

Faith no 67

Saved by Grace Through Faith

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Let us remain standing as we open our Bibles to **Ephesians 2:8** "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"*

This evening I would like to take our subject from this text and go into this Scripture to show how that Faith is what brings us to, or opens the door to the Grace of God whereby we are saved. As you know Faith is Revelation and wince there is only one Faith thus one revelation, The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is by the Revelation of Jesus Christ that we are able to see the grace of God, and through this revelation we are able to receive this Grace that God has ordained for us that not only saves us but is ordained to change us from mortal to immortal in this hour.

Notice the scripture says, "*For by grace are ye saved through faith...* And then the apostle Paul adds *and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.*

So we see that this revelation is not something we come up with, but rather comes from God, as it is a gift from God and it will save us.

In **Deuteronomy 29:29** we read "*the hidden things belong unto the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever.*"

Therefore it is not our being able to figure out what is going on, but God by Grace reveals that which had been hidden to us which we know to be His **purpose and plan** for us. and once he reveals it to us, it's no longer hidden from us, but is now known by us.

However, the knowing itself is not by any power or wisdom or intellect we may have, but it is by His grace, his sovereign will that He reveals to us that which has been hidden. So always be thankful that God has opened your eyes, because more than 99.9% of the worlds eyes are beholden and they cannot see what you see.

From his sermon, **Message of Grace 61-0827 65** Brother Branham said, "*It takes the simplicity of believing God to make His Word speak out to show that **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** Takes a humble heart dedicated to God, bring Jesus Christ unto present tense. Amen. If it taken theology, what would the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, and so forth, we wouldn't have a chance us poor unlearned people. But it doesn't take knowledge. "**Not by power or by might, but by My Spirit,**" saith God, "**I'll unfold this mystery.**" And he'll cry to it, "**Grace, grace, with shoutings and cryings.**" That's what it is today: God's amazing grace to His people. How He takes the illiterate, the unlearned, shows that Jesus is the same.*

Now, we have seen in **1 Corinthians 2** many times how that it takes God's Spirit in you to reveal to you the things of God, for he said in verse **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. 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 teacheth; 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.

And also from his sermon **Lean not unto thy own understanding 65-0120 P:47** brother Branham said, "*But look, friends, listen. Nowhere in the Bible are we asked to understand. We're not asked to understand It. We're asked to believe It. Believe It by what? By faith. If you understand It, then that makes faith annulled. You can't understand it, but you believe It anyhow. If I could understand God, I wouldn't have to believe God. **I do not understand God.** No man understands God. I cannot understand the Word of God, but I accept It. I believe It. I'm not asked to understand It. I don't, - went to no seminary and all this great understanding of man's knowledge on that. I just know that the Bible says that **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever**, and **I look for Him in that same category. I know He promised what He would do in this day;** I look for Him to do it and He does it. That's right. He promised grace; I looked for it and I received it. He promised healing; I believed it and I accepted it, and I received it.*

Now, notice Brother Branham's language here because he seems to indicate at the first reading that you simply do not have to have any understanding or knowledge concerning God, but then he says what seems almost contradictory but it's not. Because that is not what he is telling us. In using these words if we take them out of the context he's using them in, we would end up saying it's ok to be dumb and lazy concerning the things of God, if we only just believe. But that is not what he's telling us here. He's telling us, we do not have to understand how God does what He promised to do for us, all we have to do is know and believe what He promised to do for this hour and then we just leave the results up to him. Then the way He does it is totally up to Him. and that way we don't get ahead of God like Moses did when he tried to deliver Israel on his own.

And this takes it away from our power to do anything, and places it totally back onto **God to work in you both to will and to do.** And He does it by His Grace. He is not saying here that you will not be able to know what God is doing for you, or even what God expects for you, He is just saying though you may not understand how God will do what he promised to do, yet **you will know** that he promised it, and you will be able to watch it unfold as He does it. Because if it were the case that we are just like dumb animals and incapable of knowing, then Why does God reveal to us his plan and purpose. So brother Branham is not giving license for stupidity and carelessness.

He cancels out any thought that says I do not have to understand or know by saying "**I know He promised what He would do in this day; I look for Him to do it and He does it.**"

Well **if you know what God promised** then **you understand what He promised.** So that throws out altogether your having a complete lack of understanding. To know what he promised to do shows understanding.

