

*The Doctrine of Christ no 58*  
*“He that believeth on Me no 12”*  
*Is born of God*  
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This evening we will look at the 12th promise of God for the believer and that we will read in **1 John 5:1**. Now, although we will use 1 John 5:1 as our text, we will not stop there for the Scripture is replete with verse where Jesus and the Apostle speak of this being Born of God or what is also termed Born again by Jesus Himself.

So let's read our text from **1 John 5:1 “Whosoever believeth”** (ὁ πιστεύων) and again we see the Greek word for “*whosoever*” is that same Greek word “ὁ” that looks like an “o” with an accent mark above it. So we see that God has assigned another promise to the Believer when he said, **“Whosoever believeth” that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

Now, tonight we will study just what it means to be “*born of God*”, or “*born again*” as we usually term it. Because there are too many people that have too many ideas of what it means to be born of God and what they seem to believe about the new birth does not fit with what a vindicated prophet taught us. So let's go to the scripture to find out just what the Word of God says of the ones who are “*born of God*”, or “*born again*”.

The first time in Scripture we find the term used, “born again” we find Jesus himself talking to Nicodemus in **John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

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Now, notice that Jesus tells him that unless you are born again you can not see or understand the Kingdom of God or what the kingdom of God is all about.

From Brother Branham's sermon, You Must Be Born Again 61-1231M 43 he said, “*And, remember, the first thing, until you're born again you'll never understand. Twice He spoke it. “Except a man be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom. Except a man be born again he cannot even see the Kingdom.” Now, that's punctuated too. The word, in the making all those words, they tell me that they had to write it out, they, and when they say, “Verily, verily,” that's a punctuation, like a capital. “Verily, verily, I say unto you.” And the word in one place, or many places, it's translated “absolutely”: “Absolutely,*

*absolutely, I say unto you." Who said that, did a cardinal, priest, pastor, evangelist, pope? **God Himself**. Now, there's no excuses. He will in no way, no way at all, cannot in any other way, no matter how great he is, what his name is, how big he is, or how popular he is, **he cannot even understand the Kingdom of God until he's born again**. It's a great subject. "**Verily, verily, I say unto you**." Watch. Go get the Greek translation; you'll find: not see with your eyes, you see with your heart. See, you can't see the Kingdom of God with your eyes, because it's a spiritual Kingdom. See? In other words, "**You'll never be able to understand the Kingdom of God until you are born again**." It's all an unraveled mystery. And when you're born again, the plans of the Kingdom, the Kingdom itself becomes real to you.*

And again from his sermon, Jehovah Jireh 55-0817 11 Now, you do not see in Bible terms with your eyes. You see with your heart. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God**." It doesn't mean "look at," it means "**understand**." See? And when we can understand, God's attitude towards us then God's compelled then, to give the blessings that He promised through His redemptive Name.

Now, notice the impact of what he is telling us here. He is saying that unless you are born again and have received the very spirit of God in you, there is no way you can even understand the Kingdom of God. Then how can a person claim to understand this message which is introducing us to the King of Kings, if they have not been born again.

Now, that is exactly what the apostle Paul taught as well as we see in **1 Corinthians chapter 2**.

**1 Corinthians 2:1** *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, (you see, it's kept a mystery to all except those who are born again) even the hidden wisdom, (see, it's a hidden wisdom to all except those who have the same spirit God has) which God ordained before the world unto our glory (So this Word of God which has been kept a mystery and has been kept hidden from everyone except those who have the spirit of God, notice he says it is for our Glory, our doxa, our values, our opinion. Why? Because it is His opinion and His values, and by having His spirit we have access to his opinion and values.)*

Then notice what he tells us of this "doxa", this "Glory" which has been kept hidden. **8 Which none of the princes of this world knew:** (upui see they didn't know it, and because they didn't know it, what did they do?) **for had they known it, they would not**

***have crucified the Lord of glory.*** (You see, because they do not have the spirit of God they do not understand what is going on in God's kingdom, and because they do not understand what is going on in God's kingdom, in their carnal natural being they try to kill off, they try to deny that part of God's kingdom from coming into being. The crucifixion is a mortification, a killing off, and they do it out of ignorance of what God is doing.) ***9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit*** (And there is only One "The Spirit" and that is God's Spirit) ***for the Spirit*** (God's 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.*** (Therefore what the Apostle Paul is telling us is that unless you have the Spirit of God, you will have no clue as to what God is truly doing.) ***12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;*** (and why have we received the Spirit of God? Notice what he says as the reason for us receiving the Spirit of God.) ***that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.***

