

SUPERNATURAL, DIVINE, PERFECT LOVE

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- Love is the way to overcome evil
- It overcomes our feelings towards the wrongs of brethren to us
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- An example, the 25/4/61 Chicago ministerial meeting

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Vast, Unmeasured, Boundless, Free

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- Just as other attributes of God...
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- In fact, love is not just immeasurable but unending

Yet, though incomprehensible, we can know it

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We may experience it

- Multiplied to us
- Outpoured upon us

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- An atmosphere of perfect love
- That atmosphere was the Holy Spirit, who is perfect, divine love
- Only perfect love can enter that place
- So...

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“And above all these things put on charity” (Colossians 3.14)

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves” (1 Peter 4.8)

1. INTRODUCTION

Bro Branham's personal testimony

- we're standing in the need of the love of God. That's been my theme and will be till I die. The love of God is what the church needs.
- ***If I want to contribute anything to my success in the ministry amongst people, is this... if there's one thing, is because that I have loved people.***
- If you want to be a real outstanding person in your church... you just fall in love with God with all your heart; and when you do that, you will fall in love with every member of your church... Now, you can't bluff that. Now, there's something about it that people know. ***If there's anything I can contribute the success of my meetings to, earthly speaking, is to know that people have a conscious to know that I truly love people.*** I just love people. And they know that. You can't fool them on that...

A Vindicated Prophecy

Translated separately by 3 different French speakers, all agreeing exactly.

It followed a public questioning of a sermon by Bro Branham.

(For fuller details, see, https://c3147f83-0592-4dde-8312-4def18876205.filesusr.com/ugd/f81e1b_da49ea044f294e7d9afd4c00d6ea4130.pdf)

- A true translation... of prophecy said over Brother Branham, given by Danny Henry in French, February the 11th, 1961, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast... ***“Because thou has chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou has walked in your own choosing... Thou hast picked the precise and correct way, correct decision, and it is My Way (Underlined, "My Way,")... Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of Heaven awaits thee. What a glorious decision thou has made. This in itself is that which will make, and come to pass, the tremendous victory in the love Divine”***... "in the love Divine," Divine love. How can that be Divine love if it isn't the Holy Spirit? ***The Holy Spirit is Divine love.*** (2 Tim 1.7).

A Prayer

- may Thy love be with us tonight. ***And may it be brought through Your servant.***

2.

THE LOVE OF GOD IS TO KEEP HIS WORD

"I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Scriptures

- Jn 14.15 *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
- Jn 14.21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me*
- Jn 14.23 *If a man love me, he will keep my words*
- Jn 14.24 *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings*
- Jn 15.10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love*
- 1 Jn 5.3 *For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments***
- 2 Jn 1.6 *And **this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, **as ye have heard from the beginning,** ye should walk in it.*

Quotes

Divine love separates us unto the Word

1) In our dealings with others

- *Genuine love* is corrective, and *brings you back to the Word of God* (Rev 3.19).

2) In our own personal lives

- *when Divine love is in your heart*, there's a difference in your life, and everybody knows it. That's right. You live like a Christian, act like a Christian, walk like a Christian; and *your whole system is timed to God's Bible.*
- *when he really gets into God, he watches his life with God's Word* and he realizes he's lined up with every bit of it. He's got long-suffering, gentleness, quietness, meekness, power, faith, love, joy, peace. He ain't tossed about like a troubled seas... His heart's pure. His thoughts is pure. His intentions are pure... And he knows he lines up with the Word of God. All hell can't move him. *He's lined with the Word of God. He's got Divine love*, purity *in his heart* for every man and woman... He's abstained from the things of the world. They're dead to him. He don't want them no more.
- John 14.23, Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he'll keep My Words."... So, you see, *if he loves God, then he keeps God's Word... yes, sir!*

At the beginning, in Eden, there was perfect love & keeping of the Word

- They were safe in God's pavilion. They were alive. They had no death around them. Hallelujah! *They had perfect love one for the other*, perfect Life forever. They had perfect love, perfect understanding of the love of God. *They had God's Word, and kept It.* And they were alive and safe in God's Eden, with no death at all around them

That same love was at the beginning of the Church in Acts

- Ephesus was not a deceived church, it failed itself by not *continuing in perfect love.*
- let's produce here tonight a members of the Church *like the beginning, who had brotherly love, one for another, lay down their lives for one another. Men and women who love one another, such Divine love* till they go to penitentiary or to the gallows for each other, *that's the original Church.*

But the first Church left her first love

- God acknowledged first their works, their labour, and their patience. ***God rebuked their leaving their first love***... Ephesus was not a deceived church; ***it failed itself by not continuing in perfect love (Rev 2.4)***... John understood what it was to love God. That great apostle of love would certainly see it when the church began to lose that first love of God. In 1 John 5.3, he says, "For ***this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (His Word)***." One little deviation from that Word was a step away from Christ. ***People say they love God***, they go to church, they even shout and rejoice and sing and have a great emotional time. ***But when it is all over, watch and see if they are in that WORD***, walking in it, living in it. If they go through all the other and then don't walk in that Word, they can say they love God but their lives tell another story. I wonder if John didn't see a lot of that before he died; people saying they loved God but not obeying His Word. Oh, Ephesian Church, something is happening to you. Someone is trying to either add to that Word or take from it... Go back to Pentecost before it is too late!

3. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Scriptures

The overriding principle

- 1 Cor 16.14 **Let all your things be done with charity.**
- Col 3.14 And **above all these things, put on charity**
- 1 P 4.8 And **above all things have fervent charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Love is the fulfilling & the end of the Law

- Ro 13.8,10 **he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law... love is the fulfilling of the law.**
- Gal 5.14 **all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**
- 1 Tim 1.5 Now **the end of the commandment is charity** out of a pure heart,

General exhortations to love

- Phil 4.8 **whatsoever things are lovely ...think on these things.**
- 1Tim 4.12 **be thou an example of the believers ... in charity**
- Titus 2.2 That the aged men **be ... sound** in faith, **in charity**
- Heb 10.24 let us consider one another to **provoke unto love** and to good works

Specifically, to love one another

- Jn 15.17 These things I command you, that ye **love one another.**
- Eph 4.2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, **forbearing one another in love;**
- Gal 5.13 ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another.**
- 1 Th 4.9 ye yourselves are taught of God to **love one another.**
- 1 Jn 4.11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to **love one another.**
- 2 Jn 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we **love one another.**

Love the brotherhood

- Ro 12.10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with **brotherly love**; in honour preferring one another;
- Heb 13.1 **Let brotherly love continue.**
- 1 P 2.17 **Love the brotherhood.**
- 1 P 3.8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, **love as brethren**, be pitiful, be courteous:
- 2 P 1.7 (add) to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and **to brotherly kindness charity.**
- 1 Jn 3.16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to **lay down our lives for the brethren.**
- 1 Jn 3.17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how **dwelleth the love of God in him?**

Be rooted, swathed, abiding and walking in love

- Col 3.14 above all these things **put on charity**
- Eph 5.2 **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us
- Eph 3.17 being **rooted and grounded in love**
- 1 Jn 4.16 he that **dwelleth in love** dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Continue in/keep yourself in love

- Jn 15.9 **continue ye in my love.**
- 1 Tim 2.15 she shall be saved in childbearing, if they **continue in** faith and **charity** and holiness with sobriety.
- Jude 21 **Keep yourselves in the love of God**

Pursue love eagerly & earnestly

- 1 Cor 14.1 **Follow after charity**, and desire spiritual gifts
- 1 Tim 6.11 But thou, O man of God ... **follow after** righteousness, godliness, faith, **love**, patience, meekness.
- 2 Tim 2.22 **follow** righteousness, faith, **charity**,
- 1 P 1.22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye **love one another with a pure heart fervently** (*Lit = stretched-out-edly*)

Such love must be genuine

i) Without pretence, true

- 1 Jn 3.18 let us not **love** in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and **in truth**.
- 2 & 3 Jn 1 **whom I love in the truth** [NKJ/YLT = in truth]

ii) Legitimate, not counterfeit or fraudulent

- 2 Cor 8.8 I speak ...to prove **the sincerity of your love**.

iii) Without admixture, pure

- 1 Tim 1.5 Now the end of the commandment is **charity out of a pure heart**

iv) Without hypocrisy, unfeigned

- Ro 12.9 **Let love be without dissimulation** (= unfeigned)
- 2 Cor 6.6 **by love unfeigned**,
- 1 Pet 1.22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit **unto unfeigned love of the brethren**, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently

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To love one another is to love God

- I want to put all my life for the Lord Jesus, everything that I can do for Him. And I can only serve Him as I serve His people. **You can only love Him as you love each other**. I can only love Him as I love you and you love me. And together we love God. And we become His children, in that I serve you, you serve me. And that's we're serving God. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done unto the least of these little ones, you have did it unto Me." (*Mt 25.40*). So if we want a blessing, let's be a blessing to someone else, and a blessing will return.
- if I love His people, then He will love me for doing it. God would rather I'd love you, than love Him. Did you know that? I'd rather you love my boy back there, no matter

what you say about me. I want you to love my children. And any father would think that. So Father God thinks the same thing for He said, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least of these, My little ones, you have did it unto Me." So **if you want to love God, just start loving all of His children.** And God will reward you. **If you'll just love His children that shows the love of God is in you.**

If God is in the heart, we love to fellowship

- You've got tapes on... how we got to come here together and sit together in heavenly places. Don't stay home. **If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait... to get in here to fellowship with your brothers.** If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying. Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exhorted us to, "Much more as we see that day approaching," (*Heb 10.24-25*) to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, "to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," and love one another. "This will all man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other" (*Jn 13.35*).

Separation from divine love brings hatred, malice, strife, envy

- **sin had separated that Divine love...** And sin by separation brought hatred, malice, strife, envy... What happened? They separated from Divine love.

Love covers the sins of a brother

- There's many times that a minister will make a mistake. And... everything that the devil can point to the unbeliever or the so-called Christian in that neighbourhood to throw off on that man, he'll do it. You know, the real Christian way is to hide everything you can from a brother (*Pro 17.9; Col 3.12-14; 1 P 4.8*). Don't tell his bad things; just tell his good things. Just tell what you know about him that's good. If anything's bad, let it alone. The poor fellow's got enough against him anyhow. Don't try to take a pole and shove a man further into the ditch. The Christian attitude is to pick him up and take him out of the ditch. See? Don't never try to shove him down; he's down already. Try to help him up. But too many of us today, too many people today, I might say, try to do that. If they could just get something another that they could say that was real bad. Now, for instance, if one of you brethren would make a mistake and do something's wrong, which you're subject to do it; I am too, every one of us. But as we go along, let's remember we're brothers; we are brothers (*Heb 13.1*)... if you got something against somebody, your brother, don't tell somebody else about it if it's wrong, go to him and tell him. And then if he's going to argue with you, then take somebody else with you. Then bring it up the way the Bible said.
- Now, don't you listen to one foul thing the devil's got to say. See? If the devil shows you some, or tells you something evil about one of the members of the body of Christ, don't you believe it. For **as soon as you believe it, you mar your experience.** And if you see one of the members of the Body of Christ doing something evil, **don't tell nobody else;** but go to that member, and with love, and see if you can't bring them back to Christ again. And if you can't do it, then tell one person, or let them go with you. Do it the way the Scripture said (*Mt 18.15-17*). If somebody said, "Sister So-and-so, or Brother So-and-so," don't you believe one word of it. You just leave it go. Because, remember, it's the devil trying to tear you to pieces. Now, just look for him to come in, 'cause he'll do it. Now, you let the goodman of the house, faith, stand right there, and **don't you receive one thing.** These people have been set in heavenly places with you (*Eph. 2.6*), fellowship together around the blessings of God, taking the communion at the table, and the Holy Spirit

has witnessed that they are the children of God So let's just be real sweet, kindhearted, forgiving, loving. And if the other person talks evil against you, you talk sweet against them. Watch how sweeter it comes to you then. That's right.

A solemn exhortation to love one another

- As we see the great end sign and the time at hand, warning us: time is at hand... ***Oh, take this solemnly. We should love one another.*** Oh, my. ***We should be so in love.*** Don't never speak evil against one another. If somebody makes a mistake, pray for him, right quick... We are brothers and sisters. Oh, live godly. Live like daughters of God. Live like sons of God. Live sweet, kind, humble. Let no evil come in your mind in your thinking; just dismiss it (*Ro 12.21; Phil 4.8*). If it knocks on the door, take it away, just show your Token. Just keep walking. "I'm under the Blood." ***You should love one another... Don't just take it now lightly...*** you listen a minute! ***If you ever believed me, you believe it now!*** It's time to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible! Believe Jesus Christ; and love, and honour, and respect one another! ... We should love each other, and believers should separate themselves from the world.
- ***I'LL SPEAK IT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD: Except you have that perfect love, you'll never be there,*** 'cause ***nothing could ever be there without it.*** Your spirit would be out of place there. It couldn't come; there'd be no way for it to come.
- ***THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place,*** for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love.

4.

LOVE IS THE EVIDENCE

*Of being born again, of being His disciple, of knowing God,
Of having the Spirit, of being sealed/marked by the Spirit*

Scriptures

How do we know who is born of God & has God as their Father?

i) By their love

- 1 Jn 4.7 love is of God; and **every one that loveth is born of God**

ii) By their love for Jesus

- Jn 8.42 Jesus said unto them, **If God were your Father, ye would love me**

iii) By their love for their brethren

- 1 Jn 3.10-11 **In this the children of God are manifest**, and the children of the devil: **whosoever** doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that **loveth not his brother**.
- 1 Jn 5.1-2 **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**: and **every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him**. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

iv) By their love for their enemies

- Mt 5.44-45 **Love your enemies ... That ye may be the children of your Father** which is in heaven

How do we know who has passed from death unto life?

- 1 Jn 3.14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren**. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

How do we know who is His disciple?

- Jn 13.34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another**.

How do we know who loves God?

- 1 Jn 2.15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him**.
- 1 Jn 4.20-21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for **he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?** And **this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also**.

How do we know who knows God?

- 1 Jn 4.7-8 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and **every one that loveth... knoweth God**. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

How do we know who dwells in God?

- 1 Jn 4.16 God is love; and **he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God**, and God in him.

How do we know who dwells in the light?

- 1 Jn 2.10 **He that loveth his brother abideth in the light**, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Quotes

Love is the primary evidence

- Oh, you say, Brother Branham, I--I got all the evidences." I know, but we're not talking about evidences; we're talking about the product. I've seen heathens shout. I've seen them speak with tongues. I've seen them lay down a pencil and write in unknown tongues, and a witch raise up and read it, interpret it and tell the truth. If a man could speak with tongues, if a man could shout, if a man could see visions, ***if a man could do any of these other things that he can do without Divine love, they are lost... So don't be deceived by signs and evidences.*** There's all kinds of signs. The Bible said, in the last days false prophets will rise up and show such signs, it would deceive the very elect if possible. ***Come back to the Bible signs.***

It is the evidence of being born of God

- when ***that real genuine love of God ... comes into the human being by the new birth, being born again,*** it had no beginning and it'll have no end. You are then a son of God and a daughter of God, and your affections are on things above.
- ***Except*** you are borned again, and ***the Spirit of God of love comes into your heart,*** you'll certainly miss that place.
- ***if you're really born of God ... you prove it by your fruits, not by your voice, but by your life.*** You live the right kind of life... the ***people know that you're sons and daughters of God.*** When you've really been sealed by the Holy Spirit, ***love Divine follows you.***
- Come back to Christ to a heart of love tonight. ***Come back to a place, till all your enemies you love with them*** and could shake their hand. Not because you owe it to duty, but because something in your heart says so. ***Something will make you love the bitterest enemy you've got.*** If that is in your heart tonight, regardless of what emotion you've had, ***you're still outside of Christ, outside of God, lost***
- it won't matter if you can still have dresses so long. You could still not wear short sleeves shirts, you men, and those things, or whatever you want to; but if you still got malice, and envy, and strife, you might've run, danced, spoke in tongues, shouted, preached the Gospel, or anything. But ***you're lost until that Blood has cleansed you and set in a Divine love of the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart***

It is the evidence of passing from death unto life

- If you haven't had a real experience with God, and know that ***you've passed from death to Life, that Divine love of God reigns in your heart,*** don't take any chance on it, friend. Remember, ***I tell you in the Name of the Lord, nothing else will work.***

It is the evidence of being His disciple

- Jesus said, "***This will all men know*** that you're My disciples, ***when you have love one for another.***"

It is the evidence of having the Holy Spirit

- ***Q I want to know the place where I can tie down and say "This man has the Holy Ghost because he did this ...***
A it's accepting the Person, Christ Jesus, and these other things come right on in and they fit together... if we could... every person in here ***receive the Person, Christ Jesus,*** there wouldn't never be a fuss; there would never be no argument. ***There'd just be a perfect love.*** Yet you'd still believe this and believe that, but ***it'd***

just be so full of love, you'd just... **"By their fruit** you shall know them." **And the fruit of the Spirit is love...**

- every member ... of the Branham Tabernacle, should be so much in Divine love with each other until ... their hearts would long for each other when they have to go away, to leave each other at the service ... I am a true believer in **"Divine love."** The apostle Paul said that **was the evidence of the Holy Spirit. "By this manner, all men will know** you are My disciples"...

It is the mark of being sealed by & filled with the Holy Spirit

- **When you've really been sealed by the Holy Spirit, love Divine follows you.**
- we pray that Your Holy Spirit will fill them with His Presence if they haven't already received such. May they become **sealed away** from the things of the world, **and filled with the Spirit of God in Divine love of God**, and with fellowship with all men.
- the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness. That's the fruit of the Spirit. And **the fruit, that's the mark of the Holy Spirit, showing that Divine love has anchored in the heart** and the things of the world is dead.
- insomuch that You'd kiss **the seal of the Holy Ghost** upon their heart, **until Divine love will sway their hearts out of this worldly conglomeration** ... to the heavenly things

If you love the world, you do not love God; are not born again or sealed by the Spirit

- **That's what the evidence is, brother; you've passed from death unto Life.** And all the things that you once done, passed away, because **the Life of Jesus Christ has put the Holy Spirit into, controlling you a new creature** (2 Cor 5.17). And once purged has **no more desire of sin** as long as you live on earth. So if you're constantly weak and falling up-and-down, remember, you might have a mental acceptance of it, **but never an experience of being born again**, when meekness, gentleness and patience takes the place of this mental theology... **The Bible said,** "Love not the world, and neither the things of the world." And **if you love the world, the love of God's not even in you** (1 Jn 2.15-17)... You're only emotionally, mentally worked up for some kind of a churchianity, some kind of a theology that's been taught you, and **never in your life have you ever** come face to face, and met Jesus Christ, and **been born again**. For if you once fall in love with Christ, the world dies right then for eternity. For you're **sealed by the Holy Ghost until the day of your redemption**, and you're dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed there by the Holy Ghost. Your destination is determined right then, when you're sealed by the Holy Ghost.
- If the **Divine love of God** isn't in your heart to take everything of the world out, you're lost.

5. LOVE PREEMINENT OVER GIFTS

Scriptures

Gifts are desirable & not to be despised

- 1 Cor 12.1 concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, ***I would not have you ignorant.***
- 1 Cor 12.31 ***covet earnestly*** the best gifts
- 1 Cor 14.1 Follow after charity, and ***desire*** spiritual gifts
- 1 Th 5.20 ***Despise not*** prophesyings.
- 1 Tim 4.14 ***Neglect not*** the gift that is in thee
- 2 Tim 1.6 ***stir up*** the gift of God, which is in thee

But love is preeminent, outlasting and exceeding all else

- 1 Cor 12.31 covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I show you ***a more excellent way***
- 1 Cor 13.8-10 ***Charity never faileth***: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when ***that which is perfect*** is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
- 1 Cor 13.13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but ***the greatest of these*** is charity.

Gifts without love do not profit the possessor

- 1 Cor 13.1-3 Though I ***speak with*** the ***tongues*** of men and of angels, ***and have not charity***, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have ***the gift of prophecy***, and ***understand all mysteries, and all knowledge***; and though I ***have all faith***, so that I could remove mountains, ***and have not charity***, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, ***and have not charity***, it profiteth me nothing.