In fact William Branham and the Apostle Paul both told us that the evidence that you are filled with the Holy Ghost is that you are able to know and to understand the things of God. Maybe not know how He will do what he plans to do, but you will know what He promised and you will believe that He is more than able to fulfill His promises.

So when br. Branham speaks of "***not being able to understanding***" he's talking ***about not being able to understanding how God does things***, yet believing if God promised something then God is more than able to perform what he promised.

Therefore, don't walk away from what he said with the understanding that you don't have to understand anything concerning the things of God, but rather walk away from what he said believing that no matter how God will do it, you know and understand that if He promised it, then it is up to him to fulfill what He promised.

Then concerning what he promised you must know and understand, but how he delivers on that promise you don't have to know nor understand because that is totally up to Him.

Therefore, Br. Branham is not including within that statement a lack of knowing and a lack of understanding what God promised for the day in which we live in, but rather what we do not need to know nor understand is how God will actually bring what he promised to pass.

Remember, he always told us, the minute you think you have it all figured out, you should know that is when you have missed it.

Three witnesses 51-0728 P:62 *No, friends, people gets, they just get a ecclesiastical picture of some theological seminary, that teaches them so, and they think it has to be that way. God's under no obligation to no theological seminary, just to His Word. That's right. They thought they had it figured out the way Jesus was going to come, and what He ought to be, as the Master. But when He come, it was different than what they thought. See? Now, everyone reverent.*

Why d you think that 99.9% of Christendom today has missed the Appearing of Christ, the Parousia, God's very Presence among His people before the Coming of the Just One?

Jesus Christ the same 58-0515 P:25 *God does things in His own way. And it's always contrary to the way the clergy has it figured out, always. You historians know that. Never in any age did the clergy have it right. Be careful.*

Sirs we would see Jesus 64-0318 P:11 *And remember that God never does anything outside of what He's promised to do. See? He always makes a promise, then He comes to fulfill it. God at the beginning, knowing the end from the beginning 'cause He was infinite... We all know that. He's omnipresent, omnipotent, and infinite. Now, if He's infinite, then He knowed all things. And now... And omniscient... So notice, then He 'lotted His Scriptures down through the ages to come. And then, when this age rolls around, why, we always try to--to have things figured out the way we think it's right. But usually, ***if God's made a promise for that age, His custom way of doing anything, and never changes doing it...Remember, God never changes, never changes His ways.****

Because *that's the reason we can definitely place our faith in what God said to be the truth: the Bible.* Now, you've got to place God somewhere.

And of course that way has always been through a prophet. **Amos 3:6** *Surely the Lord God will do nothing lest he reveal it through his servants the prophets.* And the prophet is not some sovereign individual that can use his gift for any reason he deems fit, he is totally surrendered to God and doesn't say anything but what God tells him to say. And many times he doesn't even understand what he is saying, but God understands. And only will fulfillment bring the correct interpretation to what he has said in the name of the Lord.

He said in the Book of Acts, **Acts 13:41** *Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.*

Notice, he says, *I will do the work but a man shall declare it unto you.* Then who is that man, and what does He represent? **A ministry of Grace** to the people, though God will be the one doing it, yet the man will be declaring it.)

William Branham when he talked about the self driven cars he said, I believe it will be using radar or something to guide it. They didn't have GPS in those days. Ezekiel saw the cars with tail lamps and he called them chariots because that's all he knew, and so he tried to describe what he saw using the words which he knew.

But that don't change the promise, it just means we don't understand how God will fulfill what he promised, but just because we don't know how God will fulfill what He promised to do doesn't mean He won't do just exactly what He said.

I have heard but now I see 65-1127E P:29 *See, we don't use the gift of God for commercial. No, no. He could tell me where it was at, but I don't have any need of it. I wouldn't even have faith enough to ask Him. See? If I had a need of it, I believe if I'd ask Him, He'd tell me. But first (You see?), your motives and objectives has to be right. You have to have reasons for this. God don't give you those things just because you ask. And you cannot ask in faith unless there's a real objective to that, to be in the will of God. See? If you want to be well, what do you want to be well for? See? If you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? What do you want to do with your life when you get healed? See? There's got to be... You've got to have a motive and objective, and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then is when the faith is revealed to you, and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over. See? Now. See?*

We see in **I Peter 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope* (That's a hope which has been made alive) *by the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from among the dead.*

And then notice where he says this hope will takes us.

