

**Unveiling of God**  
*Gives us Understanding*  
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**Acts 8:26** *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, (That is in Africa, so this story is how the Word of God first went into Africa in the alpha. Let's read it again) behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you Understand thou what you are reading? 31 And he said, **How can I, except some man should guide me?***

Now, I know that there are those who believe the ministry of the five offices God placed in the church is to just push some button and somehow the voice of God will be heard and the people will be saved. This morning we are going to look at that thought, because here is an honest man when asked the question, "Do you understand what you are reading?" and in his honest reply he said, "**How can I, except some man should guide me?**"

Now, I know many are saying today, "*I don't need someone to teach me, The Holy Ghost is the teacher.*"

But God's vindicated prophet taught us that kind of thinking is wrong. He said "*if you say that then why did God place teachers in the church?*"

**QA Image of the beast 54-0515 P:144** *You say*, (now who is brother Branham talking to here. He is talking to people who are listening to him. So let's begin reading what he says here again.) *You say*, "Well, glory to God, the Bible said when the Holy Ghost is come you don't need any teacher; He's the teacher Himself." **Oh, brother. How can you be so little from reading the Scriptures ... Why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church then?** *Say, "I don't have to have anybody teach me; the Holy Ghost teaches me." It does through a teacher. He set teachers in the church. He said, "Are all teachers, are all apostles, are all gifts of healing?" The Holy Ghost set these things in the church; He operates them all, and each one of them operates orderly.*

So to say we don't need any of the five gifts God set in the church because we can listen to the tapes and come out with the right understanding on our own, shows just how shallow you are in your Bible understanding, and in your understanding of what this great end time ministry is all about.

And in **Questions and answers COD 64-0830M P:69 332**. Brother Branham said, "*No. You're mistaken. See? Let me go over and just answer it as I come by. "Do you teach that the Bride must not attend any other church unless you are preaching or else, otherwise, the Tabernacle?" No. I don't teach that. I don't believe that; I do not believe it. We've got ministers setting here that's scattered all around through the country, and I believe they are part of that Bride.* I believe that a man or woman can go to church anywhere they want to go **that teaches the Word**. And I believe, if they don't teach the whole Word, and you can't go to church any other place where they teach the whole Word, go where they teach half the Word until you can get to where they teach the whole Word. **Go to church whatever you do. Do that.**

So right there that doctrine that says all the bride will unite and come together by pushing play at the same time is just completely a false doctrine. You are united by being baptized into one Spirit.

**Hebrews Chapter 5 and 6 57-0908M P:24** *Paul, speaking to this Hebrew group, yet scholars he's speaking to now, scholars, well learned. We find that in a few moments, very scholarly. But **the deep***

*spiritual mystery, the church is still blinded to it. He said, "When you ought to be teaching others, you're still a babe." Oh, I know there's many rise up, and go out, and say, "Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come; He's the teacher." When you get that idea, you're just wrong. For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church if He was going to be the teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher. And if it isn't according to the Word, God doesn't confirm it, then it isn't the right kind of teaching. It must compare with the entire Bible, and be just as alive today as It was then. There's the real thing made manifest.*

Now, I know why some people have gravitated to just playing the tapes only, and it's because of all the false they've seen in the pulpits. But just because there are so many counterfeits, that doesn't do away with the Word of God that says in "**Ephesians 4:11** *And he (God) gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

Now, God did that. I can show you where God set in the church these five offices, but you can't show me in the Bible where he took them out. And why did God send these five gifts into the church? Paul tells us...

**12** *(1) For the perfecting of the saints, (2) for the work of the ministry, (3) for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

And how long did he say that these five gifts will operate in the church? Paul gives us the answer in his very next words.

**13** *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, (a fully mature son of God) unto the measure of the stature (character) of the fulness of Christ:*

Ok, so there is your answer. *Until we all come in the unity of The Faith*, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ. And "*until we all come to the knowledge of the son of God.*" Knowing who he is and what his relationship was with the Father, and how he was to be the pattern for all the younger brethren. And so for how long? Until we all come into the stature of the fullness of Christ. In other words until the resurrection sets in and the elect are adopted. That is how long the five gifts of God will be operating in the church.

