

Doctrine no 15

True Doctrine Brings Order

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This morning I would like to take our subject on how Doctrine brings order. And for our text, I would like to read from **1 Peter** chapter 1.

1 Peter 1:10-12 *Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*

Now, to get a better picture of what Peter is telling us here, William Branham had to say this about that in his sermon called **Christ revealed in His own Word 65-0822M P:38** *Now, notice this Bible. Some of them said, "Oh, well, It's done this; It's done that." But let me tell you something; let's just go into the history of the Bible just a minute and see where It come from. **It was written by forty different writers. Forty men wrote the Bible over a space of sixteen hundred years apart and at different times, predicting the most important events that ever happened in world's history, and many times hundreds of years before it happened. And there is not one error in the entire sixty-six Books. Oh, my. No author but God Himself could be so accurate. Not one word contradicts the other. Remember, sixteen hundred years apart, the Bible was wrote, from Moses to--to the death of--of John at Isle--or the Isle of Patmos: sixteen hundred years. And was wrote by forty different authors. One didn't even know the other one, and they never had It as the Word. Some of them never even seen the Word. But when they wrote It, and was understood to be prophets, then when they put their prophecies together, each one of them dovetailed one to the other.***

Notice what Brother Branham said, the prophets who wrote this Word, some of them didn't even know each other and some of them had never even seen the Word. That is true with Job. The Book of Job was written in the time around or even before Moses wrote the first five books called the Pentateuch. Yet every thing that Job wrote fit perfectly with the rest of the Word. Now how is that possible unless it was written by God through those men?

We can't hardly get 5 of the five-fold ministers to agree with what this Word says much less get ten laity to agree. And yet we have forty writers who wrote 66 books over a period of sixteen hundred years, that's 160 decades, one thousand six hundred year span, and there isn't one flaw in the entire 66 books. There isn't one contradiction, there isn't one error in the doctrine of God. Why? Well, let's see what else brother Branham had to say about it.

[56] *Look at **Peter**, who announced on the day of Pentecost, "**Repent every one of you and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.**" Paul had*

never heard nothing about it. He went down to Arabia for three years to study the Old Testament to see Who this Pillar of Fire was that spoke to him on the road, saying, "*Saul, why persecutest thou Me?*" How could he be wrong? **He never even consulted the church at all. And fourteen years later when he met Peter, they was preaching the same thing, word by word.** That's our Bible. Let other men's words fail. No man can add to It. You don't add no more to the Bible. No, sir. **This is a complete revelation.** That's all.

Now, many times over the years, I've taught certain things from this pulpit using certain scriptures to do so and then I would talk to brother Vayle on Monday and tell him what I was preaching on and he would tell me he taught the very same thing using the very same scriptures on the very same day. And yet we neither of us had gotten together to talk about what we were going to preach on. Some of you know this experience for yourselves, being that you will be discussing certain Scriptures and quotes from the Prophet and when you come to church you see those very same Scriptures and quotes right up here on the screen. Gives you a little chuckle inside to know the Holy Ghost is still in control doesn't it.

"Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." Don't you worry about the future, God has every thing under control. And *"all things are working together for the good of those who love the Lord and are the called according to His purpose."*

Now what can cause that? I believe it is **the same Holy Spirit that spoke to the Prophet, is here revealing it.** He has already revealed it to us through the end-time prophet William Branham, but The Great Holy Spirit Who is the Elijah of this day is still here making it more real to us and quickening us to the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

We would see Jesus 57-0226 P:32 *"oh, we should be the happiest people on all the earth. Because that He Who gave us the promise of Eternal Life is alive and with us tonight to confirm that promise. What a wonderful thing.*

From that time 62-0713 P:2 *The main thing that we try to do is to let people see that Christ is not dead, that He is alive. And if we can just see, the One Who made us all these grand promises is here to confirm those promises*

Presence of God unrecognized 64-0618 P:1 *"working for this one purpose, for you to recognize the Presence of Jesus Christ. See? If He is present, then, why, everything is settled. He made the Word. He is here to confirm It. He proves that He'll confirm It. "He is just the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

So we are looking at the unfailing reality of the living God. He is here to make sure His promises are fulfilled in those he made them to.

Therefore this morning I would like to examine Correct true Doctrine and how it brings order.

The Apostle Paul said in **2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Notice that Scripture is given us for Doctrine, and that brings reproof and correction and instruction in Right-wise-ness. In other words, Scripture and more specifically true Scriptural Doctrine or teaching brings order. It says it brings us reproof, and correction to our ways, and is meant for instruction in right-wise-ness.

