GETTING IN THE SPIRIT 102

I CORINTHIANS 1:10

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.

I CORINTHIANS 1:11

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are *CONTENTIONS among you.

CONTENTIONS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2054 eris {er'-is} strife, debate, variance, wrangling

I CORINTHIANS 1:12

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 1:13

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

I CORINTHIANS 3:3

3 For ye are yet **carnal**: for whereas there is among you **envying**, and **strife**, and **divisions**, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

I CORINTHIANS 3:4

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

I CORINTHIANS 16:12

12 As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to

come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

ACTS 18:26

And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

ACTS 18:27

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, **the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him:** who, when he was come, **HELPED THEM MUCH** which had believed through grace:

II CORINTHIANS 3:1

1 ¶ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

ACTS 11:22

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and **they sent forth Barnabas**, that he should go as far as Antioch.

ACTS 15:22

12 ¶ Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

ACTS 15:23

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

ACTS 15:24

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls,

saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

ACTS 15:25

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, **to send chosen men unto you** with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

ACTS 15:26

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTS 15:27

27 **We have sent** therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

I CORINTHIANS 4:17

17 ¶ For this cause **have I sent unto you Timotheus**, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

II CORINTHIANS 8:16

16 ¶ But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

II CORINTHIANS 8:17

17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

II CORINTHIANS 8:18

18 And **we have sent** with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;

II CORINTHIANS 8:19

19 And not that only, but who was also **chosen of the churches to travel with us** with this grace, which is

administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

PHILIPPIANS 2:25

25 Yet I supposed it necessary **to send to you Epaphroditus**, my brother, and companion in labor, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

PHILIPPIANS 2:26

26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

PHILIPPIANS 2:27

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, **but on me also**, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

PHILIPPIANS 2:28

28 **I sent him** therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

PHILIPPIANS 2:29

29 **Receive him** therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such <u>in reputation</u>:

COLOSSIANS 4:10

10 Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: **if he come unto you, receive him;**)

PHILEMON 1:10

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

PHILEMON 1:11

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

PHILEMON 1:12

12 Whom **I have sent** again: thou therefore **receive him**, that is, mine own bowels:

THE.QUEEN.OF.THE.SOUTH_ WATERLOO.IA SATURDAY_ 58-0125

E-3......Sunday, we do not ask people to leave their post of duty unless the church has fully cooperated and you have no services at your church. We're here as a visitor. **We don't want to pull anyone from their post of duty.** We're trying to help that church to grow. And we want every member at his own church. And then, if you have sickness and you want to be prayed for tomorrow night, **get permission from your pastor.** Tell him what you want to do......

THE.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR_ MIDDLETOWN.OH SATURDAY_ 58-0329

E-4.....Now, if your church is having church tomorrow night, you sick, just ask your pastor; I am sure he would excuse you to come if you don't get into that line or get prayed for tonight.....

JEHOVAH.JIREH_ RICHMOND.VA SUNDAY_ 61-0312

E-9......Some of you, maybe, wrote me letters. I answered the best I could. Now, to the questions you ask me in doctrine, **I just referred you back to your pastor** (You see?), because I don't-I don't do that. See? It's nice. I appreciate you putting that much confidence. But you see, all of us wouldn't agree just... On basics we all--we agree the same thing, but each man, maybe two or three setting there, wouldn't. That's the reason **I said ask your pastor** (See?), because sometimes it causes <u>A LITTLE</u> <u>FRICTION IN THE CHURCH</u>, and we don't want that. We--we want you to be in harmony and one accord.

I think of your pastor like the song, "Amazing Grace." It was grace that brought me safe thus far,

Grace will take me on.

JEZEBEL.RELIGION_ MIDDLETOWN.OH V-6 N-14 SUNDAY_ 61-0319

19.....So many people writes me questions about marriage and divorce and so forth, which is a tangle in the church; I always refer them back, and say, "Ask your pastor."
People's wrote me letters here and said, "What about this? And what about that?" I refer the letter back; you'll get it. See your pastor on little things, because, after all, he's your shepherd. See, he's the--he's the one that God sent to watch over you. And we might disagree upon it, and then that causes confusion in your church. We don't want that. No, no. We just want you quit doing things that's sinful, things out of the Bible, just keep moving on towards God. See? And if you cause little frictions and things like that, that upsets the church. So I'd rather your pastor tell you about marriage and divorce, and these things and them things; let him do it. He's God's servant too, and he's equipped to do that.

ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM_ BLOOMINGTON.IL SUNDAY 61-0416

E-25.....Now, many you people are writing me letters and saying, "Brother Branham, should we do this or do that?" I always say, "Ask your pastor." See? Because I'll do anything I can answer you on the great fundamental evangelical doctrines of the Bible. But when it comes to about: "Should we do this and do that." I always refer to your pastor, because we might... Each man, there isn't two here, but what would disagree with one another on little technical things, whether we should comb our hair on the right side or the left. And mine, I have no trouble with that. So--so... But you know what I mean. We--we have those things, so I always just say that every congregation, "Ask your pastor those things." If he has led you far enough to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, can't you trust him the rest of the way through? If God honored him for that...