Does that mean that we are to believe every Tom Dick and Harry that claims to be one of these five gifts that God set in the church? No, give it the word test like everything else. And that will help you grow up real fast when you have to discern by the Word who is teaching truth and who is teaching error.

**14** *That we henceforth be no more children, 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;*

You see, that is what the Five gifts of God are to do, to help you grow up into Christ, to know and understand the Word of God so you will not be led astray with all sorts of doctrines of man. He is saying that is the purpose of the Five gifts is to help the church not be deceived.

**15** *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

**Baptism of the holy spirit 58-0928M P:110** *Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors. That's what the Body consists of. In that local body then there's nine spiritual gifts: One of them is wisdom, knowledge, Divine healing, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, all these different gifts that's in the local body. And these apostles, pastors, teachers, and evangelists are all here to be sure that in these gifts these things are working right. If they find something false raising up, quickly they condemn it, 'cause it's not according to the Scripture. Let somebody walk up here and say, "Bless God, I got oil in my hands; looky here. You know, I believe I got the Holy Ghost; I got oil in my hand." You'll hear somebody say, "That's not Scriptural." That's right. "Let's take and go here in the room; let's search the Scriptures through. Show me in the Scriptures where that's the evidence of the Holy Ghost."*

So brothers and sisters, it's all got to go back to the scriptures or it isn't right and you had better not believe it. And that is why God has set in the church men to help you to understand the scriptures, so you will not be deceived.

And again he said in **Jesus Christ the same 56-0426 P:49** Notice, if Jesus did those things in that day, and He has raised from the dead, and **He is the same yesterday, today, and forever**, He's obligated to His Word. Now, His corporal body sets at the right hand of God. You believe that, don't you? But **the Holy Spirit is here working through His sanctified vessels**. And **God has set in the church** what? **First apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then evangelists, then pastors** (Is that right?), **for the perfecting of the church**. **God has did it. It's not the preacher that preaches; it's God preaching through him. It's not the prophet that sees the vision; it's God speaking through him. "I do nothing except the--the Father shows Me first what to do."**

So if you believe God's vindicated prophet then you will believe what he says here. He says it is not the preacher that preaches, it is God who preaches through him. So tell me then what is the difference if God uses a prophet or an apostle to preach through, what is the difference if God uses a teacher, or a pastor to teach through? It's God all the way through and if you cannot see that you do not have the mind of God to know what God knows and to see what God sees.

Now, let's continue to read about what happened with Philip the Evangelist. "**And he (the Eunuch) desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth." 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?**

Now, look, if you just read the Scriptures and have no questions, then either you are just going through the motions, or you are just not interested in what the Scriptures teach.

**35 Then Philip (the Evangelist) opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.**

Now, with that in mind, let's go to paragraph 13 of **the Unveiling of God** where brother Branham tells you how important it is to understand what he was sent to teach us. And we just read that it takes the actual gifts that God set into the church to bring out that understanding. And in this paragraph we will see why.

**13 "May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word. Now, my subject this morning, I trust that God will reveal this. And each time, if you who take the tapes and listen, and I hope and trust that you have had a spiritual understanding of what that God has been in trying to get over to the church without saying it right out. See? It's a thing sometime... We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely. It must be done that way.**

Notice brother Branham is telling you that he has to speak his message in such a way that not just listening to the tape you will understand what he is teaching. He says, you can listen to the tapes but you may not be able to understand what I am saying because I have to say it in such a way as to thin out the ranks of the listeners... "**We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely. It must be done that way.**"

Let's read on and see what else he has to say about this. **14** "Then it might be that some would say, "You mean God would purposely do a thing like that?" **He certainly did. He does yet.** He said one day, when He had thousands around Him; He said, "Except you eat of the flesh of the Son of God, Son of man, and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you." What kind of a statement do you think that a medical doctor or a nurse, or any fine intellectual person would think of a statement like that, for a Man that had a ministry like He had? Why, he would say, "Eat the flesh? That's cannibal. To drink human blood, it's a vampire. In other words, He wants us to be cannibals and vampires." And the whole audience walked away from Him.