Now, right-wise-ness is the doing of that which is right. So you see how the Doctrine of teaching the Scriptures brings order.

In **1 John 3:7** we read, *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he (God) is righteous..*

Notice it tells us that he that does what is right is rightly wise. And how would he do what is right unless he was instructed in what is rightly wise.

NOw, let's read it with the next verse in mind. **1 John 3:7** *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he (God) is righteous. 17 That the man of God may be perfect, (that means finished off and fully mature) thoroughly furnished (or thoroughly equipped) unto all good works.*

How does a man of God become thoroughly equipped and thoroughly finished or mature? By hear receiving and acting upon the Word or Doctrine as it is taught.

Again we read in **1 John 2:29** *If ye know that he (God) is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness (everyone that doeth what is rightly wise) is born of him.*

1 John 3:10 *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness (everyone who does not what is rightly wise) is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

Then id Doctrine brings about order, and brings forth a fully mature son or daughter of God, then we should focus our entire beings on those promises that are specific to the elect at this late hour and are taught in the Bible as True Doctrine.

Since we are in the age to see the *Resurrection, The change of the body, the adoption, the manifestation as sons of God, and our being conformed to the image of the first born son.* Then there must be Bible teaching or Doctrine to get us to the lace of being thoroughly finished unto these good works. And in so yielding ourselves to the true Bible Doctrines we will find ourselves coming into the order of events and passing through them one by one as we yield to the teaching.

And how is this possible? By *receiving His very same Spirit* that governed His Life in His body, and gave order to His life, and brought His body into submission to the will of God, His Father, that same Spirit in us will also quicken our mortal bodies in like manner as it quickened God's first born son.

That is **Romans 8:10** *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of right-wise-ness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to self, to live after self. 13 For if ye live after self, ye shall die: but if ye*

through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Then the doctrine teaching through the Spirit of Christ in you, will govern your life in your body, and you can't help then to do the things he did, and to speak like he spoke, and acting like he acted, and live your life like he lived, and then you can't help to do the works that he did, for it is the same Spirit in you that was in Him living and doing and speaking and acting and working.

And He said, "***He who gave the Word, and these promises, is here to confirm them, if you will only recognize His presence.***"

The apostle Paul told us in **1 Corinthians 2:10-16** And so if we have the mind of the Lord we will have to not only say the same things, but we will have to see the same as well.

1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

And this same Apostle anointed by God's Holy Spirit, promised us in **1 Corinthians 1:10** ***Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.***

And when is this to happen? Notice verse **7** which tells us this will be at the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming (apocalypses, the unveiling or Revealing) of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

What fellowship? The fellowship of His spirit. having the same mind because we have the same spirit. Remember, fellowship brother Bosworth told Br. Branham is Two fellows in one ship. And "***if we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another.***"

So Paul tells us at the time of the Apocalypses or unveiling or revealing of Christ we will come to the place where God will confirm us.

This is interesting, because William Branham said he is here to confirm His Word, and He is here to confirm the promises he made to us. We also find this in [2 Thess 1: 10] when He comes to be Glorified in His Saints.

Now Brother Branham goes on to say in **Christ is Revealed in His own Word**, [57] *Like the Seven Seals. Someone kept saying to me. "The Lord will speak to you, Brother Branham, when these seals are revealed and will tell us how to get closer to God, and how to do..." I said, "No, sir. It can't be, because the Bible, the Seven Seals on It had the Seven Mysteries hid. It was already wrote, but they didn't understand what it was." Watch how they plowed along with that being baptized in Jesus' Name. See? That wasn't it: the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. See? All those things, how it was... 'Cause there's many Jesus's... I got several friends here on earth named Jesus, minister friends. It isn't that; It's our Lord Jesus Christ. No author but God could be so correct.*

[59] *Now, let's just see how this Bible was written. Now, say for instance, from... What if we went now and took **sixty-six medical books** that deals with the body, wrote by forty different medical schools, sixteen hundred years apart? Wonder what kind of continuity we'd come up with? When George Washington, our president... About two hundred years ago **for pneumonia they pulled his toenail out and bled him a pint**. What if we took... Let's go a little further on some things that we so attracted to today; that's science. What if we took forty different scientists sixteen hundred years apart and see what we'd come up with? A French scientist three hundred years ago proved by science, by rolling a ball, that if any terrific speed was obtained over thirty miles an hour, the object would leave the earth and fall off. **You think science would ever refer back to that?** Is any continuity with that now, when they drive down the street on the road here, hundred and fifty miles an hour? See? But he scientifically proved that by the pressure of the ball rolling across the ground, that at thirty miles an hour, that any object would lift up off the earth and go away, fall off in space.*