Quotes

It is possible to have gifts without love & without the Giver

- Paul said it in I Corinthians 13... "Though I speak with tongues of men and angels (that's both kinds) ***and have not love***, I'm nothing. Though I have wisdom..." Now, he's talking about these gifts up here in the body, ***having gifts without the Giver, Love***. See? Though I have wisdom and understand all knowledge of God, all the Scripture, can put them together like any great theologian, ***and have not love, which is the Holy Spirit***, I'm nothing." Now, we know that the Holy Spirit is God... Well then, God is love (*1 Jn 4.16*). See? So ***you can have any of the gifts of God without having God. God is love***
- Paul said ***it was possible for him to do those things without having the Giver***

It is possible to have gifts without love & without a changed life

- if you do speak with tongues, and then you continue to live the life that you once lived, then there's something wrong with your experience. Just only thing you're leaning upon is speaking with tongues, don't you try that. You'll go over the falls, and that boat will never stand up to it. Where there is tongues they shall cease. Where there is prophecies it shall fail. ***But when that which is perfect is come... Oh, that love of God*** so rich and pure, fathomless and strong... Then these other gifts will

work right in with it. See? That's gifts of the Holy Spirit that's given to you, speaking in tongues, prophesying and whatmore, interpretations. That's to edify the church, for the edification of the body. But **first receive the Holy Ghost, that you see that your life is changed.**

Gifts can be impersonated, either satanically or carnally, but not love

- **Satan can impersonate any of those gifts.** See, he can impersonate pretty near anything 'cause he perverts. Sin is righteousness perverted.
- **The antichrist can produce any sign that's in the Bible, but he cannot love.** There's nothing about him to love.
- "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor... though I give my body to be burned, **and have not charity**, it prevaileth me nothing." See, all your good works, all your good deeds, all the spiritual things you have, all the gifts you have, all the sensations you have, all the joy you have, all the peace you have has nothing at all to do with it to begin with. Think of that just a moment. Look at all those gifts, all those good things. "I feed the poor, I've got a good heart about me. I do this. I do that. I go to church. I speak with tongues. I prophesy. I heal the sick. I preach the Gospel. I do these things." Paul said, "Still I am nothing." **All those things can be carnally impersonated.**

Follow after love; gifts will follow

- **if you had perfect love you'd have perfect gifts.** That's right. So **work first with love.** That brings fellowship, and **fellowship brings gifts.**
- I'd rather have that in my heart than all the gifts there is, God has in His Bible... But you see, Pentecostal people, **you're going after gifts instead of the Giver.** See? Come back to God. **Get this real Divine love in your heart**, your fellowship. That, oh, you just love Him with all your heart. Brother, **the gifts will take care of itself.** You just let that alone. See? **It'll come.**
- If you haven't got love to accompanies that, what good does the signs do you? ... But, brother, **don't seek gifts; ... seek the love of God.**

Love controls the Church, not gifts

- Oh, brother, **God gave the Holy Spirit, God's Love to control the church**, not smart, educated, but love. **Gifts go in the Church, but it doesn't control the Church. Love controls the Church.**

Love is greater than all gifts, wonders & signs

- **If I had every gift in the Bible and could exchange it for love, I'd never wink an eye. I'd take it right now.** Let me feel the blessings of the Lord Jesus and His Divine love into my heart that's shed abroad by the Holy Ghost, and I'll exchange any gift in the Bible for that. Yes, sir. I'd exchange a--a domain if I was a king and setting on a throne, and the world was my domain, I'd give every penny of it and forfeit a million years on this life in this world here as to have the love of Jesus Christ, that's shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. There's nothing to compare with it.
- Love, God's love, it'll take the place of speaking in tongues, and that's all right. **It'll take the place of gifts, and wonders, and signs, and everything else. If you haven't got love to accompanies that, what good does the signs do you?**

To love is greater than having all faith & understanding all mysteries

- Paul said, "... **though I understand all the mysteries of the Word... and have not charity, I still am nothing. I have faith that I can move mountains** and so forth;

I'm still nothing." Then he said, "That which is in part will be done away with when that which is perfect is come," or when that which is perfect is made known.

- no matter how much you are right, here's one thing that we fail and miss, my brothers. No matter how right I am, and how Scriptural I am, and how much I know about God's Bible, ***if I haven't got the Spirit of God of love in my heart (Ro 5.5) for the whole human race*** and all, then I'm wrong to begin with. So ***if I know all the mysteries of God*** and can unroll them and make them all hit together, ***and I don't have love***, what good does it do?

6.

THE LINK BETWEEN LOVE & FAITH

Scriptures

a) Faith & Love

There is a faith without love, but not a love without faith.

Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
(1 Cor 13.2)

A loose association

- Gal 5. 22 the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**
- 2 Tim 3.10 thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, **faith**, longsuffering, **charity**, patience
- Rev 2.19 I know thy works, and **charity**, and service, and **faith**

A closer association

- Eph 1.15 **your faith** in the Lord Jesus, **and love unto all the saints**,
- Col 1.4 **your faith** in Christ Jesus, **and the love ye have to all the saints**
- 1 Th 1.3 your **work of faith, and labour of love**
- 1 Th 3.6 Timotheus ... brought us good tidings of **your faith and charity**
- 1 Tim 1.14 the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with **faith and love**
- 1 Jn 3.23 **believe** on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, **and love** one another

An explicit link

- 1 Cor 13.7 (**charity**) ... **believeth all things**
- Gal 5.6 **faith which worketh by love.**
- Eph 6.23 Peace be to the brethren, and **love with faith**
- 1 Th 5.8 putting on **the breastplate of faith and love**
- 1 Tim 1.14 the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with **faith and love**
- 2 Tim 1.13 **Hold fast** the form of sound words ... **in faith and love**

b) Fear & Love

Fear cannot co-exist with love.

- 2 Tim 1.7 God hath **not given us the spirit of fear but** of power, and **of love**, and of a sound mind

Fear destroys faith, but love overpowers and casts out fear.

- Mk 5.36 Be not afraid, only believe
- 1 Jn 4.17-18 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Quotes

a) Faith & Love

There is a faith without love

- I said, "**Love produces faith**, not faith, love." **You have to love first, before you can have faith.** So, if you say you got faith, and don't Divinely love God, your faith's in vain. See? You've got to love God. Therefore, you could join all the churches in the

country, do anything you wanted to, make all the confessions you want to, but **if there isn't genuine, real Holy Spirit, born again love in your heart for God, your faith's in vain**. No matter how much you confess that you believe God, that has nothing to do with it. It's got to be born in the human heart. Then you got Eternal Life, can never be separated from God.

Love believes all things

- **Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.**
- **Love and faith is the same thing.**
- If He said, "I'm the Lord that healed thee," (Ex 15.20), he believes that. **Love makes him believe it**, because **love dominates all...** Love dominates all, 'cause God is love, a God of love (1 Jn 4.16).
- You say, "I love the Lord." But **can you trust Him** when the doctor shakes his head ... when everything else is gone? **You need an overflowing baptism of love, Divine love.**

Faith worketh by love

- And **faith and love is relation**, because **you can't have faith unless you got love**, because your faith is in a God Who is the very essence of love. **Faith and love works together...** if you love the Lord, just not trying to dodge hell, but you love the Lord, then you have faith in God; see, if you love Him... And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out! That ought to create a Perfect Love... Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? **Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word...** He loved me when I was unlovable... God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up, that gives me confidence that He wants to use me... No one can take your place. Amen! You're in God's economy. No one can do it. That's His Love to you. Then, won't your love reach right back to Him? And there's a love affair. No matter what the situation is, its circumstances are governed by this **Love that creates Faith**: that God loves you and you love God, and you love one another, and **that brings the Faith**. All right. Then it can't keep from bringing out just exactly what God promised it would do... **love and faith has to go together. They're kinfolks, they love. Love produces Faith.** When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a **Perfect Faith in a Perfect Word**, like Jesus did.
- may just **perfect love and faith** exist in this building tonight.

b) Fear & Love

Love & fear cannot coexist; perfect love casts out fear

- **if we had love, we'd have faith**, for... **"Perfect love casteth out all fear." And when fear is gone, faith is perfect.** You're scared He won't keep His Word
- The reason it hurts you is because you get scared. Don't be scared. **If you can get a perfect love of God in your heart**, that knows that this is the truth, and God is your Father, and He's taking care of you, there is nothing can harm you.
- one of the greatest hindrance that there is in the church today... is fear, but love, perfect love, casteth out fear... **The reason you're fearful is because the right temperance of love has never entered yet. When there's real love, all fear passes away.** When you really love the Lord... Now, what the church is lacking is Divine love. I mean the Agapao love, the godly love. And have it so richly in your heart until you just love the Lord and everything... You just take His Word for it. **You don't mistrust Him.**

- **perfect faith, just like perfect love, casts out all fear, all doubting.** If you believe it, no matter what the symptoms are, what the results, you believe it just the same.
- **you can't have faith till you have love.** That's just all there is to it. ... Perfect love casts out all fear... As long as you got fear you can't have faith. So **you got to have love first.** It drives all fear out, and **then faith comes in,** takes the place of fear.
- Fear companies doubt. Love companies faith.
- Now, the only thing that we can do is work according to the law of God for our healing... What is the law of God? His love. "Perfect love cast out all fear." **Love and faith is the same thing.** See? Love, **perfect love casts out all fear which gives faith.**
- **the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith...** Get it. Perfect love casts out all fear.
- **perfect love casteth out all fear. Then if you can take Him at His Word, and not fear a bit about it. Say, "Lord, I love You; I know You're going to answer because You promised me You would, and I just know You're going to do it."**
- **There was not a speck of fear.** He said, "They'd take up serpents and it'll not harm them." He looked at that deathly bite, no fear. **If you fear, then Satan steps in. Satan's fear. But perfect love casts out all fear...** Now, the very Holy Spirit that made the heavens and earth had that man so charged with His power till that death in that fang of that serpent wouldn't even go into his body, because **his whole body was full of Spirit as same as it's full of blood...** Why, certainly, they walked on water. They done great miracles and so forth. Why? They were so perfectly in harmony with God, that first church... Denominations won't bring us to it. It's **a perfect love and confidence in God,** just what brings it.
- If you love Him with the right kind of a heart, you won't have one speck of fear whether you can keep His Word or not.
- But when she (*i.e. his wife*) knows that I love her, when I know she loves me, then there's **a perfect trust** between each other. **No worry at all.** Then **when you got perfect love of God in your heart, you don't question God about anything. ...** Anything God says, **you love Him so much you believe it.** ... perfect love casts out all fear. You're not scared about nothing; **you're just resting.** You're not, "Oh, I may backslide tomorrow. I may backslide next week." ... I'm not trying to hold on. He held on for me. And **He put a love in my heart that holds there. It's Him holding me, not me holding Him.** If it was me holding Him, I'd probably turn loose. But as long as He's holding me, He will never turn loose. He promised He wouldn't.

7.

OVERCOMING LOVE

The Spirit of Power and of Love

There is a power without love, but not a love without power.

Scriptures

Love is a defensive shield

- 1 Th 5.8 putting on **the breastplate of faith and love**

It is also an offensive weapon, conquering & overcoming

i) Through His love for us

- Ro 8.37 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

ii) Through His love in us

- 1 Jn 4.18 **perfect love casteth out fear.**

Love overcomes all things

i) Fear of suffering & condemnation

- 2 Tim 1.7-8 God hath not given us **the spirit of fear**; but **of power, and of love** ... be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God
- 1 Jn 4.18 **perfect love casteth out fear: because** fear hath torment

ii) Hatred & ill treatment

- Mt 5.43,44,46 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ... For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
- Lk 6.27,32,35 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, ... For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them... But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

iii) Sinners & enemies

- Jn 15.13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life **for his friends.**
- Ro 5.6-8,10 Christ died **for the ungodly.** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners,** Christ died for us... **when we were enemies,** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son

iv) The world

- 1 Jn 5.4-5 **this is the victory that overcometh the world,** even our faith. Who is he that **overcometh the world,** but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (And "faith worketh by love" (Gal 5.6), for love "believeth all things" (1 Cor 13.7).)

Quotes

a) Love Creates an Atmosphere

- ***a Christian is so marked that around him is an atmosphere.*** Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, ***they create that atmosphere by*** their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and ***the love they have for you. You create an atmosphere It Wasn't So from the Beginning, 60-1127M, par E7-8***
- Did you ever see people that you just love to be around? ... That's ***the atmosphere that they create themselves.*** And let me tell you today, my dear friends, the greatest thing there is this side of heaven is l-o-v-e, Divine love. God is Love.
- See, ***you are a creator of an atmosphere around you. And you make that yourself by your own disposition and the spirit that's on the inside of you. Be Not Afraid, It Is I, 62-0629, par E44***
- ***What is it? It's that creative power that's upon the people that create an atmosphere around where they're at. If they're full of love,*** not make-belief, but real love, ***you can feel it.*** You know that they're Christians. They shake your hand, say, "I'm your friend, John." You can feel it... God gives you something inside of you that changes you. It makes the atmosphere around you different... ***And around him he's anointed with a spirit... It's the atmosphere that counts. That's right... And you make up that atmosphere with what you are inside of you. Love 57-0519E, par E15-16, E17-18, E23***
- And, oh, wouldn't you loved to have been around Jesus just a little? Wonderful! See what ***that atmosphere He created*** would have been, I imagine ***it was just one great big bundle of love,*** and respects, and godly fear. ***Awakening Jesus, 63-0117, par 24***
- a man, he is in one sense a miniature creator if he is a child of God, because the Spirit of God is in him, Who controls him, Who operates him... And ***when Divine love is in your heart, there's a difference in your life, and everybody knows it.*** That's right. You live like a Christian, act like a Christian, walk like a Christian; and your whole system is timed to God's Bible.

b) The Overcoming Power of Love

Love is the greatest power on earth

- ***Love is the greatest force that was ever put into the power of man.***
- But let me tell you a little secret. ***The most powerful force in the world*** isn't speaking with tongues, or interpreting tongues, or being honoured by God to be a minister, or to be an evangelist, or to be a prophet; ***the most powerful weapon*** that I've ever found in my life, ***is love.***
- Now, you like me to tell, what I think is ***the greatest, most powerful force there is on earth? The mightiest force there is on earth is love.*** That's exactly. ***There's nothing that will break down love.*** No matter what it is. Whatever you are, or what you might've sang; you might've danced in the Spirit; you might've spoken with tongues; you might've shaken the elder's hand; you might've been baptized three times, this a way, backwards, face-forward, anyway you want to; but until love anchors in your heart, you're still out of God. That's right. You've got to have love. The Bible said, "God is love." The ***love is the strongest force.***
- And, brethren, we have drawn little circles of laws and different things, and we're still never come to ***the real kernel. It's Jesus Christ the love of God,*** that God

wants us to see. What a pity. **Love is the greatest, most powerful weapon that this world has ever seen or knowed of.** It's a dying-for love.

It overcomes sin, discord, bad temper, selfishness, bad talking in us

- If you got a temper, you got something about you that you talk when you ought not to talk, oh, God, lay it there now. Lay it there. Watch the fire of the altar come down and take it away. **Watch the love of God lick it up.** Watch all that old selfishness, the way you've been talking to your wife, the way you been talking to your husband, the way you been talking to your neighbour, the way you've talked about the people in the church; lay it on the altar this morning and the fire of God will come down and take it right away and **Divine love will burn in its place.**
- **Perfect love casts out... sin, all discord;** love does.

Until we love deeply even our enemies

- The Church has heard about Jesus, but it's never witnessed that real touch of Divine love that **makes them love the man that's cursing them... make them pray deeply from their heart for those who are doing evil**
- So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, **till you can love those who hate you.**
- if you can't **love your enemy just as much as you love those who love you,** there's something wrong somewhere. Now, just think: "It's my duty to love my enemy." **You've got to really love him**
- whatever you do, friends, **lay aside everything else till you get perfect love. Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy,** everything else.
- There's a difference between phileo and agapao love. Phileo will make a mother for that baby, run through a blazing fire. Her life means nothing. That's phileo. What will agapao do, the godly love? ... Love those that love you. Then does not the sinner do the same thing? But **love those who don't love you.** That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you, 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy (Ro 5.6-8)... **And that Spirit's in you, it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend (Mt 5.43-48).**

c) Love for the Brethren Overcomes Evil with Good

Love is the way to overcome evil towards us

- Just always return good for evil, love for hate (Mt 5.43-48). Now, be sure to do that. Pledge yourself that to God, "God, by Your grace, that's what I'll do." No matter when anyone says evil; return good (Ro 12.21). Don't think evil (Phil 4.8). If you do think evil, and you're just hypocritically saying it, then you're wrong. You just keep on consecrating yourself to God until you really feel good to that person. That's the way to do it. Then the sweetness of God's blessings will just, oh, it'll just cover your soul. **That's the way to live victorious;** then **nothing can harm you as long as you're in love.** See, "If you have tongues, they'll cease. And if you have wisdom, it'll vanish. Prophecies, it'll fail. But when you got love, it'll endure for ever" (I Cor 13.1-3,10). And don't love only those who love you, but love those who do not love you. For it's easy for me to love anybody that loves me, but try to love somebody who doesn't love you. That's where you can test whether you're a Christian or not; somebody that don't love you, and yet in your heart you love them... Now, if you don't do that, then just keep holding onto God. It's there, 'cause I know it to be the truth. Amen.

It overcomes our feelings towards the wrongs of brethren to us

- ***love produces a fellowship...*** when you separate from Divine love, then you can't overlook your brother's mistakes no more. You got to bawl him out for it... You can't overlook sister's mistakes no more. Because you've got away from that Divine part, that love part. But if you really love the Lord Jesus, ***if sister or brother, does something to you,*** "Oh, well, that's all right, they didn't mean to do it." That's the kind of love that Christ had, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing."
- Coming in to perfection now... adding brotherly kindness. All right. When we get to that, brotherly kindness, put yourself in his place on the matter. Now, you say, "My brother sinned against me," said Peter, "Shall I forgive him?" He said, "Seven times a day?" (*Mt 18.21-22*). He said, "Seventy times seven." See, brotherly kindness. Now, you see, if a brother's all out of tune, don't be impatient with him. See? No. See? Be kind to him.
- If you want to be a blessing, and get a blessing, ***when a man has done you wrong*** ... and you know that he's done you wrong; he's done you evil. Don't mention that; you take him to prayer before God. And don't take it in a way of just a selfish and say, "Well, I'm supposed to do this." But stand with your shoulder to his shoulder, and stand in the Presence of God our Father, way a prayer should be made in the Presence of God, say, "Father, here's my brother, and he is justly; he deserves punishment because he's done me evil. And I don't see why he did it." Then let God go to talking to you. And you'll see maybe, what that man's been through. The devil has twisted him up somewhere and caused him to do that. Though he's absolutely wrong, ***before you leave the throne of God you'll be feeling sorry for that man. You'll be sympathizing with that brother.*** And when you get back down to earth again, you'll go over to that brother and shake his hand, 'cause you know what he's been through. You can't stand with a mortal in the Presence of God and condemn anybody, I don't believe, no, sir, even if he is a rank sinner. And what about a brother that has made a mistake? Though I say he's wrong. Sometimes he's accused wrong when he's not wrong. But if he is wrong, well, if we will take him to the throne of God, stand there shoulder-to-shoulder with our brother, knowing he's a mortal, and maybe his destination rests upon our attitude towards him, when we come back from the throne of God, we'll realize that we're everyone guilty, and we all need help one from the other. And the best way to do is pray.

It overcomes differences between brethren, even sharp ones

- ***Love will conquer everything...*** It'll conquer ***the difference in the church.***
- I have constantly done my very best to try to in disagreeing with men in religious terms; but if I couldn't take his hand afterwards, no matter how sharp the thing might be, and take ahold of his hands, and say, "this is in the light of a better understanding between us", and still love the person (not just say it from my lips, but from my heart), then I'm no subject at all to go out there and to try to talk to people. Because we must do that, we must love the person. See? ... if I got one thought that I didn't like that person, then I know one thing, the Spirit of Christ has departed from me. If I can feel that I don't like that person, there's something wrong with me (*1 Jn 2.9-10*). Because the Spirit of Christ... At crucifying Him, and His Own people driving the nails, and His very creation that He created was putting the nails that He created back into His human flesh, and yet, with a heart full of love He cried, "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they're doing" (*Jn 19.30*). You see?
- Somebody said not long ago, said, "How can you believe these things the way you do and still go to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest of them? Well,

see, brotherly kindness, hoping someday. See? Patience with him, temperance, enduring with him... having faith that someday God will bring him in. See? Brotherly kindness.

- if there's any great thing that I've seen missing in the church today, to one of the greatest hindrance in the church today ...keep a revival back, is the lack of that godly love that Christ expressed when He was here on earth. It's easy for you and I to love somebody that loves us. **But Jesus didn't have that kind of love. He had God's love, and God loved His enemies.** For God so loved the world; when the world was unlovable, God still loved the world. ... if there's anything that I believe that would start a revival in Los Angeles, would be a time that we could all break down our different barriers and come together as Christians in love. That's the Pentecostals, the Baptists, and the Presbyterians. And all together we could be expressed to the world that we have love one for another.

