

## The Love of Truth And the Love of His Appearing

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

TRUTH, noun

1. Conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance **with that which is, or has been, or shall be.** (Jesus Christ the same Yesterday, Today and Forever) The truth of history constitutes its whole value. We rely on the truth of the scriptural prophecies.

Here's a simple definition drawn from what the Bible teaches: Truth is that which is consistent with the **mind, will, character, glory, and being of God**. Even more to the point: **Truth is the self-expression of God**.

216 And when a man turns down the Gospel Truth, Satan marks him (where?) at his ear. He deafens him so he can't hear the Truth no more, and he's finished. He stays with the group that he's with, if he won't hear the Truth. No.

217 "You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." See, the Truth makes free.

218 God marks His when they come. **God marks His by vindicating His promised Word through them.** That's exactly, Saint John 14:12. And another thing, you want to put down, Mark 16. Jesus said, **"These signs shall follow them that believe."** 63-0319 - The Second Seal

Let's just go to it, Second Thessalonians, and then you'll have not my word but God's Word. Second Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter and the 12th verse. Let's see. Second Thessalonians, the 2nd chapter and the 12th verse. Let's see. Let's begin above that, the 7th verse.

**For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:...** (This is Paul speaking, by the Holy Ghost.)... **only—only he whom now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.** Who is **"He"** here? Does anybody know? **The Holy Ghost,**

**"He that letteth."** And then (when) shall that Wicked one be revealed,... When? Just at the time the Holy Ghost is being taken out, which is fixing to leave right now. What's He leaving for? **Taking the Church with Him. "Revealed!"**

Paul speaking, under the inspiration. ...**whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (the wicked one, of course) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

“We are the greatest church. We have this. We have this. All of you **consolidate together**,” see. “We are the greatest.” Lying wonders! And with all...of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not of the **love of the truth**, that they might be saved. And for this cause God has sent them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie—should believe a lie: And that they...might be damned who believed not the truth, but has pleasure in unrighteousness.

114 Do you get it? Oh, my! Now, Paul speaking. The time when the Seal of God is being made known, His Spirit, His Name, His grace, all these other great mysteries that’s going forth now, plans for His Church to go in the Rapture; the outpouring of the Holy Ghost has done this. That’s what He’s done in the last days.

61-0730E - The Sixfold Purpose Of Gabriel's Visit To Daniel

Revelation 2:26-29, “And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My

Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” “He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end.” It is very evident from the remarks of the Spirit on works that the Lord is

trying to get His own to see **His opinion of righteous works.**

Four times He mentions works. And now He says, that he who keeps doing His works faithfully until the end will be given power over nations, and will be a strong, capable, unbending ruler who can cope so powerfully with any situation, that even the most desperate enemy will be broken if need be. **His demonstration of rule by power will be like unto the very Son's.** This is very amazing. But let us look at this promise in the light of the age.

**Powerful Rome with state backing, employing kings and armies and legislators, breaks and grinds all before it.** She has killed millions and hungers to kill millions more who will not bow to her. She intolerantly sets up kings or brings them low

whenever she can. Yea, her interference has actually caused nations to fall because she has determined to destroy the elect of God. Her works are the works of the devil, for she murders and lies as did he. But there is coming a day wherein the Lord is

going to say, **“Bring these Mine enemies before Me and slay them.”** Then shall the righteous be with their Lord when His righteous indignation will fall upon the blasphemers. The righteous coming with Him in glory, shall destroy those who

destroyed the earth and made havoc of the saints of God. This was the age of turning the cheek, of terrible distress; but a day is coming when truth shall prevail and who shall stand in its fire

and be safe? **Only the redeemed of the Lord.** “And I will give him the morning star.” According to Revelation 22:16, and II Peter 1:19, Jesus is the Morning Star. “I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.” “Until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” The Spirit is, therefore, making a promise to the elect of the Dark Ages relative to Himself and then in the ages to come. As we have

already stated, Jesus identifies Himself with the messengers of each age. They receive from Him the revelation on the Word for each period. This Word revelation brings the elect of God out of the world and **into full union with Jesus Christ.** These

messengers are called stars because they shine with a borrowed or reflected light of the Son, even Jesus. They are also called stars because they are “**holders of light**” at night. Thus in the darkness of sin, they bring the light of God to His people.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 6 - The Thyatirean Church Age

151 If Jesus don't come for ten thousand years, you have the Token, He has still got to honor It. No matter how many things changes, and whatever more, He has got to honor that Token. He said He would. All right. He expects us now to display His

Token, over our God-given faith, to every unbelieving cult in the nation and in the world, **that believes that signs and wonders**

**don't follow the believers.** And be true to this Token, and It shows that the fare has been paid and we've been accepted for the resurrection, having the **Token Life** inside of us.

152 That's a cutting Message, but it's the Truth. That's what we need, **is Truth**. God help us to know Truth. "**You shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.**" I claim that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I believe that God gives the Holy Ghost as a Token, right now, just before the exodus, of the—of the Bride going out of the church.

