

**Token no 56**  
*"It comes by Love"*  
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Let us remain standing in honor of His Word, and open our Bibles to the Book of Romans and we will take our text this evening from **Romans 5:5** *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Let us pray, ...

Now, this evening we will be examining just two paragraphs from Brother Branham's sermon The Token preached on September 1, 1963.

We will begin our reading from paragraph **180** *And I don't want you to miss it.*

Now, he is closing down his sermon here, and he is making a plea to the people, that he doesn't want them to miss it. Now, you might say this is just a nice thing to say, but it is more than that. Because he was talking earlier about having been caught up to the other side, and how that changed his life. And he saw all those people over there that were counting on the fact that he had preached right with what Paul preached. And he said that changed his life forever seeing all those people, and the beauty of the place, and the atmosphere of genuine love.

From his sermon, **God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:16** he said, *"And heaven... or this place, **wherever it was**, I don't know what to call it. He referred to it there as "souls that are under the altar." But when it was, I have never; **there's no way to explain how great that is**. There is... Now, you just have to take my word; I'm just a man. See? But these visions that's always come to pass just as I've told you, and you know they **every one has been true; that is true also**. Whatever you do, if you miss everything else (health, strength, your eyesight, whatever it is), **don't miss That**. There's nothing can compare with it. It's... There's no--there's no word in the English language that I know that could express it. If you'd say "perfect," it's beyond that; "superb," it's beyond that; "sublime,"... There's no words that I know that could express it, because it was so... And then, to think, **that isn't the end of it yet**. I thought, "Me be afraid to come to this?" I said, "Do you eat?" Said, "Not here. **We don't eat here, but when we go back to earth we'll receive a body we eat in.**"*

And again he said in his sermon, **Convinced then Concerned 62-0610E P:17** *"When I had the little vision, or, **I don't want to call it translation**. I never had a vision like that. I was standing up there looking at it, **looking back at myself**, here recently. Many of you read it in the magazines and things. Friends, **you can't afford to miss that**. Just don't do it. Now, there's somewhere there. **I was there just as I am here**, looking back at myself. And I've had visions; I know what visions are. **If that was a vision, it was the strangest one I ever had**. **And I seen the people, the ones that's gone on**. I seen them there. The old was young, and they were standing there, **human beings just like I am, only without sin**. **It was beyond perfection: sublime**. You just couldn't mention what it was. And when I knew that I had to*

*return back... There's only one thing that I would return, to try to persuade people; whatever you do, don't miss it. Don't miss it. Don't miss it. You can't afford to miss it. Everything else, let everything else go, but make ready for that (See?) whatever you do.*

So how do we make ready for that?

Well, from his sermon, **God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:20** He said, "I believe the church has *begun to hear the message, and beginning to understand. But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our faith isn't ripe. Intellectually we're hearing the message that God has give us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but, oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know, and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down.* Sometimes in speaking the message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But *when the church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.*

So we are being drawn to that condition here that they are in over there. It's an atmosphere, where all our motives and objectives are governed by love. We have died to our emotions, and self. And we are coming to the place where we hate no one. where we look down on no one. Where we are not moved by anyone, but our love for God our Father and his eldest son, and each other.

I wondered years ago when I heard brother Branham explain a certain passage of Scripture while preaching on the seals, and he said that was the Jews. And I wondered why. And then he told us, he said that must be the Jews because they are asking for God to avenge them. But a Christian would never ask God to do that, he would ask God to forgive them.

Let me just read that for a moment. **Fifth seal the 63-0322 P:110** Notice now, though they had tried to get rid of Joseph, his grace reached to them. Though they tried to get rid of Jesus, He still comes right back around, 'cause they was blind, and gives them each one a white robe. He's going to take them right on in home anyhow. It doesn't make a bit of difference 'cause He done said, "I'll save them all anyhow." See? Now, verse 10. Notice, they asked for revenge. See? Now, if that had been the Bride, it'd been like Stephen: "Father, forgive them," you know. See? But these are Jews that just come in. See? They asked for revenge. Notice, again... See? Again He said... Notice, it's not... He said, "It's thy brethren," the Jews, the hundred... Now, they wanted revenge. They said, "Oh, we're going to... We want you to revenge us down there." He said, "Just a little while now, just a little while, for..." (Notice, let me read it here. It's in the 10th verse.) All right. "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet... a little season,... (See? Watch)... a little season, until their fellow servants... (See? Now, what is it? The prophets now are preaching to Israel. See?)... till thy fellowservants and also thy brethren, that should be killed... (See, the ones predestinated to be done, so you see, should be killed)... as they were, should be fulfilled.