In other words the very reason we receive the Spirit of God is so that we might know and comprehend the things which are given to us from God. God wants us to know,. That is why the evidence of being born again is that we know the things of God, or are able to comprehend the things given to us of God. But the evidence is not the experience. Those are two different words. When Brother Vayle and Brother Branham were discussing the evidence of the new birth and brother Vayle was thinking experience, and so he said to brother Branham what about the two experiences you had, and brother Branham said, "Br. Lee, we do not go by experience, we go by the Word of God". Now, he did not say we do not have an experience when we are born again, because he continued to teach that the new birth is an experience. But the experience is not the evidence of your new birth, it is the experience you receive when you are born again, but the evidence that you are truly born of God is that you believe the Word for the hour in which you live.

***Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon. 121 You say, "Well, I'm a Lutheran"; "I'm a Baptist"; "I'm Presbyterian." That don't mean one-- don't mean [Brother Branham snaps his fingers--Ed.] that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your finger. What is it? It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word. And when the***

**Word is revealed, It expresses Itself.** See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His own laws and live by His laws, and fulfill His law by death. Christ, God died in flesh in order to condemn sin in the flesh that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of men. You see it? 122 That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. **The new birth reveals this.** And if a man says he's born again and try to place these promises of Christ in this last day to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday, but not today, then that man or that person has been in a delusion by Satan. And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him... Jesus said in Mark 16, "**These signs shall follow them that believe... into all the world and to every age.**" Casting out devils, and speaking with tongues, and-- and all of these great manifestations of gifts that would follow, that they shall, not that they maybe, they ought to; **they will.** And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't. 123 So it's **Christ expressing Himself in the individual,** whether he's intellectual, or whether he don't know his ABC's. Half the apostles didn't know them. That's right. But they knew Christ. They never taken heed to Peter and John, knowing that they had been out of some seminary. They said they taken heed and noticed that they'd been with Christ when they healed the lame man (See?) at the gate. They knew they had been with Christ. 124 **The new birth is Christ, is a revelation.** God has revealed to you this great mystery, and **that's the new birth.** Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and **God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest?** Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

Now, notice then that if Christ is the Word, and you are born of that Word, then you as Christ Jesus before you will have to manifest that Word or there isn't any life in you to begin with. It's only intellectualism.

Notice what Paul says here, **13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, 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.**

Notice the distinction Paul is making between the carnal believer he calls the natural man, and the real genuine Holy Ghost filled son or daughter of God. He says, the things of God are spiritually discerned and the natural man can not in no way, shape or form is able to understand the things of God. Then why would we wonder why all the noise when God is showing us His Word and teaching us to let go so that God can express Himself in you. Notice what brother Branham said about the new birth in the last quote I just read. He said, **The new birth is Christ, is a revelation.** God has revealed to you this great

mystery, and *that's the new birth*. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and **God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest?** Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is.

And I believe that is what this fuss is all about where God is showing us that we must learn to yield ourselves and let go of our own thoughts and receive fully His thoughts, and then he will begin to express His God-life in you.

*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 the problem as I see it today is that too many people think “because they believe the Message, they thus are born again”. But that is not what he said. He said have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

**Revelation chapter one 60-1204M P:96** *Acts 19, "Paul passed through the upper coast of Ephesus, finds certain disciples." He said... "Disciples," they were having a great meeting. They were following a man by the name of Apollos, who was a converted lawyer, a Baptist who believed on John the Baptist, and was proving by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. Paul passed through and seen Aquila and Priscilla (in the 18th chapter of the Acts.) And then he went over to have a dinner, or something another with Aquila and Priscilla. They told him about this great man. They went to hear him; he listened at him that night. He said, "He's very well. That's very fine. That's good," but said, "have you received the Holy Ghost since you have believed?" What about you poor Baptists back there believe you received the Holy Ghost when you believed? He said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Someone said, "That wasn't written in that." I defy that. I've got the authentic Greek right here, Hebrew too. The Bible says in the Greek, and both Hebrew, and also in the Aramaic. All three of them, I got them right here, that say, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" That's right. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"*

Then why do we have preachers today who say, “when I heard the Word I received the Holy Ghost right then.” It’s have you received the Holy Ghost since, since is not when.