153 I believe there is so much tommyrot, and people saying they shouted, they spoke in tongues. I believe in those things; but you can't rely on that. **How can you rely on that, and then deny the Word? See?**

154 **The Token is the Word identified in you, living Itself out.** That's God being His Own interpreter. You don't have to say, "Well, now, you interpret my tongue." That ain't it. **He interprets**

**your life by the Word.** When He takes your word, what you are, and identify His Word through there, there don't need any interpretation, **it's already there.** God does His Own interpretation, and we've had these promises for the day.

64-0308 - The Token    **Sons Manifested**

2 Timothy 4:1-3 The Voice

4 And now I bring you this charge before God and Jesus the Anointed, the one destined to judge the living and the dead, at His glorious appearance and His kingdom:

2 go out and preach the word! Go whether it's an opportune time or not! Reprove, warn, and encourage; but do so with all the patience and instruction needed to fulfill your calling

3 because a time will come when some will no longer tolerate sound teaching. Instead, they will live by their own desires; they'll scratch their itching ears by surrounding themselves with teachers who approve of their lifestyles and tell them what they want to hear.

31 **God loves the Truth.** And the Truth shall set you free. God wants you to know the Truth. Christ is the Truth, the Holy Ghost...?...[Congregation worships—Ed.] He's here now, the Holy Spirit, likes...?...power...?...under consideration His Word.

And if the Holy Ghost is in you, He feeds on the Wor—Word of God, and not on televisions, and “True Story” magazines and love books. That's you people calling yourselves Christians wrap yourself up in. Why do your children...? Just—just looky here.



In less than three months time every teenage kid in the country from five years old to eighteen knowed who David Crockett was. All out on the street singing, “Davy Crockett.” Some kind of

fiction story, nonsense: killed a bear when he was three years old. How crazy. But the kids will wear coonskin caps and everything else and guns on their side. Oh, a ten-cent store is

just full of it, everywhere else. Nonsense. And you Christians, with the message of God, if the world could put that over and sell a lot of nonsense and stuff to kids, how much more ought the Christians to put over the program of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the power of the Holy Ghost, the resurrection, and Eternal Life, the coming of the Lord. There’s a hundred—thousands of kids tonight in America could tell you all about Davy Crockett **and don’t know a word about Jesus Christ.**

56-0801 - The Arrow Of God's Deliverance Shot From A Bow

186 But you don’t tremble when you really believe, you rejoice, amen: **“All those that love His appearing.”** As I said someone constantly telling me, sending me letters, “Brother Branham, you scare people to death, telling them the end time is coming.”

**Scare the Church?** My, that’s the most glorious thing could happen, the Coming of the Lord, the end time. I wish it was right now. Sure. Well, it’s the most glorious thing I ever thought of, to meet my Lord. This old robe of flesh I’ll drop, and rise and seize



the everlasting prize, go back to a young man again, and live forever with my Lord, with all my people. Why, my! I can't think of struggling through this sin and trial, and aches and pains in this old pesthouse here. (Don't Deny the present, We have a work to do)

To leave this thing and go to a—a crown of righteousness, why, it's the most glorious thing I ever heard! Like the Apostle Paul said, "I've fought a good fight, I've finished my course, I've kept my faith, henceforth there's a...I've kept the Faith, and

henceforth there's a crown of righteousness laid up for me, that the righteous Lord will give me in that day; not only me, but all those that love His appearing." Not believes His appearing; but "loves" His appearing, such a joy to know He's coming! Certainly! Yes, sir!

62-0603 - The End-Time Evangelism

Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. But does He hold back the persecution? Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says,

"I KNOW your tribulation — I am not at all unmindful of your suffering." What a stumbling block this is to so many people. Like Israel they wonder if God really loves them. How can God

be just and loving if He stands by and watches His people suffer? That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3,

“The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob’s brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved

Jacob, and I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.”

You see, they could not figure out God’s love. They thought that

love **meant no suffering**. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was “**elective**” love. The proof of His love is ELECTION —

that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of **the truth**). He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative.

He is sovereign. **But it is all with a purpose**. If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. **His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect**, be established, strengthened and settled.

As Job said, “He puts strength in us.” (Job 23:6b.) You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” In plain language, the very character of Jesus

was perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection. **Why did He want this?** James 1:2-4, “My brethren,

count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified

together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. (what does Victory signify? some that has Overcome)

A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. **But power with character is fit to rule.** And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him.

And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much

tribulation. “**Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you.**” That is what Peter said. Is it strange that God wants us to develop a **Christlike character** that comes through suffering?

No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that. The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it — **it isn't of God.**

Hebrews 12:6, 8, “**For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.**” “But if ye be without

chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”

Now this special condition in Smyrna must be applied to every age. **There is no age free from it. There is no true believer free from it.** This is of God. This is the will of God. It is needful. We need the Lord to teach us the truth that we are to suffer and be Christlike in doing it. “Love suffereth long and is kind.”

