

#75 Attributes of a son of God no 8 The Character of Christ

1 The Eighth attribute of a son of God: They have the character of Christ and will stand when all others have deserted them.

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

2 Let us pray.

3 James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

4 From brother Branham's sermon, Believe from the Heart 57-0623 E-46 He said, "Jesus was a witness of God. He become so full of God, till him and God was One. God dwelt in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, the very expression. A man's work declares his character. Christ was God's work. And Christ declared God's character, His feeling for the sick, His longing for saving of souls, till even He gave His own life. God's work... God's character was declared in Christ."

5 Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 Evening Messenger 63-0116 260 Notice when the Message is rejected and the messenger seems to be defeated, that's when God steps on the scene, his Message is over. Noah (closing now), Noah preached in the door of his ark for a hundred and twenty years, till, when finally they laughed him to scorn, Noah stepped in the ark

thinking that it would just be all right. God closed the door. And the people hung around to see what was going to happen. Seven days he set there and sweated it out, and on the seventh day the rain come. Uh-huh

7 Friends, Is that where we are at this evening? We know the Message has been rejected. We have seen that with our very own eyes. We have heard it with our own ears. And we know that God is on the scene. Now we've been standing in the door for 57 years since this nation rejected the Message and we have arrived at 50 years since the seals were opened and we were set free. But remember when the Deals were opened and the freeing of the was given, those who didn't take their freedom and chose rather to stay in bondage, there ear was placed to the anvil, and an awl pierce it through. And they never could go free after that. Is it already too late? Is this the year, 50 Years since the Seals were opened, and the people still refuse to come out of the bondage of that churchianity? 50 Years is jubilee, but the people stand like dead logs, afraid to make their stand and come into this Word and manifest that portion of the Word that was given them to manifest. Will this be the year the awl comes down and pierces their hearing so they will never hear the Word again? Is it later than we think?

8 From Testimony on the Sea 62-0720 "We know the revival's over. Everyone knows that. I predicted that back in '56 when it would start ending. Billy Graham come back, and Tommy Osborn, and them. I said, "This is it. America will receive it or reject it this year." And they rejected it. We're nothing waiting but judgment. Now, you mark that down and see if Brother Branham's right or not. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. We're headed for it, and we're going to pay for what we've done. We got too much glamour in the church, and Hollywood and everything. God's sick and tired of it. The last one will come in after while, and that'll be it."

9 Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

10 Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

11 2 Timothy 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

12 2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

13 Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

14 Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

15 Philippians 2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

16 Church choosing law for grace 61-0316 P:5 A man who ever amounts to anything is a man that stands alone, him and God alone; that's the man. On the Jericho Road there's room for just two, no more and no less, just Jesus and you, that's all. And so that's the way we have to walk this narrow way. Every man that ever did anything for God walked the same road. That's right. Criticized, forsaken, cast out, through all ages, all times, they've had to suffer the same thing. So we are just like they are, same thing. We have to stand it alone. But never alone, He's always there.

17 At thy word 53-0608E P:23 The secret is, take Him at His Word, if you believe it. Every man that's ever amounted to anything, has been people who has took God at His Word. Do you believe that?

18 Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

19 Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

20 Three kinds of believers 63-1124E P:82 Or would you have been with Daniel or with the church that was down there at Nebuchadnezzar's party they was giving? See? Would you been outside, or would you been down at the shindig, the big thing they were having? Would you have been with Elijah, that man standing alone, called an old crank, a man lost his mind, standing upon top of the hill, and his head shining up there to the sun, with a crooked stick in his hand and the birds feeding him, some crank? Or would you been with the priest and all of them down there with Jezebel, and the rest of them modern dressed women, and Elijah standing up there rebuking them as hard as he could? What part would you took your wife to? Just think; just picture yourself tonight.

21 Gabriel's instruct to Daniel 61-0730M P:57 Now, back to the lesson. Daniel had been reading. Just think. Daniel read the same words that we are reading this morning. Daniel read the same Bible, the same punctuation, the same sentences, the same things that I'm, by the help of God, will read you in the next few messages, the same thing to show you that we are at the end time. And Daniel taken the word from Jeremiah, goes down into Babylon, and he was the anointed prophet. and wonders among them, yet standing alone by himself. Amen. He stood alone.

22 Moses a man anointed of God to deliver God's children from bondage. a man anointed of God and yet Moses had to stand alone when it came to facing down Pharaoh and all the priests and magicians of Egypt. One man and God, one man anointed by God to do God's word and will, and yet he had to stand alone. Look at that character of Christ coming through. No matter what anyone else said, it was obedience to God and His Word. No other words could persuade him, yet he had to stand alone, and when he did what God told him to do, the very people who he was sent to free from bondage tried to stone him. So Moses had to stand alone with just him and God. What character, what Christ-Life.