An example, the 25/4/61 Chicago ministerial meeting

- I pray, Father, that from my heart that Thou will let me express to my brethren, this morning, the motive and objective of my life to You, that they might understand. Grant it, that we might have perfect love, and fellowship, and cooperation, and all the working of the Gospel. For we ask it in Jesus' Name, Who prayed that we might be one as He and His Father was One. Believing this, that "This will all men know that you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other." Amen.
- no matter how much you are right, here's one thing that we fail and miss, my brothers. No matter how right I am, and how Scriptural I am, and how much I know about God's Bible, if I haven't got the Spirit of God of love in my heart (Ro 5.5) for the whole human race and all, then I'm wrong to begin with. So if I know all the mysteries of God and can unroll them and make them all hit together, and I don't have love, what good does it do?
- "You can't draw me out, 'cause I love you. See, you just can't do it... If you draw me out, I'll draw you back in." I said.... "When you make one circle, God, by His grace, will let me draw another one and pull you right back in."

d) Sinners Are Won by Love

Sinners likewise are won by genuine divine love

- **When the Church of the living God gets to a place of,** get out of its little old isms and sensations, until **it can display the real genuine love of God, then you'll be the salt of the earth that'll create a thirst in the heart of the sinner, that'll make him want to be like you. 56-0611, 38-43, Hear Ye Him**
- **Divine love, sympathy, had been projected by the Holy Spirit into this man...** Nothing could be done, and love had taken its place... then... God through sovereign grace restored the sight to the man... **That's the way you have to do to a sinner.** Many people pray for sinners... but... your duty is to win sinners by talking to them, **and projecting to them the love of God through the Word of God that wins the sinner.** Someone say, "I never did go to church. I sure like that woman. I like that fellow." See? Because **you're winning them... the projecting of this love.**

The sinner hunter won by the love of a mother deer

- I used to hunt with a fellow... he was a good tracker; he was a good boy, good hunter. But he was the most cruel-hearted person I ever seen. He would just love to shoot little fawns just to make me feel bad... just to be mean. And he used to shoot those little fawns and laugh. I'd say, "Bert, how can you do that?" ... One year I went

up there, he said, "Come here, Billy, I want to show you something." And he'd made himself a little whistle. And he could go just like a little baby deer, little fawn, crying. I said, "Bert, you're not going to use that?" He said, "Aw, get next to yourself, preacher." We went hunting that day... It was getting near dinner time; we hadn't even seen a track... I seen him reach in his pocket... And he took that little whistle and he went just like a little baby deer crying. And no more than he'd did that, till just across the way a big beautiful mother deer, called the doe, raised up. She looked around... I seen Bert look up at me and grin; I thought, "Oh, Bert, you're not going to do that." Smiled and he ducked his head down. I couldn't watch it; I turned my head... I knowed that deer wasn't standing over thirty yards. And I looked around again; I seen him level that steady nerve, putting that cross hair right across the heart of that mother. She looked around; she heard that baby's cry. She come walking right out into the middle of that little place, right out in the open. Why? ***She couldn't help it; she was a mother. She by nature was a mother.*** She wasn't putting that on, but she was a mother to begin with, and there was a baby in trouble, and she must get to it; it was in trouble. It was something in her. ***Any other time she'd been scared to death;*** that's what she was hiding back in the bushes for... till it got night, and then she'd go out and feed. But the baby was in trouble. The mother instinct called her. It was duty. She walked out, listening again with those big ears up. And I seen his nerve as he quieten down; I turned my head; I thought, "Oh, God, don't let him do that." I knowed in a few moments time, just a second or two, and that bullet of that .30-06 rifle would blow that mother's heart plumb through the other side of her. And I thought; ***that gallant display of real love, that mother loving that little baby so much*** that she was walking out there... And I looked, and she'd seen the hunter; she stopped. Those big ears come to a point; she caught the scent of him, and she stood there. ***But the mother's love, she couldn't help it.*** She went walking on hunting that baby. It wasn't a put-on; it was the real thing. She was walking right in the face of death, because she was a mother. I turned my head, I said, "God, how can that cruel-hearted man do that?" And while I was praying, I noticed the silence. I heard nothing; I thought, "Why don't the gun fire?" And when I turned to look, I seen the rifle barrel going like this. He dropped the rifle on the ground, and turned around, and grabbed me by the pants leg, and he said, "Billy, I've had enough of it. I can't stand it no more. Tell me about that Jesus ***that puts that kind of love into a man's heart.***" There on that snowy ground, that cruel-hearted man, ***by the display of a real genuine love,*** led that man to Christ.

e) Love Overcomes the evil one & evil spirits

- there's only one thing that ***will conquer the devil:*** That's pure, Divine Love. ***Love will conquer everything...***
- ***when perfect love has come into the human heart, all demons in hell will never be able to upset it.***
- ***a Christian is so marked that around him is an atmosphere.*** Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, ***they create that atmosphere by their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you. You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick.*** See? It's the same thing. ***It's love that casts out evil spirits. It Wasn't So from the Beginning, 60-1127M, par E7-8***
- Evil spirits are not cast out by cruel indifferent living. ***The most powerful weapon there is in the world*** is love... Take all your gifts that you have in the Scripture. The

devil can impersonate every one of them; but he can't impersonate love, 'cause love is genuine. The devil can't love. That's one thing he can't do.

- If it ever gets to a place that I couldn't put my arm around any brother that's working for the Kingdom of God, and recognize him as my brother, I feel I'm backslid. Amen. Sure. ***I'd be a scared to stand on the platform and face evil spirits***, to know that I had envy in my heart against any brother, no matter who he is, that's trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ or live a Christian life. ... ***when love goes out, God goes with it***, for God is love. And ***you can never get anywhere without Divine love***. And as you love one another, you love God.

The Portland maniac

- the maniac run to the platform out there in Oregon--was going to take my life. Little did I know that he was out of the insane institution. And I knew by his size he was very able to carry out his threat... Ordinarily I would've took off with the rest of them. But you know what happened, oh, if I could only always stay in that. Something, instead of hating the man, I felt sorry for him. I thought, "That man wouldn't want to hurt me. Why, he's a man like I am. And that's got to be the devil making that man do that way"... And he rushed up towards me, and... spit right in my face. And see, the devil was trying to get me to shake away from ***that atmosphere that God was getting me in***. But it didn't bother me. I thought, "Poor fellow, he don't want to do that; and surely he wouldn't have wanted to do it." And he said, "I'm going to break every bone in your body." And he drew back his big fist to do so; and the strange thing was, ***I wasn't no more afraid than I am right now. Love casts out fear, perfect love***... Then when the man started to hit me, I heard my own lips say, "Because you have challenged the Spirit of God, tonight you'll fall over my feet." He said, "I'll show you whose feet I'll fall over." And he drew back his fist to hit me, and when he did I said, "Satan, leave that man." And... he turned around, and fell over my feet... ***What did it? Love, the love of God***.
- ***instead of despising the man, grace came in ... Grace sets in and projected a Divine love into my heart that I could project to him*** and thought, "There stands a man like I am." Said, "He likes to eat and drink and his family; but the devil has him bound." So ***the love of God constrained*** me, and the man humbled himself and fell across my feet. Grace stepped in when love was projected.

The German witchdoctors

- the greatest thing there is this side of heaven is l-o-v-e, Divine love. God is Love... ***That's what slew those witch-doctors standing there that day***... human beings that God died for, standing there trying to throw spells on me, witches like that. Standing there before Him, and you see them fall to the ground, throw their head down like this, and give their hearts to Christ. ***It was love that did it. Love is the mightiest force there is***.

f) Love Overcomes Sickness

Love & healing

- How would you like, just before I start my sermon if I would just give you a little insight of something that's ***a real secret ... about healing powers ...?*** ... Here it is, friend: ***the secret of the whole thing, is Divine love. That's the secret of every bit of it, is love. ... You can't make yourself love, you've got to have love***.
- Now, the healer's standing. He's watching the patient as he comes. ***His heart must be for the patient. He must love the patient. He must be willing to do anything to see that patient get well. His whole human soul has to go to that patient in Divine love***, because he's knowing he's standing in the stead of the Lord Jesus

Christ... The patient walks up. **The first thing you know, that cancer in that patient begins to move. What's the matter? It's recognizing, not that man; it's recognizing that Spirit on the man.**

- The Holy Spirit so beautifully coming down and bathing us in His great beauty, I was just inspired to speak them words and say that, "Some glorious day that all of the gifts that's in the Church, will just be set aside on the mantle, as it was. And **the Holy Spirit Himself will just take the Church in such a control of Divine love until the sick will be healed, the blind will see, the lame will walk**, without being hands laid on them. It'll just be one great unity."

Love, healing & fear

- **that's the reason people won't take God at His Word for healing. They don't love Him well enough, because you're scared He won't keep His Word.**
- **the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith. For perfect love... Get it. Perfect love casts out all fear.**
- **Perfect love casts out all fear. There's no fear in God. Love takes away fear.**

The Mexican blind man

- an old Mexican man... run to the platform. Much faith, he fell down, grabbed out his rosary. I told him, "Not necessary"... So, he raised up. He put his arms around me... He was blind. I looked at him. I looked at them old wrinkled up feet, probably never wore a pair of shoes, in his life. I looked at my shoes, see if they would fit him. I'd a-give him my shoes. He was blind. And I looked, he was wider across his shoulder. Big man, weighed two hundred and something, I guess. He couldn't have wore my coat. And as he was standing there, and the gray hair, I thought of my daddy. I thought, "If daddy would have lived to be about this age, he would have been about the same age... around sixty-five or seventy years old." **And I entered into a love of that man, the way that I thought.** "Maybe he never had a decent meal, in his life. Maybe he never sit down at a table, in his life." And all this, and then walking along in darkness. **Then Something come into my heart.** God be merciful! He's a man. He's a brother. Then, **when That strikes, there is something anoints. There's a creation moves around ... It's projected to this person.** In a few moments, I heard him hollering something over my shoulder. And he was hollering, "I can see. I can see." **What was it? Divine love. Sympathy had been projected, by the Holy Spirit, into this man...** where he couldn't... Nothing could be done. And love had taken its place, and love had met love, then sovereign grace went to work... See? First, you have to enter into that thought.

g) Love Overcomes Even Wildlife

- Wished I had time to tell you the experiences with **wildlife**, of what I've seen **conquered** by faith, **by love.**
- Love is something that, **it'll work on animal life, it'll work on human life**, it works before God.

The killer bull

- when this great animal started towards me, **instead of hating that animal, I loved him...** I seen that bull coming, his head just a swaying like that, and he was making for me to kill me; and I knew it, **but Divine love begin to come...** And that bull come to me just as hard as he could. **No fear... Just a pure holy love in my heart.** What did it do? **It created an atmosphere. When that bull run right into that atmosphere, not over ten feet from him, he stopped** and throwed his feet out. He looked right and left, so depleted, with the most meekest look on his face, and turned around, and walked the other way... And I passed within five feet... That was the same God that could stop

the lions from coming to Daniel... and old Daniel standing there **wrapped in the robe of love**. The lions run over and laid down... I tell you, my brother, **when God can wrap you in Divine love**, there's peace in the valley for you then.

- **something struck me, way better than a gun or any weapon of this world. It was the Divine grace that took my heart...** And instead of hating him, as he was planning to take my life, I loved him... And when he got so close to me, within ten feet, **I was no more scared of that animal than I would be of my brethren here this morning, come Divine love, perfect love cast out all fear**. And he stopped. He just looked so depleted; he looked both ways, turned around, walked over, and laid down under that tree ... What was it? When love is projected, Divine grace takes its place and helps it
- I disturbed you. I'm sorry I did that. I didn't mean to disturb you." Talking like I am now... **I just couldn't help it; there was Something talking in me**. Oh, my! It's--it's too bad we ever have to leave that. **Just submit it. God just took over**.

The hornets

- Last summer my yard needed mowing so bad... It'd been almost two weeks; the grass had growed up behind me... Just had my overalls and shoes on. My shirt was off. Real hot, and I was mowing. I'd forgot about a little old martin box there that I had, and there's a bunch of hornets in there. And I hit against that fence, and my, I was covered over with hornets in a few minutes... I—I said, **"Now, little hornets, I love you**. I don't want you kissing me. I want you to go right on back in your box where you belong, 'cause I'm God's servant, and I'm praying for the sick people; and this grass is growing up, and I want you to get away from me. And **I'm not scared of you** now, because I ain't got time to fool with you. Go right back in the box." I just talked to them like that. I just kept on mowing, and God as the judge, I'm going to let you know, every one of them hornets just lined up right like that and just went right on back in the box, just as pretty as they could go. That's right. **54-0216, 40, Jairus and Divine Healing**

Wildlife is overcome by the same love that heals the sick

- You're conscious that God is here. Now, **the only thing that we can do is work according to the law of God for our healing**. Is that right? **What is the law of God? His love**. "Perfect love cast out all fear." **Love and faith is the same thing**. See? Love, perfect love casts out all fear which gives faith. You see? Now, if you'll just love God with all your heart. And if you've done something to you neighbour or somebody, just say in your heart now, "I love them too." See? "And I love God will all my heart, and I have... Brother Branham, I have criticized you a little bit, but I love you anyhow." See? All right. Now, just let that take place like that, and **just get that whole atmosphere in here of love, then watch the law of God go to work just on that**. See? That's—that's how it's... Just the same as it made the hornets go back, as it stopped the bull in the field **54-0216, 48-49, Jairus and Divine Healing**

8.

SUPERNATURAL LOVE

Vast, Unmeasured, Boundless, Free

Scriptures

The unfathomable immensity of the love of God

i) Just as other attributes of God...

- Ro 11.33 **O the depth** of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! **How unsearchable** are his judgments, and his ways **past finding out!**
- Eph 3.8 the **unsearchable** riches of Christ
- Phil 4.7 the peace of God, **which passeth all understanding**

ii) ... So also is His love

- Eph 3.19 the love of Christ, which **passeth knowledge**

iii) In fact, love is not just immeasurable but unending

- 1 Cor 13.8 **Charity never faileth**: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- 1 Cor 13.13 **And now abideth** faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
(*Why greater than faith & hope? Because charity, "believeth all things, hopeth all things" (1 Cor 13.7)*)

Yet, though incomprehensible, we can still know it

- Eph 3.18-19 (that you) may it be **able to comprehend...** what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge**

How? By the Spirit

- Eph 3.16-18 that he would grant you... to be **strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man...** **that ye**, being rooted and it grounded in love, **may be able to comprehend... and to know...** (Cp 1 Cor 2.9-10)

We may experience it

i) Multiplied to us

- Jude 2 Mercy unto you, and peace and **love, be multiplied.**

ii) Outpoured upon us

- Ro 5.5 the love of God is **shed abroad in our hearts** by the Holy Ghost
- Cp Ti 3.6 (the Holy Ghost) which he shed on us abundantly
- Cp Acts 2.17,33

And that love which is poured into us can flow ever increasingly from us

i) Abundantly/overflowing-ly

- 2 Cor 8.7 **as ye abound ... in your love** to us
- 2 Th 1.3 **the charity of every one of you all** toward each other **aboundeth**
- 1 Th 3.12 the Lord make you to **increase and abound in love** one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you

ii) More abundantly

- 2 Cor 2.4 I wrote unto you with many tears ... that ye might know **the love which I have more abundantly unto you.**

- 2 Cor 12.15 I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though ***the more abundantly I love you***, the less I be loved.

iii) **More & more abundantly**

- Phil 1.9 this I pray, ***that your love may abound yet more and more***

The unspeakable effect of the full revelation of the extent of His love

- Eph 3.18-19 (that you) may be able to comprehend... and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, ***that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.***

Quote

- One of them said, "If all the ocean was ink, and every stalk on earth a quill, and all the skies of parchment made, to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry, or could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky." It's love, not love for one another, not love for the world, ***but the love of God.*** The love for your wife is "phileo" love. The love for God is "agapao" love, million miles higher. Every love, not agapao love, is perverted love which has an end. And everything that had a beginning has an end. And human love had a beginning and it has an end. Oh, the blessed eternal God, ***love of God, had no beginning; and it'll never have an end.*** When the oceans have wept themselves into deserts, and the world has got so full of sin, till the heavens have turned its back on it, and it staggers out through space, like a drunk man coming home, ***the love of God shall still endure***, saints' and angels' song.

9.

DIVINE LOVE

Love is of God, in fact Love is God

*How is such love possible? What is its source?
"the God of love" (2 Cor 13.11); "God is love." (1 Jn 4.8)*

Scriptures

We are to love as God

- Mt 5.43-48 ***Love*** your enemies ... ***That ye may be the children of your Father*** which is in heaven ... ***Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father*** which is in heaven is perfect.
- Jn 13.34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; ***as I have loved you, that ye also love one another***
- Jn 15.12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, ***as I have loved you.***
- Eph 5.2 walk in love, ***as Christ also hath loved us***
- Eph 5.25 love your wives, ***even as Christ also loved the church***

How can this be? Because such love is from Him and through Him

- Eph 6.23 Peace be to the brethren, and ***love... from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ***
- 1 P 1.22 ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth ***through the Spirit*** unto unfeigned love of the brethren

Even better, it is the love of Him

1) Of God the Father

- Jn 5.42 But I know you, that ye have not ***the love of God in you.***
- Jn 17.26 ***that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them***
- 2 Th 3.5 ***the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God,***
- 1 Jn 2.5 whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is ***the love of God perfected***
- 1 Jn 2.15 If any man love the world, ***the love of the Father*** is not ***in him.***
- 1 Jn 4.12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and ***his love is perfected in us.***

2) Of Christ

- 2 Cor 5.14 ***the love of Christ constraineth us***
- 1 Tim 1.14 with faith and ***love which is in Christ Jesus***
- 2 Tim 1.13 ***Hold fast... in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus***

3) Of the Spirit

- Ro 5.5 ***the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost***
- Ro 15.30 I beseech you, brethren... for ***the love of the Spirit***
- Gal 5.22 But ***the fruit of the Spirit is love***
- Col 1.8 Who also declared unto us ***your love in the Spirit.***
- 2 Tim 1.7 ***God hath not given us the spirit*** of fear; but of power, and ***of love***

In fact, such love is Him

- 1 Jn 4.8 God is love

Quotes

Love is only of God

- I am nothing until charity comes in, which is love. **Love is grace. The grace of God that does all.**
- Compassion and **love is the will of God. And you can only exercise that as God gives it**, not human, emotional passion, not emotional love, but **Divine Love, which can only be rendered and given by God.**
- You can't impersonate love. You've got to have it. **It's got to be a product that God has given you**

The Nature of Divine Love: Phileo vs Agapao Love

- there's two different kinds of love: there's human love... And then Agapao love is the high love or Divine love. Now, you take like the phileo love, when we have that, love, a mother for her baby will drive her right straight to a flaming fire to save that baby's life. It'll make a man, for his sweetheart, lay down his life any time... That's just human love. And I believe somewhere in the Bible it said, **"Could a mother forget her little suckling babe (Isa 49.15)?" Said, "You may, but I can never forget you, for you're engraved on the palms of My hand."** So how could God ever forsake us, or anything, as long as He loves us like that?
- You have one love, which is human love, Phileo, called in the Greek. Then you have Agapao love, which is Divine love. They're contrary one to another. Phileo love would make you shoot your brother because he loved your wife. But Agapao love would make you put your arm around him and pray for him.
- There two different kinds of love spoke of in the Bible... one of them is called phileo, and the other one's called agapao. Phileo is earthly love, we have one for another. Now... You love your wife, but the love that you have for her would... If another man insulted her, you'd kill the man for it (See?), because that's phileo love. But agapao is Divine love. That's same love would make you pray for that man's soul that insulted your wife. It's altogether different.
- love is in two different words, two different meanings. In the Greek, one of them is called "phileo"; that's the love that you have for your wife. "Agapao" is the love, Divine love. Now, the love that you have for your wife, and the love of God is so contrary. Just listen to this. The love that you have for your wife, if a man would insult her, you would kill him on the spot, with that kind of a love, a phileo love. But with Agapao love, you'd pray for his lost soul. That'd be the difference. There's two different types of love. And I'm almost sure that many of us have been deceived with having phileo love and thinking it's Agapao love. Phileo love is intellectual; Agapao love comes from the heart (Ro 5.5).
- The phileo love, which the Greek word comes from friendship, like you have for your wife. There's a difference between phileo and agapao love. Phileo will make a mother for that baby, run through a blazing fire. Her life means nothing. That's phileo. What will agapao do, the godly love? We must love, divine love one another. Then you don't see your brother's mistake (Pro 17.9; Col 3.12-14). If he does make a mistake, you... look over the top of it, and you love him anyhow. See? That's it. Love those that love you. Then does not the sinner do the same thing? But love those who don't love you. That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you, 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy (Ro 5.6-8)... And that Spirit's in you, it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend (Mt 5.43-48).

Such love comes by the new birth, reproducing Christ in you

- What is love? Is God (1 Jn 4.16). **How does God come to you? By birth (Jn 1.13).**

- if He will come tonight and **reproduce the Life of His beloved Son in the Church**, then you love Him more and more all the time.

To be in Christ is to walk in the Spirit & in perfect divine love

- **How do you get in that body?** ... "There's therefore now no condemnation to them that are **in Christ Jesus, that walk** not **after** the flesh, but **the Spirit** (Ro 8.1)" ... **They walk in the Spirit of God in perfect Divine love** (Eph 5.2)... How do you get into it? By joining church, by shaking hands, by water baptism? No, sir (1 Cor 12.13).

Love is of the Spirit

- **let the Holy Spirit... lead us all into that... perfect love one for another.** Make us, Lord, so much in love, that it'd be hard to leave the building. Just tie our hearts together as one, and may we be in one accord...
- Oh, all these things, or even gifts, miracles of healing, they shall all be done away with. Only that Divine love shall last. God, create that in their heart, and let them know that **that is the Spirit that brings forth the fruits.**
- **They walk in the Spirit of God in perfect Divine love** (Ro 15.30; Col 1.8; 2 Tim 1.7).
- You have for your wife a phileo love... If you'd catch a man insulting her, you'd kill the man for it. That's phileo love. But **agapao love** would make you pray for his lost soul. That's the difference. ... it ain't some kind of an effectual, worked up mental condition. It's a absolutely, genuine **Holy Spirit of God that binds our hearts together in Christian fellowship and love.**
- love those who don't love you. **That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you,** 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy (Ro 5.6-8)... And **that Spirit's in you,** it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend (Mt 5.43-48).

In fact, the Holy Spirit is divine love

- God, **place within her heart tonight: that divine love, that Holy Spirit of God,**
- How can that be Divine love if it isn't the Holy Spirit? **The Holy Spirit is Divine love.**

10.

PERFECT LOVE

The Prophetic Word for This day

Scriptures

We are to love perfectly, just like the Father

- Mt 5.43-48 **Love** your enemies ... ***That ye may be the children of your Father*** which is in heaven ... ***Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father*** which is in heaven is perfect.

Such love is attainable

- 1 Jn 4.12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and ***his love is perfected in us.***
- 1 Jn 4.17-18 ***Herein is our love made perfect***, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment... There is no fear in love; but ***perfect love*** casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not ***made perfect in love.***

It is attainable in this world, not only in the next

- 1 Jn 4.17 Herein is our ***love made perfect***, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because ***as he is, so are we in this world.***

How?

- 1 Jn 2.5 ***whoso keepeth his word***, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
- 1 Jn 4.16-17 ***he that dwelleth in love*** dwelleth in God, and God in him. ***Herein*** is our love made perfect

Such love will bring us to:

i) A full understanding & experience of the mystery of God

- Col 2.2 (NKJ) That their hearts may be encouraged, ***being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God (i.e. Christ in you, the hope of the restoration of the original glory, the original perfection, Col 1.27)***
- Eph 3.14-19 For this cause I bow my knee unto unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... That he would grant you... to be strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man: that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: ***that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height: and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge***, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

ii) A perfect man

- Eph 4.13-16 Till we all come... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we... ***speaking the truth in love***, may grow up into him in all things... 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.***

Quotes

Exhortation to perfect love

- "Where there's tongues, it'll cease. Where there's knowledge, it'll vanish." Where there's faith, it'll fail, and all these things here. "But **when that which is perfect come, which is love**, it will never pass away." That's right, the love of Christ.
- **may He lead us all into that... perfect love one for another.**
- **seek to enter in to the hidden manna where the full revelation of God is make love perfect in your heart, and you and God and everything else is at rest.**

How? By being baptised by the Spirit into the body of Christ

- But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part will be done away with." See, that "perfect." **What is perfect? Love.** What is love? God. "Let us ... go on to perfection." You see it? **We're perfected through Christ. How do we get into it? By Holy Spirit baptism.**
- He said, "I, Myself, will come down into the world and take on human flesh. ... And **I'll make them perfect because I'll bring them in Me. And I am perfect.**" Then when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as God is perfect..." ... **And if we are in that body, we're just as perfect as the body is...** How do you get in it? The Bible said in Romans 8.1, "There's therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit."... **They walk in the Spirit of God** in perfect Divine love.

