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2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

II PETER 1:3

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:**

II PETER 1:4

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.

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, ***ADD** to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

ADD: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2023 epichoregeo {ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o} minister nourishment, to supply, furnish, ministered unto, assisted

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6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

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7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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50-2.....And now we put the Blood of Jesus Christ in. See? And that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, **and the love of God which is Jesus Christ.** He's the Head that controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen. Controlled by the Head, takes the people...?... There you are. **THERE IS THE PERFECT MAN OF GOD WHEN HE POSSESSES THESE VIRTUES.**

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50-4.....God represents His church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son to go in that Bride, **He also has brought the Bride through these ages till He brings this one complete church into this.**

My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did; neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See, the feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hands. Ear, you become eyes," See? But each age, God has placed these things into His church, and patterned it by showing that **each individual has these, possesses these qualities.** And this "being," when it's completed, is the church of God going to rapture. **AND THIS "BEING," WHEN COMPLETED IS A SERVANT OF GOD IN THE CHURCH OF GOD <u>THAT'S GOING</u> <u>IN THE RAPTURE.</u> Glory. See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.**

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51-3......So when you're surrendering your complete being, then the Holy Spirit just pours through you in these virtues. THEN YOU'RE A LIVING TABERNACLE.

Then people look out and say, "That's a man **FULL** of virtue, knowledge, believes the Word, temperance, patient, godliness, got brotherly kindness, **FULL** of the love of the Holy Ghost, walking around." What is it? A statue that unbelievers can look at and say, "There is a Christian. There is a man or woman who knows what they're taking about. You've never seen a kinder, sweeter, godlier person."

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51-5 You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, they see the seal just the same. There you are. See? When a man or woman possess this, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God which is the Holy Ghost.

Then the Word, coming from here, manifests Itself through each one of these beings (See?), and makes its complete being a tabernacle of the living God, **a walking, living example of Christianity.**

What Christ was, these people are, because His Life is in here; they are in Christ, and their life is dead and hid in Christ through God, and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost: I Corinthians 12. That's right. See? You reckon yourself dead. Then you're born of faith, then virtue, **and these other things that's added to you TILL YOU'RE A PERFECT LIVING IMAGE OF GOD.**

52-2 Isn't that wonderful? And then God, through that, has brought also seven church ages to show **the seven steps that He brought building His individual into His image.** He's built a complete church in His image. And at the resurrection this complete Body will be raised up to live with Him forever, because it is a Bride. See? So that cuts in every age, every age that comes.....

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You get it? These people who died in here are depending 53-1 and waiting on us. SO THIS CHURCH HAS GOT TO COME TO **PERFECTION IN ORDER TO BRING THE RESURRECTION,** and they're under--souls under the altar, waiting for this church to come to its perfection. But when Christ does come... And this church (You see?), is coming smaller in the minority. (It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just so I write that cross there. See?) It's come up to a needle point until the church in the minority has got to get into a place **until it's the same kind of** a ministry that this left. Because when this Headstone comes back... It's got a pocket like here where it's going to set right in there on a regular pyramid. It just isn't a cap that sets across the top; it's a little flange. And it's got to set on there 'cause it sheds' the water. And when it comes, this church has got to be **honed.** All these rest of stones in the pyramid are laying so perfect till you can't run a razor blade between them, weighing tons laying in there. How they got them up, they don't know, but they were built.

And up here when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed, not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. **It'll** have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home.

47-3 Here you are, seven church ages, seven steps, God building His church is like one person into an individual-into Himself. The glory, the power of God coming down through this, welding this together. Therefore, the Pentecostal people has let out the Lutheran, let out the Wesleyans and things--doesn't know what they're talking about. You see, they lived in this part of the temple. That's the way some people can come up that high and then drop off. But there's a genuine part of that keeps making that building. Come on, "I will restore," saith the Lord......

......In the evening time it shall be Light. See, that's when comes Christ, the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes down and sets Himself at the Head of the church then, and He will resurrect this church being His own body. In there's the body, and the way God is expecting us as a individual to grow--the way He's brought His church in to grow. Every church age, it becomes one big church.

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48-1 See, these fellows wasn't required, what these fellows was. This wasn't required what this was. See, but He brought His church up the same way. He brought His--His church up the same way he's bringing His people up. Then Peter here says first (seven things) faith, virtue (See, coming up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, and brotherly kindness and then the love of God, the Holy Ghost. Christ in the Person of the Holy Ghost comes upon you in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you, then God lives in a tabernacle called the building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place.

48-2 When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues; you might impersonate any gift that God's got. You might do that, **but until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real true foundation of faith.** But when these virtues grow in, as you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol......

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48-5 But when we, not in a imaginary way, but prostrate ourselves before a living God, a living virtue, a living knowledge, a living patience, a living godliness, a living power, **coming by the living God makes a living man a living image, the statue of God,....**

......See how these virtues, these building materials typed in with the church messengers, with the church ages?.....