111 See, in other words, **it's predestinated to them. It's the Scriptures that they have to do it. And just rest for a little while. Now, you got your robes; you're going home. And just set there a little while. See, wait just awhile. Now, notice. Now, notice. Thy brethren, thy brethren had to yet be killed, which means the hundred and forty-four thousand yet to be called in the tribulation, the hundred and forty-four thousand is called...Wish we had time. We might get it tomorrow night, if the Lord willing, we, but just before we get in on another Seal. See? Also... Now, watch. They have to be martyred by the antichrist; we just come through, and notice in his last ride, where he breaks that covenant with them Jews down there, and there she goes. See? These Jews, a hundred and forty-four thousand, is to be called out by the two witnesses of Revelations 11.**

Ok, so notice the nature is different, because we as Bride have the Spirit that was in Christ, and they have not yet received His Spirit.

From his sermon, **From that time 60-0716 P:112** brother Branham said, "And **whatever you do**, whatever you do, friends... Let me ask you. If you believe me to be a servant of God, let me tell you something: **Don't you miss that wonderful place. Don't miss it.**

The Apostle Paul also speaks of this place in **1 Corinthians 2:9** *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.*

In fact Paul again in his second Epistle **2 Corinthians 12:2** tells us, "**I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.**

So Paul experienced what brother Branham did, and yet Paul could hardly describe what he saw, as brother Branham said, words cannot express it. But he admonished us to lay aside everything and focus on just one thing and that is being there. And he told us how we are to get there. He said, we have to lay in the presence of the sun to ripen, and get sweet in our spirit, just like those people were who he saw over there.

Now, from his sermon, **Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:53** Brother Branham said, "**THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you. I'm just, as I said this morning, I was made... My whole makeup is grace. A lot of people say, "Now, you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. Yeah, you do something for me, and I'll do something for you." That's not grace. Grace is, if your back is itching, I'll scratch it anyhow, whether you scratch mine or not; you slap me on the face, and say, "my back needs itching, needs scratching," I'll scratch it. See? That's it; do something. I don't believe in works; I believe that works is love. Works is, works is the manifestation that grace has taken place. I don't live true to my wife because I believe she'd divorce me if I didn't; I live true to her because I love her.**

And from his sermon, **The rejected king 60-0515M P:63** Brother Branham said, "All fear of death... I say this with my Bible before me this morning. I've got a little boy there four years old, to be raised. I've got a nine year old girl and a teen-ager that I'm thankful for, that's turned the way of the Lord. God, let me live to bring them up in the admonition of God. Above that, the whole world seems to scream to me. **Ninety year old women and men and all kinds, "If you hadn't have went, we wouldn't been here."** And, God, let me press the battle. But if it comes to dying, I am no more... **It would be a joy; it would be a pleasure to enter from this corruption and disgrace.** If I could make up yonder, one hundred billion miles high, a square block, and that's perfect love. Each step this way, it narrows until we get down to where we are now. It would be just merely a shadow of corruption. That little something that we can sense and feel that there's something somewhere, we don't know what it is. Oh, my precious friend, my beloved, my darlings of the Gospel, my begotten children unto God, listen to me, your pastor. I wish there was some way I could explain it to you. There's no words. I couldn't find it. It's not found anywhere. **But just beyond this last breath is the most glorious thing that you ever...** There is no way to explain it. There's no way; I just can't do it. **But whatever you do, friends, lay aside everything else till you get perfect love. Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else. That one visit there to me has made me a different man. I can never, never, never be the same Brother Branham that I was.**