The coming perfection

- **These people who died in Christ are depending and waiting on us.** So **this Church has got to come to perfection** in order to bring the resurrection, and they're souls under the altar, **waiting for this Church to come to its perfection.** And up here when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed, not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. It'll have to be so **perfectly like Christ** till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home.

To conclude: Bro Branham's translation "Beyond the curtain of time"

i) An atmosphere of perfect love

- **everything was perfect love.** If I would try to say it was perfection, that wouldn't meet it. Sublime, that wouldn't meet it. I just don't have any words that I know in the English dialect to express what the place was. I never seen, or heard, or thought anything like it.

ii) That atmosphere was the Holy Spirit, who is perfect, divine love

- I heard a voice then that spoke to me... "**This is what you preached was the Holy Ghost. This is perfect love...**"
- And that voice said, "**This is perfect love.**" Said, "**Isn't that what you spoke the Holy Spirit was?**"
- And I've always taught: **The evidence of the Holy Ghost is perfect love.**

iii) Only perfect love can enter that place

- **Except** you are borned again, and **the Spirit of God of love comes into your heart**, you'll certainly miss that place.
- I heard a voice then that spoke to me... "This is what you preached was the Holy Ghost. This is perfect love. **And nothing can enter here without it.**"
- **there's only one thing that can enter that; that's perfect love.** Not because you're loyal to the Branham Tabernacle, or the Methodist church, or Baptist church, them's all right; you should be... Not because you spoke with tongues, danced in the Spirit, because you cast out devils, or moved mountains with faith. That all's all right, for

that's all right, but still ***unless that real perfect love is in there... That's the only thing that can stay there, it's the only thing there was, there***

- ***I'LL SPEAK IT IN THE NAME OF THE LORD: Except you have that perfect love, you'll never be there, 'cause nothing could ever be there without it.*** Your spirit would be out of place there. It couldn't come; there'd be no way for it to come.
- When I think there, when I stood there for those few joyful moments, and thought, "... there's no sickness; there's no sorrow. There's no little bit of happiness, then a whole lot of happiness; it's all happiness. Oh, my. Oh, when I stood there, and I said, "What is this?" (1 Cor 2.9-10). That Voice said, "This is perfect love, and everything that you ever loved and everything that ever loved you is here with you now." ***THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place,*** for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love.

iv) So...

- So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you.
- whatever you do, friends, ***lay aside everything else till you get perfect love.*** Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else.

APPENDIX 1

Fuller quotes of Bro Branham from *Spiritual Building Stones No 25, 32, 127, 145*, collated by G Rodewald, from which the above summaries are compiled.

Spiritual Building-Stone No 25 But When That Which is Perfect Is Come

But brother, if you do speak with tongues, and then you continue to live the life that you once lived, then there's something wrong with your experience. Just only thing you're leaning upon is speaking with tongues, don't you try that. You'll go over the falls, and that boat will never stand up to it.

Where there is tongues they shall cease. Where there is prophecies it shall fail. But when that which is perfect is come... Oh, that love of God so rich and pure, fathomless and strong... Then these other gifts will work right in with it. See? That's gifts of the Holy Spirit that's given to you, speaking in tongues, prophesying and whatmore, interpretations. That's to edify the church, for the edification of the body (I Cor. 14:12). But first receive the Holy Ghost, that you see that your life is changed (I Cor. 12:13). ***"The Unchangeable God Working in an Unexpected Way" (62-0120), E-92***

I would that every member of my church spoke with tongues. I would like for them to do that, and I believe if you ask God, God will grant it to you. But let me tell you; I know plenty people that speak in tongues and haven't got the Holy Ghost. And there's not a minister that's true with himself and with his congregation but what will tell his congregation the same. The devil can impersonate that.

Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, though I understand all the mysteries of the Word, though I give all my goods to the poor, and all these things, and have not charity, I still am nothing. I have faith that I can move mountains and so forth; I'm still nothing." Then he said, "That which is in part will be done away with when that which is perfect is come," or when that which is perfect is made known. ***"Questions & Answers" (64-0823E), COD 1005, 1030, 1017***

Now, Paul said it in I Corinthians 13, the next, he said now, that, "Though I speak with tongues of men and angels (that's both kinds) and have not love, I'm nothing. Though I have wisdom..." Now, he's talking about these gifts up here in the body, having gifts without the Giver, Love. See? Though I have wisdom and understand all knowledge of God, all the Scripture, can put them together like any great theologian, and have not love, which is the Holy Spirit, I'm nothing." Now, we know that the Holy Spirit is God (John 4:24). We have to admit that. See? That's God. Well then, God is love (I John 4:16). See? So you can have any of the gifts of God without having God. God is love, and Satan can impersonate any of those gifts. See, he can impersonate pretty near anything 'cause he perverts. Sin is righteousness perverted. ***"Debate on Tongues" (60-0807), E-7***

Now, here, no matter how much you are right, here's one thing that we fail and miss, my brothers. No matter how right I am, and how Scriptural I am, and how much I know about God's Bible, if I haven't got the Spirit of God of love in my heart (Rom. 5:5) for the whole human race and all, then I'm wrong to begin with. So if I know all the mysteries of God and can unroll them and make them all hit together, and I don't have love, what good does it do? ***"The Godhead Explained" (61-0425B), 36*** I am nothing until charity comes in, which is love. Love is grace. The grace of God that does all. ***"The Message of Grace" (610827), 145***

So get Christ in your heart; that's a real... Christ and the Holy Spirit's the same thing. Holy Spirit, "Christ" means "the anointed One." And the Holy Spirit is that Anointing, and you are the one that's anointed. See? And it's Christ in you anointing you. See what I mean?

Then you got the right thing. Then He can use you to anything He wants to use you in, 'cause you're in the body and subject to any of those gifts (I Cor. 12). But see, to have one of the gifts outside of the body, it would do you no good. Don't depend on those things. The Holy Spirit is a Being; It's God, God in you, the Person, God, that's lit your whole entire being. You're changed; you're a new creature (II Cor. 5:17). Any little thing that's wrong, He'll tell you that's wrong, then quit; don't do it. "Father, I didn't mean to do that, You forgive me." See? And that's the Holy Spirit. ***"Questions & Answers" (64-0830M), COD 1079***

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,... though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it prevaleth me nothing." See, all your good works, all your good deeds, all the spiritual things you have, all the gifts you have, all the sensations you have, all the joy you have, all the peace you have has nothing at all to do with it to begin with. Think of that just a moment. Look at all those gifts, all those good things. "I feed the poor, I've got a good heart about me. I do this. I do that. I go to church. I speak with tongues. I prophesy. I heal the sick. I preach the Gospel (Matt. 7:21-23). I do these things." Paul said, "Still I am nothing." All those things can be carnally impersonated. Charity; love. What is love? Is God. How does God come to you? By birth. See? (John 3:3-8). ***"Corinthians, Book Of Correction" (57-0414), E-24***

The Holy Spirit so beautifully coming down and bathing us in His great beauty, I was just inspired to speak them words and say that, "Some glorious day that all of the gifts that's in the Church, will just be set aside on the mantle, as it was. And the Holy Spirit Himself will just take the Church in such a control of Divine love until the sick will be healed, the blind will see, the lame will walk, without being hands laid on them. It'll just be one great unity." ***"Then Jesus came" (57-0407E), E-5*** Genuine love is corrective, and brings you back to the Word of God. ***"Possessing The Gate of the Enemy after Trial" (64-0322), 148*** See, the main thing is, love God, and humble yourself with it. ***"Humble thyself" (63-0714E), 93*** God has to give it. Then love produces a fellowship. The day that sin had separated that Divine love, God told Adam and Eve not to eat these certain fruits, and they did, and sin brought separation. And sin by separation brought hatred, malice, strife, envy. Is that right? What happened? They separated from Divine love. And when you separate from Divine love, then you can't overlook your brother's mistakes no more. You got to bawl him out for it (I John 2:10). That's right. You can't overlook sister's mistakes no more. Because you've got away from that Divine part, that love part. But if you really love the Lord Jesus, if sister or brother, does something to you, "Oh, well, that's all right, they didn't mean to do it." That's the kind of love that Christ had, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." (Luke 23:34). ***"The Way to Have Fellowship" (551009), E-33***

And, brethren, we have drawn little circles of laws and different things, and we're still never come to the real kernel. It's Jesus Christ the love of God, that God wants us to see. What a pity. Love is the greatest, most powerful weapon that this world has ever seen or knowed of. It's a dying for love. The church is perishing for love, the love of God's waters of grace to flow one to another.

When confidence is restored, when justice is restored between us, the love of God that's shed abroad in our hearts by the denomination... Something sounded wrong there, didn't it? The love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32), God's love to us... ***"Hear Ye Him" (57-0322), E-51***

That's why I want to put all my life for the Lord Jesus, everything that I can do for Him. And I can only serve Him as I serve His people. You can only love Him as you love each other. I can only love Him as I love you and you love me. And together we love God. And we become His children, in that I serve you, you serve me. And that's we're serving God. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done unto the least of these little ones, you have done it unto Me." (Matt. 25:40). So if we want a blessing, let's be a blessing to someone else, and a blessing will return. Like casting your bread upon the water, it'll return. And that's true. In all walks of life you'll find that. You usually reap just as you sow (Gal. 6:7-10). So let's do good. Talk good and be kind. And people talk about us, we'll say good things and kind things. And good things will come our way, if we'll give them out. ***"Law" (55-0115), E-17***

Now, you like me to tell, what I think is the greatest, most powerful force there is on earth? The mightiest force there is on earth is love. That's exactly. There's nothing that will break down love. No matter what it is. Whatever you are, or what you might've sang; you might've danced in the Spirit; you might've spoken with tongues; you might've shaken the elder's hand; you might've been baptized three times, this a way, backwards, face-forward, anyway you want to; but until love anchors in your heart, you're still out of God. That's right. You've got to have love. The Bible said, "God is love." The love is the strongest force. ***"Do You Now Believe?" (55-0610), E-26***

These people who died in Christ are depending and waiting on us. So this church has got to come to perfection in order to bring the resurrection (Heb. 11:39-40; 12:1), and they're souls under the altar, waiting for this church to come to its perfection. And up here when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed (II Peter 1:3-11), not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home. ***"The Stature of a Perfect Man" (62-1014M), p 53***

Spiritual Building-Stone No 32 ***The Holy Spirit Is Divine Love***

"Well," you say, "what good would it do to have faith?" Faith can sign my pardon, sure; there's value in faith. Don't be weary; don't be scared; don't be upset; just have faith and believe. And the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith (Gal. 5:6). Get it. Perfect love casts out all fear (I John 4:18). Wished I had time to tell you the experiences with wildlife, of what I've seen conquered by faith, by love. ***"The Way to Have Fellowship" (55-1009), E-27***

As long as you got fear you can't have faith. So you got to have love first. It drives all fear out, and then faith comes in, takes the place of fear. So when you have that you're coming right along. ***"Fellowship" (56-0212), E-5*** Fear companies doubt. Love companies faith. I love my Father. I'm not afraid of Him, because I love Him. He wouldn't hurt me. He will do good for me. ***"Hebrews Ch.6, Pt.2" (57-0908E), 381***

Perfect love casts out fear, and sin, all discord; love does. ***"Taking Sides with Jesus" (62-0601), 150***

I said, "Love produces faith, not faith, love." You have to love first, before you can have faith. So if you say you got faith, and don't Divinely love God, you're faith's in vain. See? You've got to love God. Therefore, you could join all the churches in the country, do anything you wanted to, make all the confessions you want to, but if there isn't genuine, real Holy Spirit,

born again love in your heart for God, your faith's in vain (II Peter 1:3-5). No matter how much you confess that you believe God, that has nothing to do with it. It's got to be born in the human heart. Then you got Eternal Life, can never be separated from God (Rom. 8:38-39). ***"The Lamb's Book of Life" (56-0603), E-40***

And faith and love is relation, because you can't have faith unless you got love, because your faith is in a God Who is the very essence of love. Faith and love works together. Here, just like a young couple. You take a young man and young woman, and they fall in love with one another. And as they go along and begin to know one another more, their hearts just begin to beat as one. See? They're not husband and wife, but their love binds them together, and they have confidence in one another. Now, if they really love one another, really love, and you know that this girl loves you and she knows that you love her, you've got confidence – faith in one another; if you didn't, you'd better not marry her. Notice, you got to have faith. And you separate them and put one extreme south and one extreme north, there's still that love beats for one another, no matter where they're at. They're just as true to one another as they can be, because they love one another. And if you love the Lord, just not trying to dodge hell, but you love the Lord, then you have faith in God; see, if you love Him. Like a young girl... just happened here in Louisville, not long ago. A woman, she was a Christian for many years, but her husband had just... fell in love, she fell in love with this man. He had been a Christian, a couple years. And so they got married; they loved and had confidence in one another, and they got married. And so the woman said to the man, said, "Hubby, it must be hard on you, you're just a young Christian. You've had so much to go through with." Drinking is what it was. Said, "You've had so much to go through with." And said, "I know you're bound to be tempted awfully hard." And said, "I want you to know one thing now. Now, if you happen to fall, if you happen to fall into temptation and is overcome, don't stay away from home; you come on back. You come right here, 'cause I'm going to be right here waiting for you, and I'm going to help you pray through again until you get victory. I'm going to stay with you, because when I married you, I married you because I loved you. And no matter what you are, I still love you." Few days after that, he was eating his lunch with the fellows down in the boiler room, he was telling them about it, said, "Now, how could a man ever do anything wrong when somebody loves you like that?" There you are. How could you trespass that confidence? And when we were sinners, alienated, without God; in the world, in that muck of mud, God come to us! God sought you, you never sought God (Rom. 10:20).

"No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first." (John 6:37,39,44). And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out! (Eph. 2:1-6). That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you were, and look what you are. What did that? Somebody that loved you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word. He caught me when I was nothing. I'm still nothing, but I'm in His hand. See, He caught me. And He loved me when I was unlovable. He loved you when you were unlovable, but He changed you. Just like the coloured sister said, that time in her testimony, she said, "I'm not what I ought to be, and I'm not what I want to be, then I'm not what I used to be!" She knew she had come somewhere, something happened. And that's the way it is. If God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up, that gives me confidence that He wants to use me. He's got a purpose in doing it (Rom. 8:28). He has seen something in me. He has seen something in you. He had a reason to save you, look at the people that are unsaved today. Look at the millions He could have taken beside you, but He took you. Amen! No one can take your place. Amen! You're in God's economy. No one can do it. That's His Love to you. Then, won't your love reach right back to Him? And there's a love affair. No matter what the situation is, its circumstances are governed by this Love that creates Faith: that God loves you and you love God, and you love one another, and that

brings the Faith. All right. Then it can't keep from bringing out just exactly what God promised it would do. Now, watch! Perfect Faith is pure, just as pure as love is. See? Now, when you love somebody, and you love your husband or you love your wife. Now, there's no need of anybody telling you "you don't" do it, because you do it, and you know you do it. Now, if I'd ask you, "How can you prove you do it?" "Oh, I prove it by the way I live to him." See? "I'm a true, honest wife. I'm a loyal, honest husband, and that proves to me that I love my wife; or I love my husband." See, your life proves what you are. The same thing Christianity does. See? Your faith, you have confidence in one another, it's pure. And it's something real, that you can't show it to somebody else, yet you got it, and your actions prove it. And when you got pure, unadulterated Faith, like your love is to your companion, then you prove it by the way you act. You ain't complaining no more, you know it's done, just walk along. No matter what the thing looks like, what anybody else says, you know what's happened. You know that it's finished; just as well as you know you love your husband. See, love and faith has to go together. They're kinfolks, they love. Love produces Faith. When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a Perfect Faith in a Perfect Word, like Jesus did (James 4:7). The Word of God is perfect. We're to have Perfect Faith in this Perfect Word, and resist Satan.

Notice now another. Perfect Faith is a master of all circumstances. Perfect Faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, It masters it. Now, just watch! When you believe anything, do anything, and you got faith in what you're doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that doesn't have one thing to do with it. See, it masters that circumstance. If it's in a room of sickness, and the Lord's revealed that this certain thing's going to happen, you just speak it and go on. **"Perfect Faith" (63-0825E), 126-139, 123** Now, love is in two different words, two different meanings. In the Greek, one of them is called "phileo"; that's the love that you have for your wife. "Agapao" is the love, Divine love. Now, the love that you have for your wife, and the love of God is so contrary. Just listen to this. The love that you have for your wife, if a man would insult her, you would kill him on the spot, with that kind of a love, a phileo love. But with Agapao love, you'd pray for his lost soul. That'd be the difference. There's two different types of love. And I'm almost sure that many of us have been deceived with having phileo love and thinking it's Agapao love. Phileo love is intellectual; Agapao love comes from the heart (Rom. 5:5). That's human love, affectionately love, and godly love. Godly love doesn't question. Human love reasons, but godly love doesn't. It's perfect in its trust. It's perfect... It just produces faith when you really love. [9] Now watch. The first is the perfect love, that's God's love, pure and unadulterated. The next, comes in there, is phileo love, that's love that you have for your wife and your children. The next, drops after that, is lustful love. The next is ungodly love. And just goes on down till it's filth, just keep on perverting, perverting. **"Hebrews Ch 4" (57-0901E), 223**

Love should govern the home. Love is the greatest force that was ever put into the power of man. A home that's not disciplined by love is not much of a home. If the husband and wife don't solemnly love each other, they cannot trust each other. That's why I think that instead of resting our faith upon some emotion (which is all right) or some gift (which is all right), like shouting, speaking with tongues, or with other things that we take for--saying that we have the Holy Spirit when we do this... Those things are all right. But if we would come back to the principle, love first, and then those things, I think our church would progress a lot faster, if we would get God first; and God is love. **"God Projecting His Love" (57-0806), E-5-6, E-18**

John 14:23, Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he'll keep My Words." Now you can't keep His Words without having faith in what He said. So, you see, if he loves God, then he keeps God's Word. If He said, "I'm the Lord that healed thee," (Exod. 15:20), he believes that. Love makes him believe it, because love dominates all. "Though I speak with tongue of man and

Angels, have not love, it's nothing, see. Though I have faith to move mountains, and have not love, it's nothing." (I Cor. 13). Love dominates all, 'cause God is love, a God of love (I John 4:16). Now, yes, sir! If Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My Words."

Desperation" (63-0901E), 73

Listen to this: A true translation that I proclaim, of prophecy said over Brother Branham, given by Danny Henry in French, February the 11th, 1961, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast. Now, here is what It said:

"Because thou has chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou has walked in your own choosing. Now, I can see that. Moses had to make his choice, too. Thou hast picked the precise and correct way, correct decision, and it is My Way. Underlined, "My Way," the Holy Spirit speaking back. Because of this momentous decision, a huge portion of Heaven awaits thee. What a glorious decision thou has made. This in itself is that which will make, and come to pass, the tremendous victory in the love Divine." Now the U.N. interpreter interpreted that. And the boy knows not one word, never heard of such a thing as speaking in tongues. Just happened to drop in there, and heard that music, and said... come up there and stand up there and listen at me preach. Now, "in the love Divine," Divine love. How can that be Divine love if it isn't the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is Divine love. (Rom. 15:30).

