

Vow Abstinence

Acts 27:21-25

21 But after long **abstinence** Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have

hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, **Fear not**, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

2 Now, could you imagine on a stormy sea, and all hopes, and knowing they were out of the will of God,

'cause God had warned Paul not to loosed from Crete, but he couldn't help it. But they went ahead. The ship master, he knowed more about it then what

the Holy Spirit did, you know. So he just loosed and went ahead anyhow. And they got out on the ship there in the sea, and there come up a great storm,

and for several days and nights there was no moon, no stars, fourteen days and nights. And all hopes that they'd ever be saved was all give up and gone.

They was bound to be drowned. They throwed out the tackle of the ship and everything, and still just let it drive, and it was just going anyway. And Paul went

down into the gallery and prayed. And there was an Angel that stood by Paul, and said—told him the message.

3 Now, I can just see that little Jew come up on top of the—the ship where all these men were weeping and crying. They'll never see their wives again,

never see their children again. **Just like the doctor tells you that,** "You just get ready to die. The cancer's going to kill you. And you'll never get up

from the bed no more, and your days are finished.” And—and they’re weeping. They’ll never be up again or something like that. But this little Jew went

down in there and prayed through until he touched God. And in a vision, standing by his side, he saw an Angel which brought him the message, the Angel of

the Lord. And he come up and he said, “Wherefore, sir, be of a good cheer: for the Angel of God, Whose servant I am, stood by me last night and said, ‘Fear

not, Paul; for thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God has give all them that sail with you to you. There won’t be any loss of any man.’ So he

said, wherefore, sirs, be of a good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be just as it was shown me.” Now, I’m so thankful. Wouldn’t you like to have

been there when Paul, when that was taking place on that ship? Wouldn’t we had a wonderful time, just to rejoice and shout with Paul, and walk up and

down that—the galleries of that ship? Why, I couldn’t have kept still. Could you? And I just wonder why we keep still, and the same thing taking place here night

after night. See? That's what I wonder. The same thing...If we'd have been there, we'd have just like we are now. The great things of God is so great, and

yet people try to imagine so much out in here somewhere in the supernatural of a hocus-pocus like, when it's right down here.

53-1114 - Africa Trip Report

42 But, remember, **the Bride will be a called-out, separated and different, filled, Holy Ghost born,** washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

She'll **abstain** from everything that's filthy, around her Husband. She is a chaste virgin, pure, by the Word. The Word and her are the same. As a man

and his wife becomes one, in union, **so does the real genuine Church of God.** When he becomes in Christ, the Bible is punctuated with an "amen," every

promise. Don't make any difference what the denomination says. The soul that's in the **believer,** punctuate it, **because it is the Word in him speaking out.**

43 “The Word is sharper than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
The Bible said so. That’s how it’s vindicated and known.

44 Notice, my brother, notice. It’s too bad that we don’t see these things. Jesus spoke of them.

45 He was their Scriptural sign, and they recognized Him not. He was exactly the Scriptural sign. He told them He was. He said,

“Search the Scriptures. In Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are the one that testify of Me. If I do not the works of My Father, believe it not.”

64-0410 - Scriptural Signs Of The Time

64 Now, the approach to this birth, there is approach to it. And to be to approach this birth, you have to go through a process. Just like anything that lives,

anything that lives again, **has got to die first.** And you cannot keep your same spirit. You cannot keep your same habits. You cannot keep your same

thoughts. **You got to die.** You’ve got to die like He died! You’ve got to die on His altar, like Abel did with

his lamb. You got to die with your Lamb. You got to die. Die to your own thinking, to be born to His thinking, **let the mind that was in Christ be in you.**

You got to think His thoughts. And now, brother, sister, let me say this as intelligent as I know how to say it.

How can you think His thoughts and deny His Word, and yet claim you're borned again? Just ask yourself that question. How can you do it? You can't.

If you're borned again, you got His thoughts. If the mind of Christ is in you, then you are a new creature. The Bible teaches that. And if any brother

would like to, well, you find that creature, look that word creature up in the—the Lexicon, and you'll find out that the word creature there is interpreted or

translated, “**a new creation,**” because you are a one creation, a human being born in sexual desire here on earth, and now you're a new creation born

by **Spirit.** Your own thoughts are dead. They're so dead until they're crystal like the brass serpent, or

like He died when the heavens and earth and everything witnessed He was dead.