From his sermon, **Beyond the Curtain of Time 61-0305 25** brother Branham said, "As I began to move from that **beautiful, joyful place**, as far as my eyes could see, people were coming towards me to embrace me crying, "My precious brother." Suddenly I was back on the bed again. I said, "O God, help me. Never let me compromise with the Word. **Let me stay straight on the Word.** I don't care what anyone else does, Lord. Let me press on to that beautiful, joyful place." **I am more convinced than ever in my life, that it will take perfect love to enter that place.** There was **no jealousy, no tiredness, no sickness, no old age, no death, only supreme beauty and joy.**] (Hallelujah!) [**Whatever you do, lay aside everything else until you get perfect love. Get to where you can love everybody, even every enemy.** No matter if the plane is rocking, the lightning is flashing, or the guns of the enemy are upon you, **these things do not matter; get perfect love.** If you're not saved, **accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, now.** If you have not been baptized in water, **be baptized now.** If you have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, **receive It now.** **Press on in that perfect love, which will take you to that beautiful and joyful place beyond the curtain of time.** Hallelujah. Glory to God. Amen.

So that is where we are heading, and that should be our compass, our focus every single day. "Am I heading into perfect love today, Lord," "Am I laying in the presence of the son and becoming ripe in my spirit and in my soul." Is my spirit becoming sweet and tender as your prophet told us the people over their were.

Now, back to our reading from the Token, in paragraph **180** where brother Branham says, "You can't, **you mustn't do that.** Now, **just sweetly and humbly with all that's in your heart, way down deep, just accept it.** Say, "Lord Jesus, right now, **just take all that's in me, that is unlike You, and let me move all my pride, all that's in me, out.** All the trash, all the

*unbelief that's in me, I'll discard it now, Lord. I just kick it out. And **let the sweet Holy Spirit of God, like a dove, move down in me. I want to live eternally, Lord,** and I want You to help me at this time. Grant it, God."*

**181** *While you pray, and we're going to hum this song, or sing it low and together, "I Love Him." And you remember, **it comes by love,** for **He is love.** While I'm holding my hands over these handkerchiefs, 'cause the people might get them before the night. **I love Him, I love Him, Because He first loved me; And purchased my salvation On Calvary's tree. I love Him, I love Him, Because He first loved me;** (Now, **just surrender your life.**) And purchased my salvation On Calvary's... **Love, love, love Him.** See what He did for you. **It's by love; love brings obedience; love brings courtship; love brings marriage;** that's where we're headed: Marriage Supper of the Lamb. I hear my Saviour calling that He loves me too. ... me too. I love... (Just all your heart, just feel something real sweetly coming into you; that's the Holy Spirit.) Because He first loved me; And purchased my salvation, On Calvary's tree.*

**182** *I raise up my hands with the audience to the music, if I have sinned, if I've done anything wrong... I'm praying for you now myself. If I've done anything wrong, my hand to You, Lord, means I'm sorry. I... My hand to You, Lord, means that I don't, didn't want to do it. And I know I'm dying, Lord. I've got to leave this world in physical form. I want to meet You. My hand means, take it, Lord. Fill me with the Spirit. **Give me the Token of Your love upon me, the Holy Ghost, that'll make me live sweetly, gently. Make me live the Life that was in Christ,** that my heart will burn for others, that I'll just not rest hardly day and night, till I can get everybody that I can.*

Now, brother Branham is telling us here in his closing remarks that the Token is the Love of God, it is the Holy Spirit which gives us the Love of God. And that is exactly what the Apostle Paul said in **Romans 5**.

**Romans 5:5** *And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.*

And I am finding myself coming to the place, where I find myself praying for persons I used to count as enemies, and I find myself asking my Father to give them His Holy Spirit. Because I know that if they have His Spirit, then my Spirit and there Spirit can not help but to love one another.

I do not ask God to avenge me, I don't ask him to get them. I only have one prayer anymore and that is Father forgive them, and fill them with Your Spirit so we can be agreeable to each other. Fill them with your Spirit Father so that all the fusses will be over. Because if everyone had His Spirit we would have the same mind, and thus we would be at peace.

The Apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 6:6** *By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, **by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,***

And the thing of it is, brothers and sisters, we have been ordained by God since before the foundations of the world to come to the place where we are without blame and where we are laying in His Presence in Love.

**Ephesians 1:4** *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and **without blame before him in love:***

The Apostle John said in **I John 4:17** *Herein is **our love made perfect**, that we may have **boldness** (that we may have parrhesia) **in the day of judgment: because **as he is, so are we in this world.***** Therefore, perfect love comes from being "**as He is,**" which means being conformed to His image, and he said we would have it in this world. So this is not something we are to wait for in the Millennium. This is to be now in this world.

