I perfected? We are growing, not in numbers, but in spiritual stature. Every once in awhile somebody comes in. But how many times has it been said from this pulpit, it is not numbers we are after: it is spiritual growth. We did not go to South Africa for numbers. I was asked last Sunday, where is that church at in South Africa? Seven, is the number, but you know, God sent Philip on a journey for just one, and then He took him away, he flew away. So did we. It was not quite the same ride that Philip had, but we got

there and we got back with a happy people that still cannot believe that we would come all that way for seven people. How many did you expect when you left? Seven. They rented us a nice facility that would have held dozens. Didn't you feel all alone in there? Absolutely not. You never feel alone where the Spirit of the Lord is, and to see my brothers and sisters sitting with tears in their eyes was humbling. I never asked to preach to the crowds. I am not Billy Graham, I am not Oral Roberts. But I heard a message that neither one of them heard, because they did not listen. They had their opportunity. Billy Graham went to India. Somebody said to him, if the message you are preaching, is really true, let us see the miracles. He said, I don't have that type ministry, there is a man in America that does, William Branham. He knew about him. Oral Roberts knew about him, because that is where he got his start. He came to him with a little old ragged tent and a few people and asked if God would hear his prayer. He was told, He will hear anybody's prayer that is humble. Then he would up

with his dancing group on television. Was that the message? I am not mad, I am just speaking the truth. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, you walked in time past. "According to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." That is where we were. Where are we today? This is why I put this part of this in it, "Grow in Grace" God gave us the best He had when He offered His Son, you cannot get above that. It says, for us to come to the knowledge of Him, to the knowledge of the Godhead. I don't want to have to preach the Godhead over and over, to get everyone to understand and accept it. That would be like the denominational organizations on John 3:16. There is a truth concerning the Godhead; and it is needful that all understand it. Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God. But He is also our Mediator today, between God and His children. He did not come as a King two thousand years ago, nor did He come as a Prince. He was born in a manger. He grew up as a young

man, and at twelve years of age when He was left behind, and Joseph and His mother had to go back and find Him, it says He was obedient to His parents until His showing, when He was thirty years old. That was when He was baptized of John. Then when He was baptized of John, and the Spirit of God came into His life, which was seen as a dove landing upon Him, It was seen as a dove, because it was a witness. I like the message Bro. Branham preached, the Lamb and the Dove. The lamb was the meekest animal there could ever be, and the dove the most pure bird there was, which represented Jesus Christ, the Lamb, and the Dove as being the Holy Ghost, coming into the life of the Lamb. When He comes back, He will not come as a Lamb, He will come as a King, on a charger. That is why the measure we measure ourselves by, is not one another, it has to be the Word of God. "Among whom also we all had our conversation (our lifestyle) in times past in the lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even

as others." We have nothing to brag about. We have people now, that think it is O.K. to have a little dram. I am not saying that about Faith Assembly, but I am saying it of some that don't come here anymore. A little wine for your stomach's sake. What about your soul. Well Paul said so, but Paul lived among Jews that did not have the medicine we have today for your stomach's sake. He was not talking about getting drunk when he was talking to Timothy. He said, for your stomach's sake, not for the sake of your desire. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us." He could not show that under the Law. Paul explains that very well. He goes through the commandments and gets down to one. He said, which has promise, the others had no promise. Children obey your parents, that your days may be long upon the earth. I remember a statement Bro. Jackson made years ago, probably twelve years ago. He said to me, Bro. Allen, just stick with the Word, you will have a lot of grandchildren around here. I have seen you from twelve,

fourteen years old on down, I have see you grow up and come to Bro. Bud and me with love in your hearts. Not because we preached a little soft message to you, sometimes it is crude. There was a little three year boy the other day, that was quoting me while I was preaching, and a little girl that said, mommy, we don't wear clothes like that. Do you think they are not listening? Do you think they don't hear anything? As crude as it may seem, it is music to little ones' ears. I am glad of this verse, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us." Paul was an educated man. He went through all the education of the Jews. God used Wesley, an educated man. He used Luther, an educated man, because that was the face of man that God had placed there in that hour, that could rebuke, because they had influence. Paul had influence among the Jews. He was a persecutor of the Church, but one day he met something upon the road to Damascus that he could never dismiss. He always told about it, my conversion. It still works. It is not a possibility or a