Now, we know that the Word of God is spirit and truth, and we know Peter said, **1 Peter 1:23** *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.* So we know our new birth comes by the Word of God, but Paul said since not when you believed.

And if you go to the Token tape preached by brother Branham and listen from about minutes 45 through 60 you will hear him tell you that the Holy Ghost is given as a Token by God that seals in your belief. In other words he says it is a confirmation that God has accepted your faith.

**Token the 64-0208 P:67** *A minister said to me one time, said, "Brother Branham, Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him for righteousness." And I said, "That's true." Said, "What more can a man do but believe?" I said, "That's exactly right." "Then where do you get this Holy Ghost outside of believing?" I said, "But He give him the seal of circumcision as a confirmation of his faith." Amen. And if **He's never give you the baptism of the Holy Ghost yet, then He hasn't confirmed your faith that you say you have.** But the Token is a confirmation. I say, "I got the money. I paid it in the office down there." But **you've got to show the Token.** That's right. 68 When I show the Token, I got a right. And when I can show the Token of the Holy Spirit, you've got the right to any purchased thing that Jesus Christ died for. It's the Token. Watch, just a moment, as we close. Hold the Token over your unwavering faith in the promised Word. I believe that Jesus said, "Ask the Father anything in My Name, I'll do it." Hold your Token over that promised Word and walk right to it. "I'm the Lord that heals all thy diseases. He was wounded for my transgressions; with His stripes I was healed." Take my Token of the Holy Spirit that's in me, hold it over my prayer, and say, "Lord God, You promised it." **"When I see the Token I will reward you. I promised to do it."** He can't do nothing else. He looked right through the Blood of His own Son. There's the Token applied. He has to do it, because He promised it.*

69 He could not go into a house, the death angel destroyer, and take one out. He couldn't do it, because there was the blood of the lamb, the requirement of Jehovah. And the requirement of Him today is the Blood of His own Son Jesus Christ, and the Token of the Holy Ghost. If we haven't got it... We might be Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostals, whatever we might be. We might shout, scream; we might be, oh, so educated. That has not one thing to do with it. You must present the Token. **Then you're a subject for the resurrection**, because the resurrecting power is already in you. The Token is the resurrection power, showing that Jesus raised up from the dead, and you are raised from the dead, the dead things of unbelief, and have been a--made alive in the Word of Jesus Christ. You believe it, and the Word lives through you.

70 *"If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, ask what you will."* St. **John 14:12**, *"He that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he shall do also. Greater than this shall he do, because I go to the Father. A little while and the world seeth Me no more. Yet you shall see Me, because I'll be with you, even in you."* How did He? Not the body, He's setting at the right hand of the majesty, but the Token that you have received it and He's give it back to you. Take that Token and claim anything you wish to. God promised it.

71 I've always said I met **two classes of people: the fundamentals and the Pentecostals.** The fundamentals positionally study the Scriptures and figure it out. They say, **"Well, we're sons of God."** They believe that. Yes, sir. **But they don't have any faith with it.** But the Pentecostals has a lot of faith, and they don't know they're sons of God. Like a man got money in the bank can't write a check; the other one can write a check and got no money in the bank. If you could ever just get the thing together, till men and women could realize...You that's been truly baptized into the Holy Spirit, and you

have the Token to display, **you have a right to every redemptive blessings that God promised.** Everything that He promised is yours. Hold your Token over your unwavering faith as you pray, and over His Word, faith in His Word.

72 God once gave a token to the people, and that was a rainbow. Looky, listen close. We're closing. God ever remained true to that token. Way back in the days of Noah, destruction of the antediluvian world, God gave this nation, or give the world a rainbow sign for a token. And God ever displays His token. As the thousands of years roll by, He never fails, because He watches His tokens. All these thousands of years He's displayed it to us, showing us that He never fails to honor the token. He never fails to honor it.