"Standing in the Gap" (63-0623M), 135-138

Oh, brother, God gave the Holy Spirit, God's Love to control the church, not smart, educated, but love. Gifts go in the church, but it doesn't control the church. Love controls the church. "God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son." (John 3:16). His love constrained Him to do it. When Divine love is projected, grace produces its object. And God loved the world so much till sovereign grace projected a Saviour to the world. Yes, indeed. And when you love God so much, sovereign grace will project to you the baptism of the Holy Ghost to make you live, and love, and to be a real Christian. ***"Why Some People Can't Keep the Victory" (57-0324), E-70***

You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying. Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exhorted us to, "Much more as we see that day approaching," (Heb. 10:24-25) to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, "to assemble ourselves together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:6) and love one another. "This will all man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other" (John 13:35). ***"Christ Is the Mystery of God Revealed" (63-0728), 84-85***

One of them said, "If all the ocean was ink, and every stalk on earth a quill, and all the skies of parchment made, to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry, or could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky." It's love, not love for one another, not love for the world, but the love of God. The love for your wife is "phileo" love. The love for God is "agapao" love, million miles higher. Every love, not agapao love, is perverted love which has an end. And everything that had a beginning has an end. And human love had a beginning and it has an end. Oh, the blessed eternal God, love of God, had no beginning; and it'll never have an end. When the oceans have wept themselves into deserts, and the world has got so full of sin, till the heavens have turned its back on it, and it staggers out through space, like a drunk man coming home, the love of God shall still endure, saints' and angels' song (I Cor. 13:1-13). ***"Hear Ye Him" (58-0209A), E-44***

Spiritual Building-Stone No 111

The Strongest Weapons

4) Love of God:

We've still never come to the real kernel. It's Jesus Christ the love of God, that God wants us to see. What a pity. Love is the greatest, most powerful weapon that this world has ever seen or knowed of. The love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit, God's love to us (Romans 5:5). **"Hear Ye Him" (57-0322), 51**

I've got a slogan: "Do right; it's your duty to God. Think right; that's your duty to yourself. And you've got to come out right." And if you'll try to practice the right thing, it'll grow around you just like a vine; it'll hug you into it. And if you can't love your enemy just as much as you love those who love you, there's something wrong somewhere. Now, just think: "It's my duty to love my enemy." You've got to really love him. But let me tell you a little secret. The most powerful force in the world isn't speaking with tongues, or interpreting tongues, or being honoured by God to be a minister, or to be an evangelist, or to be a prophet; the most powerful weapon that I've ever found in my life, is love. The phileo love, which the Greek word comes from friendship, like you have for your wife. There's a difference between phileo and agapao love. Phileo will make a mother for that baby, run through a blazing fire. Her life means nothing. That's phileo. What will agapao do, the godly love? We must love, divine love one another. Then you don't see your brother's mistake (I John 2:10; Prov. 17:9). If he does make a mistake, you never, you look over the top of it, and you love him anyhow. See? That's it. Love those that love you. Then does not the sinner do the same thing? But love those who don't love you. That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you, 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy (Rom. 5:6-8). And He loved you. And that Spirit's in you, it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend (Matt. 5:43-48). **"From That Time" (61-0415B), 25-27**

Evil spirits are not cast out by cruel indifferent living. The most powerful weapon there is in the world is love (I Cor. 13:1-13; II Cor. 5:14). Put me beneath the veil, under the Blood of the Lord Jesus. Take all your gifts that you have in the Scripture. The devil can impersonate every one of them; but he can't impersonate love, 'cause love is genuine. The devil can't love. That's one thing he can't do. And when you get to a place that you love one another, and all the world is dead... (John 13:34-35). **"Why Are People So Tossed About" (56-0101), 28+30**

Spiritual Building-Stone No. 145

Love Will Do It

That's what the evidence is, brother; you've passed from death unto Life (John 5:24). And all the things that you once done, passed away, because the Life of Jesus Christ has put the Holy Spirit into, controlling you a new creature (II Cor. 5:17). And once purged has no more desire of sin as long as you live on earth (Heb. 10:2). So if you're constantly weak and falling up-and-down, remember, you might have a mental acceptation of it, but never an experience of being born again, when meekness, gentleness and patience takes the place of this mental theology... Oh, you say, "Listen here, I study the Bible. Our pastor and so forth, I took Bible lessons."

Yes, the devil has too. He knows more about it than you'll ever know. That's right. But there's one thing: he can't get the Holy Ghost. You can. That's right. So as long as he can't get to you... For you are dead, your life is hid in God and sealed by the Holy Ghost (Col. 3:1-4). How could he ever get you? The first thing, you're dead. Did you ever hear a dead man tell a lie? Did you ever hear a dead man fuss back at you? Stand at the casket and fuss at him all night, he will never say a word. Why? He's dead (Gal. 2:19-20). And you reckon yourself

dead (Rom. 6:5-11), and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost. The only way the devil could ever get you, he'd have come through the same washings that you came through (Eph. 5:26), and receive the same Spirit you did, and then he'd be your brother. See? So he can't get you. It's you that's never come to Christ right in the first place. You get to a place, say, "Well, Brother Branham, you know the Lord never did sanctify me from this." If He sanctified you from one thing, He sanctified you from all of it (Heb. 10:10,14; 13:12). He takes your whole soul, body, and spirit (I Thess. 5:23-24). That's right. Don't be deceived, brother. So if you're constantly on the up-and-down, remember brother, you have never correctly ever come to Jesus Christ yet. The Bible said, "Love not the world, and neither the things of the world." And if you love the world, the love of God's not even in you... (I John 2:15-17). You're only emotionally, mentally worked up for some kind of a churchanity, some kind of a theology that's been taught you, and never in your life have you ever come face to face, and met Jesus Christ, and been born again. For if you once fall in love with Christ, the world dies right then for eternity. For you're sealed by the Holy Ghost until the day of your redemption, and you're dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed there by the Holy Ghost (Eph. 4:30). Your destination is determined right then, when you're sealed by the Holy Ghost. ***"The Law Having a Shadow" (54-1203), 57-59***

Many times we get mixed up on what goodness is. We get mixed up on what sympathy is, compassion. Watch this just a moment for compassion. How many believe that Jesus Christ was compassion? (James 5:11). Why, certainly He was. Now, He went down to the pool of Bethesda, and there laid multitudes. It takes two thousand to make one multitude. So there were multitudes of people laying there, lame, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. And Jesus looked around through that multitudes of people until He found a man that was, well, he wasn't crippled. He said, "When I'm going down to the pool, somebody steps in ahead of me." (John 5:1-15).

His disease, he'd had it for thirty-eight years; it wasn't going to kill him. It was retarded, perhaps TB, or prostate trouble, or something. And he was laying on a pallet. And Jesus made him whole, and walked away, and left that great mass of people withered, and halt, and lame, and blind (Is that right?), and yet had compassion, a compassionate Saviour. Did you notice what He said when they asked Him about it in the 19th verse? He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise" (John 5:19-20). Compassionate is to do the will of God. And that's what real Christian compassionate is, is do the will of God. We mix it all up today. We try to put the human element to it. Like in love, we try to use love, God's love, like we do human love. You cannot fall in love with God like you do your wife. You cannot fall in love with God like you do your husband, or your girlfriend, or boyfriend. It's two different loves altogether. Even in the Greek words are different. One of them's called Phileo; that's the love you have for your wife. That kind of love would make you kill a man over--jealous... But the Agapao love, which is the godly love, instead of killing the man, it'd make you pray for his sinful soul. That's right. That's how much difference it is. And we get the human element mixed up with the Christian, godly element, and then we just get a mess out of it. Because we only know by inches, feet, miles, and so forth, by ounces, and pounds and so forth; that's all we know. We're time people. God's eternal; He has no inches, no miles, no yesterday, nor tomorrow. It's all eternity with Him. And we try to bring God's great infinite mind down to our little finite mind. And, oh, we just get mixed up. So the best thing in doing, is reading His Word; and remember that His Word will not contradict Itself. ***"Hear Ye Him" (60-0712), 5-7***

If you want to be a real outstanding person in your church, wherever church you go to, you just fall in love with God with all your heart (Matt. 22:34-40); and when you do that, you will fall in love with every member of your church, and every member of everybody else's church

with all your heart. Now, you can't bluff that. Now, there's something about it that people know. If there's anything I can contribute the success of my meetings to, earthly speaking, is to know that people have a conscious to know that I truly love people. I just love people. And they know that. You can't fool them on that. Just like Christianity, if you're pretending to be a Christian, you will never make a go of it. No, sir. It's absolutely got to be there. That's all. Love will do it (I Tim. 1:3-5). **"Do You Now Believe" (55-0610), 28-29**

"Ephesus" means "let go, relax, backslidden," called by God, "The backslidden church." God acknowledged first their works, their labour, and their patience. God rebuked their leaving their first love, for backsliding, and for no longer bearing Light. Ephesus was not a deceived church; it failed itself by not continuing in perfect love (Rev. 2:2-6). **"The Ephesian Church Age" (60-1205), 73**

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." To understand this you must realize that the Spirit is not speaking to the original saints of Ephesus alone. This message is to the entire age which lasted about 120 years. Its message, then, is to all the generations in that span. Now history keeps repeating itself. In the generations of Israel we see revival in one generation, only to see the fires fading in the next. In the third generation, embers may be glowing slightly, but in the fourth there may be no vestige whatsoever of that original flame. Then God lights the fire again, and the same process is repeated. It is simply the manifestation of the truth that God has no grandchildren. Salvation is not passed on by natural birth any more than is there any truth to apostolic succession. It isn't in the Word. You start out with truly born-again believers, and when the next generation comes along they are no longer just plain Christians, but they have taken a denominational name and are now Baptists, Methodists, etc. That is exactly what they are, too. They are not Christians. You have to be born of the will of God, not the will of man, to be saved (John 3:5-8; I Peter 1:23). But these folks are all coming together now by the will of man. I don't say that some of them aren't right with God. Not for a minute do I say that, but the original fire has died down. They are not the same any more. The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel. They demanded a king to be like the other nations (I Sam. 8). When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting. That cycle of revival and death has never failed. All you have to do is recall this last move of God in the Spirit when men and women dressed like Christians, went to church, prayed all night, took to street corners and weren't ashamed of the manifestations of the Spirit. They left their old dead churches and worshipped in homes or old store buildings. They had reality. But it wasn't too long a time until they began to get enough money to build fine new churches. They put in a choir instead of singing unto God for themselves. They put gowns on the choir. They organized a movement and ran it by man. They soon began to read books that weren't fit to read. They let down the bars and goats came in and took over. The cry of joy was gone.

The freedom of the Spirit was gone. Oh, they kept on with a form; but the fire had died down and the blackness of ashes is about all that is left. John understood what it was to love God. That great apostle of love would certainly see it when the church began to lose that first love

of God. In I John 5:3, he says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (His Word)." One little deviation from that Word was a step away from Christ. People say they love God, they go to church, they even shout and rejoice and sing and have a great emotional time. But when it is all over, watch and see if they are in that WORD, walking in it, living in it. If they go through all the other and then don't walk in that Word, they can say they love God but their lives tell another story. I wonder if John didn't see a lot of that before he died; people saying they loved God but not obeying His Word. Oh, Ephesian Church, something is happening to you. Someone is trying to either add to that Word or take from it. But they are doing it so subtly that you can't see it. They haven't made a move so big you can see it out there in the open. It is under cover, and they are bringing it by way of reason and human understanding and it will take over unless you refuse it. Go back to Pentecost before it is too late! But as usual people don't heed God's warning. That revival fire built upon the sacred Word is so wonderful, and the manifestation of the Spirit so blessed, that a little fear creeps in and a whisper in the heart says, "How can we protect this truth we have? What can we do to see this revival goes on?" That is when the "antichrist spirit" comes in and whispers, "Look, you have the truth now, see that it doesn't get lost. Organize and set up your creed of what you believe. Put it all in a church manual." And they do it. They organize. They add to the Word. And they die just like Eve did for taking One wrong word. It's God's Word that brings life. And it's not what we say about the Word that counts, but it's what God said. **"Ephesian Church Age", CAB p 88-89**

It's been so much to me since that what happened to me (when the Prophet of God was beyond the curtain of time), I don't know. When I think there, when I stood there for those few joyful moments, and thought, "There's no tomorrow." There was no yesterday; there's no sickness; there's no sorrow. There's no little bit of happiness, then a whole lot of happiness; it's all happiness. Oh, my. Oh, when I stood there, and I said, "What is this?" (I Cor. 2:9-10). That Voice said, "This is perfect love, and everything that you ever loved and everything that ever loved you is here with you now." Thus saith the Lord, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else until you are just so filled with the love of God till you can love those who hate you (Matt. 5:43-48). **"Adoption Pt 4" (60-0522E), 89-90, 104**

But I don't serve the Lord because I think He'd send me to hell if I didn't; I serve Him because I love Him. I serve Him because there's something in me. If you go out and say, "Well, I have to quit doing this because my church doesn't believe in it," you're just playing the part of a hypocrite. That's right. But if you do it because that you love it, and it's a contribution to God, and something in your heart making the love of God so greater to you than these things, now you're on the right line. **"Questions & Answers" (59-0628E), 114**

Now, God knows every one of us. So if He will come tonight and reproduce the Life of His beloved Son in the Church, then you love Him more and more all the time. Just fall in love with Him and keep Him on your heart. And just don't notice what people say. Just keep in love with Christ Jesus, and He will lead you into the shady green pastures. God bless you. **"Healing Line" (53-0907E), 4**

Spiritual Building-Stone No 127 Let Brotherly Love Continue

If you want to be a blessing, and get a blessing, when a man has done you wrong... I mean he has done you wrong and you know that he's done you wrong; he's done you evil. Don't

mention that; you take him to prayer before God. And don't take it in a way of just a selfish and say, "Well, I'm supposed to do this." But stand with your shoulder to his shoulder, and stand in the Presence of God our Father, way a prayer should be made in the Presence of God, say, "Father, here's my brother, and he is justly; he deserves punishment because he's done me evil. And I don't see why he did it." Then let God go to talking to you. And you'll see maybe, what that man's been through. The Devil has twisted him up somewhere and caused him to do that. Though he's absolutely wrong, before you leave the throne of God you'll be feeling sorry for that man. You'll be sympathizing with that brother. And when you get back down to earth again, you'll go over to that brother and shake his hand, 'cause you know what he's been through. You can't stand with a mortal in the Presence of God and condemn anybody, I don't believe, no, sir, even if he is a rank sinner. And what about a brother that has made a mistake? Though I say he's wrong. Sometimes he's accused wrong when he's not wrong. But if he is wrong, well, if we will take him to the throne of God, stand there shoulder-to-shoulder with our brother, knowing he's a mortal, and maybe his destination rests upon our attitude towards him, when we come back from the throne of God, we'll realize that we're everyone guilty, and we all need help one from the other. And the best way to do is pray. **"The Great Commission" (58-0301B), E12-E13**

All right. Coming in to perfection now... All right. Then sixthly, let's add, the Bible said here, adding brotherly love--brotherly kindness (II Peter 1:3-11). Now, that's a good one. Right here, the sixth one. All right, adding brotherly kindness. All right. When we get to that, brotherly kindness, put yourself in his place on the matter (Luke 6:31). Now, you say, "My brother sinned against me," said Peter, "Shall I forgive him?" He said, "Seven times a day?" (Matt. 18:21-22). He said, "Seventy times seven." See, brotherly kindness. Now, you see, if a brother's all out of tune, don't be impatient with him. See? No. See? Be kind to him. Go anyhow. Somebody said not long ago, said, "How can you believe these things the way you do and still go to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest of them? Well, see, brotherly kindness, hoping someday. See? Patience with him, temperance, enduring with him, knowledge to understand what he believes. And remember, it's in his heart. That's what it is; virtue in yourself to let it go out with kindness, meekness to him; having faith that someday God will bring him in. See? Brotherly kindness. **"Stature of a Perfect Man" (62-1014M), p 45**

"You can't draw me out, 'cause I love you. See, you just can't do it." I said, "There's too many of your brethren out there that love me and believe in me." I said, "They'll come anyhow." I said, "They'll come, and you can't draw me out. If you draw me out, I'll draw you back in." I said.... "When you make one circle, God, by His grace, will let me draw another one and pull you right back in." That's right. Draw them right back again... **"The Godhead Explained" (61-0425B), 253-254**

I have constantly done my very best to try to in disagreeing with men in religious terms; but if I couldn't take his hand afterwards, no matter how sharp the thing might be, and take ahold of his hands, and say, "this is in the light of a better understanding between us", and still love the person (not just say it from my lips, but from my heart), then I'm no subject at all to go out there and to try to talk to people. Because we must do that, we must love the person. See? And going amongst the people in all kinds of classes, and different cults, and clans, and religions and so forth, and trying to lay the Bible down, and say, "Let's discuss it not from your creed or from your book of ethics, but from the Bible." Maybe sometime men get up real sharp; but if I got one thought that I didn't like that person, then I know one thing, the Spirit of Christ has departed from me. If I can feel that I don't like that person, there's something wrong with me (I John 2:9-10). Because the Spirit of Christ, when they... At crucifying Him, and His Own people driving the nails, and His very creation that He created was putting the nails that He created back into His human flesh, and yet, with a heart full of

love He cried, "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they're doing." You see? (John 19:30). **"Shalom" (64-0112), 45-46**

Now, don't you listen to one foul thing the devil's got to say. See? If the devil shows you some, or tells you something evil about one of the members of the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13), don't you believe it. For as soon as you believe it, you mar your experience. And if you see one of the members of the Body of Christ doing something evil, don't tell nobody else; but go to that member, and with love, and see if you can't bring them back to Christ again. And if you can't do it, then tell one person, or let them go with you. Do it the way the Scripture said (Matt. 18:15-17). If somebody said, "Sister So-and-so, or Brother So-and-so," don't you believe one word of it. You just leave it go. Because, remember, it's the devil trying to tear you to pieces. Now, just look for him to come in, 'cause he'll do it. Now, you let the good man of the house, faith, stand right there, and don't you receive one thing (Matt. 12:29). These people have been set in heavenly places with you (Eph. 2:6), fellowship together around the blessings of God, taking the communion at the table, and the Holy Spirit has witnessed that they are the children of God (Rom. 8:16). So let's just be real sweet, kindhearted, forgiving, loving. And if the other person talks evil against you, you talk sweet against them. Watch how sweeter it comes to you then. That's right. Just always return good for evil, love for hate (Matt. 5:43-48). Now, be sure to do that. Pledge yourself that to God, "God, by Your grace, that's what I'll do." No matter when anyone says evil; return good. Don't think evil. If you do think evil, and you're just hypocritically saying it, then you're wrong. You just keep on consecrating yourself to God until you really feel good to that person. That's the way to do it. Then the sweetness of God's blessings will just, oh, it'll just cover your soul. That's the way to live victorious; then nothing can harm you as long as you're in love (I John 4:16). See, "If you have tongues, they'll cease. And if you have wisdom, it'll vanish. Prophecies, it'll fail. But when you got love, it'll endure for ever." (I Cor. 13:1-10). And don't love only those who love you, but love those who do not love you. For it's easy for me to love anybody that loves me, but try to love somebody who doesn't love you. That's where you can test whether you're a Christian or not; somebody that don't love you, and yet in your heart you love them... Now, if you don't do that, then just keep holding onto God. It's there, 'cause I know it to be the truth. Amen. I know that it's the truth. **"A Super Sense" (59-1227E), 35-41**

There's many times that a minister will make a mistake. And if he comes into a neighborhood, a precious brother who's trying to do what's right and to lead the people right, everything that the devil can point to the unbeliever or the so-called Christian in that neighborhood to throw off on that man, he'll do it. You know, the real Christian way is to hide everything you can from a brother (Prov. 17:9). Don't tell his bad things; just tell his good things. Just tell what you know about him that's good. If anything's bad, let it alone. The poor fellow's got enough against him anyhow. Don't try to take a pole and shove a man further into the ditch. The Christian attitude is to pick him up and take him out of the ditch. See? Don't never try to shove him down; he's down already. Try to help him up. But too many of us today, too many people today, I might say, try to do that. If they could just get something another that they could say that was real bad. Now, for instance, if one of you brethren would make a mistake and do something's wrong, which you're subject to do it; I am too, every one of us. But as we go along, let's remember we're brothers; we are brothers (Heb. 13:1). And if we've got any fighting, let's fight with one another. Bring it together. Bring it before our brethren and settle it. Now, they used to in the Branham family, if one of the little ones done something, they were going to tell Bill about it, 'cause I was the biggest. And I had to stand there and see which was right and wrong. Well, my decision was that if they, which one was right and wrong. If they still didn't believe it, then they got around behind my back and fought it out. But they were still brothers. You see? They'd fight in the back yard with one another and fight in the front yard for one another. So that's the way it was, and it,

were we still brothers. Well, that's the way we got to do this. See? And if you got something against somebody, your brother, don't tell somebody else about it if it's wrong, go to him and tell him. And then if he's going to argue with you, then take somebody else with you. Then bring it up the way the Bible said. **"Taking Sides with Jesus" (62-0601), 130-133**

As we see the great end sign and the time at hand, warning us: time is at hand... Oh, take this solemnly. We should love one another. Oh, my. We should be so in love. Don't never speak evil against one another. If somebody makes a mistake, pray for him, right quick. We are together in this with God. We are brothers and sisters. Oh, live godly. Live like daughters of God. Live like sons of God. Live sweet, kind, humble. Let no evil come in your mind in your thinking; just dismiss it (Phil. 4:8). If it knocks on the door, take it away, just show your Token. Just keep walking. "I'm under the Blood."

You should love one another (John 13:34-35). Believers should separate themselves from the world. Don't just take it now lightly. And then, you people that's listening to this on tape, you women, you men, you listen a minute! If you ever believed me, you believe it now! It's time to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible! Believe Jesus Christ; and love, and honor, and respect one another! Men, respect your wives; you respect your home. Bring your home together, because, you remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one. The whole home too had to be brought, everything had to be brought in (Exod. 12:3). We should love each other, and believers should separate themselves from the world. **"Token" (63-0901M), 243-244, 248-250**

Now, everybody wants to be loved. I tell you the truth. I do. I want God to love me, and I want the people to love me. That's exactly the truth. And if God loves me, then the people will love me. And if I love His people, then He will love me for doing it. God would rather I'd love you, than love Him. Did you know that? I'd rather you love my boy back there, no matter what you say about me. I want you to love my children. And any father would think that. So Father God thinks the same thing for He said, "Inasmuch as you have done unto the least of these, My little ones, you have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40). So if you want to love God, just start loving all of His children. And God will reward you. If you'll just love His children that shows the love of God is in you (Rom. 5:5). **"Elijah" (55-0301), E-11**

If it ever gets to a place that I couldn't put my arm around any brother that's working for the Kingdom of God, and recognize him as my brother, I feel I'm backslid. Amen. Sure. I'd be a scared to stand on the platform and face evil spirits, to know that I had envy in my heart against any brother, no matter who he is, that's trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ or live a Christian life. If we disagree a million miles upon theology, if he loves the Lord Jesus, he's my brother, and it's my sister. And we've drawn those lines. "And if you can't love your brother who you have seen, how can you love God Who you have never seen?" And brother, when love goes out, God goes with it, for God is love (I John 4:16). And you can never get anywhere without Divine love. And as you love one another, you love God. **"Where I Think Pentecost Failed" (55-1111), E-60**

And when you separate from Divine love, then you can't overlook your brother's mistakes no more (I John 2:10). You got to bawl him out for it. That's right. You can't overlook sister's mistakes no more. Because you've got away from that Divine part, that love part. But if you really love the Lord Jesus, if sister or brother, does something to you, "Oh, well, that's all right, they didn't mean to do it." That's the kind of love that Christ had, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." (Lk 23:34). **"The Way to Have Fellowship" (55-1009), E-33**

APPENDIX 2

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51-0508 FAITH.IS.THE.SUBSTANCE_ LOS.ANGELES.CA

E-16 So Paul said **it was possible for him to do those things without having the Giver**, "Though I speak with tongues as men and angels, and have not charity, it profit me nothing." See, see? All right.