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22-1.....You've got to be borned again; and borned again, it produces faith.

All right. Then after you get faith, this right here: f-a-i-t-h faith, then you're just in position of growing.

THE.TOKEN_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-6 THURSDAY_ 63-1128E 153.....when this Token is upon you and God has sealed you. Now we want to check ourselves just for a moment. When God has give you THE TRUE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, then the Life of Jesus Christ is within you. Now, that's true, and every theologian will have to admit that to be. Yes, sir. IT'S THE NEW BIRTH. YOU ARE BORNED ANEW, OF THE HOLY GHOST.....

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.4_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1164-Q-403 403.....If the natural birth requires water, blood, and spirit, does not the spiritual birth require all three stages of grace before the person **is truly born again?**

ABSOLUTELY, I just explained that this morning--the same, on the same thing. You've got to have all stages. You're begotten of the Spirit, just like a baby's begotten into the womb of a mother, **BUT NOT BORN UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. That's right. You're born then; you're not converted. You're in the procession of being converted until that time.**

That's the reason that all these great mysteries could not be given to Luther, could not be given to Wesley, could not be given to the age that has just passed by us, the Pentecostal age. Why? It wasn't time. They were begotten. **Now, the Person of Christ, Himself, the Son of man (You understand?) revealing Himself in human flesh, it could not have come** <u>**TILL NOW.**</u>

144-3 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

.....I want to tell you exactly what I mean. I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched. **In other words, to be born of the Spirit is to be truly baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is one and the same.**

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......to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again. To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen......

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1071-41.....if you're born a normal human being, you will actually do the things that a normal human being would do. Is that right?

When you're born as a human, the natural traits of a human being will follow you. You won't live in a tree, and try to fly with your wings like a bird, or--or--or something like that. That isn't-that wouldn't be a normal human being, the normal actions of a human being. The normal action of a human being would be to work, have--marry, have family, and do these things. That's natural, norman--normal human beings, because you're born that. Then when you're borned a Christian, borned of the Spirit of God, you naturally take up the attributes of Christ. You see?

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18-2 Notice: you must be borned again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see on my chart here, I got the very foundation. **Faith is the foundation of all of it. For without faith it's impossible to please God:** "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you are a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. **Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.** But first it's got to be faith. Now, let me stay on that foundation for a while.

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18-4 Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's... You already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith.....

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20-2......So you must have faith for a foundation. All Christianity, all you are, all you'll ever be, **is based upon faith in the Word.**

22-1......when you're borned again, you have faith; you believe the Word. Until you're borned again you'll argue against it. If you're just religiously inclined, and--and you've got a--a little human knowledge that you should do right, you'll never be able to agree upon the Word of God. You'll never do it. You've got to be borned again; and borned again, it produces faith. All right. Then after you get faith, this right here: f-a-i-t-h faith, then you're just in position of growing.

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23-4.....after we lay the foundation, secondly, you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... First you have faith, **THEN YOU ADD VIRTUE TO YOUR FAITH.** This is the next column. First pour your foundation: faith. Then to your faith add virtue.

Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes, add virtue to your faith. That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like a woman or man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that. The Bible said... We read over here in the Book of Luke where it said, "Virtue went out of Him." Is that right? **If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue then. We must have it to be like Him...**..

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23-6.....if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people, because virtue went out of Him to the people: virtue. **And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first.** If you haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of. What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, the--the check would return "insufficient funds." See? No, no, none there to draw from: check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawed from that. See? That's right. Virtue must be in us, and until we get virtue... **Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall.**

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24-3 Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it. You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue in order to add it to your faith.....

.....If virtue went from Him to heal the woman that was sick, HE'S EXPECTING THE SAME VIRTUE IN HIS CHURCH, because He was our Example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, **He expects us to have virtue to give to the people.** And what is virtue? "Virtue" is "strength, power.".....

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24-5 Now, Peter's talking about **building a House of God** (See?), the Temple of God, fixing it to a place. And after you have virtue you must have--after you have faith, you must have virtue with it. That's right. **Have virtue for the whole world.** I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Reverend Mr. Lily, Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lilies how they neither toil or spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one." Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck; and every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part. Don't complain; it just got it to give out. What if a bee came in there, "Insufficient funds," no honey. That little bee would scratch his head and say, "What kind of a lily is that?"

25-5 **Now, now, you must have virtue.** I said then, the first thing you know there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish; he's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it. Before he can give out beauty, he has to have it. 'Fore you can give out virtue, you have to have it. **So add to your faith virtue.** Amen......

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25-6 Now, first, it's faith; then virtue. **And then thirdly, you add knowledge.** Knowledge, now that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God, **but knowledge to judge. Judge what? Right from wrong.**

How do you judge it then if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith, you judge whether the Word is right or wrong. And if you can lay aside all your creeds and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, **then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie.** "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be True." See, now you're getting knowledge. That's supreme knowledge. You don't have to have four degrees in some college or something like that to have it, because all these virtues are <u>GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD</u> to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real living man of God. Yes, sir.