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Then John tells us how we will know when we have come to this perfect love. And there is a way of knowing. He says there is a way for us to know. Now, I hear people tell me all the time, "*brother Brian, it has taken me years and years but I have finally died to myself.*"

And when I hear someone tell me that, I think within me, "when I hear you say that brother, it tells me one thing for certain, you have died yet. Because the minute you say it I know you are going to get hammered with a trial to test your testimony. That is the way God works.

And I said to one brother, you will know when you have died to self when you get hit with the same trials you've had again. Then we will see if you have died. But as long as the trials are not their, you will never know. Because any man can have peace when he lives like a hermit. Anyone who goes to the wilderness and has no one available for God to use to rub the nubs off of you, anyone living unto himself like an island can think they have died to self, but Jesus taught us to be observant and not believe every spirit, and he said, "*by their fruits you will know them*"

John taught us how we will know whether we have reached perfect love, for he said, **18** *There is **no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment.** Fear has a penalty. **He that feareth** (he that has any fear) **is not made perfect in love.***

And then he tells us it is all so simple, "*We love him, because he first loved us.*" **20** *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21* *And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.*

So brothers, and sisters, put your love to the test to see whether it is perfect love or not. Jesus never taught us that we will not be hated, in fact he taught us we will be hated, but how we handle that hate shows what spirit is governing your life.

What John is telling us here is that if we truly have perfect Love then we will not fear because *perfect Love casts out all fear.* It is fear that causes men to war with one another, and it is uncertainty and fear of the uncertainty that causes people to do things in a self defense mode of thinking. And that is what causes strife and ill treatment toward one another is fear. But perfect love casts all that away. And perfect love knows the solution is that you pray for God to give your enemies His Spirit, because if they have His Spirit they will love you and will no longer spitefully use you.

From **Godhead explained 61-0425B P:40** Brother Branham said, *"I said, "now, I do not take either sides with you brethren, and I know, as long as you fuss, you're both wrong (See?), because I would rather be wrong in my doctrine and right in my heart, than to be right in my doctrine and wrong in my heart." See? I said, "After all, it's your heart's condition. "And I made that a practice to know this, that if a man, no matter what he does and how much he differs, and what he says about me, if in my heart, not from just a duty, but from my heart I can't love that man as well as I love anyone else, then I know there's something wrong in here. See?"*

Now, God is Life and God is Love. These are the two greatest attributes of God. And if we have His Spirit, His Life abiding in us, then we ought to possess His own Love in our vessels as well. Because you cannot separate the two. Each expresses the other. And the Apostle Paul said, **2 Corinthians 5:14** *For the love of Christ constrains us*, and if His Love will constrain us then we must know what it means to be constrained by Love.

The word "constrain" means **1. To compel 2. confine: 3. inhibit or restrain; hold back:** In other words, the word "constrain" speaks of a **force that governs our behavior in a controlling sort of way**, for some purpose greater than ourselves. And if we are talking about the Love of God, then it is this Love that constrains us. Paul said, *the love of Christ constrains us*. Not just any love, but **the Love of Christ** is what **constrains us**. This love of Christ is what causes us to do what we normally would not do. In fact that is what brother Branham told brother Vayle when he went to brother Branham and asked him to seek God for a vision or word from God as to why he did not have this love that he could see in Brother Branham. And Brother Branham told him he did have the Love of God within Him. Then brother Branham explained to him, that **the Love of God constrains you** to do what you would not normally do, but you do it because of your Love for God.

That is why Paul explains to us what Love is and gives us the attributes of what makes up this Love of God as he explains in **1 Corinthians 13:4** *Love suffers long*, In other words, **Love is patient**. So what does that mean, "love is patient"? it means that **Love is willing to Bear or endure pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance with calmness**.

You are not patient if you are an angry person. But patience is marked by a calm demeanor. A relaxed demeanor. In other words, if you really truly understood that **God is working all things together for the Good of those that Love Him and are thee called according to His Purpose**. And He did not say "our purpose" but "His purpose", then you will trust that whatever happens is going to work together for your good. Then **you don't get angry and loose your temper when things don't go your way**. But rather you are patient because you are trusting that God is in control even though you are not.