THE.GODHEAD.EXPLAINED_ CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 TUESDAY_ 61-0425B

13-5.....I have always told the people who write me questions, outside of what I preach on the platform... And here's my secretary and so forth. If they ask me a question, "What about this?" or "What about that?" I said, "Ask your pastor, because if he's led you this far, till you received the Holy Ghost, he'll take you on." You see? "You ask your pastor," because little things like that causes confusion; and therefore, I leave away from it. You see?

WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ VICTORIA.BC FRIDAY_ 62-0727 E-20......the religious questions that you might have in your mind, I'd advise you **ask your pastor** and not me, because every man's leading his flock. **And if he's--the pastor has led you safely this far, trust him the rest of the way**. He... If he brought you up to be filled with God's Spirit, and living the life that I trust that you're living, why, **trust him the rest of the way**. **He will be able to answer your questions**.

A.TESTIMONY.UPON.THE.SEA_ PORT.ALBERNI.BC THURSDAY_ 62-0726

E-82 And I want you all to know, you don't have to wait till some special gift come through. If you have any need of spiritual things, consult your pastor. He was the one who led you safely this far, he will take you on. That's right. God's servant...

And I want you to know that... The other night I stood in a line where about thirty or forty pastors, and I jumped up the other end of the line and picked up the people like that. And a great, biggest percent of them was healed 'fore they ever got to where I was standing, them Holy Ghost filled pastors, laying their hands on them....

PERSEVERANCE_ NY.NY V-18 N-12 SATURDAY_ 63-1116E 7......Now if you have a post of duty, you go there. **That's what you're supposed to do.** Always stand at your post of duty.

That's your--that's your duty to God and to your pastor, to the rest of the congregation....

PSALM 133:1

1 ¶ A Song of degrees of David. Behold, **how good** and **how pleasant** it is for brethren **to dwell together in unity**!

PSALM 133:2

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

PSALM 133:3

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PROVERBS 6:16

16 These six things doth the LORD **HATE**: yea, **seven are an abomination unto him**:

PROVERBS 6:17

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

PROVERBS 6:18

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

PROVERBS 6:19

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and **he that soweth** *DISCORD among brethren.

DISCORD: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4090 mdan {med-awn'} strife, contention

ACTS 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

ACTS 20:29

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, **not sparing the flock**.

ACTS 20:30

30 Also of **your own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to ***DRAW** away disciples **after them**.

DRAW: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 645 apospao {ap-os-pah'-o} withdraw, to draw off, tear away

LUKE 17:1

1 ¶ Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that *OFFENCES will come: but WOE unto him, through whom they come!

OFFENCES: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4625 skandalon {skan'-dal-on} ("scandal") stumbling block, occasion of stumbling, occasion to fall, any impediment placed in the way and causing one to stumble or fall,

ROMANS 16:17

17 ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, <u>mark them</u> which cause <u>divisions</u> and *<u>OFFENCES</u> contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and *<u>AVOID</u> them.

OFFENCES: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4625 skandalon {skan'-dal-on} ("scandal") stumbling block, occasion of stumbling, occasion to fall, thing that offends

AVOID: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1578 ekklino {ek-klee'-no}

go out of the way, to turn away from, keep aloof from one's society; to shun one

ROMANS 16:18

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and *FAIR speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

FAIR: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2129 eulogia {yoo-log-ee'-ah} blessing, praise, polished language; language artfully adapted to captivate the hearer,

II THESSALONIANS 3:6

6 ¶ Now we **COMMAND** you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye ***WITHDRAW** yourselves from every **brother** that walketh ***DISORDERLY**, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

WITHDRAW: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4724 stello {stel'-lo} avoid, to remove one's self, to abstain from familiar connection with one.

DISORDERLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 814 ataktos {at-ak'-toce} out of ranks (often so of soldiers), irregular, deviating from the prescribed order or rule

Used in Greek society of those who did not show up for work.

II THESSALONIANS 3:14

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, *NOTE that man, and have no *COMPANY with him, that he may be ashamed.

NOTE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4593 semeioo {say-mi-o'-o}

to mark, to note, distinguish by marking;

COMPANY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4874 sunanamignumi {soon-an-am-ig'-noo-mee} to mix up together; to keep company with, be intimate with one

GALATIANS 5:19

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

GALATIANS 5:20

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, *SEDITIONS, heresies,

SEDITIONS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1370 dichostasia {dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah} division, dissension,

GALATIANS 5:21

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

I CORINTHIANS 14:33

33 For God is not the author of ***CONFUSION**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

CONFUSION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 181 akatastasia {ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah} tumult, commotion, instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY 63-0728

Love one another, above everything. Love one another. Don't... No matter what the devil tries to say! **Now you're all one great big sweet group now,** but remember my warning,

see, Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, and sit him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of a poison stuff, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another. Pray for that man, that he'll be saved too, or that woman, or ever who it is, just pray for them. And stick one with another.

And stay with your pastor. See, he's the shepherd, and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, and, 'cause he's ordained of God to do so.

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728

- Now do you remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The enemy will come. And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all.
- Don't never clan among one, or--or talk and make yourself clannish. We are one. I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm--I'm mad at you, I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want to stay right there, every little part of my body stay right there. And God wants us, as a body of believers, to stay right exactly with one another, right at with one another.