73 **He expects us now to display the Token over our faith,** to Satan's group, the unbelievers, and cults, and so forth, that don't believe in it, that we, believing what He has said of His promises, and that **Jesus Christ has raised up from the dead, showing Himself alive...** And that is the badge, the Token of identification, **because it's Christ's own Life in you identifying the Word.** It doesn't need anything else. **That's the Token.** Without the Token...Shows the fare is paid, shows that you're a subject for the resurrection, that God, that same power that raised up Jesus from the grave, you're holding within yourself as a Token. **The Holy Ghost in you is the Token that brings you from the grave, because the Token is God, the Holy Spirit, which is Eternal Life, coming from the Greek word "Zoe," which means "God's own Life," in you.** That's the only thing that paid the price. If that Token isn't there, how are you going to raise?

74 Brother, sister, tonight, with all fairness to God and to His Word, and to each other, and to the time that we're now living in, if you're without the Token, if you don't have the Token... Some of you might not even believe it. But it's here. **The Token has been here since Christ died. Why don't you identify yourself in death to your own thinking tonight, and let the thoughts that's in Him be in you.** "Let the meditation of my heart be acceptable to Thee, O Lord. Let Thy Word, *'If ye abide in Me and my Word in you (That is Him.), then ask what you will, and it'll be given to you.'*" Don't you believe that?

75 Let us bow our heads a moment. How many people in here that know that the way you live, that you really haven't got that Token applied? You know it isn't there. You believe it. You absolutely believe it; but you haven't got it. You know you haven't. Would you just raise your hand and say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham." Let all heads be down. God bless you." I haven't got it. I haven't, Brother Branham. I've tried to accept it. I believe it, but really, it hasn't been applied to me yet. I look in the glass. I see I'm not there. I look at the way I feel what's in my soul. **I'm full of temper, anger. I'm jealous. I've got all...** **Oh, my, that'd grieve the Holy Spirit from you right now. See, see?** "Now, I tell you. I do; **I see the Word and see it confirmed; but yet, I just got a bunch of people that I go with to my church, or my society, my card parties, something. I just can't give them up.**" **That shows you haven't got the Token.** "If you love the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not... Come out from among them," the Bible said. "Touch not their unclean things." Friends, it can't be made more real that it is now. It can't be. The Token is here, if we'll believe it. Do you believe it? Will you accept it?

76 Lord Jesus, they're in Your hands now. May the Token, the Token that Jesus is not dead, the Token that Jesus raised up from the dead, and is here tonight... He's the Token of His resurrection. He Himself is the Word. **He is here to confirm everything He said. He's here to confirm every promise that He made.** If the people could just only see it once, Lord, that it isn't something that we could guess about; **it's something we must know, Lord. There's no try over. You can't go back and try again. It must be done now.** I pray, God, that every person will receive Him tonight. And may the Token of the Blood be applied to every heart. And then may there be a revival come through this country here that'll be great. Father, we commit it into Your hands, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

77 Now, while we're in prayer and everybody real quiet, don't no one move now. Just a minute. Do you believe this is the truth, that **the Token's got to be displayed?** It had in every time, every age, it had to be displayed. Now, what is... **The Token is a confirmation of His Word**, that shows He is the Word. Now, the Word said He raised up from the dead, and He's alive forevermore. **He lives in His people, the same yesterday, today, and forever.** Do you believe that? **If you believe that, then you have a right if you have that Token, the Holy Spirit in you, you have a right to everything that His death purchased for you.** Won't you believe it? Now, look. So it...

**Romans 8:11** says, *It is God's Spirit that bears witness with your spirit, not your spirit bearing witness with His Spirit. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.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 the flesh, to live after the flesh.13 For if ye live after the flesh, 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.15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:17 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.18 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. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

Now, in closing let me read a few Scriptures that express some attributes that the born ones of God will express.

**1 John 3:9** *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* We have already taken a study on this, and shown you that the word commit means to initiate or to habitually do. So we can read this identification of the one who is born of God as thus.