[61] *No, there's no continuity to that, but **not one word in the Bible contradicts the other**. **Not one prophet ever contradicted the other one**. They was every one perfect, and when one come in and did prophesy, that real prophet raised up and called him down. Then it was made manifest. See, see, see? So **the Bible is the Word of God to all true believers**.*

Then why is it that out of the hundreds and hundreds of churches that claim to believe Brother Branham's Message, why is it that you can hardly get 5 men together who will teach the same thing? ***I believe it is because we have not as a group of people learned to let go of our own thinking***. Men are still holding onto their own ideas and not forsaking everything as the Apostle Paul told us to do. And why would we want to hold onto our own thinking anyway? What good have your thoughts produced anyway?

But I'll tell you why men will not let go of their own thinking. It's because they're not looking to Glorify our Father as Jesus and Brother Branham did. Jesus said in, **John 7:16-18** that *those who seek not their own glory but the Fathers Glory will know the doctrine*.

John 7:15 *And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law?*

So this tells me that all those men out there who preach false doctrine whether it be a female holy ghost or a false understanding of Godhead or a wrong understanding of the fullness of the Godhead trying to place it in the Bride, the reason why they do these things is because God, our Father is not the focus of their Glory, but they themselves somehow have gotten their focus all skewed, and their focus is on self and not God.

And remember in **Romans 8** Paul said if our focus is on self we can not please God.

The Message Romans 8:5-8 *Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them, find that **God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.** 9-11 **But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him.** Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, **the Spirit of Christ**, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that **if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!** 12-14 **So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!** 15-17 **This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a child like "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.***

From the Message, **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed**, Brother Branham said, **“If you are born of the Word of God, God’s Word will have the preeminence.”** And that is exactly **Colossians 1:18-19**. *18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

Brother Branham read this scripture and said, ***“He is the head of the Church which is His body, and He wants the Preeminence.”*** And so until you are born of the Word of God you will never give the Word the proper preeminence and therefore you will have to give yourself or some other the preeminence. And as Jesus said, *those who give God the Glory, will also know the doctrine.*

Now, let's go back to **John 7:18-19** again and read it *18 He that speaketh of himself seeks his own glory: but he that seeks his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keep the law? Why go ye about to kill me?*

Does the preeminence come before knowing the doctrine? No sir. ***Does knowing the doctrine come before giving God the proper glory and preeminence?*** No sir. that's not what Jesus said. he said just the opposite. He said, know your place and give God the preeminence and you will know the doctrine. When you know the Doctrine correctly, you'll also know how to place it in it's proper place, and you never be puffed up, nor will you loose your focus. How can any man be puffed up who understands the sovereignty of God?

Once you have that experiential knowledge of Him, you will do correctly because you know correctly. And who taught Jesus the Doctrine any how? God, His Father did. **John 7:16** *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

John 8:28 *Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.*

Now, that does not mean that you'll be free from the persecution of men, because Jesus promised us that as he received persecution they would also persecute you.

John 15:20 *Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

And I also want you to understand that Jesus Promised us that God Himself would teach us the doctrine as well.

John 6:45 *It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*

Notice here that *all that have heard and have learned.* So there is much more to this message than just hearing it. ***You must also learn it. And then you can come to Him.*** And who is able to understand the doctrine which is the Message? Those who are no longer children. **Isaiah 28:9** *“Who is it he is trying to teach? To whom is he explaining his message? To children weaned from their milk, to those just taken from the breast?”*

I don't think so, because you've got to grow up before you can leave the milk for the meat.

1 Corinthians 13:11 tells us that when you do grow up you will begin to see Him like you have never seen Him before. *11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

I'd like to read **1 Corinthians 13:12** as a paraphrase. *“Now as children we see through a glass darkly, but at the time when we are to grow up and become fully mature, before adoption time sets in, we shall know even as we are know by God.”*

So we find brother Branham bringing this down to medicine and he says in [62] *Now, you couldn't get no accuracy in what doctors would agree upon. You can't even get accuracy of them now. You can't get accuracy in science now.”*

Now before we read on, I would like to ask the question, why? Why can't we get accuracy in science? I'll tell you, because they're only guessing at it. They really don't know and they will not go to the source that does know, **God's Word**. And so, just as children they act as children and therefore they see through a glass darkly. If they had an absolute that is proven to be **100% correct every time** then they would all have to agree. But since it is every man to his own self, **his own theory or theology**, then how can they possibly ever come to the place of agreement.