65 He died till He was so dead that even His Blood and water separated in His body. His death was so tremendous till, I say, the—the world had a nervous

breakdown. It shook, it trembled until rocks fell out of the mountains. What could die like that? No pope dying would do that, no pastor dying would do that.

But when God, **in flesh**, died on the cross, the earth had a nervous breakdown, to know that the very spoken Word of God, rocks and dirt, sticks and clubs

and trees hanging in the earth, and the stars and the moon, His very spoken Word seen their Creator become flesh, and sin poured out upon Him. The wrath of God poured out upon Him until the moon

shut off its light, the sun shut off its light, the earth had a nervous shaking, breakdown. Would have bursted to pieces if it hadn't have been a future for us, everything.

66 And if His elements of the earth, upon looking, seeing what was taking place, shook them to that

condition, what ought it do to me and you? What ought our souls to do when we look and see what God did for us? And it was all for you and for me.

What ought it to do to us? Continue in sin? God forbid. But to abstain from sins, and die to sin. Don't you see what sin done to Him? Sin killed Him. And

He took the penalty of sin, that He might bring the righteousness of God to you and me. So when the righteousness of God comes to us, sin is dead in our mortal beings. Oh, I hope you see it.

67 Yes, to be borned again you must go through a process of death, everything does. You take a grain of corn, if that corn ever expects to live again, it's got

to die first. If a grain of wheat ever expects to live again, it's totally impossible...For, that corn, that wheat, that flower, that tree, that grass, that

vegetable, everything that expects to live again must die first. Then how you going to escape it? You got to die first. You got to die. Die how? To yourself, die

to everything, so that you can be borned again. You've got to do that. If you don't die, you can never live again. 61-1231M - You Must Be Born Again

232 God's Witness, **the Holy Ghost**, the Holy Ghost Itself living in us, would never affiliate Itself in organization. **You can't organize God.** He's God!

What will it do? Go back the way it was at the first place. It'll go back to the beginning, back to the original, back to where it started from. It'll baptize the

same way they did. It'll teach the Holy Ghost the same way it did. They'll teach the people the same way it did. It'll abstain from organizations like they

did. It will have a room for all, like they did, who will come. They'll be clean and holy like they did. They'll be filled with the Spirit like they were. They'll be

fearless like they were. And the same things that happened to them, will happen to these in the last days, in the evening Lights, like it was back before.

61-1105 - The Testimony Of A True Witness

70 One man said, “I can drive my horses at a gallop, and with a, take my whip and drive my horses at a gallop, and stay within two inches of that rim all the way around, without falling.” The other driver walked up and he said, “I can stay within three inches of that rim, and go around in a full gallop.” The other fellow, just standing there, picking on his thumbs. Said, “What about you, sir?” Said, “Sir, I might be able to do that, but I don’t want to take that kind of chance, I stay just as far against the side as you want to.”

71 He said, “I’m your passenger.” That’s right. And that’s the way it is, **don’t see what you can do to get by with it before God**, see how far you can stay away from sin, and all shapes, and orders, and unbelief, and **abstain** from everything that’s ungodly. Get away from it, stay away from it.

72 And I think if a man has ever been over in Canaan’s Land and tasted the good things of God, you don’t have to worry much about he or she about

it, they'll stay away from it, as long as they've ever tasted them good grapes of Canaan.

61-0426 - Micaiah The Prophet

86 Now, now, and then notice: As soon as Abraham believed God by justification (Believing on the Lord, we're justified.), immediately God called Abraham to

total **separation** from all unbelief. Is that the way He did in you? Separate yourself from your kindreds, from all your associates; come out of the poolrooms;

come out of the dancehalls; come away from the things of the world. God calls for a total separation, to Abraham's seed, 'cause that's what He called Abraham.

87 Are you patterning it? This instrument is Abraham, this instrument represents his seed after him. And the covenant was made to both Abraham

and his seed after him. And as Abraham was called by grace, by election, so was his seed called by grace and election. See? **They heard the Voice of**

God and believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. Heard the Voice of God in a

barroom, ever where It was at, and believed God, and Abraham was commanded to **abstain** and to **separate** himself from the things of the world, and

so is the seed of Abraham: separate themselves from the seed...of the things of the world.

Justification by faith, we could stay on that the rest of the afternoon, but we got to hurry.