Now, love one another. Above everything that you do, love one another. And as you love one another, you'll love God. See? You love each other and you'll love God. For God is love. And a man that walks in love, walks in life. And **perfect love casteth out all fear. Then if you can take Him at His Word, and not fear a bit about it. Say, "Lord, I love You; I know You're going to answer because You promised me You would, and I just know You're going to do it."** See? And it takes away all fear.

53-0328 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.4_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN IC 97-128

36 "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels and have not love, it profit me nothing. Though I have give all my goods to feed the poor, it profit me nothing. Though I have power to move mountains, and so forth, it profit me nothing. Where there is prophecies, it'll fail. And where there's tongues, it'll cease. And where there is knowledge, it'll vanish away. But **when perfect love has come into the human heart, all demons in hell will never be able to upset it.**"

53-0601 WHATEVER.HE.SAYS.TO.YOU.DO.IT_ CONNERSVILLE.IN

E-11 Now, **perfect faith, just like perfect love, casts out all fear, all doubting.** If you believe it, no matter what the symptoms are, what the results, you believe it just the same. Do you ever have something you just knew was going to happen? No matter what the--looked like it might not happen, but it's going to happen anyhow because you believe it that way.

53-0605 THE.BEGINNING.OF.JESUS.FAME_ CONNERSVILLE.IN _

E-5 ... probably some of you read of that night when **the maniac** run to the platform out there in Oregon--was going to take my life. Someone said, "Brother Branham, was you scared?" I said, "No, sir, not a bit." As long as Jesus is there, as long as He told me to do this, and I'm in His will, there's nothing to fear. See? As long as you're doing what He says do, and you know you're directly led, well then there's nothing to fear. **Perfect love casts out all fear. There's no fear in God. Love takes away fear.**

53-1212 THE.INSIDE.MAN_ CHICAGO.IL

E-24 And when he threwed some wood down, a great deadly beast, serpent, bit him right through the hand. And that beast was so deadly, till if it bit a person, they usually dropped dead within a minute or two. And so the natives said, "That man..." Said, "Look, his chains on him. He's a prisoner. He must be a murderer, because he's certainly... He might escape the storm, but he's just not going to escape that--this serpent and he's going to die." Now, look. A moment, Paul looked and seen it. This, this, and that all agreed. **There was not a speck of fear.** He said, "They--they'd take up serpents and it'll not harm them." He looked at that deathly bite, no fear. **If you fear, then--then Satan steps in. Satan's fear. But perfect love casts out all fear.** There you are. "I'm God's man. There hangs the serpent, but there's not one speck of fear here, here, or there." See? It's all in harmony.

E-25 He looked at the thing. He thought, "Well, well," shook it off in the fire, went over and got some more sticks and he had to put them on. "Why," you say, "Paul, aren't you afraid you'll fall dead?" "Why, certainly not, can't fall dead. The Holy Spirit's in me."

Now, the very Holy Spirit that made the heavens and earth had that man so charged with His power till that death in that--that fang of that serpent wouldn't even go into his body, because **his whole body was full of Spirit as same as it's full of blood**. See? And... Is that right?

E-26 And every little cell of blood is a life, and there you are all charged, full of the Holy Ghost. Why, certainly, they walked on water. They done great miracles and so forth. Why? They were so perfectly in harmony with God, that first church. And Christian friend, until we can get back to that...

Now, you... We can't argue and quarrel and fuss with denominations and ever get to it. Denominations won't bring us to it. It's **a perfect love and confidence in God**, just what brings it. See? There you... See? And you... And we may--we may shout; we may speak with tongues. We may--we may do--be great teachers of theology, we may have D.D.'s hanging on to us, but it'll never work until that, this, and this comes in harmony. See, that makes the...

54-0103M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

¹⁵² ...12. Brother Branham, I want to know the place where I can tie down and say "This man has the Holy Ghost because he did this, or this woman has the Holy Ghost because she did that." ...

¹⁶⁵ But it's **accepting the Person**, Christ Jesus, and these other things come right on in and they fit together. Let every member in this body this morning, let this little group of people, if we could pull the curtains down along on each side and every person in here **receive the Person, Christ Jesus**, there wouldn't never be a fuss; there would never be no argument. There'd just be a perfect love. Yet you'd still believe this and believe that, but it'd just be so full of love, you'd just... See? That's it.

Now, Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness.

Now, I'm going to... I'll give you my estimation of what I think that **the closest thing to an evidence that a man is a Christian, than anything I know of**. You know what it is? It's travail of soul, a person that's always so hungering and thirsting for God. They just simply... Day and night they--they just can't stand it. They--they--they got to do something for God. They--they're full of love and they're just a soul-travail, just travailing all the time. The Bible said, "He that goeth forth sowing in tears will doubtless return again, rejoicing, bringing with him precious sheaves." Is that right? All those things...

54-0216 JAIRUS.AND.DIVINE.HEALING, WOOD.RIVER.IL

E-48 If you had an artesian well on this side of the hill putting out thousands of gallons of water per minute, and over on that side of the hill, another hill, you've got a crop burning up needing that water. Now, no matter how much you screamed to water, "Go up on the hill and water that crop," it'll never do it. But if you work according to the way of gravitation and run that water over on the hill, it'll water the crop. Is that right? But you've got to work according to the law of gravitation.

Well now, if God is here all in this building, right now. Do you believe that? We're all conscious --we're--wished I--you can't get it all in in one night. You see? You're conscious that God is here. Now, the only thing that we can do is work according to the law of God for our healing. Is that right? What is the law of God? His love. "Perfect love cast out all fear." **Love and faith is the same thing**. See? Love, perfect love casts out all fear which gives faith.

54-0228A EXPECTATION_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-46 And you can't do that until you have love. Perfect love casts out all fear. If I want to contribute anything to my success in the ministry amongst people, is this: I'll admit I've had to butcher up meetings because I just couldn't set it and--and... routine, like ministers do. And many times I've had to promise this, and take this back, and do this, and do that. Because God will make me do it. But if there's one thing, is because that I have loved people. And people knows that.

54-0228E LOOKING.FOR.JESUS_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-36 Then, when he was found in the temple rejoicing, the Jews questioned him. Now, this is Saint John, the 5th chapter, 19th verse. Listen closely. Now, the Jews questioned him. "Well, why didn't He heal all those people? If He was a great Healer? Why didn't He make all those crippled and people... He passed right through them. **If He was full of love, why didn't He have compassion on them?"**

People don't know what compassion is. Compassion and **love is the will of God**. And **you can only exercise that as God gives it**, not human, emotional passion, not emotional love, but Divine Love, which **can only be rendered and given by God**.

54-0306 THE.UNCONDITIONAL.COVENANT.THAT.GOD.MADE.WITH.HIS.PEOPLE_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-77 Our Heavenly Father ... give us courage tonight; give faith; give leadership. And let the Holy Spirit, the real Divine Leader of the New Testament, of the Holy Ghost Church, **may He lead us all into that** perfect faith, **perfect love one for another**. Make us, Lord, so much in love, that it'd be hard to leave the building. Just tie our hearts together as one, and may we be in one accord.... For I ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

54-0402 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ LOUISVILLE.KY

E-16 ... Kind heavenly Father, we address Thee in Jesus' Name ... Forgive us of our sins and shortcomings. And may Thy love be with us tonight. **And may it be brought through Your servant**. As we being units or offsprings of God, sons of God, **a part of God with God's Spirit to minister one to another...** And may the love of God so wrap our hearts together, that there'll be no place at all for doubt. And may just **perfect love and faith** exist in this building tonight. And may many be healed, saved, backsliders reclaimed, and the Angels of heaven rejoice when the meeting's finished. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

54-0719A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING_ CHICAGO.IL

E-52 Here comes the patient walking up. Now, the healer's standing. He's watching the patient as he comes. His heart must be for the patient. He must love the patient. He must be willing to do anything to see that patient get well. His whole human soul has to go to that patient in Divine love, because he's knowing **he's standing in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ**. And knowing at the day of judgment, he will have to answer for every word. You must realize what you're doing.

The patient walks up. The first thing you know, **that cancer** in that patient begins to move. What's the matter? It's recognizing, not that man; **it's recognizing that Spirit on the man**. I've had them to come when they be in strait jackets, and holler, screaming, didn't even know their own name, say, "William Branham, you've got nothing to do with me." And the people say, "Why, they don't even know their own name." It wasn't them, it was that devil that had them so controlled like that, that he knowed it was. "You have nothing to do with me."

54-0724 A.PERSONAL.EXPERIENCE.WITH.GOD_ CHICAGO.IL

E-43 Oh, we say, "We have faith. We have love." But **if we had love, we'd have faith**, for that is... **"Perfect love casteth out all fear." And when fear is gone, faith is perfect.** You're scared He won't keep His Word, but I believe that He does. And now, we'll find what He did.

54-0829A I.WILL.RESTORE.SAITH.THE.LORD_ NEW.YORK.NY

E-4 How would you like, just before I start my sermon (I haven't got my watch today. So, I left it.), if I would just give you a little insight of something that's a real secret, just to me, and I... about healing powers, and so forth, like that?

How many Full Gospel people is here? Let's see your hand, Full Gospel people, way up, with your hand. Would you like to know a little secret? Well, if you would, raise your hand again. Just a minute? All right.

Here it is, friend: **the secret of the whole thing, is Divine love. That's the secret of every bit of it, is love. If you... You can't make yourself love, you've got to have love. Love is something that, it'll work on animal life, it'll work on human life, it works before God.**

I believe Paul said, in First Corinthians 13, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, and have not love or charity, it profit me nothing. Though I have all the knowledge to understand all the mysteries of God, and have not love," though he could do it, "it profit me nothing. And though I have faith, to move the mountains, and have not love, it profit me nothing. Where there's tongues, they'll cease; where there's prophecies, it'll vanish; and where there's... These things will all pass away; but when love had come, it endureth forever."

E-9 Now, that same thing, brother, you can't fool the animal. You know what I love? I had time this afternoon, I like to preach on nature, because that was my first Bible. How that I love nature, because God is in nature, God is in His flower, God is in His universe, God is everywhere. And just as sure as you can't fool the animal, he knows whether you're afraid of him or not. I'm sure maybe you don't get that.

Look at Saint Paul, when God told him he was going down to Rome, and when he was shipwrecked out there, he picked up some sticks to throw them in a fire, and a great viper bit him through the hand, which would absolutely cause his death within a couple of minutes. And Paul looked at it, not a bit more scared than nothing, walked over, and shook it over the fire, acted as if no harm would ever come, went right ahead. They thought, first, that he--he was going to drop down, dead, but they changed their mind, then, and called him a god. See? He wasn't scared.

The reason it hurts you is because you get scared. Don't be scared. **If you can get a perfect love of God in your heart**, that knows that this is the truth, and God is your Father, and He's taking care of you, there is nothing can harm you. "I'll give them power, they'll tread on serpents, and so forth: and nothing, in no wise, shall harm them."

54-1024 THE.UNPARDONABLE.SIN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

117 But I tell you, brother, where there is Divine, perfect love of God resting in the heart, sealed, the same yesterday, today, moving on, you can begin to take thought of that. Jesus said, "This will all men know that you're My disciples, when you have love one for another." "Where there's tongues, it'll cease. Where there's knowledge, it'll vanish. Where there's faith, it'll fail," and all these things here. "But when that which is perfect come, which is love, it will never pass away." That's right, the love of Christ.

I can't judge by anything that you do. The only Judge there is is Almighty God. But Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them."

55-0311 THE.SEAL.OF.THE.ANTICHRIST_ LOS.ANGELES.CA

E-77 Come back to Christ to a heart of love tonight. Come back to a place, till all your enemies

you love with them and could shake their hand. Not because you owe it to duty, but because something in your heart says so. Something will make you love the bitterest enemy you've got. If that is in your heart tonight, **regardless of what emotion you've had**, you're still outside of Christ, outside of God, lost, alienated from God without mercy. That's right. Won't you come and **receive Him** on the basis of Divine love? Shall we pray.

55-0610 DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE_ MACON.GA

E-27 Now, there's two different kinds of love: there's human love, which in a Greek word is a-- is a Phileo love. And then Agapao love is the--is the high love or Divine love.

Now, you take like the phileo love, when we have that, love, a mother for her baby will drive her right straight to a flaming fire to save that baby's life. It'll make a man, for his sweetheart, lay down his life any time. See, what I mean? It's... That's just human love.

And I believe somewhere in the Bible it said, "Could a mother forget her little suckling babe?" Said, "You--you may, but I can never forget you, for you're engraved on the palms of My hand." So how could God ever forsake us, or--or anything, as long as He loves us like that?

55-0724 ENTICING.SPIRITS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

99 Tried to put his arm in. He's got to have someone to direct him how to put his arm in. Then when he gets his arm in his little jacket he knows he's all right.

That's the way it is with every born again Christian, **when he really gets into God, he watches his life with God's Word and he realizes he's lined up with every bit of it.** He's got long-suffering, gentleness, quietness, meekness, power, faith, love, joy, peace. He ain't tossed about like a troubled seas. He ain't worrying about every little thing. He ain't jumping here and there like a bottle stopper on a windy ocean. He's set. His heart's pure. His thoughts is pure. His intentions are pure. His alternative's right. And he knows he lines up with the Word of God. All hell can't move him. He's lined with the Word of God. He's got Divine love, purity in his heart for every man and woman. He's got his... He's abstained from the things of the world. They're dead to him. He don't want them no more. Why, you couldn't make a Holy Ghost girl put on a pair of them ungodly looking clothes and get out there for nothing. No, sir. ...

161 ... Now, let's lay aside every weight. If you got a temper, you got something about you that you talk when you ought not to talk, oh, God, lay it there now. Lay it there. Watch the fire of the altar come down and take it away. Watch the love of God lick it up. Watch all that old selfishness, the way you've been talking to your wife, the way you been talking to your husband, the way you been talking to your neighbor, the way you've talked about the people in the church; lay it on the altar this morning and the fire of God will come down and take it right away and Divine love will burn in its place.

55-0806 JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.FOREVER_ CAMPBELLSVILLE.KY

E-49 Here He comes, garments full of virtue. Woman touched His garment and was made well. Here He comes, walking right through the pool. Walked by that mother with that water-head baby, walked by that poor old blind daddy standing there with arthritis and blind, walked by them others laying there, why, and being a merciful God, having compassion?

But, friends, little later when we get acquainted, you don't know what compassion means.

Compassion, humanly speaking, is one thing. Compassion, Godly speaking, is another thing. Like the two loves. You have one love, which is human love, Phileo, called in the Greek. Then you have Agapao love, which is Divine love. They're contrary one to another. Phileo love would make you shoot your brother because he loved your wife. But Agapao love would make you put your arm around him and pray for him. That's right. See, it's altogether different.

55-1001 EXPECTATION_ SHAWANO.WI

E-75 There two different kinds of love spoke of in the Bible, you know that? In the Greek word, you that's scholars here, one of them is called phileo, and the other one's called agapao. Phileo is earthly love, we have one for another. Now, that would... You love your wife, but the love that you have for her would... If another man insulted her, you'd kill the man for it (See?), because that's phileo love.

But agapao is Divine love. That's same love would make you pray for that man's soul that insulted your wife. It's altogether different. The same thing is compassion; wished we had a little time longer, a few days to talk to you and--and speak to you on those things.

55-1005 THE.POWER.OF.THE.DEVIL_ CHICAGO.IL

E-48 ...I love Him, and I want you to love Him. I want you to believe Him. Perfect love casts out all fear. ***If you love Him with the right kind of a heart, you won't have one speck of fear whether you can keep His Word or not.***

55-1006A HIDDEN.LIFE CHICAGO.IL

E-39 Ministers of the gospel don't care about your denominations and what the world thinks, but ***seek to enter in to the hidden manna where the full revelation of God is make love perfect in your heart, and you and God and everything else is at rest.*** Let anything come, what may, you're hidden away. What a place to live. Oh, just let me abide there.

55-1009 THE.WAY.TO.HAVE.FELLOWSHIP_ CHICAGO.IL

E-18 I'd rather have a church... Listen, just a moment. I would rather have a church that knows nothing about any spiritual gift, and just be so in love with each other and with Christ, I'd rather have that than every spiritual gift operating in the church. Now, that might sound hard in a Pentecostal group, but I would rather have it. Where there is gifts, they'll fail. Where there is gifts, they'll bring confusion. Where there is gifts, they can be questioned. But where there is love, it is perfect. That's right. And if you had perfect love you'd have perfect gifts. That's right. So work first with love. That brings fellowship, and fellowship brings gifts.

Now, the reason... Why is it that people perhaps like different things, like fellowship? Is because, first, man was made to fellowship. Now, just think of tonight... As much as I long to go hunting and fishing in the outdoors, yet, my heart is more hungry to get on top of that mountain and talk to God than anything I know of. See, I--I want to be alone; I want to know there's nobody a hundred miles from me. And I love people, but the only way I can minister to people is to first get the message from God...

E-27 "Well," you say, "what good would it do to have faith?" Faith can sign my pardon, sure; there's value in faith. Don't be weary; don't be scared; don't be upset; just have faith and believe. And ***the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith.*** For perfect love... Get it. Perfect love casts out all fear.

Wished I had time to tell you the experiences with wildlife, of what I've seen ***conquered*** by faith, ***by love.*** I told you the other night about the old opossum being sent up. I seen a vicious bull one day, was going to kill me. This is on record; I was a game warden at the time. I was going over the hill to pray for a sick man. And we're supposed to pack a gun, but you wouldn't go to pray for a sick man with a gun on your hand. So I took the gun and laid it in the little old truck, and crossed over through the field. And I was way out in the field and I knew... I had a--ought to of thought that this killer bull was out there, he'd just killed a colored man on a farm, Mr. Burks, just about three months before that, and they sold him up there to the people that had these Durham cattle.

55-1111 WHERE.I.THINK.PENTECOST.FAILED_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA

E-60 If it ever gets to a place that I couldn't put my arm around any brother that's working for the Kingdom of God, and recognize him as my brother, I feel I'm backslid. Amen. Sure. I'd be a scared to stand on the platform and face evil spirits, to know that I had envy in my heart against any brother, no matter who he is, that's trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ or live a Christian life.

If he--we disagree a million miles upon theology, if he loves the Lord Jesus, he's my brother, and it's my sister. And we've drawed those lines. "And if you can't love your brother who you have seen, how can you love God Who you can't--have never seen?" And brother, when love goes out, God goes with it, for God is love. And you can never get anywhere without Divine love. And as you love one another, you love God.

E-61 Listen. I've got a little old fat boy up at home tonight, five months old. You all remember the prophecy about him. The world all laughed at me and said, "Uh-huh. I thought you was going to have a Joseph." He come. God said he was coming; he got here. I got a boy here nineteen years old, a little girl out here four, and one eight. You could say anything about me and it'd be all right. I wouldn't care what you call me, but don't talk about my children. Don't be good to me, be good to them.

And God feels the same way. These are His children. We've got to be good to one another. We've got to be honest with one another. How can people be dishonest with each other, and then profess to be Christians? It's beyond my thoughts how you can be dishonest with your brother? How you can falsify something or another, and cut a brother off just because he doesn't agree with you on something? Oh, brother, I tell you...

E-62 Love, God is love. "He that loveth is of God." Divine love, not affectionate love... There's two different kinds of love. Now, we know we get into this here "free love," and all kinds of stuff called love. But that's not Divine love. That's a mockery of the devil. You know that. There's two different loves: there's a love called "phileo love," and there's a love called "Agapao love."

A "phileo love," the Greek word, means "the love like I would have for you as a fellow, or my wife." You have for your wife a phileo love. Now, that love, if you'd catch a... You'd be jealous of her. If you'd catch a man insulting her, you'd kill the man for it. That's phileo love. But Agapao love would make you pray for his lost soul. That's the difference. That's where people don't understand. See, it ain't some kind of an effectual, worked up mental condition. It's a absolutely, genuine Holy Spirit of God that binds our hearts together in Christian fellowship and love.

E-63 And when... I could give this a challenge. If every Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Pentecostal, and all in here, would just break down your thoughts of one another, and be real loving and kind to one another, and to treat each other as brothers and sisters, you'll see one of the greatest revivals sweep this valley that's ever been known over here. It can never come no other way.

Then when God sees that you're moving on... Every son that cometh to God, must what? Be first chastised of God, tried, proven. Did you know that? You do that on any decision you make. God does it in making you. Every son that cometh must be chastised of God.

E-64 As soon as you receive the Holy Ghost, everybody begins to talk about you, say you gone crazy, lost your mind, you was going to be a holy roller, or something like that. And then, if you cannot stand chastisement, the Bible said you become an illegitimate child.

But if you're really born of God, it don't make any difference what the world says, or what anybody else says, you know where you stand, and all devils in hell can't upset you. Then you prove it by your fruits, not by your voice, but by your life. You live the right kind of life. You'll live... Did you ever see a seal? A seal put on a piece of paper, it's sealed on front and back side both. And when you're walking forward, your life, and the thing you leave behind you, the people know that you're sons and daughters of God. When you've really been sealed by the Holy Spirit, love Divine follows you.

E-65 I've often said this: "You be salty; the earth will be thirsty." He said, "You're the salt of the earth." You just get salty, the earth will get thirsty. You live such in your neighborhood and around your people, the people know, say, "There's a real Christian; I'll tell you that. If there ever was a Christian there she is, or there he is." That's the way to be.

