

## **The Doctrine of Christ no 5**

*“Your attitude creates an atmosphere”*

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**2 Corinthians 2: 14- 17** *“Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”*

Notice Paul tells us here that to some we create a real wonderful atmosphere and to others our presence is only condemnation. But regardless if they are for Christ and His Word or not, we do create an atmosphere wherever we go.

In **Philippians 2:5** we read, *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*: But the actual Greek word means *Let this attitude be in you which was also in Christ Jesus*". It is the Greek word, phroneo {fron-eh'-o} and means “to think or regard, to be of the same mind, thus to be like minded 1) to have understanding, be wise. 2) to feel, to think: to have the same opinion, to be modest, not let one's own opinion (though just) of himself exceed the bounds of modesty; to think or judge what one's opinion is; to be of the same mind i.e. agreed together, cherish the same views, be harmonious 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for; to seek one's interest or advantage; to be of one's party, side with him (in public affairs) Thus it should have been translated, *Let this attitude be in you which was also in Christ Jesus*

*Therefore in reading **Philippians 2: 1-5** <sup>1</sup> If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:** <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Webster's New World Dictionary: defines **attitude**: as aptness, or inclination, and further states, the position or posture assumed by the body in connection with an action, feeling, or mood, etc. The word attitude is also defined as **a manner of acting, feeling or thinking that shows one disposition or opinion.**

Now, if you caught the main points in each of these definitions, The first stating that attitude is the posture or position of the body in reference to or in connection with an action, feeling, or mood, and the other is the action, feeling or thinking that shows your opinion, disposition or mindset.

So we are looking at the position or posture of the body, and those attributes that show when you are thinking, feeling or that express your mood.

Therefore, attitude is not just a mental cognizance, or a mental understanding, or a mental leaning, but rather attitude is an outward expression of our disposition, it is an outward expression of our feelings, it is an outward expression of our thoughts, it is the connection of the body to those thoughts, and how the body expresses those thoughts. That's what attitude is.

And the key is that it SHOWS how we feel, it SHOWS just what we think about something, etc.

The Bible tells us that God would send forth an angel, to mark those that would sigh and cry because of the abominations done in the city. The sighing and crying is the bodies response to what was being done in the city, and that is an outward expression of what their attitude was inside their soul.

Your attitude then shows outwardly what you are thinking inwardly. You can not hide an attitude, it shows, it manifests. You might be able to hide your thoughts but an attitude goes beyond inner thoughts. Attitude speaks of the expression of your disposition. The way you show it in your body language; in your eyes, in your facial expression, in your tone of voice, and in your posture.

Therefore attitude is the expression of your opinion, and your disposition. Now the word disposition comes from two words, "dis", and position. Together they speak of the putting in order and refers to the normal aspects of ones nature. Therefore what we see in attitude is the disposition or the setting in order or the outward reflection of ones true nature.

Brother Branham said in his sermon God's Only provided place of worship, *We live in our home like Branham's live. And in the House of God we live by the Word of God and every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,*" Brother Branham was not telling us here that there is supposed to be a difference between his house and the house of God. But what He is telling us is that there is a certain way we should conduct our homes. Br. Branham kept the same atmosphere of Christ-centeredness in his home as he did in church.

Now, remember, Jesus said, *"My house shall be called a house of prayer."* And if we have the same nature and life as Jesus Christ, then won't our homes be called a house of prayer as well?

In **Collosians 3: 4** we read, *"When Christ who is our Life shall appear, then shall we appear with Him in Glory."* So if we appear when He appears, and our appearing is in the same Glory, or Doxa or mindset. Then won't our homes appear as His home also should be.

We also read in **1 John 4 at His Appearing, "as He is, so are we in this world."** Then, if we believe this, shouldn't we have the same atmosphere in our homes as we do in this church which is **His house**, of prayer?

Again, we read in the book of **Deuteronomy 6. "Hear, O Royal Seed of God, the Lord God is One Lord, - the Only Lord. And you shall love the Lord your God with *all your mind and heart, and with your entire being, and with all your might.* And these words, which I am commanding you this day, shall be first in your mind and heart; then you shall whet and sharpen them, so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the minds and hearts of your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you drive down the road, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall tie them as a symbol on your hands.**

In other words, they are tied to your actions, what you do. *"and you shall bind them upon your forehead."*

That means that they encompass your mind or mindset. And, remember, your forehead is where your frontal lobe is and that is where your memory is resident. When a person has a lobotomy they lose their memory. But here we see that they are to take the preeminent place of our thinking. Even as frontlets between our eyes, that all we see is the word of God. As phylacteries that go "boing, boing, boing" as we walk along, and they bounce off our head. A constant reminder. And then He continues, *"And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house and on your gates."* **Why?** So that whether you are coming or whether you are going, there will always be a constant reminder set before you of God's promises to you in this hour.

We can examine many scriptures and quotes and find that God is indeed calling a Bride out who has applied the Token for their loved ones and I believe the closer we come to the resurrection, the more we should be drawn to that resurrection atmosphere.

