Last Sunday we took our thoughts from paragraph 125 of Br. Branham’s sermon The Unveiling of God “Now, what if a fellow refuses to see the sun, say, "Oh, there, I know God said 'Let there be light,' but there is no such a thing. I'm going down in the basement. I just refuse to see it"? The guy's crazy. There's something wrong with him. There's something wrong with a man or woman, can see the promise of God, and see It manifested, and then refuse to believe It because the denomination pulls the veil down.”

Notice he said, “the man sees the manifestation of the promise of God but refuses to believe it because of his denominational filter”. He said “this man is crazy”, no different than the man who refuses the believe there is a sun so he goes into his basement to hide from it.

Paul spoke of this form of insanity in Ephesians 4 right after he tells us about the ministry of the five offices that God sent to the church as a gift to help them to mature as Sons of God. He tells us this form of insanity is in dire contrast to what the results should be from a true God sent five-fold ministry.

Let’s just take a little time to see this progression Paul speaks of concerning what the five-fold ministry is supposed to do for the people, and then what will happen to those who refuse what God sends to help them.

**Ephesians 4:11** And he (God) gave some, (the Greek word is “men”, that’s right, “men” God gave “men” and it was translated as the word “some”, and the word “some” is a pronoun which means (certain persons, individuals, an unspecified number, amount,).

So God gave some men, certain men, and an unspecified number of these men to be) apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Notice that all of these offices that God set in the church as a gift to the church are said to be plural. In other words, God did not just send one teacher. He sent teachers, because the Holy Ghost is the teacher and he uses men to teach through.

And the purpose of these five gifts to the church he says is **12 For the perfecting of the saints**, (now, this is not perfecting as though to make blameless, for we are perfected that way through the Blood of the innocent Lamb of God, the first born son. But this perfecting is to bring into maturity. It is to equip the saints so they can become mature sons of God ready for adoption. He also said there is another reason God set these five offices in the church, …he says, …) **for the work of the ministry**, (and that means there is a work that each of these minister is supposed to do. We don’t have time to get into that but brother Branham taught that each office has a certain kind of anointing, and a certain way in which they bring the Word of God to the people.
In his sermon **Warning then judgment 63-0724 P:51** Br. Branham said *But, you see, in the church there is the pastor, and that pastor is a special person. He's built to where he can put up with the fusses of the people. He's a burden-bearer; he's the ox of the team. He's a man that can set down when somebody's got something against somebody else, and set down with them two families, and take neither side, and reason it out, and bring it right back into sweetness. See? He's a pastor; he knows how to take care of things. The evangelist is a special man. He's a man that's burning like a fireball. He runs into a city and preaches his message, and gets out of there somewhere else. See, he's a special man. The teacher is a special man. He sets back under the anointing of the Spirit and is able to take the Words and put them together by the Holy Spirit, that the pastor or evangelist either one could not compare with him. And then we find out the apostle is a special man. He's a setter-in-order. He's a man that's sent from God to set the things in order.*

So you notice when Paul says he is to do the work of the ministry, each has their role and way of working under the anointing of the Holy Spirit to do what God wants for him to do.

Then Paul adds to that, “for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Therefore he is not there for himself, but he is there to edify or build up the body of Christ. The ministry is not about the minister, it’s about God and how God uses these gifts to build up the body of Christ. The root word has to do with architecture, and speaks of a structure or building, and figuratively speaks of confirmation or to edify or edification.

Now the English word edify means “to instruct or benefit, especially morally or spiritually; uplift.” And similar words would be uplift, enlighten, teach, educate, improve.

So we see that these gifts God has set in the church are certain men who are ordained by God and gifted by God to uplift, enlighten, teach, educate, improve the saints God has sent these men to help.

And then he tells us how long these men, these gifts of God will be in the church, and what has to happen in order for them to complete their mission.

13 **Till** (that means UNTIL, so they will be here with the saints UNTIL something takes place. So we need to read on to see what that thing is that must take place before God can recall these gifts from the church.) *‘Until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

Now, since Paul mentions four things that must take place before he can take these five-fold gifts off the scene. I think we should look at each one to give a brief explanation what he means by each state that the saints are to progress unto through the gifts these men use to help the saints.

First of all Paul said, ***‘Until we all come in the unity of the faith,‘*. Now, that is perhaps the greatest trial that is set before these five gifts, because you can hardly get anyone to agree on anything in these days. But notice he said they must come to a unity of The Faith.
Now, it is no secret what this Faith is that Paul is speaking of here because just before he said this he tells us there is only one Faith. Let’s read it ourselves.

**Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:114 You see Who the door is? Where did God put His Name? In Jesus. How do you get in His Name? How do you get in there? By being baptized in there. How by? Water? By Spirit: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, that's Holy Ghost baptism. The water baptism just put you in fellowship with the people, that you recognized that you have accepted Christ. That's the True. But it's Spirit baptism. I can call the Name of Jesus over you and baptize you; that doesn't make it so. But when once that Holy Spirit really genuine Word comes into you (the Word, Jesus), then, brother, the message is no secret to you then; you know It, brother; It's all lit up before you. Hallelujah. Praise be to God. Amen.

Notice he said when that Genuine Word which is the Holy Spirit once comes into you, then the Message becomes lit up before you and the Message is no more secret to you then.

Brother Peter Gatchell sent me a quote the other day which I used back in 1982 when I put out my first book on the Presence of God. I love this quote because it not only speaks of the Presence, but also tells us that it takes the new birth to allow you to know it.

**55-0410S, My Redeemer Liveth** “Did you ever stop to think, this morning, as far as returning, that is, it had become visible? He is already here with us now. He...we someday...Now today, just imagine that His Presence being here today. The Lord Jesus is in another world, or another dimension, right here today in form of Spirit. His Spirit is blending in with our spirit. Our eyes can't see Him, because that they're physical yet, unless there would something happen that we could see vision. But He is here just as visible, just as real as He was the day that He spoke to Mary, at the grave, or He met Cleopas on his road to Emmaus. His Presence is here. It can be feeled with that, felt with that inner charge that's on the inside of the human body, called the new Birth. The soul has been magnetized unto Him. And once in a while, when you let your minds be concentrated on Him, believing on Him; after a while, Something, a reality, you can feel Something sweep over your being. That's the vindication of His resurrection. It's not a "guess so." It's not "I hope so." But, to every person that's born again, it's a "know so." It's, you know it. It's right there, and when you become contact with Him. I've seen saints say, "Oh, can you..." The Presence of the Lord is near. They say, "Why, there is Something!" Why, certainly. He is right there. Right up...He has rose from the dead, and He is standing right by you. Now, someday, when we go to be with Him; these spirits in here, that can feel that Spirit, presses into That. Then, on the resurrection, when He makes Hisself visible, we'll be made visible and have a body like His Own glorious body. For, when we come from the spirit world, He'll bring us with Him. "All that are dead in Christ will God bring with Him in the resurrection." Oh, what an enlightenment! What a blessed thing!
Now, to me there are two significant things he said here. Number one is that Christ is present, and number two only those who have been born again will know it experientially. That’s Ginosko. And we’ve covered that plenty of times before so we won’t go into it now.

But in getting back to what Paul said, since he says “there is one Lord and one Faith and one baptism”, And then he says in speaking of this one Faith that God will use his Five Fold Gifts to the church to help bring the saints to a unity of that one Faith. That is why he says “Until we all come in the unity of the faith.”

Notice, “The Faith”, Not faith, but The Faith which speaks of just one Faith. And that would have to be the one faith he was speaking of concerning the One Lord.

Earnestly contending 55-0815 P:9 Now, it was to contend for "the" faith, "the," not "a." "The" one faith. There is only really one faith, one Lord, one God, one baptism, one faith. Now, so we have to go back to find out what this faith is. Now, I ask you, as my dear beloved brother and sister, that you will take this under consideration. Because, it must come from the Bible. Now, it may be a little different from what you've been taught. When Jesus came, the church was looking for Him to come. But He come so much different, until they failed to recognize Him. Could it be so again today that the same thing has happened? Let's see. Now, if it is the faith that was delivered to the saints, it'll have to come from the New Testament, because they were only called "saints" in the New Testament. So let's go back.

And so we see that you cannot have a unity of THE FAITH if you believe Two Lords. Because the One Faith is The Faith or the revelation of the One Lord.

And that is exactly what William Branham said in his sermon Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:186 “And as Jannes and Jambres (Matthew 24:24, false christs, false anointed, doing signs and wonders to deceive the elected)--now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these reprobates..." Reprobate mind concerning the faith, not a faith, the Faith. One faith, one Lord, one...?... You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord. You can't have two baptisms, not one for the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost. There's one baptism, Jesus Christ. That's right. See?