**15** And there was a **ministerial association** with Him, of **seventy that had been chosen**. And He turned to them, and He said, "What will you think when you see the Son of man ascending up from where He came from?" Now, **He didn't explain that.** He never explained how. **Paul did that later on.** **He** (Jesus) **just said it.** See? And then when this... He said, "What will you say to these ministers when you see the Son of man ascending up from where He come from?" No doubt them men said, "Now, just a moment. Oh, we eat with Him. We fish with Him. We sleep with Him. We know where He was born. We seen the cradle that He was rocked in. And how does this Man... This is a hard saying." And **the Bible said they didn't walk with Him any more;** they left Him.

Now, listen! Not only did Jesus speak to the people that way but to those who claimed to be ministers as well. He did it to everyone. So then you say, well, then how can a man come to an understanding then if the words are said in such a way as to make some to go out and others to leave, and still others to ponder over what he said.

Then in this next paragraph brother Branham said, the same words the people heard, and the same words the ministers heard and are even the same words the disciples heard. **16** Then **He had twelve left. He chose twelve, and one of them was a devil, He said. So He turned to them. And there's no one could explain what He had just said.** "How are they going to eat His flesh and drink His Blood? And how did He come down when He was born right here on earth?" See? **They couldn't understand it.** And then He turned to the apostles and He said, "Do you want to go also?" And that's when the Apostle Peter made that great statement, "Lord, to whom would we go? (See?) For we are satisfied. We know assuredly that You and You alone have the Word of Life at this hour. (See?) And we're satisfied of that." See, **they could not explain it.** They... **You can't explain faith. It's something that you believe, and it's so solid that there's nothing else will take its place.** Therefore, they knowed that the Word that was written for that age that they were living in, the Messiahic age, that **He fit that place exactly.** And what could they do to go back in them cold, formal churches that they come out of? Said, "Where would we go to? (See?) We are fully persuaded that You have the Word of Life." See? And they couldn't explain it, but they believed it. See?

**17** And **Jesus said that to weed down His crowd** (See?), **till He could get the group together.** And out of all those people, they, **only eleven of them then understood** actually Who He was. **They knowed that He was God and God alone.** Now, my subject this morning is to reveal or unveil that God. God has always, in every age, has hid behind a veil: all ages. But He's been God all the time. See? But He's kept Himself hid from the world, and **reveals Himself to His elected,** like the apostles at that day. Now, that was God speaking in Christ. Now, man has always; it's been the nature of man; he sought to see **physically that God. He's always wanted to see It.** Man has made creatures that look like Him, they think of the Indians worship the sun. And we find in Africa different forms of animals and so forth. And up at the totem poles in Alaska and different forms that they think this God is in. As Paul spoke there at Athens that time on Mars' hill and told them that they were superstitious concerning this unknown God, that **they knowed He was there but yet they didn't know Him.**

Now, we find John telling us this very same thing in **1 John 5:20** "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Now, this is the one Scripture that is used by the Oneness people to try to justify their doctrine that God and Jesus are one like your finger is on. But brother Branham taught us that they are wrong when they teach that.

**Palmerworm locust caterpillar 59-0823 P:79** *And you Oneness brethren, many of you get off the wrong track when you try to think that God is one like your finger is one. He can't be His Own Father. He can't be. But He is God. God is Jehovah, the Spirit; Christ was the House that He dwelt in. And then He sacrificed this life, and when He did, He gave up the Spirit. And through this unadulterated Blood that He shed, He sanctified me, that He might come Himself and dwell in me and in you. And God is with us; that's the Holy Ghost, which is the same, very same God, Jehovah God. "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world. And the things that I do, shall you do also." There's where the caterpillars begin to eat, and the cankerworms, trying to make God the Father setting in glory, God the Son setting upon some right hand He's got.*

But if we read what John said slowly and clearly, and read what is written by John without trying to add your own thoughts, you will see that it perfectly runs in continuity with the doctrine of Christ.