23 Samson a man anointed by God to deliver God's children from the Philistines, one man anointed by God and he had to stand alone, deserted by his people, the ones he was sent to deliver, the people he was raised up with, yet he had to stand alone deserted by his people. One man and God, one man anointed by God to deliver God's people, yet he had to stand alone.

24 David just a young man, as brother Branham called him a ruddy stoop shouldered youth, yet he stood there and something in him could not stand to hear the blasphemous words coming from that uncircumcised Philistine, and so he stepped forward. One man, anointed by God for a job, one man anointed by God to deliver that uncircumcised Philistine a death blow. One man anointed by God to defend God's Word among a bunch of backslidden Israelites, who feared and trembled at the sight of that giant called Goliath, yet God anointed him to do a work of God, and he stood out there all alone, just him and God against the greatest warrior of that day. One young man anointed by God and yet he had to stand alone.

25 Samuel a Prophet of God and yet as all prophet's he had to stand alone. anointed by God to do the works of God and yet he had to stand alone with God. You would have thought the people would have rallied around this saint of God, this man proven to be God's man by the supernatural things God did throughout his ministry, but he stood alone, just Samuel and God.

26 Don't the people see what is going on today? Shouldn't they see the alpha has become omega. The scene back then has repeated in this hour? But are they willing to stand alone, anointed with the Holy Ghost and willing to

stand there when all have forsaken them?

27 Paul did. we hear him in 2 Timothy 4:10 tell us, For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

28 Paul, a man anointed by God to do a work of God and the brethren rejected his ministry, and the work of God he was doing. Paul had no help with his mission work, they all forsook him. He went by the calling of God to every country God sent him to, yet all those brothers together in Jerusalem, all that support for each other, and yet none of them saw the vision God gave to him, and so they stayed put in Jerusalem contending not for the faith, but contending with who was in the Message and who was not. And so none of them came to help out. And when one or two did, they too forsook Paul. And when Peter came to see what was going on, and he saw the work of God you would have thought he would have turned a corner with Paul and be willing to walk alone with him, but when the legalists called the Pharisees who claimed to be believers came, he too forsook Paul and got up to go sit with the false brethren instead of standing with Paul.

29 Paul, servant of God forsaken and alone but not totally alone, because God never forsook Paul. God was there and anointing his ministry and i manifesting the same power that was in Christ now manifesting in Paul.

30 And what about Jesus? When he went to that cross he was forsaken by all. Peter denied him three times, and when his hour was come to manifest why he had come into the world, all the disciples forsook him. They all ran away and distanced themselves from him. and he stood there at the end, forsaken by all, but manifesting the very purpose and character of why God had chosen Him to be our propitiation. What about Jesus Christ, anointed by God. His own Son, anointed to do a work of God, to heal the sick to save the lost, but toward the end of His ministry they all forsook him, ever those he had been with for so many years in the ministry.

31 Whatever He Saith unto you do it 54-0722 P:4 Anyone can go with you when the crowds going, but wait till you're standing alone. That's when a real brother stands by you.

32 And what about brother Branham, when the healing ministry was at it's peak, they all seemed to want him, but when he began to show them where they were wrong in their doctrine, they deserted him left and right until at the end of his ministry, he was forsaken by all the big name ministers, and just a few loyal believers, loyal tot he Word were there at the end.

33 Faith cometh by hearing 54-0320 P:47 Easy was it for little Mary then, when the Holy Spirit met her out there, overshadowed her. And the great angel, Gabriel, stood in the way, and said, "Hail, Mary. Blessed art thou among women. I'm going to tell you something that never did happen, that's going to happen now." Amen. Look what she had to believe. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God. He said, "You're going to have a child, knowing no man." She said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy Word." Amen. I begin to feel religious here tonight. Notice, when you think of that, how that men and women, anybody that ever amounted to anything in this life has been men and women who's took God at His Word and believed it. That's it. No matter what the world says, what mama says, what the pastor says, it's what God has said. I ain't got faith in what mama said (It's my mother, I have); I got faith in the pastor as a pastor. But I got faith in what **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That settles it. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. I believe it.