Matthew 5:11-12, “Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God’s disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know?

We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

## An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age

46 There we have it, then. This is it, alone. It is, for Him alone, God's chosen place of worship. God's place, chose. God chose to meet man; was not in a church, not in a denomination, not in a creed, **but in Christ**. That's the only place that God will meet

a man, and he can worship God, is in Christ. That's the only place. No matter if you're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, whatever you might be, there is only one place that

you can correctly worship God, that's in Christ. Romans 8:1, said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." That's the Gospel.

47 We can differ upon creeds. We can differ upon man-made theories. You can go to a Methodist church, you have to be a Methodist; a Baptist, a Baptist; a Catholic, a Catholic.

But when once you're baptized into Christ, and become a member of His Body, there is no differences. The middle walls of partition is tore down and you are free, because you're in Christ Jesus.

And you worship God in Spirit and in Truth when you are in Christ Jesus. It's God's plan for you to worship Him in Christ Jesus.

48 Now, no church denomination can claim this, no one can claim that. How dare you to make such claims? **To do such a thing would be an antichrist spirit, be taking away from Christ;** to take from Him. You cannot do that. Christ is the only place that God meets the worshippers.

49 They say, today. I've had people to tell me. A man called me not long ago, in Beaumont, Texas. He said, "Mr. Branham, if your name is not on our church book, you cannot go to Heaven."

Would you ever think of that? Don't you believe such a thing as that. They think you have to belong to that certain church or you cannot go to Heaven. **That's wrong.** To believe that, is antichrist.

I say this: If you believe such a spirit, **you're lost.** That's a good sign you are lost, because it's taking away from what God did. God never put His Name in any church. He put It in His Son, Christ Jesus, when He and His Son became One. That's the genuine place of worship. No other foundations was laid, no other rock.

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of Worship



43 But see, It was, to me, It's absolute Truth. That's what we look for, is Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the Truth, the Truth shall set you free." And He is that Truth. He is, Jesus, the Son of God, is the Truth of the Word, because He was the Word

made flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Then, that made Him the Truth, because the Word is the Truth, and He was the Truth.

44 Now when we see Him return in these last days, this great move of God, moving across the nations of the world, gathering a people for the Bride, that is Truth.

65-0206 - Doors In Door

37 And for myself, I'm expecting something to happen. It is written, "When the people that are called by My Name shall assemble themselves together and pray, then I'll hear from Heaven." And I've been praying today, and I know that others

has been praying, and I'm expecting something to happen. There may be things happen will go right over the head of people, many who are not ordained to Life will never be able to see it.

38 When Jesus came, there were tens of thousands, yes, millions looking for Him to come, and He just revealed Himself to a little handful. See, it's those who are looking for something,

those who have a—a pulsation in their heart, beating, waiting, longing for something to happen. It's those who believe it'll happen, and is waiting for the event, that's who Jesus will come

for, **for those who love His appearing.** If you love anybody, and you're expecting them to appear, you're making every preparation for it.

39 That's the way the Church should be tonight, making every preparation for the coming of the Lord, watching every signpost. And when you see God do something, rejoice, because it's pointing to His Coming. And we're down to the, about the last signpost now, He could appear before morning.

59-0411E - Watching His Star

134 I said to a man the other day, "Oh, I—I believe Jesus will come most any time." He said, "Don't talk about that, Brother Branham, you worry me." I said, "Worry you?" Said, "Sure, I'm making more money now than I ever made in my life, my business is better."

135 I said, "Then, brother, you claim you're Christian, and would fear the Coming of the Lord?" [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] "... greatest moment I could think of, the Coming of the Lord. That's the greatest thing that I can think of."

136 That's why I'm here how now, is because I believe He's coming. The most...That's the coronation of my days, that's right, when I can see Him. "And all those that love His appearing," Paul said, "there was laid up a crown of righteousness," all that love His appearing.

137 "Come, Lord Jesus, yes, Lord, come now. This is the hour, if it so please Thee, Lord." That's the way to feel about it. "And loving me, dying for me, buried for me, 'Rising He justified freely forever.' Now I'm looking for You to come, Lord, and I want to

have the same kind of Spirit in me that You had in You. I want that kind of a Spirit, that my enemy's spit could be hanging from my face, and with all my heart I could say, 'I forgive you for it.' And I could forgive others as—as God, for Christ's sake, forgave us." 59-0403 - Living, Dying, Buried, Rising, Coming

36 Yes, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, and finished the course, and kept the faith. Henceforth there's laid up for me a crown of righteousness, the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that Day, and not only me, but to all who love His appearing." **Oh, when you love the Lord, it takes all the fear out.** You're just going to meet Him.

61-0315 - An Uncertain Sound

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

## Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

## Foot Washing

### John 13

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto

the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Amen,