**1 John 5:20** *And we know that the Son of God is come,* (so we see here that **he is speaking of the Son of God**. And he's telling us there's something about this coming of the son of God that we should know.) *"and"* (this coming, he says) **"hath given us an understanding,"**

In this thought John is telling us there is something that the Son of God did for us in his coming, and that is to give us understanding. And the understanding was given for the purpose he says,) **"that we may know him that is true,"**

Therefore if we are doing more than just reading like a book, we will actually ask ourselves this question. "Was the coming of the Son of God to give us an understanding of the Son of God Himself? Or did He come that we might know **"Him That is True"** which is God!

And who do you think this one is that John is speaking of here? He said the Son of God came that we might have understanding of **"Him that is True"**. Now, scripture tells us that Jesus did not come to declare Himself, but He came to declare the Father.)

**John 1:18** *"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him"* (God).

And again we read in **John 8:19** *"Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also."*

And one more, **John 8:54** *"Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you"* (because you say you know Him when you don't know him, making yourself a liar) *"but I know him, and keep his saying".*

Now, in getting back to **1 John 5:20** *"And we know that the Son of God is come, and"* (His coming) **"hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true,"** (so we see that the coming of the Son of God was to give us an understanding of the One that is True which is God and notice as John continues), *"and we are in Him that is true, even"* (the word even means in the same manner or in the same way we are) *"in his Son Jesus Christ. This"* (One that is True is) *"is the true God, and eternal life."*

And the only true God is God as Jesus Himself says in **John 17:3** *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

Now, that is how you read that verse of scripture. It speaks of the coming of the Son of God was in order to make manifest or declare the Father to us in such a way that we might know and understand the Father as never had known and understood prior to this coming.

Now, brother Branham taught us that God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. Therefore **it takes manifestation of the Word to bring to us full understanding of that Word.**

So we see that the coming of the son of God and God Himself manifesting in His son, is what brought to us an understanding of Who God our Father really is. Without seeing the Son of God playing out His role with the Father, we would not truly understand who the Father is nor our role that we must play as sons, and thus we would not understand “**Him that is True**”, the only God.”

So this morning we will examine this understanding that we have been given concerning our relationship with the One that IS True, Which is God our Father.

Now, although the **Son of God came to give us understanding**, Paul told us that **now we see through a glass darkly**, but at the Parousia **we shall see Him Face to Face** which is Presence to Presence. He said, **now we know in part, then shall we know even as we are known.**

Now, we find in **1 Peter 1:13** that speaks of the unveiling of Christ that it is a time of a certain grace upon the church.

**1 Peter 1:13** ¶ *“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”*

And we also find in **1 Corinthians 1** Paul speaking of this same thing.

**1 Corinthians 1:4** *I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance,(logos, Word) and in all knowledge;* (Well, if it is all knowledge, then it is the once for all enlightenment that Paul speaks of in **Hebrews 6**)

**6** *Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, [that ye may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 10* ¶ *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

Now, that is the only way that the people can become joined together in one mind and that is by receiving the mind of Christ.

Now, the apostle John tells us in **1 John 2** that the only way we can all be joined together is by having the same mind, and that can only come by being baptized into one body by One Spirit.

Notice he says in verse **19** *They went out from us, because they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

You know, as a young minister it used to bother me when people left the church. But once you understand the Scripture, you realize that if they were had the same mind, and the same Spirit they would have stayed together with you. So the fact that they leave is vindication that they are not of you. That is what Jon says here.

And then he says, **20** ¶ *But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

Now, let me put John’s words in very plain English. “**You have remained because God has anointed you with His Holy Spirit and because you do have His Spirit you have the same mind of the Spirit and thus you know all things.**”

**21** *I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father **and** the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath* (echoes) *not the Father: but he that*

*acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.* (Why? Because if you acknowledge that God has a son, then you acknowledge God to be a Father.) **24** *Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall **remain in you**, ye also shall continue in the Son, **and** in the Father.* **25** *And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.* **26** *These [things] have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.* **27** *But **the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*** **28** ¶ *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.* **29** *If ye know that he is righteous, (rightly-wise) ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

The apostle Paul speaks of this understanding in **Ephesians 1:18** *“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,”*

And again in **Hebrews 10:16** *“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**”*

**Hebrews 8:10** *“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**”*

So here is the question I want to ask you. Is it because the believer is more intelligent than the unbeliever? No, because if that were so it would run contrary to the Scripture that says, *“God has hid it from the wise and prudent and revealed it to babes such as will learn.”*

Or is it because we are so much better than the rest? I don't think it has anything to do with us, but it has all to do with God's choice. **1 Corinthians 4:7** tells us, *“Who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?”*

It is God himself who makes the elect to differ from the non-elect. How is it you should ask, that you understand while others, never seem to come to the knowledge of the truth? Therefore, it is God himself who makes the elect to differ from the non-elect.