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 And you who are kept by the power of God through faith (notice it is through revelation we are kept and brought to) **to salvation** (which is) **ready to be revealed in the last time.**

So we are looking at a last time revelation that brings salvation or deliverance that he says is yet to come at the end time. That's What Peter is speaking about here. **6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold testings: If need be,** he says, then your trials are all in direct correlation to what you have need of. So every trial then is fitted to your present condition.

7 That the trial of your faith, (the trial of your Revelation) being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Now, this tells us that this end time revelation of Christ is to bring with it testing, but will produce something in us that is far more valuable than gold which has been tested by fire testing. It is to bring us to the place of **Glory**, which is the very **doxa** of God, the very **opinions, values, and judgments** of God. And it is to come **at the Appearing of the Lord.**

And we know that we are living now in the time of the Appearing of Christ.

For God's prophet taught us in his sermon **End time evangelism 62-0603 P:30** "**Now, we have already seen and are witnessing the appearing of the Lord. Now remember, appearing and coming is two different words: to appear and then to come. Now is the appearing; He's already appeared in these last days, right here with us in the last few years. Now, it's a sign of His coming. He's appearing in His Church in the form of the Holy Spirit, showing that it's Him, 'cause people cannot do these things that you see the Holy Spirit doing; so that's the appearing of the Lord. Now, you remember, it spoke both places, "appearing" and "coming."**

And again he said in his sermon, **We would see Jesus 62-0627 P:76** Remember, **appearing and coming is two different words. See? He's appearing now in the church, showing Himself alive after two thousand years.**

So Peter continues in verse **8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

Notice this Appearing will not be a visible man, but the invisible God who will Unveil Himself in such a way, as by Words He will be declared to us, and unveiled to us.

That is what we are told in the book of acts.

Acts 13:41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

And notice Peter tells us that this unveiling of the mighty God at the end time will bring us into the Full **Doxa** of God, into the fullness of God's **opinions**, God's **values**, and God's **judgments**.)

9 Receiving the end of your faith, (the goal of your revelation) *even the salvation of your souls.* **10** Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Now, I want you to take note of this **grace** Peter is speaking of because he is going to mention it again in a couple more verse.

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 (the doxa) that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, (not unto the old Testament Prophets) 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.

Notice he is telling us that the prophets that spoke of the coming Messiah were not fully aware themselves of the full understanding of what their prophecies were all about. They were pointing to the Coming of the Messiah, the Just one, but each had an understanding in part, but the revealing of Christ brought the total picture into fullness.

And now verse **13** is where I want to get to this evening. **1 Peter 1:13** *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ*;

So we see that there is to be an end time Grace that is to accompany the end time revelation of Jesus Christ.

Notice his words again, "hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

And we know this end time grace is a special **endowment** or **revelation** from the Father that brings us to the place of becoming fully mature son or daughter of God by bringing us into the very **Glory** of God which is the **doxa** of God, which is the very mind of God coming into us as we see in the next few Scriptures.

Colossians 1:27 *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory (doxa) of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

Notice, "**Christ in you the hope of your receiving the Doxa of God.**"

So we see that God gave us of His own Spirit that we might have a hope or an expectation or an anticipation of receiving **His very mind** or mindset. You see, if He did so to His first born Son, then we know that He will do so to His other sons. For Jesus was the first fruits. And Jesus prayed in **John 17** that ***we would be one with God in the same manner as He was one with the Father***, and he said he gave us the very same **Glory** (The very same **Doxa**) that God gave Him in order for us to be one with God.

John 17:21 *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.* **22** *And the glory (the doxa, the opinions, values and judgments) which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: And this is something God has initiated.*

Brother BRanham said in his sermon, **Works is faith expressed 65-1126 P:46** *Now, "faith" is a "revelation from God." Now, "faith" is a "revelation." There's where I want to stay there just a moment. **It's a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace.** It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into faith. **You never had faith; it's give to you by the grace of God.** And **God reveals it to you; therefore, faith is a revelation.** And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.*

Again from his sermon, **Invisible union of the bride 65-1125 P:155** he said, *"Now, there's only one way that you can be saved. That's **by faith are ye saved, and that by grace.** The grace of God spoke to you, brought you to the altar.*

Now, going back to **I Peter 1:13 ¶** *Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;***

Notice that we are to **hope for the grace that is to be brought to us at the Revelation of Jesus Christ**, and then we are to gird up our minds. Therefore at the time of the great Revelation of Christ we are to receive a special dispensation of Grace. And this grace is to be multiplied, bringing **Grace Grace** unto it, at the time of the Capstone ministry of Christ.