probability, it is a reality. In other words, what he was saying was, I was born again. God said, I will show him what he must suffer. He did, he was beaten with rods, stoned and left for dead, shipwrecked. I am glad God used somebody like that as somebody that could talk to us, to tell us, you haven't gone through anything. I have said this before, I remember Bro. Jackson saying Paul ate rats for the gospel's sake. He grew. He called it the Jews' religion. At one time it was all the Jews had, up to a certain place, and then God cut it off. He talks about it, and that is what Revelation 10:7 is, God cut it off and said that He broke down the middle wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles. I will go to Revelation 10:7. How people have treated the word of God, this is what the Branham move holds up, without knowing what they are doing. Sure, you collected money, you can buy your arenas, with all your basketball courts. But is this what the prophet of God left you? Whenever it comes to the time of when we reject God's message, we have to have substitutes, and the

substitutes are always that of the flesh. “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, (That was God’s messenger. This is an interjection into a revelation right there, This stands out from the rest of it because it is the only thing that relates to that subject. The rest of it is relating to the subject of Jesus Christ and His Bride. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, that was the message. Isn’t that what the 4th chapter of the book of 2nd Thessalonians says? Isn’t that what Matthew 25 says? The cry. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel...) when he shall begin to sound, (That was the message that God gave him, but it was not the message he was giving, when he was praying for all the sick. That was not the message. That is where the Branham move messed up. They were looking for squirrels being created, and they were looking for peoples’ arms and legs to be added, and all of this kind of things. That will happen in the rapture. God has got to give us something to look forward to. If God is going to do everything now, why a rapture? The Bible says we

shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Miracles are going to happen. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. I know I have said it and others have said it, that one day you may be touched on the shoulder by somebody that had gone on before. That is not necessarily gospel. It can happen, I am not ruling it out. But I am ruling out myths, things that will never be. If somebody raised from the dead and they come up and touched you on the shoulder, you would need a rapture. If you did not, you would be scared silly already. I do remember Bro. Jackson saying there would be a time come when the people would all come together with their little bottle of oil. He said, when that happened, then Bro. Branham came on the scene. I could not doubt, that before this thing is over, that we would see our brothers. But I cannot say that is scripture. They will never come back to preach. I

do know that. When he shall begin to sound...) the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.” What is the mystery? It is the mystery that the Gentiles and Jews, have the same message. That is because that middle wall of partition was taken out. Revelation 18:1-4, “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Some even said that was Bro. Branham. Is God coming back after an enlightened people, or is he coming back after a dumb bunch of people that do not know what to believe? I don’t have any big words to add to that. “And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance

of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, (It is another voice. This voice is from heaven. I did not hear it audibly, but it affected me just the same.) saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” We had to come out of our denominational systems, and I say this morning, don’t let denominational influence bother you today. I am talking about in departing from the way of truth, that you become stagnated. God is not coming back after stagnated Christians. Some could sing, I am still holding on, but you have to be holding on to the right thing. They change churches, and they still sing it. Bro. Pixley asked one of them one day, are you still holding on. It is just like a movement, people follow flesh. But the Bible says flesh and blood shall not inherit the kingdom of God. That is talking about our relatives and all these other things that we have held on to. I cannot say my Dad and Mom is going to take me through. I cannot say that human flesh is going to take me through. Holding