**James 1:2** *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers testings; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

And the Apostle Paul said, in **Romans 5:1** *Therefore being justified by Revelation, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by Revelation into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

*3 And not only so, but we glory in testings also: knowing that testings works within us patience; 4 And patience produces experience; and experience produces hope: 5 And hope which is an earnest expectation maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

So we see that *Patience works in us experience which shapes our character and produces in us an earnest expectation that is never ashamed because of the Love of God which the Holy Ghost has placed within us.*

Now, we are looking at the attributes of Christ given Love that Paul tells to us of. And he said "*it suffers long*". It's patient, it remains calm even under trials and testing.

And next he says, *Love is kind*; Now, the word *Kind* means: *a friendly, generous, or warm-hearted nature. 2. Showing sympathy or understanding; charitable: 3. Humane; considerate: 4. Forbearing; tolerant.*

Now, this doesn't mean that you become a patsy and let people walk all over you. No, it doesn't mean you don't hold to your principles, but it means there is a right way to do it. and that is to be *friendly, warm-hearted, showing sympathy, and understanding*. People talking to others in abusive language is not right. There's no reason for it.

Paul tells us the next attribute of Love. he says, "*Love does not envy*". Now, this is important because envy is defined as: *A feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by and in conjunction with desire for the possessions or qualities of another.* And the Scripture commands that we shall not covet thy neighbor's anything.

Love doesn't look to others for what they want.

*Love doesn't envy. Love is not discontent and love shows no resentment* to others. It just doesn't. Now, that's not to say that love will not show disappointment when someone pulls a deal or lies to you. Those are evils that Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for. But *Love does not envy.*

*"And love never boasts, Love is never proud."* Pride in self is what boasting is all about. Boasting is just the fruit showing the person is not dead to self. Now, there is a remedy for boasting. God said, "*He that exalts Himself shall be brought down.*" That is a promise of God.

*Luke 14: 11 For whosoever exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.*

*Matthew 23: 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.*

Because what do we have that we have not received from God anyway? Paul said in, **I Corinthians 14:36** *What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?*

And in **Romans 3: 27** *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.*

Furthermore, Paul told us, *5 Love doth not behave itself unseemly, ...*

Now, that means **Love is not rude**. Now, I've met some pretty rude people in this message. But that just tells us those people are carnal and not born again, because you can't be rude and be filled with the spirit of God that is never rude.

The word "rude" is defined as *"Ill-mannered and discourteous"*. Jesus said, *"do unto others as you would have them do unto you"* which is the golden rule.

When asked which of the commandments of God were the greatest Jesus said in, **Mark 12:28** *And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*

So **Love is rude** nor is Love self centered. For Paul continues by saying,

*And love is not self seeking...* No, if God is love, and the Love of God constrains us, then the Love of God is not self seeking. So when you see people having pity parties about themselves, you see the focus is on self and not on God. Because Love is never self directed, it is always other directed. Love is what you do for others, not for self.

And He continued by saying, **Love is not easily provoked**, in other words, Love is not easily angered. Now, I'm not saying you never be angry. The same apostle that is teaching us of Love also said in, **Ephesians 4: 26** *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.*

And in **Colossians 3: 8** we read, *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, and in Ephesians 4: 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

**Nahum 1: 3** *The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked:*

in his sermon, **Reaction to an action 59-0810 P:21** Brother Branham said, *"Isn't it strange how God does things? He will let us get right down to the last mile away. You know, He likes to do that. He did it with the Hebrew children. He knew who He could trust, so He let them boys walk right up to the fiery furnace, till they could almost smell the fire, and He never moved. But when it comes time, He will move. He will move, but He waits till His own time. He wanted to see what kind of a reaction they'd have. He knew they'd made their stand. And when He knows that you make your stand... He will let Satan take you to the last mile of the way. But just remember, He's still there. He wants to see if you really mean what you're talking about. "Oh, I believe God's a Healer. Yes, I sure believe it." And the next day, you still got your pain. "Well, maybe I never got it." Sure you got it, He just wanting to see how you're going to react on what you said. You say, "Oh, praise God, I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit." The first little temptation that comes along, you fly off like a*

***buzz saw. He's trying to see your reaction on your action. He's trying to test you. "Every son that cometh to God must first be chastened, tested." Every child that comes to Him, He puts him through a test to see how he will act.***

Always remember, Anger is an emotion God equipped us with, but we must know how to control it, or it will control you. Anger is ok to use as a tool as long as you are controlling it. I have used it in many cases to make a point, but once that point has been made, I quickly turn it off. I used to do it with the children and I've done it in the ministry but if you do not use it as a tool of expression, and then turn it off, it can have a crippling effect in your life and how others perceive you.