**1 John 5:4** *For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world**: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:* Now, the question here is how do we overcome the world? You see he is saying that everyone who is truly born again will overcome the world, so if we wish to know whether we are born again we must look at whether we are over comers or not. But the real question is whether we are truly born again or not. Because there are dozens of millions in this country alone and much more throughout the world that believe they are born again when they are not. And so he tells us here how we know if we are or not. "and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Now, it is not our Faith as though we have a faith that is different from the Faith of Jesus Christ the Son of God, because Paul tells us that we are saved by the Faith of Him.

**1 John 5:18** *We know that whosoever is born of God **sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that wicked one touches him not.*

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**Ephesians 1:13** *In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

**Ephesians 4:30** *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Now if you seal in what is in and seal out what is out, then you now have the right chemistry to produce ONENESS. Because, as long as you can mix what is out with what is inside, you can not have oneness. So you see how important it is to have the Seal first. That is what keeps you. And how are you seal. By the Word of Promise.

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**1 John 4:7** *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and **every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.***

Now, in getting back to verse one. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ (anointed one) is born of God, and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. Now, let me ask you what is one who begets? It's a father. Right? Then who is the begotten? It is the child or in this case the son. So what He is saying here is that everyone that loveth the Father will love his son. Then if they do not even belief God had a son, how can they love him? Impossible. So here we see John speaking of one that begat and then another that was begotten. Therefore there is one that is a Father and one

that is a son. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. Now remember God is the Word, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God", and so those who Love God are those who love His word, for God is the Word.

**1 John 3:10** *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not right-wise-ness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

Now, what does he mean by that? Was John just joking? Or is this Gods Word we are reading? He says here, *whosoever doeth not that which is right is not of God.* Then are we to avoid this because it is too controversial? I think not. You can call a buzzard an eagle if you want to but just because you say it doesn't make it so. And you can call yourself born again if you wish, but your life will bear you out.

*Jesus said, "By their fruits you will know them".*

Listen to what brother Branham said from his sermon **Why are we not a denomination? 58-0927 P:127** *Now, we can tell you why we take communion, tell you why we take feet-washing, why we won't let the members take it if we know they're in sin. And that's why this last two or three weeks I've been going from one member to the other one, where you been having your **little fusses around too**: going around, one wouldn't speak to the other, pass one another on the road and turn your head, **shame on you**, who's took the blessed cup of God across this, the altar here, and **'cause you brothers and sisters and them get on the telephone and gad off about one another, you're not fit to be called Christian when you're that way. Right. You keep off them telephones, if you can't talk good about somebody, don't you talk at all. Remember, God's going to hold you responsible. As long as that kind of spirit's in you, you know you're not right with God. And if you don't feel... 128 If a man's in the wrong, go to him and be reconciled. If you can't be reconciled, take somebody with you. No wonder God can't discipline His church, 'cause you're not doing it right. Instead of getting on the phone and talking about this one, what taken place, and little cults and so forth, around like that. Instead of doing that, why don't you do what the Bible says? If some brother's been overtaken in a fault, go to him and see if you can't get reconciled with him. "Well, now he did me..." I don't care what he did, go to him anyhow. It didn't say for him to come to you. You go to him if he's wrong. You say, "Well, he was in the wrong, he ought to come to me." That's not what the Bible said. The Bible said for you go to him. If he's wrong, you go to him. And then if he won't listen to you, then take somebody with you as a witness. And then if he won't see that witness, then, say, now I'll take your pastor. Then you tell him, say, "I'm going to tell it to the church, and in thirty days from now, if you brethren haven't made that up... This brother here's willing to be reconciled. You won't do it. And if you won't make that up within thirty days, then what's going to happen, you're no more one of us."***

*129 The Bible said, "If he won't hear the church, then let him be unto you as a heathen and a Publican." You see, as long as a brother is under that protection of the church, the*

*Blood of Christ is protecting him. That's the reason we don't get the church rolling on the way it does. Now, I... This is the doctrine of the Baptist--of the Baptist church, or the Branham Tabernacle here, if you'll do it. See, why can't...*

No wonder we don't see the Holy Spirit in action among you. Because your focus is on we self with your little pity parties and gossip,. Instead of laying on your face and asking God to make you more like his son, you would rather get on the phone or today its FaceBook and tell the world your sad condition. Listen, the devil is going to use your FaceBook to destroy you and what you write on their you think you can erase it but you can't, it's stored forever and will be played back at the white throne.

Let us pray...