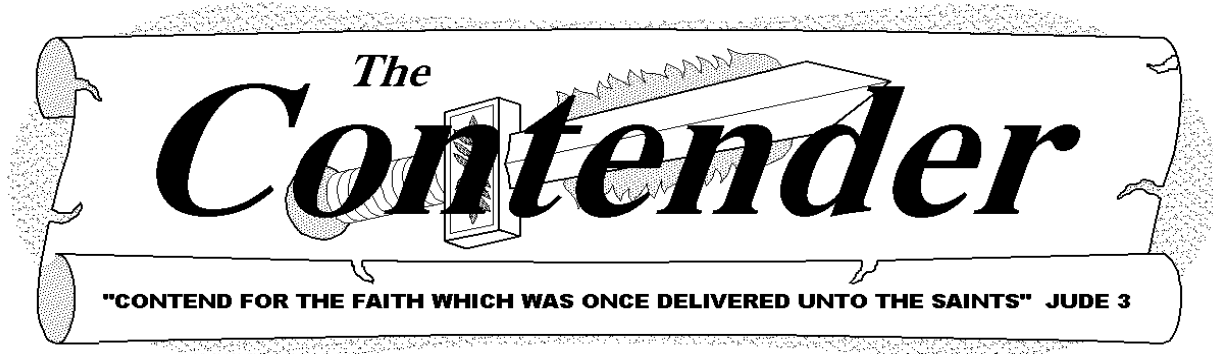
on to Bro. Jackson's coattail will not be good enough either. He said, if you do that, I hope you fall in a mud hole. Right here from this pulpit he said, your exalting me, reaches to my toenails. Bro. Jackson was my precious brother. Don't every try to make him anything less than that. I believe what he taught. I am where I am today because of what he taught. The Bible says, come out of her my people. That was a voice that was spoken from heaven, that talked to me. I have been healed. I remember when I first moved out here, I was working for Donaldson Baking Company. I got to the point where I had to hold on to something to stand, because I got so dizzy. I did not know what it was, I did not have money to go to a doctor to find out what it was. I did not have insurance for that. One night I had been to church at the Tabernacle, and I felt that I had gone as far as I could go. I headed upstairs to bed and said, Lord, help me. I felt something move out of the top of my head just like lightning. That took care of my problems. I did not pray any long prayer, but I had

gone as far as I could. Some of you have gone as far as you can go: I realize that. Some of you don't know what you are going to do tomorrow. I don't hear people at Faith Assembly talking about what a hard time they are having, but I know some of you are. Some of you are financially strapped. You are my neighbor. Let the world help herself. But my feeling is that you help those that are in need among you. The world will drain you dry, but the people of God will be thankful for every blessing. I sing the song, I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one. There is where I want us to be today, knitted into one, that we feel each other's burdens and problems. I can look over Faith Assembly today, and I can see hurting people, because somebody just did not see what we see. It hurts, but I cannot change it. I cannot change the message. The message has gone too far now for us to ever change it. If you change the Methodist, the Baptist, or the Catholic message, you have not lost much, but if you change the truth of God's Word, you have lost everything, and I have lost

everything, if I begin to go back and try to, as some say, clean up the mess. If it is a mess, it is a mess in your mind. There is a growth process that is going on. This wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles, and between the saints of God and those others. Right here, is the counsel that God gave unto the Church. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." I have not meant this to be a chastening message this morning, it is not that, but it is God's Word. God said, as many as I love, I rebuke. If that rebuke is not good enough, then he will whack. This was the message that he left with us. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: (Outside the church. Outside Laodicea, is what He is talking about, outside Laodicea, knocking. Not to get back in.) if any man (or woman) open the door, I will come in to him, (or her) and will sup with him,

and he with me." That is after he is rebuked and chastened. This thing is headed for rulership. If we are going to be a bunch of softies here, how do we ever expect to be rulers with Christ Jesus in the Millennium? That little kitten you love so much, you keep rubbing him the right way, he is alright, but don't rub him the wrong way, he will bite. This is it. This is what it is all about. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, (That don't mean you are all going to sit in Jerusalem, but His throne is going to extend across this planet earth. Some may sing, Build my mansion next door to Jesus. You are not a Jew. Those twelve apostles will be ruling over Israel, over the twelve tribes of Israel. They will be ruling there, but you will be ruling, as Bro. Jackson said, in the place you came from. You might think, well there is not going to be many people left. Well think about this, by the time the Millennium is over, there is going to be a lot of people. You will have a job to do. God does not have an unemployment line.) even as I also overcame, and am set down

with my Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” That is where we are today, still listening to what the Spirit is saying to us. All traditions have to be left behind, as the Spirit of God leads us on. Amen.



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