In creating the right atmosphere in a marriage, there are three principals needed for the husbands to create which first is: *to Love, Even as: To render due benevolence which is to show forth good will and acts of kindness toward our wife* and thirdly for the men the scripture tells us *to have no bitterness toward our wives*. In other words, we are not to get hot and angry towards them.

For the wives are to create the right atmosphere for marriage, they must learn **first** to *submit themselves to their own husbands*. That means *don't be questioning their every move they choose to make*, but to *submit their will to his will just as the bride of Christ submits her own thinking to her Grooms, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself*. **Secondly, the wife is to reverence her husband**. That means she is to reverently fear him and this fear may mean veneration or a deep rooted love and gratitude for all he does in providing for her. And this veneration will automatically bring with it a proper respect. **Thirdly**, she is to also *render due benevolence to her husband*. Now if he really loves her and she him, there will never be petty jealousies in a marriage.

Now, always remember this, Her submission and reverence and due benevolence is all said to be "*as unto the Lord*" whereas, his Loving her "*even as,*" and His "*never being bitter against her*" and his "*rendering acts of goodness and kindness*" are not said to be "*as unto the Lord*", for he is her Lord, but rather the Scripture says they are to be "*As the Lord Himself would do*". So, if you note carefully how this is presented in the scriptures, you notice **he is to act as Christ would act and she is to act as though what she is doing is to Christ**. Then what a Marriage and what a blessing you will have in that relationship.

You see, the approach is everything in building a relationship. Our approach is what either gets us upset with one another or is the very thing that paves the way for our due benevolence to come forth into manifestation.

From **Sirs, we would see Jesus** Brother Branham said, "*Remember friends, your approach to any Divine gift will determine what you receive from it.*"

**Matthew 15: 26 - 28** We read the story of how a woman approached Jesus and even after he rebuffed her, she did not rebuff in return but she knew her place and sincerity respect was her only reply. *21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

She did not carry a chip on her shoulder because Jesus did not easily warm up to her, and it was her reply that changed the whole situation and opened the heart of Jesus towards her.

Notice her response, he just put her to the test with sharp words that would discourage almost anyone, but she did not get discouraged. Just look at her response and you will see she wasn't the type to get easily discouraged. She didn't throw her nose up and walk out and call him a jerk or something to get even, she said, "*yes, Lord, that may be true, but even the dogs lick the crumbs up from the masters table.*" That did it. Then notice what He said, "*I haven't seen this kind of faith anywhere, so be it unto thee even as you would want to have it.*" In other words, "*what ever you want, just ask and I'll give it to you.*" This sounds just like what Hattie Wright was granted.

Let's look at another sister who was in a real pickle of a situation. Her son had just died and instead of getting angry with God, she took the better approach and praised God for what great thing He was about to do for her.

**2 Kings 4: 8 - 26** *8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he*

turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee. 25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: 26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her. 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. 34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched

*himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.*

Notice when all seemed lost, she replied “**all is well**”, Why? because she knew how to create that atmosphere of expectation. Why? Because she knew God’s Word teaches “**He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet, receives a prophets reward.**” She knew that the One who gave Life can also restore that Life and she had come to the conduit.

From **Door to the Heart**, He said, “*It's your approach to a gift, How many knows that? If you approach it reverently, you get what you ask. If you don't, you do not.*”

From, **Hear ye Him**, he said, “*It's your approach to anything.*”

And **From Proving His Word**, he said, “*It your approach, the attitude is what it takes, and that's what it is tonight dear friends, it takes the attitude. We are, and believe that we are in the presence of Jesus Christ, but it's your attitude that brings the results. The mechanics is here and so is the dynamics. If you can just get started, God will do the rest.*” And if this is so essential with our heavenly Mate, how much more with our earthly mate.

**The Token 63-0901 pg. 49 pp. 5** *Apply it, create that atmosphere around you, that they will just drop right into it. Oh, you are , if you've got the Token, you create an atmosphere around you of power, that when you walk, people know that you are a Christian. In love for you to say something to them. They believe your word, what you say, they hold onto it. See? That is it. Apply the Token, then walk in it. Claim your household. You must do it, now. This is the evening time.*

*It's the atmosphere that they've got around them, the way they live; they create an atmosphere that you like to be into. That's lovely people to be with.*

**E-18 DIVINE.LOVE JEFF.IN 56-0826** *Now, what you want to do is be lifted up by Christ into a--an atmosphere to where you are happy, peaceful, and then in there you create a situation.... In the atmosphere that you live in, you project to your associates what you are.*

**Hebrews 10 : 22-25** *22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Notice he said, “**let us Provoke one another to love,**” to an outward display of their revelation.