88 Now, as we find out, Abraham never **fully obeyed**. Now, that's the way with a lot of us people. As soon as we go and make a confession, we think,

“Well, now, we've joined church and we're going to be pretty good people. We're neighbors. It won't hurt to smoke a little.” Or, “Oh, if I just keep my card

party, go, that won't hurt anything.” But remember, God never did bless Abraham until he **fully obeyed**. **And God will not bless his seed until you fully obey, separating himself from the things of the world.**

89 “Come out from among them. Be ye separate,” saith the Lord. “I will receive you. Touch not their unclean things. You abide in Me, and My Word in

you, ask what you will, and it'll be done to you.”

See?

61-0416 - Abraham And His Seed After Him

52 I believe that Christian life is a **continual sacrifice**. “He that will come after me, let him deny himself, daily,” **every day**, not forty-six days, but

every day, “take up his cross and follow Me,” said Jesus. Not just forty-six, but every day. Christian life is one continually Lenten.

53 Oh, how the Christian loves to do it! He doesn't do it with a—a grudge, he does it with a feeling that he loves God, and he's glad he can do it. It's a **joy** to

serve the Lord Jesus, it's a **joy** to sacrifice, it's a **joy** to worship the Lord, it's a **joy** to be called a fanatic for the Kingdom of God's sake, it's a **joy** to take a stand for the right, and move from the wrong, **joy** to

praise Him, it's a **joy to abstain** from the things of the world, it's in their heart. It's a perfect Lent, Lenten all the time, God's Spirit comes into you and changes your desires.

59-0612 - All The Days Of Our Life

19 Here it is. If I'm getting this right, so is it today. A man or a woman who really tries to live a Christian life, and **abstain** from the things of the world, the

world backs off and says they're a fanatic. Every man that tries to trust God, his fellow man will call him, "Goody-goody," or, "a sissy," or something like

that. Sissy? I don't judge man by the callous in his hands, it's by the bag of the knee in his pants, whether he bows and prays or not. Men's not judged by stature, he's judged by character. I seen men that

weighed two hundred pounds, and didn't have an ounce of man in him: ravish a mother with a baby in her arm. A man's judged by character, what he is inside

53-1108E - Expectancy

1d Now, I either can be the servant of man or the servant of God. In order to be the servant of God, I must **abstain**. No matter how much I love you, I

must abstain from people. I'm not an isolationist. You don't know my heart, how I love people. But I have to stay away from people in order to stay with God.

No matter who the person is, even my own people... My own brother drove up here the other day, my wife setting in with them. By the way my brother...?...And

my brother in flesh. Said, "You haven't been in my house for years." My mother cried and said. "Billy, why don't you visit them?" But I...That's my mother,

but I love her. But the reasons... There's a lady setting in this...?...this afternoon, which is my wife. I promised God and her that all my affective love

would go to her, for that part as a woman. I promised that. Now, if I go down the street and a—a young lady comes along and says, "Are you, Brother

Branham?" "Yes, sir." "Why, I love you." Well, the first place, if I thought I loved—had love for the girl it would be false. My first duty is the love that I

pledged to my wife. I must think of that first. That's first. Then I...No matter how much I think here, I know it can't be right, because this has to be right

first. If it's contrary to that, I must take this first. That's what I promised God. **And that's the way it is with truth, and the Gospel,** and Christ, and

people. I love people with all my heart, but my first love is to **Christ**. My first duty is to Him. Therefore, I must serve Him. You understand, don't you?

52-0810A - I Am The Resurrection And The Life

97 And, today, that's what's the matter with the church. The hope of Glory, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, has come into the people's hearts, and they don't recognize what It is. They think it's a little church-joining, or something like that.

98 But that is the God, the Creator, living in you, and giving you all the Powers. And you're in possession of anything that He had.

So is It in you to abstain from evil, to do good, to shun evil and flee to righteousness, to turn away from temptation. All malice, hatred, strife, envy, and

so forth, turn away from it, **for that'll take Him from your heart**. If you will receive Him, embrace Him and love Him, and hold Him in your heart and love

Him! I can tell you, the church together in that kind of a Power, has the Power to bind the heavens, heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, hallelujah, the deaf speak...the dumb speak, and the deaf hear, the

cripples walk, the blind see. Why? It's recognizing the Power of Almighty God into your heart. **There He is, the Deity.**

49-1225 - The Deity Of Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:21-23

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 **Abstain** from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a Small recap, A Vow,
Nazirite- **A Vow to the Word, To be Fully Dressed.**

Dedication-**"Till death we separate."**

Abstinence- **abstain and to separate**

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Foot Washing

John 13

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Amen,