Daniel 12:4 *“But thou, oh, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*

2 Timothy 3:7 *“Ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth.”*

So we know that although knowledge shall increase, and man will be ever learning, yet they will never able to come to the Knowledge of the Truth. So what knowledge they shall have, although it is plentiful, is based upon deceit. And that's science so-called today. Based upon theories that are based upon deception. If your foundation is wrong to begin with then everything you add to that wrong foundation will bring about a wrong result. This is exactly what Paul said. **1 Corinthians 3:11** *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Why do you think the central banks can't get us out of this mess? Because they put us into this mess in the first place utilizing the wrong foundational principles. And so they say, we are in debt, so we will go further into debt to get out of debt. It's pure insanity. Spend more money to get yourself out of debt, when any child knows that is totally insane. But their foundation is based on the theory of one man John Maynard Keynes, and it is called Keynesian economics.

Paul called the science of man, so called science in **1 Timothy 6:20** *20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

Now the word used here for science is the word gnosis which is the same word for knowledge and understanding. But as Paul said, *it is science falsely, so called*. Because if it is wrong, then is it really knowledge. We are living in a time when the educational system in the entire world is based upon **false knowledge**. True science is as elusive as

Real Truth in this day. Because *real science is real knowledge*, but what we have today is based upon *falsehoods*, therefore *ever learning but never able to know the Truth*.

And what good is false knowledge. What good is a degree in evolution when it's false, and based on myth or some stupid theory of a man who was a blasphemer against God and His Word.

Now Brother Branham continues, :..." *You're going to find out one of these days that when you go to heaven, you don't fly off somewhere else; you're still right here too, just in another dimension faster than this.*

That explains all those dreams you brethren are having. Where things are happening all around you but you're not affected by what's happening. And with all that's happening in this hour, I can only say that I'm thankful that we have a vindicated Word to give us direction. We don't have to wait for science to prove anything, we already have "*Thus Saith the Lord*" to rely on.

1Corinthians 15:3-8 *3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

Matthew 27:50 *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and **appeared unto many.***

1Corinthians 15:12-20 *12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

1Corinthians 15:33-54 *33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. 35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body*

as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Revelations 20:4-6 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Hebrews 11:36-12:2 36 *And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 **Looking unto Jesus** the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

97 Seven Church Ages 54-0512 *His great, glorious Presence shall strike the earth. "He cometh in clouds." Oh, I love that. "Clouds," there will be wave after wave of His glory will come across the earth, and the resurrection of the saints shall come. When that blessed Holy Spirit that's lived in their hearts, and they died with their corpses laying there, and the tear stains over their cheeks, and things like that, they're placed out here in a graveyard. A great wave of that same Spirit, and a "whoosh," wave after wave. "He that was last will be first, and he that was first will be last." How can it be that way? That's the order of the resurrection. I won't know nobody in the generation before me or the generation after me. I'll know those in the generation of this. And every generation will come successfully, right as it went down. "They which were last will be first." Sure, it has to be. See? I'll know my people. The next fellow, my dad will know his people; his grandfather, his people, on down like that. Wave after wave, after wave, after wave, and the saints arising from everywhere, won't that be wonderful. Amen. That makes the old people feel young again. Yes. Now, notice closely. All right. ... comes in the--in the clouds; and every eye shall see him... (No matter how far back they died; they'll still see him.)... and they also which pierced Him: and all the kindred's of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

E-61 Images of Christ 59-0525 *Now, this is the order of the resurrection. "We which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are dead; for the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; we which are alive and remain shall be called up together with them..." Meet one another before we meet Him, meet one another before we meet Him... "Be caught up together with him--with them to meet the Lord in the air." All together.*

E-17 Condolences to Stadklev Family 60-0924 *Then them which are asleep shall not prevent those which are awake at the coming of the Lord. "For the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. And we'll be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." You notice the order of the resurrection? "We which are alive and remain to the coming of the Lord (now that word was Parousia, so that ought to tell you how close it really is, because the Parousia has already come, and God is present.)*

(II Thessalonians, I believe about the 4th chapter) shall not prevent (or hinder) those that are asleep. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first." And notice the next, "Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them." See, we meet them first. Now, I wonder, how God in His great mercy, when He'd be worshipped perfectly there, and when... He knew that. He knew that if we got there first to worship Him, and then we'll go to look around, wonder where baby is, and where mother is, and where this one or that one; but (You see?) He lets us meet one another first. So when you go up to worship before the Lord on that day, she'll be with you. See?