34 John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

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

36 God identifying Himself 64-0320 P:33 The pouring out of the Holy Ghost in the last days upon the common people has identified God's characteristic with the people. He promised it. It's the Word. He said He'd do it. Nobody can take it back. He said He would do it. So all these things that He's promised, that's what He does. It identifies His characteristic. Yes, sir. "Don't believe it, don't believe My claims, if My characteristic isn't that of God." Now, notice in John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me," He said, "has My identification, My characteristic. He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That identifies that the character of Christ is in him, displaying the characteristics of Him. Amen.

37 Life 58-0512 P:8 Now, the Christian church should have real character then. And if the Life of Christ is in the church of Christ, then it's got to have the character of Christ. It'll produce the Life of Christ. It's just a no more than just what we call in the south, common sense. If the Life of the Spirit of Christ is in the church, it has to produce that Life, because the life that's in you, makes your character. And what kind of characters ought we to be, who have solemnly promised that we would serve the Lord Jesus as long as we live, and we have been baptized to His death, burial, and resurrection, and have put our names upon the church rolls, take out place in Sunday school, and then go out, and live something different. Oh, it's more... It's more of an detriment to the cause of Christ, than all the bootleg joints we have in America. God grant the day, that when men will live just what they are. And you can always tell hem by their nature, their make-up.

38 Identified Christ of all ages 64-0401 P:11 And so Divine healing, the main thing is Divine healing of the soul. The Body of Christ, it needs healing worse than anything that I know of, is the Body of Christ. It's been so broken up by man's theology and denominational differences until it's a sick body. And I tell you, it needs healing, great healing. So I trust that the Lord will do a great thing towards the healing of His part of the Body that's in here. We believe that there is one church. And we never join it. Next Monday I'll be fifty-five years old, and the Branham family never did ask me to join their family; I was born a Branham, and that's how I am in Him. Now, that's how we're Christians; we're born a Christian. And you don't join it; you're born into it. Then you take the character of Christ.

39 Choosing of a bride 65-0429E P:69 I remember one time a prophet went up to take a king, to make a king out of Jesse's sons to take another king's place: Saul. And so Jesse brought him out, and he was a great, big, fine boy and said, "The crown will look right on his head." And the prophet went to pour the oil on him; he said, "God's refused him." And He refused every one of them till he come to a little old stoop-shouldered, ruddy looking fellow, and he poured the oil upon him, and he said, "God chose him." See, we choose by sight. God choose by character. Character, there never was a Character like Jesus Christ. It lives in Him, manifests in. We see it true. It's not worldly beauty of Him that attracts His Bride; it is His character, the character of the church that Jesus looks for; not whether it's big buildings; whether it's great denominations; whether it's big membership. He promised to meet with wherever two or three are gathered together. Truly. That's where the true believer rests his hopes, is upon that Word of God being vindicated in truth, what it is. Choose by His Word. Not a worldly loving group, they hate that. No wonder she is divorced from Him, because she's missed His revelation, and she don't have it. He cares not for her, the way she acts and does, and how much of this worldly stuff she has; He's looking for her character, the character of Christ.

40 In closing I would like to share the following quote because it is the closest I have been able to come up with where brother Branham speaks of the body and the hand. When the hand moves the body moves. But notice who is the hand. It is not William Branham that is the hand, but The Lord Jesus Christ, For He is the vine, and we are the branches. And when his hand moves in the spiritual body of Christ, then the physical body of Christ moves. Listen closely to brother Branham's words here.

41 Questions and answers COD 54-0103M P:24 But oh, what a picture as the true Vine there, and we are the branches in that Vine.

Now, notice br. Branham said "we", and we does not speak of one, we speaks of others besides self, but it does include self. Jesus said, "we are the branches", and "he is the vine". So he's talking about the body of Christ.) See? Just as the Vine moves, so does the branches move. Is that right? So he is not referring to one member of the body moving and thus the body moves, such as the hand moving and thus the body moves, but he's talking as the Vine Lives so we live, as the Holy Spirit moves the hand in the spiritual we move in the body. How beautiful then of His great body, oh, His great bleeding arms and dropping tears, and His bleeding sides, and His striped back a-hanging over the earth like this between God the Father and the mortals of this earth, a-pleading and loving them just as His body comes into motion and power, it's given into the church. Just as He said, "I'll move my hands this a-way," and His literal body moves. "Go here; preach the Gospel," you'll see that church move right straight. 'Cause, my shadow has to move with my hand. Amen. Is that right? Amen. Oh, my, when I think of that... There He is, His body moving, "Go ye into all the world, demonstrate the power." No matter if we let our theology and teachings and so forth like that, we bitterly fail. But now the hand of God is a-moving; signs and wonders are appearing.

42 Let us pray..