I'd rather have that in my heart than all the gifts there is, God has in His Bible. That's right. For the Bible said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels (He could do it.), have not charity, I'm nothing. Though I have wisdom and understand all the Word of God, I'm nothing without charity. Though I have faith to move mountains..." Come out here and have faith, not only to heal the sick, but to move mountains, and have not love, though I could--though I could, it's possible you could.

E-66 But you see Pentecostal people, you're going after gifts instead of the Giver. See? Come back to God. Get this real Divine love in your heart, your fellowship. That, oh, you just love Him with all your heart. Brother, the gifts will take care of itself. You just let that alone. See? It'll come.

God will place in the church the place that He sees you, after He's adopted you into His family. He will call you out someday in a little prayer meeting, the first thing you know, and place the robe upon you, and say, "Now, son, I've sent you to preach the Gospel." The whole world will know about it. That's right. He will call you out and say, "Son, I've sent you to pray for the sick people."

Just watch the things fly then, when He adopts you into His family, but you can't push that. You can't mentally work that up. God vindicates His gifts. God proves His gifts. But what is the gift without the Giver? If you had--understood the Bible, as just a orthodox... That's what the matter today.

55-1115 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA

E-45 ... You know, God knows your heart. Don't trust in theology. Don't trust in head knowledge. If you haven't had a real experience with God, and know that you've passed from death to Life, that Divine love of God reigns in your heart, don't take any chance on it, friend. Remember, I tell you in the Name of the Lord, nothing else will work.

56-0120 FELLOWSHIP.WITH.GOD.THROUGH.RECONCILIATION_ STURGIS.MI

E-83 And Father, I pray that through the mercies of Christ that You'll not let one of them be lost that's setting here tonight. May they from this very hour on in their heart make a decision just now, and where the appropriated Blood of Jesus has been made sufficient to take care of all their sins... I pray that You'll grant it, Lord, this very night. And may they become in close fellowship with Thee, insomuch that You'd recognize them as Your sons and daughters, and kiss **the seal of the Holy Ghost** upon their heart, until Divine love will sway their hearts out of this worldly conglomeration of gaiety and mess, and devil-possessed things that we have on this earth to the heavenly things, which is soon coming out of the day of man and to the coming of the day of the Lord. Grant it, Father. We pray through Jesus' Name.

56-0212 FELLOWSHIP_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN

E-5 Now, we have great things that we can do in the--the realm of faith. Faith works great things for us, and if you brethren here getting your... And **you can't have faith till you have love**. That's just all there is to it. You just... Perfect love casts out all fear, and you... As long as you got fear you can't have faith. So **you got to have love first**. It drives all fear out, and then--**then faith comes in**, takes the place of fear. So when you have that you're coming right along.

56-0218B WHEN.LOVE.IS.PROJECTED_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN_

E-13 Now, that's when we come to these crisis that when sovereign grace steps in. Then something happened in--in my life that **I wish it would--if it ever comes again, that it'll never leave**. And **I only wish that there was some way that I had the power this morning to project that to this group of men and women here, and it never leave you**. Like when the maniac at--up at Oregon, when he ran to the platform to kill me, many of you read that book. Something happened there.

You've often wondered, I guess, how those things happened. It's something in the stead of despising that man though he was there to take my life, a Divine law set in for him. And he called me a hypocrite and a snake in the grass, and thousands of people setting there, and spit in my face, drew back his fist, and said, "I'll break every bone in your body." People probably setting here was there. But **instead of despising the man, something--grace came in, in a moment when I needed it. Grace sets in and projected a Divine love into my heart that I could project to him**, and thought, "There stands a man, like a man--like I am." Said, "He--he likes to eat and drink and his family; but the devil has him bound." So **the love of God constrained me**, and the man humbled himself and fell across my feet. Grace stepped in when love was projected.

E-14 And in the case of this bull trying to kill me, he got up on his feet, looked at me, and snorted three or four times, and threw his horns into the ground. I looked around, there was nothing. And as a officer I was supposed to pack a gun, and I wondered why I didn't have it; I would've killed the bull, and then went and paid for it. But I had no gun. God seen to it that I had no gun.

So He wanted to show His Divine grace in a crisis hour. And **something struck me, way better than a gun or any weapon of this world. It was the Divine grace that took my heart**, and thinking of that animal, wanted to live the same as I wanted to live. And instead of hating him, as he was planning to take my life, I loved him. That sounds juvenile, but it's the truth.

E-15 And as he rushed towards me, I said, "Creature of God, I am the servant of God; I'm on a legitimate call to a man who's dying. And our Creator has sent me, and I'm sorry to disturb you out of your rest, but in the Name of He Who created us both, go over and lay down under the tree."

And when he got so close to me, within ten feet, I was no more scared of that animal then I would be of my brethren here this morning, come Divine love, perfect love cast out all fear. And he stopped. He just looked so depleted; he looked both ways, turned around, walked over, and laid down under that tree and I walked in three feet of him, passed by through the field safely...

E-24 What was it? When love is projected, Divine grace takes its place and helps it. And when love failed in that colored girl's heart, and the love of that opossum to her babies, Divine grace to an animal, sent to the place for a prayer of delivery. If Divine grace will act that way

upon a animal, what will it be to a human being who will consecrate themselves to Divine love of the Lord Jesus Christ and has recognized Him. ...

56-0422 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.AND.IT'LL.SATISFY_ SPINDALE.NC _

^{E-83} Let me give you a little speck of light just in a minute now. Just a few minutes now 'fore we start the prayer line. You are a creator yourself, a miniature creator. Listen. Did you ever see people that was nice people, though you just couldn't be around them hardly, something about them you just couldn't stand? Did you ever see people that you just love to be around? Did you ever see them kind of people? That's the atmosphere that they create themself. And let me tell you today, my dear friends, the greatest thing there is this side of heaven is I-o-v-e, Divine love. God is Love. You read in the book when a maniac run out to kill me on the platform that night. I didn't hate the man; I loved him, sure, felt sorry for him. **That's what slew him on the platform. That's what slew those witch-doctors standing there that day...?...** human beings that God died for, standing there trying to throw spells on me, witches like that. Standing there before Him, and you see them fall to the ground, throw their head down like this, and give their hearts to Christ. It was love that did it. **Love is the mightiest force there is.** Even phileo love will make a mother jump through a fire to grab her burning baby. She won't think of herself.

56-0603 THE.LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

¹²¹ Notice, the mark of the beast is the mark of an apostasy, the devil, the works of the devil. Jesus said, "By their church membership, by their theology, by their seminary experience? By their fruit you shall know them."

Now, so the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness. That's the fruit of the Spirit. And the fruit, that's **the mark of the Holy Spirit**, showing that Divine love has anchored in the heart and the things of the world is dead. Now, the mark of the devil is impersonation: works, not grace. The works shadow things to come. Hypocrisy, going to church, pretending to be a Christian, living like the world, having affairs with the world, going out and acting like the world. And so very close till both sides will be looking exactly, deceive the very elect.

Here's a church member, goes to church regular, a very fine person, goes to church, good person, morally good; but yet, right down in the depths of their innermost being there's never experience of Jesus abiding.

Look at Esau and Jacob. Why, Esau was twice as good a guy as Jacob; sure he was. But Jacob had one thing. He had recompense to the reward. He seen that birthright and counted it the greatest thing on earth.

¹⁴⁷ Then back there He said, "I, Myself, will come down into the world and take on human flesh. And I'll pay the penalty that's required here, and I'll take the place. And I'll make them perfect because I'll bring them in Me. And I am perfect." Then when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as those that are--that God is perfect..."

Then here was this mangled body, that was beaten and bruised for sin, and every sin that the world ever had, or ever would have, was laid upon Him. And He is the body that the Jehovah raised up ... on the third day after His death. And if we are in that body, we're just as perfect as the body is. Amen. There you are. **How do you get in that body?** How do you get in it? The Bible said in Romans 8:1, "There's therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." They don't care what the world says or what anybody else says, or even what their family says. **They walk in the Spirit of God in perfect Divine love.** You see it?

How do you get into it? By joining church, by shaking hands, by water baptism? No, sir.

56-0610 PERFECTION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

^{E-49} Brother, it won't matter if you can still have dresses so long. You could still not wear short

sleeves shirts, you men, and those things, or whatever you want to; but if you still got malice, and envy, and strife, you might've run, danced, spoke in tongues, shouted, preached the Gospel, or anything. But you're lost until that Blood has cleansed you and set in a Divine love of the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart, in your life speaks of Christ behind you. Amen. "Where there is tongues, they shall cease; where there's prophecy, it shall fail. Where there is knowledge, it shall be vanished; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part is done away."

56-0611 HEAR.YE.HIM_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN

E-33 ... And when they looked back they saw Jesus only. The law had passed away; all the judgments had passed away; and God said, "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him." What did He represent? God's love. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but would have Everlasting Life." God, His nature, is so loving, that when Divine love... That's what the church needs. That's where we're standing, not in the need of Bible doctrine, not in the need of denominations; we're standing in the need of the love of God. That's been my theme and will be till I die. The love of God is what the church needs.

E-34 If we had the love of God in the Assemblies, in the United, in the Church of God, in the Methodist, in the Baptist, then denominational barriers would be broke down, this Cadle Tabernacle tonight would be packed to the streets here, and the power and glory of God, and an old fashion revival would sweep this city and...?... out. If the people in this city that's called by the Name of the Lord Jesus as believers, would come together in that condition tomorrow night, a week from now, a bootlegger and a whiskey joint wouldn't be found in this city. What's the matter? Lacking of love. What did Jesus represent? Moses, the law. Elijah, his sternness, his justice. What did Jesus represent? His love. And when God being love, and He was--so loved the world. And when Divine love is projected it produces its subject. God could do nothing else but send something to take the place of His love. So the law couldn't do it; His justice couldn't do it; so love took its place. ...

E-35 Love, God's love, it'll take the place of speaking in tongues, and that's all right. It'll take the place of gifts, and wonders, and signs, and everything else. If you haven't got love to accompanies that, what good does the signs do you? God's tried to do it across the nation, but it wouldn't work. The greatest of all the gifts is wisdom, the second is knowledge. If you haven't got knowledge, you haven't got wisdom, how can--to control your knowledge, what good's your knowledge going to do? See what I mean? Seek the first things first. We've gone after gifts; we've gone after this; we've gone after that, because the supernatural was done. But, brother, don't seek gifts; don't seek favor with denomination; seek the love of God. Do it, brethren.

E-36 Love constrained Him. That's what He was: love in His great bosom, went out to Adam's fallen race and redeemed them through His Son, Christ Jesus. Laws, prophets, denominations is all faded away, "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him." Love takes its place.

You can't impersonate love. You've got to have it. It's got to be a product that God has given you. It's not what you imagine. It's something God has done. Like I was talking today to someone. When I get ready to leave and go overseas, I don't get my wife and say, "Here Mrs. Branham, tell you something: Thou shalt not have no other husbands; I'm your husband. Let me hear you being out with somebody else, you know what you're going to get when I get home? Thou shalt not flirt with anyone else."

Now, wouldn't that be a home. That's about like the church is. "If you go to that revival, I'll give you your papers to your church." That's right. Oh, we're the ransomed church of God, there you are. Oh, we need love, sure we do.

E-37 Now, she don't catch me by the collar, and pull me around, and say, "Wait a minute, my young man: Let me hear you being out with one woman while you're gone, you're going to get it when you come home." That isn't it. It isn't law; it's love. I love her; she loves me. When we get ready to go, we're both crying a little; we kneel down on the floor and pray God would take care of me and help me, and for God to help me win souls for Him. And I pray that God helps her and takes care of the children. We raise up and I kiss her good bye; she says, "Billy, I'll be praying for you while you're gone, honey."

"All right, dear." That settles it. No more thought of it. Why? I love her. If I was overseas and away from home for a year, I don't care who the who the woman was, if she walked up, some young girl, or some woman, and say, "Billy, would you take me out to supper?" I'd think, "Meda wouldn't want me to do that." But if I knowed that I could get by with it, if I knowed I could come back and tell her, "Meda, I took some girls, or women, went out to supper. I did, this, that, or the other. I--I--I tell you, I held her hand before I left, you forgive me, won't you, Meda?"

I believe she'd do it. But brother, I wouldn't do it for nothing. I wouldn't hurt her for nothing. I love her. And as long as I love her, she don't have a worry. And as long as she loves me, I don't have a worry. And as long as you love Christ, you don't have a worry, and Christ loves you, you know. It's love that does it. Not something that I do to merit it, it's God's Divine love.

56-0726 LOVE_ SHREVEPORT.LA

E-32 We put so much stress on *the evidence of the Holy Ghost*. The Methodist said you have to shout 'fore you got it. A lot of Methodist shouted and didn't have it. The Pentecostal said speak with tongues when you got it. A lot of them spoke in tongues and didn't have it. That's right. But, brother, when you come to a place where you got love, it never will fail. That's right. If my wife trusted me because I give her ten dollars every time I left, well, brother, that wouldn't be very much sign I loved her. I'd be right or true. But when she knows that I love her, when I know she loves me, then there's a perfect trust between each other. No--no worry at all. Then **when you got perfect love of God in your heart, you don't question God about anything**. When the Bible said, "I'm the Lord that heals all thy diseases," you say, "Amen, Lord, that's right. That's me."

"Tarry in the city of Jerusalem till you're endued with power from on high."

"That was me, Lord."

E-33 Peter said, "Repent, every one of you and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. You shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Promise is to you, and your children, to them afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

"Amen, Lord, that means me." That settles it all. Anything God says, **you love Him so much you believe it**. Oh, I feel real religious right now. To think, that perfect love casts out all fear. You're not scared about nothing; you're just resting. You're not, "Oh, I may backslide tomorrow. I may backslide next week." I won't worry about that. I'm not trying to hold on. I--I... He held on for me. And **He put a love in my heart that holds there. It's Him holding me, not me holding Him**. If it was me holding Him, I'd probably turn loose. But as long as He's holding me, He will never turn loose. He promised He wouldn't.

"I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee." Amen. Oh. "He that heareth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation, but's

passed from death unto Life."

...^{E-46} First, I--I was looking for the gun. I was glad I didn't have it; I'd have shot him, and then went and paid for it. But I didn't have the gun. I thought, "Well, poor creature." Why, I--I'm in--I'm in your pasture; this is your home, and you're just a brute. You don't know any different. And you wouldn't want to kill me anyhow. But I disturbed you. I'm sorry I did that. I didn't mean to disturb you." Talking like I am now... ***I just couldn't help it; there was Something talking in me.***

Oh, my! It's--it's too bad we ever have to leave that. ***Just submit it. God just took over.*** And the bull roaring and going on. He lowered his head. And I said, "Now, creature of God, I'm the servant of God. I'm on my way to pray for a sick man, over here dying. And I come across the field here, where your home is; I'm sorry I broke into your home?" That's what I did. I broke into his home. That's all the home he knows of. Now, now, stop and think; that's true.

I said, "I--I come into your house. I broke in on you. I'm sorry. You forgive me. I'll go across the field; I--I won't bother you." And I said, "Now, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Creator, go over there and lay down again. I'll not bother you." And that bull took towards me as hard as he could. And when he got to about six or eight feet of me, I wasn't a bit more afraid than I am standing right here. "Perfect love casts out all fear."

I don't care, if death is staring you in the face, you can sing, "Happy day, happy day, since Jesus washed my sins away."

^{E-75} ...Come, Lord. The Church has heard many sermons. The Church has heard about Jesus, but it's never witnessed that real touch of Divine love that makes them love the man that's cursing them, for... make them pray deeply from their heart for those who are doing evil, and will humble their hearts. Grant, Lord.

56-0814 DIVINE.LOVE.AND.SOVEREIGN.GRACE_ PRINCE.ALBERT.SK

^{E-15} And now, I'm a conservationist and of wildlife and so forth, and dealt with wildlife. My mother's a half Cherokee Indian, and I--I just love the wild so till I study God. My first study of God was through nature, watching what He did in nature, how He watches and what He does.

And there's one of the greatest hindrance that there is in the church today, and right here at Edmonton, and every... or not Edmonton, I didn't mean to say that. I mean Prince Albert. And--and among other people everywhere is fear, but love, perfect love casteth out fear. So you... ***The reason you're--you're fearful is because the right temperance of love has never entered yet. When there's real love, all fear passes away.*** When you really love the Lord...

^{E-17} ... Now, what the church is lacking is Divine love. I don't mean affectionate love for one another. I mean the Agapao love, the godly love. And have it so richly in your heart until you just love the Lord and everything... You just take His Word for it. You don't mistrust Him.

56-0826 DIVINE.LOVE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

⁵⁸ What was it? Divine love, sympathy had been projected by the Holy Spirit into this man, and by that at the end of the road where he couldn't... Nothing could be done, and love had taken its place, and love had met love; then sovereign grace went to work, and God through sovereign grace restored the sight to the man. See?

First you have to enter into that spot. That's the way you have to do to a sinner. Many people pray for sinners. That's all right, but that's not the way to win a sinner. It's your business to win the sinner. You don't win him by praying for him. You win-win--win him by talking to him and introducing to him Christ. That's your business. That's your duty is to win sinners by

talking to them, and projecting to them the love of God through the Word of God that wins the sinner. Someone say, "I never did go to church. I sure like that woman. I like that fellow." See? Because you're winning them. If you stayed home and just prayed for the sinner and never went to contact him, there's very little can be done, but you've got to pray and then go. That's right. Go and do it.
Now, the projecting of this love.

⁹⁶ And I only know one thing (Here it is, I want you to hear it.), **there's only one thing that will conquer the devil:** That's pure, Divine Love. **Love will conquer everything.** God so loved the world... They conquered the sin question. They conquered the sickness question. It'll conquer the difference in the church. It'll conquer everything there is unrighteous to be conquered. It'll do it if you'll just let it do it.

Friend, **when this great animal started towards me, and instead of hating that animal, Brother Mike, I loved him.** And I thought, "You are God's creature. Who else could make you but God? And you're laying there peacefully, and I come on your territory with signs up there on the field like they were a part of it. I just cut off my regular territory to go over and pray for a sick man." And there I seen that bull coming, his head just a swaying like that, and he was making for me to kill me; and I knew it, **but Divine love begin to come.** I thought, "Poor creature. A dumb brute don't know no better. There you lay, and I disturbed you. So now, I am God's servant. You are God's creature. In the Name of Jesus Christ go back and lay down, for I'm on my road to pray for one of God's sick children. Go back and lay down."

¹⁰⁰ And that bull come to me just as hard as he could. No fear. I wasn't a bit more afraid than I would be with Brother Neville setting right here. **Just a pure holy love in my heart.** What did it do? **It created an atmosphere. When that bull run right into that atmosphere, not over ten feet from him, he stopped** and threw his feet out. He looked right and left, so depleted, with the most meekest look on his face, and turned around, and walked the other way...?... And I passed within five feet.

What is it? When Divine love is projected, sovereign grace takes over at that time. That was the same God that could stop the lions from coming to Daniel, when they come with the...?... and old Daniel standing there wrapped in the robe of love. The lion's run over and laid down. It was peaceful. I tell you, my brother, when God can wrap you in Divine love, there's peace in the valley for you then. There is...

¹⁰⁶ ...You say, "I love the Lord." But can you trust Him when the doctor shakes his head? Can you trust Him when everything else is gone? You need an overflowing baptism of love, Divine love. When it seems like when you pray and your prayer is not answered, do you still love Him? Is there something that keeps purging you on. That's God's sovereign grace has to take over. It's got to. It's God's nature. God can't do nothing else but do that.

56-0902 THE.HANDWRITING.ON.THE.WALL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

^{E-28} If I had every gift in the Bible and could exchange it for love, I'd never wink an eye. I'd take it right now. Let me feel the blessings of the Lord Jesus and His Divine love into my heart that's shed abroad by the Holy Ghost, and I'll exchange any gift in the Bible for that. Yes, sir. I'd exchange a--a domain if I was a king and setting on a throne, and the world was my domain, I'd give every penny of it and forfeit a million years on this life in this world here as to have the love of Jesus Christ, that's shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. There's nothing to compare with it.

57-0302 AND.THEN.JESUS.CAME_ PHOENIX.AZ

^{E-67} I don't care, if you're Catholic, that doesn't matter. A Catholic, if a Christian, a Catholic is a Christian and believes on the Lord and is borned again, he will go to heaven. If a

Methodist, that don't matter, Presbyterian, Lutheran, or a Pentecostal, no matter... Oh, you say, "I've spoke in tongues." That don't have nothing to do with it. "I've shouted." That still don't have nothing to do with it. Paul said, "I could speak in tongues like men and angels and still be lost. I could have faith to move mountains and still be lost." That ain't it. If the Divine love of God isn't in your heart to take everything of the world out, you're lost. That's right. And the devil's only deceiving you.

57-0303A WHY.IS.IT.THAT.SO.MANY.CHRISTIANS.FIND.IT.SO.HARD.TO.LIVE.THE CHRISTIAN.LIFE_ PHOENIX.AZ

E-30 Oh, you say, Brother Branham, I--I got all the evidences." I know, but we're not talking about evidences; we're talking about the product. That's right. Yes, sir. I've seen heathens shout. I've seen them speak with tongues. I've seen them lay down a pencil and write in unknown tongues, and a witch raise up and read it, interpret it and tell the truth. If a man could speak with tongues, if a man could shout, if a man could see visions, if a man could do any of these other things that he can do without Divine love, they are lost. That's right. Christ is in the heart. See?

So don't be deceived by signs and evidences. There's all kinds of signs. The Bible said, in the last days false prophets will rise up and show such signs, it would deceive the very elect if possible. Come back to the Bible signs.