E-90 Be No Afraid 61-0311 *We think of that great day. How You have arranged it. "I would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those that are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others that have no hope. For if we believe that Christ died and rose again the third day. Even so, those that sleep in Christ will God bring with Him. For we say this to you in the commandment of the Lord." That we will not be as hindered. It won't hinder us when we are sleeping. And we watch the order of the resurrection. The first thing, we get together, not until we get together will we go together to meet Him. Mothers and fathers will meet one another. Children and loved ones will meet one another, and then be caught up in the air to meet the Lord. And when we stand there, singing redemption's songs, and Angels, with a circle around the earth will stand with bowed heads, not knowing what they're talking about. They never was lost. They don't know what it means to be lost and to be found. But, Lord, we know what it means. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*

180 Revelation chapter four pt 1 60-1231 *Peter, James, and John, and them standing present, when Jesus spoke to them and said, "There's some standing here will not taste of death until they see the Son of man coming." He didn't say "all" that was standing there, but "some." And they went a few days after that, and saw the order of the resurrection rehearsed, and the coming of the Lord. Moses represented the dead saints being resurrected. Elijah represented the translated. But remember, Moses was first, and then Elijah. Elijah was to be the messenger of the last day, that with him and his group would come the rapture. Moses brought in the resurrection, and Elijah brought in the raptured group. And there, both of them was represented right there.*

12 Jehovah Jireh 62-0705 *And then, remember, if we go before He comes, we will be up and in His Presence, or raised before the others are changed. "The trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." Look at the order of the resurrection. See, God knows that we long to see our loved ones. And if we got there to meet Him first, we'd be looking around to see if mother or dad and the rest of them was there. But see how, the Holy Spirit in His wisdom? We meet one another first, and then when we get there and sing "Amazing Grace," that's when there's going to be a time of worship. You think I act funny now, watch me up there. It's going to be a wonderful time for me and all of us that--when we get there.When we get our big tent up out here somewhere, we'll take*

plenty of time and go through them in-between the lines. Watch the resurrection thing how it moves in there, just beautifully. Just get in love with Him and He will reveal it to you

21 Present Stage of My Ministry 62-0908 "remember that we live here in **three dimensions**. And I don't know whether I can name them or not. One of them is light, and the other is matter. Tommy, you remember what the third is? Huh?.... Now, **light, matter, and time**. And our **five senses contact them dimensions**. Our **sight contacts light**, our **feeling contacts matters**, and so forth. Now, but we have contact through science, **the fourth dimension**, as it was. Because coming right through this building now comes pictures, voices of radio, pictures on television, **that our senses does not contact that**, but yet they have a tube or crystal that picks up those ether waves and manifests them. So, you see, **right in this building now is live actions of people in the air, live voices**. They're here. We know it. They're absolutely the truth. And the only thing you do, they catch it on... I don't understand the mechanics of those things that science has invented, but we know that it proves to us **there is a fourth dimension**. Now, **the fifth dimension is where the sinner, the unbeliever dies and goes to**. **The fifth dimension is the horrible dimension**. And **when a Christian dies, he goes into the sixth dimension**. And **God is in the seventh dimension**. Now then, you see, the **Christian when he dies, he goes under the altar of God, right into the Presence of God, under the altar**. And he's at rest. To break it down. When a man has a nightmare, he's not altogether asleep, neither is he awake. He's between sleep and awake, and that's what makes him have a horrible shaking and screaming, because he's not asleep, he's not awake. And to take that, **shows where a man goes when he dies unconverted**. He's lived his time up; he's dead on earth; and he cannot go in the Presence of God, because he's not fit to go there without the Blood. And he's caught. He cannot come back to earth, because his time's finished here on earth, and he's caught between, and he's in a nightmare. See? He can't go in the Presence of God to rest. He can't come back to earth, because his time's up. He's in a nightmare, and **there he stays until the day of the judgment: a horrible thing to be in**. See? And now in this vision, I believe I was caught to that sixth dimension, looking back down here and could see back. See, the sight isn't exactly with the eyes; that's earthly. But sight is a greater thing than... **The sight that they have there, their contact is far beyond any contact that our natural senses would contact**. ... Therefore, as long as there's a born again Christian on the earth, and **we got a body here like this, it's the very reflection of one that's waiting on the other side where there is no death and sorrow**. And that's what makes our hearts hunger for such as that. See, there's something in us that calls out. We just... **There's something that tells us it's there**. I believe through these years... I apologize before God and the people of being stupid and making many mistakes. But through these many years I have been privileged to see many millions of people come into the Kingdom of God, and have been thankful to the Lord to let me lead them there. And **I believe they'll be there on that day**.

Let us pray