Paul adds to this, and *"love keeps no record of wrong;"* That is one of the greatest attributes of the Love of Christ, that it doesn't hold any grudges. *It does not keep a record of wrongs* Love has a capacity to forget.

Until you are willing to forgive and forget, you will always be controlled by your record of wrongs, and then if you keep a record of wrongs, then your motive is not right. Because why would you keep a record of wrongs? It is because you either wish to get even, or else you wish to control the person you are keeping record of.

God is willing to throw all your sins into the sea of forgetfulness if you will let him. And one of the first principles of a new beginning is forgiveness and unless you are willing to forgive and forget you will never have rest for your own soul. It is important for people to learn that when you forgive and forget you are doing more for yourself than you are for the other person. Because in order to have a peace in your soul, you must not carry the baggage and sins of others.

Brother Branham had a principle he lived by and that was this: *If you can't say something good about a person, then say nothing at all.* He also said, *"we are little Messiahettes, and we create around us an atmosphere and that atmosphere is a reflection of our own little universe within us, and it is a reflection of our own spiritual condition."*

From **It wasn't so from the beginning 60-1127M P:8** Brother Branham said, *"Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, they create that atmosphere by 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."*

And in his sermon, **Explaining healing and Jairus 54-0216 P:37** He said, *"What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified." Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else. So if your deeds are evil, you know where it comes from. You know where your other body's a waiting."*

Paul also said, "**Love does not rejoice in evil, but rejoices in Truth.**" You see Love doesn't wish ill towards anyone. **Love is not vindictive.** Love doesn't wish to get even, because Love is protective.

Paul said, **Love always protects.** Just look at how Love is protective in a mother of any sort for her children. It does not matter what specie it is. A real mother will protect her young because she loves her young. And if you truly have the Love of Christ in your heart, you will do what you can to protect those you love.

And another thing he told us is **Love is always trusting,...**

Now, a man or woman that is always interrogating their spouse or their children does not have too much love for that spouse or child, because Paul says, that **Love is always trusting.** And when you interrogate someone it's because you don't trust that person. And trust works two ways. Some people don't trust others because they don't trust themselves. But if we truly Trust God then we believe God and if we trust our children then we'll believe our children. And we should trust until that trust has been broken, and we have evidence that the person can't be trusted.

**Love always has hope,** In other words, Love is always earnestly expecting. It is always expecting the best, not the worst, the best. **And Love always perseveres, Love always remains constant,** it never vacillates. And if it remains constant then **"Love never fails".**

Now, Paul tells us everything else can and will fail, but **love can not fail.** He said, **"whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."**

From **Is your life worthy 63-0630E P:71** brother Branham said, " **you'll find out that the Spirit that comes in you from the new birth, you will believe and do everything that God says in His Word for you to do. And everything that the Bible quotes for you to do, you'll punctuate it with a "Amen."** And you'll not stop day and night until you receive it. That's right. That's right. And in all this time, you'll certainly above everything **bear the fruit of the Spirit.** You say "Will I speak with tongues?" You might do that, and you might not. "Will I shout?" You might do that; you might not. But **there's one sure thing you will do. You will bear the fruit of the Spirit; and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience. Your temper will not be.** Just remember, when you got that, that poisons the Holy Spirit away from you. See? **When you get to a place that you want to fuss with everybody you come along to, there's something wrong.** When you get a place where the minister will read from the Bible that it's wrong to do a certain thing, and you, ...fuss? just remember, there's no Christianity there at all. Now, **"By their fruits you shall know them,"** it's what Jesus said. See?

**John 13: 34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

**2 John 1: 5** And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that **we love one another.**

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