And without understanding the Godhood of God we will never understand His Sovereignty, and without understanding His Godhood we will never understand God, *“Who He is and Why He does what He does”*. Our conception then of God becomes only one what is made up in the minds of men, the God of their own imagination.

The Apostle Paul tells us that the carnal man can never understand God.

**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.* **10** *But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the 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.* **12** *Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.***

Therefore if you do not have the Spirit of God living in you, you will never know, nor will you understand the things of God. So how can you understand the Message that God came down to deliver to us in this age if you are not born again of His Spirit?

The carnal man will not even come to the Light which means he will not come to gain understanding, but rather he flees from the light as we see in **John 3:19** *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* **20** *For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.”*

We see in **Proverbs 14:12** “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*” And again in **Proverbs 16:9** “*A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. You see, we don't even understand God's ways, or his thoughts, therefore how could we ever on our own choose the way that would be pleasing to Him.*”

In the Gospel of **Mark 4:11** we read, “*And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and [their] sins should be forgiven them.*”

Now, that is exactly what brother Branham was speaking of when he said, “**We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely. It must be done that way.**”

Jesus said in **Matthew 13:11** “*He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*”

That is the reason that the apostle John said in **1 John 5:20** “*And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true*”

And the apostle Paul said in **I Corinthians 1:18** “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nothing things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*”

Now in getting back to **Matthew 13:13** Jesus said, “*Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, ...*”

And always remember and never forget that the heart always refers to their understanding, and therefore if their heart has waxed gross it means **their understanding has hardened or thickened, or crystallized** and they cannot learn anything more than what they already know Just like Lot's wife who also crystallized and stopped right in her footsteps and could go no further. And when you stop learning, you become stupid, and that is exactly what the Greek definition says. **1) to make thick, to make fat, fatten;** metaphorically **to make stupid (to render the soul dull or callous)**. And isn't it interesting that this is exactly what the Vaccine is supposed to do. To change the DNA and the VMAT2 gene so that **to render the soul dull**. To make dull the sensitivity to the things that are spiritual? And Jesus continues by saying, ***and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed;*** (they close them, therefore this ignorance is **a willful ignorance**) *lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets*

*and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

Again, I hope you can see what Jesus is telling us here is exactly what brother Branham is telling us when he said, ***"We have to say things in such a way, that it might thin down, it might bring some to go out, some to leave, and some to ponder over. But that's done purposely. It must be done that way."***

In the book of **Job 32:8** we read, ***"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration (the anointing) of the Almighty gives them understanding."***

And then we find the same thought in **Mark 4:1** *And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. 2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, 3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. 5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: 6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. 8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. 9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all [these] things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and [their] sins should be forgiven them. 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? 14 The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as #1) hear the word, and #2) receive the word, and #3) bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

**#1) Must hear the Word**, means understand the Word.

**#2) Must receive the Word**, the word receive is from the Greek word *paradechomai* and it means to **acknowledge as one's own**. This word is made up of two words, **para** meaning **beside, with, or near**, and the word *dechomai* which means - receive -- accept -- take up as your own... 1) to take with the hand 2) to take up, receive 2b) to receive or grant access to, a visitor, not to refuse intercourse or friendship; to receive hospitality; to receive into one's family to bring up or educate 2c) of the thing offered in speaking, teaching, instructing; to receive favorably, give ear to, embrace, make one's own, approve, not to reject 2d) to receive. i.e. to take upon one's self, sustain, bear, endure 3) to receive, get, to learn