And so you cannot bring a unity of The Faith without the revelation of that One Lord. That is why Br. Lee Vayle called the “Two Lords” teaching a fallacy. He said it, not me so those who still believe Two Lords, they do not believe what Lee Vayle taught, nor what William Branham taught nor what Paul, Jesus and Moses taught. To belief in Two Lords is not Biblical, it is closer to polytheism because the next thing they do is try to make Two Christ’s, and I said they would do it, and they have done it.

They are blind leaders of the blind.

So we see the first thing a true Five-fold will do is to bring a unity of THE Faith. And that cannot come unless One Lord is taught. Anyone teaching Two Lords after the error has been shown by God’s teacher Lee Vayle is willfully ignorant and false to the Word of God. And that is why there is no unity among them. They will eat each other before it’s over.
I have seen brothers all over the world come into this unity of The Faith and they do not fuss with each other, but love the fellowship they have around the relationship they have with God as their Father and Jesus Christ as the eldest brother in a vast family of brethren.

Notice then Paul went from telling us the true five-fold would bring the saints into a unity of The Faith, and then he says, “Until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,”

Notice the word “and” is a conjunction and it links the Unity of The Faith with the knowledge of the son of God, because you cannot understand The One Faith of the One Lord without understanding the role of the son of God with that One Lord which is the Father.

And until you understand how that “God was IN Christ reconciling the world unto Himself,” you will not understand the knowledge of the son of God, and you will not understand how the One Lord could indwell His Son and thus make Him both Lord and Christ. You, see, it is not another Lord, it is the same One Spirit which is the Spirit of the One Lord indwelling the vessel and now the Lordship of the One Lord is made visible and expressed through the vessel of the subservient Son who declared His Father, the One Lord.

Jesus said, “No man has seen God at any time, but the son has declared Him.” That’s John 1:18

So the True Five Fold ministry will bring the people to a maturity in their adoption progression by equipping them with the True Faith of the One Lord along with the knowledge of the son of God.

So look at the progression of what Paul says concerning the five-fold ministry. “Until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, and it is the doctrine of Christ or the Revelation of the relationship between God and His Son and Sons that will bring the saints to the place as he puts it, “unto a perfect man,” (The Greek word there is “teleios” and it means “growth, mental and moral character”, etc.; completeness:-of full age, man, perfect.)

Now this word teleios is used in various scriptures and refers to those sons of God who are certainly mature and know how to handle the word of God. It is the language Paul uses in speaking of the sons of God who are ready for adoption.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as (or in the same way) your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men (teleios)

1 Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: (teleios, men concerning understanding) yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
So we see that the word “teleios” speaks of our being grown up in our understanding, and not like children.

In fact in Philippians 3:15 Paul lets us know that our being Teleios has all to do with the mind. He says it is a condition of the mind. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

And probably the best example of this word teleios being used showing that it is a condition of full maturity comes when Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:10 But when that which is perfect (teleios) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, because I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (when will I know as I am known? When that which is teleios has come.)

Colossians 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, (teleios)even those who by reason of use (that is experience) have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

James 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect (teleios) love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect (teleios) in love.

So we see that there are even levels of love, but a fully Mature Love is one that understands also and thus does not jump to conclusions.

And so we see that when we come to the unity of the faith by having the full knowledge and understanding of The Son of God, which is the revelation of the relationship between the Father and son, he says that will be the key to bringing us to a teleios condition and then he adds that it will also bring us “unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

And that word stature was translated from the Greek word helikia which means maturity in years, or age “stature”. And of course the English definition of the word stature means the degree of development attained; level of achievement:

And he’s speaking of the degree of development of the fullness of Christ. Or the degree that Christ fully obtained and proven by his obedience unto death for us.

Now, Paul goes on to tell us that once we have achieved this condition of teleios, or the full measure of Christ’s development, he says, then we will 14 That we henceforth be no more children. (and of course once we reach Teleios we will be men and no more children, and being men we will not be as children who can be) tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
So by coming to this Christian maturity which is the benefit of a true Five-Fold minister’s preaching, we will no longer be tempted to chase after this guy or that guy, this doctrine or that doctrine. We are settled. We are stable, like a ship with an anchor. We will be settled on one thing and that is “being conformed to the image of the first born son”. That will be our life once we are teleios. Always about our Fathers business. Always wanting to please our Father. That is what we live for and breathe for.