Notice Paul tells us in **I Corinthians 1:3** **Grace** *be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the **grace** of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in everything ye are **enriched** (this word **enriched** means like fertilizer, we **enrich** the soil to produce a finished fully mature harvest from just a seed in the beginning.) **That in everything ye are enriched by him,**(notice it is He that is doing the fertilizing.*

*"That in everything ye are enriched by him in all utterance (that word utterance is logos), and in all knowledge" (and that word is **ginosko** and is the same word that speaks of **the Lord descending** in this hour in all power and knowledge.*

And remember, Jesus Himself in explaining the parable of **the Two Sowers**, said **it is given for you to know but to them it is not given to know nor to understand.** And the word **given** is the Greek word **echo**.

Now in getting back to **1 Corinthians 1:6** *Even as the testimony of Christ was **confirmed** in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift;* (the word **gift** in the Greek is the word **charisma** and it means **an endowment**. In other words when we speak of a child being **gifted**, it does not mean they are athletic, but they are **mentally endowed** to be able to understand what others among their peers just don't seem to be able to understand.

Thus this **grace** is to **endow** us to be **able to understand the unveiling or revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (that means *the testimony* of witness of Christ was **established in you**): **7 So that ye come behind in no gift** (in no lack of understanding); **waiting for the coming** (the *apokolupsis* or *unveiling* or revealing which is the *revelation*) **of our Lord Jesus Christ** (that is exactly what Peter told us would come. He said **this grace would get us ready for the unveiling of Christ**. And he told us to **gird up the loins of our mind**, which means to get ready to move out because it will come fast and furious just like a race. As it says, in **2 Corinthians 3:18** it will come **from image to image and from glory to glory** (from doxa to doxa, from opinion to opinion, from judgment to judgment, from values to values).

Now, let's continue our reading from **1 Corinthians 1:8** *Who shall also confirm* (that means *Who shall also establish you*, So we see that God Himself is the one who will **establish** us all the way unto the end. For the scriptures tells us **"He which began the good work in you will perform it."** And **He's here to do it**. So it is God who gave us the promise who comes to make sure the promise is fulfilled.

He that gave us the Word is here to confirm it, And that is exactly what William Branham taught us in his sermon **Presence of God Unrecognized 64-0618 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."**)

And so we see that He Himself has come in this hour to confirm His own Word to us, and **to confirm you** (or establish you) **unto the end**, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ as Peter told us.

Now, let's continue with **1 Corinthians 1** and pick up at verse **9** *"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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."*

Now, this word **judgment** is a Greek word **gnome** which means **to be in the same consciousness or the same mind**.

From br. Branham's sermon, **God's Only Provided Place of worship 65-1128M 262** *But now we come to the head, the capstone. "Grace. Grace." the capstone cried. The headstone crying what? "Grace. Grace." Passed from death and creed into a living Word of the living God. **God's only provided plan for His age, His sons in the Word age quickened by the Spirit like a spark that's lit off of something to make it alive**; and **seated now in heavenly places** in present tense, **already alive and subject to every promise in the Word**. Then **what does that do?** You being a part of God's gene, a part of the Word, other men a part of God's Word, seated together, manifest the entire Body of Christ, **because there's no leaven among you**. (See what He's talking about, Brother Brown?) **No leaven among you, just the Word only**, seated in heavenly places in the door where He put His Name: Christ Jesus.*

So what does that mean? No Leaven?

Well, we find that Jesus tells us in **Matthew 16** what leaven represents.

Matthew 16:5 *And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. 6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should **beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?** 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but **of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.***

Notice the bible says, "**beware of the false doctrine of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.**" And brother Branham is letting us know that there is no leaven or rather **there is no false doctrine among the group** that has the Grace-Grace Headstone, or Capstone ministry.

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Let us pray...