57-0305 DIVINE.LOVE_ PHOENIX.AZ_

E-15 Now, there's only one thing the church has to do. If you want somebody to come to Christ you be salty. Salt makes a thirst; you be salty and the world will get thirsty. That's right. For in a man, he is in one sense a miniature creator if he is a child of God, because the Spirit of God is in him, Who controls him, Who operates him. And I'd like to let you in just on a few things that I know to be the truth. If I had just a little more voice, I'd like to preach on that tonight.

But I'd like to let you in on some things as this, what Divine love... Now listen, Paul said, "Where there's tongues, they shall cease. Where there's prophesies, it'll fail." Where there's all these signs... The antichrist can produce any sign that's in the Bible, but he cannot love. There's nothing about him to love.

Oh, you can have some kind of a false love. There is two kinds of love. There is a love which is called human love or in the Greek word, it would be called "phileo. " And in the Divine love is a Agapao. Agapao love is Divine love. And when Divine love is in your heart, there's a difference in your life, and everybody knows it. That's right. You live like a Christian, act like a Christian, walk like a Christian; and your whole system is timed to God's Bible.

E-21 Little did I know that he was out of the insane institution. And I knew by his size he was very able to carry out his threat. So I looked at him. Ordinarily I would've took off with the rest of them. But you know what happened, oh, if I could only always stay in that. Something, instead of hating the man, I felt sorry for him.

I thought, "That man wouldn't want to hurt me. Why, he's a man like I am. And that's got to be the devil making that man do that way. So the poor martyr..." And he rushed up towards me, and he hawked down in his throat and spit right in my face. And see, the devil was trying to get me to shake away from that atmosphere that God was getting me in. But it didn't bother me. I thought, "Poor fellow, he don't want to do that; and surely he wouldn't have wanted to do it." And he said, "I'm going to break every bone in your body." And he drew back his big fist to do so; and the strange thing was, I wasn't no more afraid than I am right now. Love casts out fear, perfect love.

E-22 There's where brother, sister, our differences hangs tonight, because of love, the lack of love. I don't mean earthly love, denominational love, sexually love, but I mean Divine love that makes us brothers.

Then when the man started to hit me, *I heard my own lips say*, "Because you have challenged the Spirit of God, tonight you'll fall over my feet."

He said, "I'll show you whose feet I'll fall over."

And he drew back his fist to hit me, and when he did I said, "Satan, leave that man." And his eyes bulged way out, and his teeth set, his hands went up; he turned around, and fell over my feet, till the police had to roll him off of my feet. What did it? Love, the love of God.

57-0325 THE.LAMB.AND.THE.DOVE_ OAKLAND.CA

E-68 ... Now, I know. For when the anointing strikes me, it's just one big blast out across this audience here. And I know that you're hungering. And God bless your hearts, honey. I hope that God just fills you so full of the Divine love of Christ until none of the modern isms and things will ever be able to separate you from the love of God that's in Christ Jesus. Stay with it.

57-0908M HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB

130 Paul said, "I could speak with tongue like men and Angels," that's both the tongues that is understood and the tongues that cannot be understood, has to be interpreted, "I am nothing. Though I have the gift of knowledge and understand all the wisdom of God," can explain the Bible, from... tie her together, "I am nothing." Don't do much good to go to school then, does it, to learn the Bible? "Though I have faith that I can move mountains..." Healing campaigns don't mean very much then, does it? "I'm nothing, though I give my body to be burnt as a sacrifice."

131 "Oh," they say, "that man is religious."

132 "But he's nothing," Paul said, "never become nothing."

133 "For where there is tongues, they shall cease; where is prophecies, it shall fail; where there is all these other things, will fail. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part will be done away with." See, that "perfect." What is perfect? Love. What is love? God. "Let us lay aside all these little dead works and ordinance, and go on to perfection." You see it? We're perfected through Christ. How do we get into It? By Holy Spirit baptism.

134 "All right, what happens?" You've passed from death unto Life.

135 "Well, do I shake, jump, do it?" You, you won't have to do nothing. You've already done it, God brought you from death unto Life, and you're alive. Then your fruits of your life show it.

57-0908E HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB

488 O Eternal God, let them not try to trust to get to Heaven on that, for we seen it so many times miserably fail. And You said it would fail, "Whether it's tongues, it shall cease! Where there's prophecy, it shall vanish. Where there's knowledge, it shall vanish. Oh, all these things, or even gifts, miracles of healing, they shall all be done away with. Only that Divine love shall last."

489 God, create that in their heart, and let them know that that is the Spirit that brings forth the fruits. Do it just now, Lord, while we wait on Thee, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

57-1002 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.HEBREWS.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

383 And God was this great Spirit. ... But now, as God is eternal, and He was the perfect: perfect love, perfect peace, perfect joy, perfect satisfaction... All those seven spirits (as we get in Revelations), they come out, was--made up God, was perfection. Everything else

outside of that has been something that's been perverted from that. Now, the only way that we can come back to perfection, is to come back with that perfection, which is God. Then we come to perfection, then we have Eternal Life: without end, or without--without anything; it's just forever, Eternal Life.

58-0314 LOVE_ HARRISONBURG.VA _

E-20 And as he rushed out on the platform, I didn't know him. And he let out a great big scream, and he set his teeth together, and his eyes pushed back. And he started walking towards me. And he said, "You hypocrite. You snake in the grass," he said, "upon this platform, posing yourself as a servant of God. You're nothing but a hypocrite." Everyone kept still. About that time, two little policemen that I had led to Christ back in the dressing room run out to grab him. And I motioned to them. I said, "This is not a flesh and blood affair." But the strange thing was, that when the man went up there, I wasn't afraid. Now, perfect love casts out fear, and **that's the reason people won't take God at His Word for healing. They don't love Him well enough, because you're scared He won't keep His Word.** That's the reason that people fear somebody else will say something against them if they receive the Holy Spirit. They're afraid somebody will laugh and make fun. But when love comes in...

58-0619B YE.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN_ GREENVILLE.SC

E-47 Anything that had a beginning has an end. It's those things which have not a beginning, has an end. ... God the great Master rainbow in the skies (we'd say like that) with the seven Spirits of God: red, perfect love. After that comes phileo love, from a Agapao to phileo love. That's the love that you have for your wife. If some man would insult her, you'd shoot his brains out. See? Because it creates a jealousy. But that's phileo love, secondary love. Then comes lust for another man's wife. Then comes filth. See? It just becomes perverted. But all of this kind of a love had a beginning. But when that real genuine love of God, that I've been talking about, **comes into the human being by the new birth, being born again,** it had no beginning and it'll have no end. You are then a son of God and a daughter of God, and your affections are on things above.

58-1002 BUT.FROM.THE.BEGINNING.IT.WAS.NOT.SO_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

E-53 And if your church tradition has taught you contrary to that, let's go back to the beginning where we left it. And let's produce here tonight a members of the church like the beginning, who had brotherly love, one for another, lay down their lives for one another. Men and women who love one another, such Divine love till they go to penitentiary or to the gallows for each other, that's the original church. The Lord bless you while we pray.

58-1007 CHURCH.ORDER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

21 I think, first, that every member, or, every worshiper, of the Branham Tabernacle, should be so much in Divine love with each other until it would... their hearts would long for each other when they have to go away, to leave each other at the service, at night. I am a true believer in "Divine love." The apostle Paul said that was the evidence of the Holy Spirit. "By this manner, all men will know you are My disciples," said Jesus, "when you have love one for the other." And we believe that it's the love of God that sent Jesus Christ to the earth, to die for us all. "God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but would have everlasting Life." And the everlasting *Life* here is "God's Own Life," because **we become sons and daughters of God, by the baptism of the Holy Spirit; which is the Seed of Abraham, and gives us the faith that Abraham had,** when he believed God before he was even circumcised.

59-0403 LIVING.DYING.BURIED.RISING.COMING_ LOS.ANGELES.CA

^{E-11} In traveling, I think if there's any great thing that I've seen missing in the church today, to one of the greatest hindrance in the church today, there's--keep a revival back, is the lack of that godly love that Christ expressed when He was here on earth.

It's easy for you and I to love somebody that loves us. But Jesus didn't have that kind of love. He had God's love, and God loved His enemies. For God so loved the world; when the world was unlovable, God still loved the world.

It's a different, even in the expression in the--the words, the--the--a "phileo" love, like we have one for another. But the "agapao" love is a Divine love.

And if there's anything that I believe that would start a revival in Los Angeles, would be a time that we could all break down our different barriers and come together as Christians in love. That's the Pentecostals, the Baptists, and the Presbyterians. And all together we could be expressed to the world that we have love one for another.

59-0823 PALMERWORM.LOCUST.CANKERWORM.CATERPILLAR_ JEFFERSONVILLE

²⁸ There are those that are to enter into baptism of water. And we pray that Your Holy Spirit will fill them with the--His Presence if they haven't already received such. May they become sealed away from the things of the world, and filled with the Spirit of God in Divine love of God, and with fellowship with all men.

Lord, down across the nations of the world, as You have sent me, a poor illiterate man... And yet, Lord, believing in my heart of Thee, the things that I have believed and have been taught by the Bible, and confirmed by the Angel of the Lord Who stands present to confirm what's said, if it be of God... Many times, people has thought me to be a compromiser. Thou art the Judge of my heart. But as Paul of old who even preached Judaism until he won the confidence of the people, and then preached Christ crucified; but first to win the confidence of the people, so his message would be seasoned with salt. We pray, O Lord, that You'll season our talks and our fellowship with the Salt of the Spirit, with the Blood of the Lord Jesus, and make us the people that has been called, and that the world might look and watch our lives, and then become thirsty to be like us.

Keep us humble, and filled with Thy love and Thy Spirit. For we ask it in the Name of Him Who prayed that we might be one, that all men would know that we were His children when we have love one for the other. Amen.

60-0515M THE.REJECTED.KING_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-23

And I looked this a way and that way, and they were coming by the thousands. And I said, "Now, I don't understand this." I said, "Why, they..." And here come Hope; that was my first wife. She run and never said, "My husband." She said, "My precious brother." And when she hugged me, there was another woman standing there that'd hugged me, and then Hope hugged this woman, and each one... And I thought, "Oh, wh--this has to be something different; it--it can't be. There's something..." I thought, "Oh, would I ever want to go back to that old carcass again?" I looked around there and I thought, "What is this?" And I looked real good, and I--I said, "I--I can't understand this." But Hope seemed to be like a--oh a guest of honor. She was no different but just like a guest of honor.

¹⁴⁶ And I heard a voice then that spoke to me that was in the room, said, "***This is what you preached was the Holy Ghost. This is perfect love.*** And nothing can enter here without it." I am more determined than ever in my life that it takes perfect love to enter there. There was no jealousy. There was no tiredness. There was no death. Sickness could never in there. Mortality could never make you old, and the--they could not cry. It was just one joy, "Oh, my precious brother." ...

164 ... , God, let me press the battle. But if it comes to dying, I am no more... It would be a joy; it would be a pleasure to enter from this corruption and disgrace.

If I could make up yonder, one hundred billion miles high, a square block, and that's perfect love. Each step this way, it narrows until we get down to where we are now. It would be just merely a shadow of corruption. ***That little something that we can sense and feel that there's something somewhere, we don't know what it is.***

Oh, my precious friend, my beloved, my darlings of the Gospel, my begotten children unto God, listen to me, your pastor. You... I wish there was some way I could explain it to you. There's no words. I couldn't find it. It's not found anywhere. But just beyond this last breath is the most glorious thing that you ever... There is no way to explain it. There's no way; I just can't do it. But ***whatever you do, friends, lay aside everything else till you get perfect love.*** Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else. That one visit there to me has made me a different man. I can never, never, never be the same Brother Branham that I was.

ADOPTION JEFF.IN 60-0522E

90 It's been so much to me since that what happened to me, I don't know. When I think there, when I stood there for those few joyful moments, and thought, "There's no tomorrow." There was no yesterday; there's no sickness; there's no sorrow. There's no little bit of happiness, then a whole lot of happiness; it's all happiness. Oh, my. Oh, when I stood there, and I said, "What is this?" That Voice said, "***This is perfect love***, and everything that you ever loved and everything that ever loved you is here with you now." "And you'll present us to the Lord Jesus when He comes, as trophies of your ministry." ...

101 I said, "O Lord, that's what I'm here at the church for, trying to set the church in order," telling you, brother and sister, ***there's only one thing that can enter that; that's perfect love.*** Not because you're loyal to the Branham Tabernacle, or the Methodist church, or Baptist church, them's all right; you should be. But, oh, friends, you've got... Not because you spoke with tongues, danced in the Spirit, because you cast out devils, or moved mountains with faith. That all's all right, for that's all right, but still unless that real perfect love is in there. That was where perfect love was. And that's the only thing that'll let you in there. That's the only thing that can stay there, it's the only thing there was, there. Oh my! It's an adoption. God, before the foundation of the world. ...

102 ... I don't claim to be a prophet, but you listen to me.

104 ***THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there.*** No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, ***you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you.***

I'm just, as I said this morning, I was made... My whole makeup is grace. A lot of people say, "Now, you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. Yeah, you do something for me, and I'll do something for you." That's not grace. Grace is, if your back is itching, I'll scratch it anyhow, whether you scratch mine or not; you slap me on the face, and say, "my back needs itching, needs scratching," I'll scratch it. See? That's it; do something. ***I don't believe in works; I believe that works is love. Works is--works is the manifestation that grace has taken place.***

I don't live true to my wife because I believe she'd divorce me if I didn't; I live true to her because I love her. ...

¹⁶⁶ What is the Holy Ghost? Now, then I'll read the rest of it real fast if you'll bear with me this much. Where was we at the other night, Brother Mike? Where they were all happy, oh, everything was peace; that was perfect love. Now, every time you come this way, you drop down a little, drop. Every time you make a step, you come inches closer. When it gets down to the earth, you got a shadow of the shadow of the shadow of shadows. Now, that's how much Holy Spirit you got in you. That's love. But oh, you thirst for something. ... you long for that. What is it? It's that up there making you long for it. ...

²¹⁰ And, remember, when this breath passes from this life, to you old people, or to you young people... And you mothers, when you see your little babies, that little girl baby that died when she wasn't eight days old or five days old, she'll be a beautiful young woman when you see her. That old grandpa was all so stooped over; he couldn't hardly see where he was going; when you see him, grandmother, he'll be a fine handsome young man, just as young as about twenty years old, just in the splendor of youth. And he'll be that way forever. You'll can touch his hand; you can shake hands with him. You'll throw your arms around him, but he won't be hubby; he'll be brother. Oh, my. He'll be so much greater than hubby. You think you loved him? Sure you did. But that was phileo; wait till you get agapao. Wait till that real Divine love catches, and then see what is...

²³² Our Heavenly Father, we bring to You tonight this congregation, every hand, as far as I know, was up. All but one person, some precious soul setting back here, just a little weary whether they could cross over ***the land, where there's enough a real divine love in their heart***, in that precious woman's heart, that she'd come to that land if she was dying tonight: would it pull her weary soul into the Promised Land of God?

²³³ Father in heaven, as I have stood here at this pulpit and preached, and sweated, and cried, and begged, and persuaded, let me ask You once more, Lord, let me ask for my sister back there; God, ***place within her heart tonight: that divine love, that Holy Spirit of God***, that peace that passes all understanding, that she would receive Thy Spirit, be sealed away by the Holy Ghost until that day. I want to see her, Lord, when we cross over the bridge. If it's--if it's my--if it's my privilege to cross, if that what You showed me is real, and I cross across there, I want to meet her there, and see her run and grab me by the hand, and say, "My precious brother, it was that night that Something told me to raise up my hand, when you got through preaching on the book of Ephesus. I raised up my hand, and something happened to me after that. Here I am. I'm young now forever." God grant it to that precious one.

²³⁴ These who have raised their hands that they have been sealed away by the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God is upon them, and they have received the Holy Ghost, they're sealed away with that godly love in their hearts. How we thank You for them.

60-0608 HAVING.CONFERENCES_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH

^{E-68} ... I looked back, and I seen myself laying there on the bed. I never had anything like that to happen. It's done something to me; I can never be the same no more. So then, it... I--I looked, and I thought, "What is this?" I thought, "Well, all them people looked young." And I looked down, and I was young. I--I had turned back to a young man again. I said, "Well, this is strange." And I looked and...

I can't explain it. There's no words that I can think of. If I'd say superb, or--or--or supreme, or--or perfect, that wouldn't touch it. There--there was no tomorrow; there was no yesterday. They--they--they were in eternity. And they never got tired; they never had to eat. Yet they had senses: I could feel them; they could speak; they was looking at me. They had senses.

And I said, "I--I don't understand this."

And that voice said, "This is perfect love." Said, "Isn't that what you spoke the Holy Spirit was?"

I said, "Yes."

"And this is perfect love."

60-0716 FROM.THAT.TIME_ KLAMATH.FALLS.OR

E-98 ...And I looked and people was coming from everywhere. And I said, "What is this?"

And that voice now, from no one, the same voice that had spoke in the room is still with me.

He said, "This is perfect love."

And I've always taught: The evidence of the Holy Ghost is perfect love. See? I believe in speaking in tongues, sure. "But though I speak with tongue in men and angels and have not charity, I am nothing--become a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." So, when you speak with tongues and got love with it, that'll show you. ...

E-107 Just remember. I'll say this, with the faith that I have in that vision, whatever it was, **I'll speak it in the Name of the Lord:** Except you have that perfect love, you'll never be there, 'cause nothing could ever be there without it. Your spirit would be out of place there. It couldn't come; there'd be no way for it to come. No more than it would be for a grain of corn to raise up out of the ground without a germ of life in it. No matter how natural it would look, it could not raise.

My friends, you old people, you young people, you don't know what time you're going to leave. We don't know that. But let me persuade you as a Christian brother, that one that loves you: Except you are borned again, and the Spirit of God of love comes into your heart, you'll certainly miss that place. Let me ask you: If God has given me--has given favor between us, and you believe me, I'm honest. What happened, I don't know. But God in heaven, Who's--Who's omnipresent and is here now... When I leave this world, heavenly Father, please let me rest in there until Jesus comes. That's--that's--that'll--that'll be reward enough for me, if I can just rest at that place, till I see Him come.

E-114 Heavenly Father, You see their hands. I was watching, watching something being done. You know all about it, Father. I pray now that Your Spirit will be sweetly upon them. Let them know that just as I have said, may it be that they can say, "From this time on..." Their attitudes has been changed; the hardness that was in their heart has melted away. Sweet peace and Divine love has taken its place. Grant it, Father.

May each one of them receive the baptism of the love of God in their hearts, that they could turn the other cheek, go the second mile. Like He did with spit on His face and thorns on His brow, with heavens and earth in His hands, walked meekly to the cross to die for people who were killing Him. God, how...

Make us that way, Father. Take that stony heart out of us and put a real, sweet, kind heart in us; put a Spirit in us like He's got. Let the Spirit of God rest upon each of these; there's been thirty or forty people raise up their hands. I pray, Father, that You'll give them Eternal Life. May they never be ashamed of You; may they sweetly come to You.

60-0720 IT.IS.I LAKEPORT.CA

E-4 ...Oh, if I could just only remain there forever, just... It is no yesterday, no tomorrow. You--you're just there. And no--no sin, nothing can happen sinfully. There's nothing could be sin. And everything was perfect love. If I would try to say it was perfection, that wouldn't meet it. Sublime, that wouldn't meet it. I just don't have any words that I know in the English dialect to express what the place was. I never seen, or heard, or thought anything like it.

60-1205 THE.EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

⁷² ...Ephesus means... the very name *Ephesus* means "let go, relax, backslidden." Called by God, "The backslidden church." God--God acknowledged first their works, their labor, and their patience. God rebuked their living, leaving their first love, for backsliding, and for no longer bearing Light. Ephesus was not a deceived church, it failed itself by not continuing in perfect love.

61-0425B THE.GODHEAD.EXPLAINED_ CHICAGO.IL

¹⁶ ...And I pray, Father, that from my heart that Thou will let me express to my brethren, this morning, the motive and objective of my life to You, that they might understand. Grant it, that we might have perfect love, and fellowship, and cooperation, and all the working of the Gospel. For we ask it in Jesus' Name, Who prayed that we might be one as He and His Father was One. Believing this, that "This will all men know that you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other." Amen.

62-0601 TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

¹⁵⁰ Now, those who believed the Word, they knowed that the very things that Jesus was doing, and the things was of His life, they knew Who He was. So they couldn't put nothing blight on Him, because they couldn't see it. And you know, love is blind, anyhow, to them things. "Love covers up a multitude of sin," you know. "Perfect love casts out fear, and sin, all discord." Love does. ...

63-0623M STANDING.IN.THE.GAP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-7

¹³⁷ You notice, it's the verb before the adverb. See, the French. Now the U.N. interpreter interpret that. And the boy knows not one word, never heard--never heard of such a thing as speaking in tongues. He was a Baptist. Just happened to drop in there, and heard that music, and said... come up there and stand up there and listen at me preach.

¹³⁸ Now, "in the love Divine," Divine love. How can that be Divine love if it isn't the--the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is Divine love.

63-0825E PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-11

¹³² And when we were sinners, alienated, without God; in the world, in that muck of mud, as I talked about this morning, God come to us! God sought you, you never sought God. "No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first." And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out! That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you was, and look what you are. What did that? Somebody that loved you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? ***Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.***

65-0829 SATAN'S.EDEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN

¹²⁴ Notice now the Holy Spirit, of God's Holy Word, had a man and woman naked, and didn't know it. How beautiful, Life of the Word; the Seed, the Word!

¹²⁵ God said, "There is a tree in the midst of the garden, the woman. And in the midst of the garden is this tree; don't even touch it. For, the day you eat thereof, that day you die." They were holy veiled from it, didn't know nothing about it, daresn't to touch it.

¹²⁶ They were holy veiled. They were safe in God's pavilion. They were alive. They had no death around them. Hallelujah! They had perfect love one for the other, perfect Life forever. They had perfect love, perfect understanding of the love of God. They had God's Word, and kept It. And they were alive and safe in God's Eden, with no death at all around them.