**Love 56-0726 pp. 23** *And when Divine love has been projected and comes to Its end, then sovereign grace will take its place. Now, that's my text. When Divine love has been projected... Project Divine love and it comes to its end, till it can't go no farther, then*

*sovereign grace will come in and take its place. Now, do you realize, being a son or daughter of God, that you are a minor creator? Do you know you create the atmosphere that you live in? Do you realize that the atmosphere that you dwell in, you influence somebody else? What makes people act the way they do? Is because... What makes the drunks like to be with drunks. As my mother used to say the old proverb, and I think it's southern here too: "Birds of a feather flock together," because they have things in common.*

**E-17 Divine Love 57-0305** *They create that atmosphere. And there's some kind of people that you just love to be around. They create that atmosphere that they live in. Now, it's a supernatural thing. Now, when the Presence of the Lord comes down, it creates an atmosphere for faith. And when... I thought, "Now, Lord God, You help me."*

**E-18 Divine Love 57-0305** *Now, you've got to create an atmosphere, and your faith will do it. They were all in the upper room with one accord, when suddenly there came from heaven as a sound of a rushing mighty wind; the atmosphere was right. It takes a atmosphere to do anything. You know, the regular procedure to hatch chickens is to put them under the hen. But get the egg in the right atmosphere, it'll hatch anyhow. Listen, brother, if a man loves God, and the right kind of an atmosphere he could get into, it'll produce a new born babe just as certain as I am here. It's the atmosphere that counts. Let this little handful of people setting here tonight, get in the perfect atmosphere, watch what takes place. There will not be a feeble among a--one in our midst. The cripples will walk; the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dumb will speak without prayer or anything. It's the atmosphere. That's how twenty-five thousand was healed at one prayer in Africa. When they seen the Lord do something, it created a atmosphere, and they stepped into it. That's the pool when the waters in running right.*

**E-38 LOVE HARRISONBURG.VA 58-0313**

*They create that atmosphere by the way they live and the way they think. It's a little atmosphere you live in.*

**EE-16 Love 57-0519E** *I know it's the truth, that man create in himself the atmosphere that he lives in. And around him he's anointed with a spirit. I have seen people that you just couldn't get away from them; you just loved them. There's something drawing about them. It's because they live in that atmosphere, they live under the--the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**E-44 Hear ye Him 58-0328** *And it's come down home to the Pentecostals, acting, and dressing, fashioning, looking, talking, blaspheming, making fun, indifferent. That's rough, but it's good for you. It's the truth. But that's the reason the world can't see nothing genuine. When the people comes to a place that they'll forget all their little differences, and the love of God will shed abroad in our heart by the real Teacher, the Holy Ghost, you'll become salty, and the world will want to be like you. You create a creation around you. You've seen people you couldn't stand to be around, yet they were nice people. They create that within themselves. You've seen people you love to be with, because they create that atmosphere around them. Your spirit's your soul. You can't hide it; you can't make believe. That's what's the matter today. There is too much make belief in Christianity.*

**E-8 It Wasn't so from the Beginning 60-1127M** *They create that atmosphere by their-- their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you.... You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits.*

**-19 Identification 63-0123** *Now, but we find out that as we go along through life that our character molds the image that we are. Each one knows that. As you live, Your character molds you to what you are.... Because each person is a little dynamo of their own, and you put out an atmosphere.*

**51 Is your life Worthy 63-0630E** *They create that atmosphere by the life they live, the way they talk, their conversation..... And the things that you think on, the things that you **do**, the **actions**, the things you **talk** about **creates an atmosphere...***

**9-1 The Token 63-0901M** *They was applying the token. Amen. That's it. Get ready. Apply it. Believe it. Clean up. Let your children, let your family, let your loved ones **see it in you**. That's right. **It'll take effect**. Yes, sir. Then apply the Token in prayer with consideration, with believing. Apply it with such love and so forth, you know it's going to take place. That's all. **Apply it in confidence**, believing it's going to help. When you talk to that child, when you talk to your husband, talk to your wife, talk to this loved one, believe that it's going to help, and stand there and say, "Lord, I've claimed them; they're mine. I'm getting them for You, Lord."*

**49-5 The Token 63-0901M** *Apply it, create that atmosphere around you, that they'll just drop right into it. See? Oh, you are--you are--if you've got the Token, you create a spirit around you of power, that when you walk, people know that you're a Christian. They love for you to say something to them. They believe your word; what you say, they hold on to it. See? That is it. **Apply the Token; then walk with it**. Claim your household. You must do it now. This is evening time.*

**Malachi 3:16-18** *Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. 17 "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him." 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.*

**Awakening Jesus 63-0117** *And we create our atmosphere around us, each one of us.... oh, wouldn't you have loved to have been around Jesus just a little? Wonderful! See what that atmosphere He created would have been. I imagine it was just one great big bundle of Love, and Respects, and Godly Fear.*

**Identification 63-0123** *that atmosphere they're in. And **their character creates whatever they are, makes them what they are**.*

**Philippians 4:4-9** *Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And*

*the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

Let us pray as our brothers go to get the elements for the communion.