**John 8:37** *I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and*

*abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*

Here we see three characteristics of the natural man, or the man who has not been born again. These three characteristics are found in every man that is not born again. And they are... #1) *He cannot receive the things of God.* #2) *Because the things of God are foolishness to him.* #3) *because he cannot understand them.*

And then we find in **Psalms 1:1** *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knoweth the way* (That Greek word is Derek, and means the course of Life) *of the righteous: but the way (the course of Life) of the ungodly shall perish. That word Knoweth is from the Hebrew word yada' 1) to be made known, be/become known, be revealed to make oneself known: to be perceived : to be instructed, to cause to know to make oneself known, reveal oneself...* Therefore we see that the Lord actively works in the Life of the righteous, to make sure that the Righteous understands the True Revelation and disclosure of God. In other words, God purposes in His heart to make sure that His kids know Him. Now that sounds like a real dad, doesn't it? But with the ungodly it is not so. Notice what is said about the ungodly... : *but the way (the course of Life) of the ungodly shall perish ( 'abad = be lost, strayed to give up (as lost)*

Now, back to **1 Corinthians 3:16** *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord,* (When what shall turn to the Lord?, notice he is speaking about the heart, which is the understanding, when the heart, the understanding turns to the Lord, then what happens?) *the veil shall be taken away.* (The blindness shall be taken away... )

**1 Corinthians 13:9** *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. And there is no one perfect but God... Then this speaks of when He, God comes... 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child,(why did I understand like 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,* (Face to face? That word is personal presence. Therefore, there is coming a time when I will see Him Presence to Presence.) *now I know in part; but then* ( When? At that time that He is personally here,) *then shall I know even as also I am known.* That word is epiginosko , to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly; to know accurately, know well... to recognize; by sight, hearing, of certain signs, to perceive who a person is...then will I understand...

And in **ISAIAH 28:8** we read of the end time conditions where he says, *“For all tables (pulpits) are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? That's the message! them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.*

Because the knowledge of ourselves comes from the knowledge we receive in Knowing God. In **Colossians 3:4** *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.* This tells us that When Christ Manifests in His true character we shall do the same.

Again we see in **1 John 3:1-2** the same thing. **1b** *therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. The world can never know themselves because they can never know Him.* If you do not see the correct understanding of the Godhead, you will never really know who you are, you can't know who you are.

**2** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Notice the little things Jesus kept doing to help these to come to an understanding. Everything He did was with the purpose in mind to show them the light of what had just taken place in their day and He took everything to the Word, and by the Word revealed the day and it's condition. Now, he did not do this to the world, but only to the true elect.

**32** *And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Look at the reaction of these men. Their hearts begin to burn within them, and when this began to burn up inside it isn't long before you want to go and tell others what has happened. 33* *And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34* *Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35* *And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread. Notice the first reaction was to go and share this wonderful thing to others. 42* *And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. 43* *And he took it, and did eat before them. 44* *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. 45* *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

Now, by this time they had known Him and followed him for 3-1/2 years and yet they still had not their eyes opened to what was happening in their day.

**46** *And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47* *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48* *And ye are witnesses of these things. 49* *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. 50* *And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51* *And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52* *And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53* *And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

Now, with this in mind, what ought our attitude be towards others who are struggling to understand. Jesus never just wrote them off, but he went after them, not with a whip, that was for the unbelievers who hated the Light. What Jesus did was to give them example after example of resurrection presence, resurrection evidence, showing resurrection life.

**Book of Exodus 1 55-1005 P:8** *Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot understand the Kingdom of heaven." There's no way of understanding it until you are born again, and **then God reveals Himself to you**, and then you know that you've passed from death unto Life, because **no man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Spirit.** See? The only way that you'll ever know that Jesus is the Christ, is when the Holy Spirit personally witnesses to you that He is the resurrected Lord Jesus. No matter what He would do, what kind of signs, what kind of miracles, you'll never know it until your personal experience with God. You say, "Well, I believe it because the Bible said so." Well, that's good. The Bible, it's true. It knows it. "Well, the preacher said so." Perhaps, he knows it. "Mother said so." She knows it. **But what do you know about it? You'll never know it until it's revealed to you individually by the Holy Spirit.** And then, by accepting it, you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, born a second time. Let us pray...*