And then he tells us 15 *But by speaking the truth in love, the saints may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*  

So the body must grow up to fit the head, for if the body is not grown up it will not fit with the head. And then he tells us.  

16 *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

In other words, the building up of the body that it comes to Teleios, makes the body by its maturity begin to look after the body. A human example is the difference between a seasoned parent and a young inexperienced parent. A young parent still is conflicted between what is best for the child and what it wants for self. A seasoned parent puts self aside and looks solely after the needs of the child.

I do not know if you have ever noticed but most people gain their most weight between 35 and 50 years old. That is when men have most of their heart attacks, because the stress on the job and the social lunches, and late night meals because they work late is no good for retaining your weight and thus your health. But I have seen many people get in their 60’s and especially after retiring from their jobs begin to focus on the health of their body. And that is what a Teleios body of Christ will do as well. Because Eternal Life is living for others, then the Teleios believer will spend much time in making sure the body of Christ is built up and not torn down.

As Paul stated in Philippians 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

And so too will the Teleios believer look not after their own things, but will look after the needs of others. And just as Jesus had to humble himself to do so, and made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, so will the teleios believer do the same.

But then Paul warns us that those who do not appreciate and utilize the benefits of the Five Fold Gift to help them in becoming Teleios, will have a different outcome altogether.
17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, (you see their minds are not set on Teleios, or the stature of Christ but their minds are set on self.) And by rejecting Gods’ Five-Fold gift he says, their understanding will become darkened. 18 Having the understanding darkened, (and with the darkening of their understanding also comes a loss of the life of God. Like the foolish virgin who once had oil to light their way, the loss of that oil brings darkness, and thus) being alienated from the life of God (and he next tells us that this being alienated from the Life of God comes) through the ignorance that is in them, (notice the ignorance that is already in them. They don’t need someone to teach them, they are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, but don’t know their own mental condition, because they are actually poor blind and miserable and yet don’t even know their own mental state. Notice he says, they are this way) because of the blindness of their own heart: (The blindness of their own understanding). So they refuse the understanding that a true Five-fold ministry will gladly give them but because their understanding is blind to anything outside of what they already think they know, they refuse further light.

And that takes us full circle back to what brother Branham was illustrating in paragraph 125. The Unveiling of God “Now, what if a fellow refuses to see the sun, say, "Oh, there, I know God said 'Let there be light,' but there is no such a thing. I'm going down in the basement. I just refuse to see it"? The guy's crazy. There's something wrong with him. There's something wrong with a man or woman, can see the promise of God, and see It manifested, and then refuse to believe It because the denomination pulls the veil down.”

So look then at the condition Paul says this man who turns down the True five-fold gift that God has sent to help him. 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, (that is sexual thoughts all the time) to work all uncleanness with greediness. (and then Paul says,) 20 But ye have not so learned Christ: (You have not so learned the anointed Word) 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Now, how does this tie in with what he was telling us of these five gifts God set in the church. He says, If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: Have been taught by Him? Yes, when the teacher teaches it is not the man who teaches but the Holy Spirit who is the teacher who is using the man to teach through him. So to turn down the teacher is to turn down Christ Himself.

That is what Jesus himself said in John 13:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

In fact that is exactly what the apostle John said as well. 1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
So that ought to let you know who is of God and who is not, those who will hear a true Five-fold minister which God set in the church will hear them and those who are not will not hear them because they think they can get **Teleios** by their own thinking. But a true five-fold will tell you that you must die to self in order to let the mind of Christ come it. A true five-fold minister will tell you that as long as you are content to live your own life you will never be born again and filled with the Spirit of God. It is only when you are willing to die to self that God will enter into you to live your life for you.

That is why we showed you a couple weeks ago that to be in Christ means you are in the anointed Word of God. And if you are in Christ then all things are past and all things become new. And that is why Paul tells us once we have come to a **Teleios** condition, we will be willing to die to everything we once held dear, and live solely to please our Father.

**22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. **25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

You might say, how do I know when I have grieved the Holy Spirit? Once your mind is so completely **Teleios** with the mind of Christ, you will know if you have grieved the Holy Spirit when you yourself are grieved for what you said or did. That is when you know that you are saved and filled with his Spirit.

Therefore, if you are **Teleios**, then **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Now, we never did get to the second attribute of the end time insanity but we did show you what is the mind of Christ, and anything that is not the mind of Christ you can consider it insane. But I think we will close now, and take up next week the second attribute of the end time insanity.

Let us pray…