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26-1.....You should believe today that the--and accept it that the days of miracles is not passed, knowledge that what God says, God's able to perform.....

26-4......When you have knowledge, you say, "Well, I don't know now whether this Scripture is just right. Now, here's Acts 2:38; I don't know how to go...?... with that; Acts 28:19, I don't..." All right, don't do--don't add nothing, 'cause you ain't got it yet. See? What are you going to do? **Because you haven't** got knowledge enough to know of God yet that the Bible doesn't contradict Itself. Leave it alone. Don't say no more about it. See, leave it alone. But when you can see that the Scripture is not contradictory, that you can say that--and can see that by the revelation of God, the whole Word is wrote in mysteries, **and only the knowledge of God can reveal It.** Then when you get and say, punctuate every word of God with an "Amen," then add that to your faith.

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26-5 Oh, you're getting to be a pretty good man right now. See? You're coming up. See? What with? With faith, then with virtue, then knowledge. See how it's building this man? You can see there's no--no way of escaping it. This is the way to become in the full stature of Christ. Yes, sir.

To judge, judge right, judge whether it's right or wrong to believe God's Word; judge whether it's right or wrong whether I should serve a creed or serve God; judge whether it's right or wrong, "I should be born again, or join a church." Then you begin... Judge right when the preacher says, "The days of miracles is passed." The Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Now, which are you going to believe? When you say, "I'll take God." Now, you don't say that to say, "Well, I--I take it," just from your heart, "but something in you--your faith pushes out there. There you are. Your faith says, "I know He's the same. I've witnessed Him the same." **There's nothing can take it away from you. "I know He's real." Then add that to your faith. Lay it down on the foundation.**

27-5.....Christ never sent me to build an organizations. **Christ sent me to build individuals to the statue of Jesus Christ that they might be the power house...?...** dwelling place of His Spirit by His Word (Uh-huh.)--by His Word. See? Build up the individual to that place, not build an organization to a greater denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea.

See, add to your faith virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now, you're coming to a place.

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28-2 Now, when they begin to say, "Well, we don't have to accept that today." You do have to. It must be. The Scriptures cannot lie and, "There are no private interpretation," the Bible said. You just believe it the way it's written there. See, you've got to have these things. And the only way you'll ever be able to have them is to have heaven-born knowledge. And heaven-born knowledge will vindicate the Word.....

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28-5 Now, there'll be another thing on this knowledge we might speak of: godly knowledge. See? **Has the Bible in this day lost Its meanings?** See, they--a lot of people tell you that, that the Bible doesn't exactly mean that. If God watches over me, and corrects me in my sin; and if I am a son of God, He does that. He does you that way. Sons and [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]--daughters, when you do anything wrong, He corrects you. Then if God is so particular about you that He watches over you and corrects you, how much more has He His Word, which is your Example, which is Himself. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and made flesh and dwelled among us."

28-6.....I believe in genuine Holy Ghost knowledge. Holy Ghost knowledge will always punctuate the Word with,

"Amen." When you get these things that seem to contradict themselves in the Bible, you set down and study it, and prayerfully like that; and the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit begins to move in. After while you see it ties together, and there you got it. See? THAT'S KNOWLEDGE.

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29-4 **Knowledge, not worldly, it reasons. Any kind of worldly knowledge reasons.** See, but faith has no reasoning. God reveals to you a certain-certain thing's going to happen, every scientist in the world could say it's contrary, it could not happen; you believe it anyhow.....

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30-1 All right, now, knowledge. Now, not worldly knowledge, but it's heavenly knowledge. And heavenly knowledge, when God is the fountain of all knowledge, and God is the Word, **then if you've got heavenly knowledge, you believe the Word, and you reason anything by the Word....**

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31-2.....You've heard that all the time. Little saying: "You can't trust the Bible." Well, if--if you've got that in your mind, **you--don't-don't try to add it, 'cause it won't work.** The whole building will fall down right there. She's got to be mortared by the Holy Spirit; I mean stuck together, the mortar that seals it. And the same thing that seals it... You know the way a vulcanized tube always lasts longer than just an old stuck on patch, **a little heat gets stuck on an old patch on a tire, the first thing you know get that tire a little bit hot, run a little fast, and it'll melt off.**

Yes, sir. See? And that's what's the matter with a lot of people today: **they try to stick their knowledge on, a worldly knowledge, with a little old earthly glue.** And when the trials come, "Well, maybe I was wrong." See? Then the air goes; you're deflated in a few minutes. **All your shouting and jumping up and down didn't do you any good.** The people sees you right back in the same puddle again. See? That's right. **But if you stay there with enough heat of the Holy Ghost till it makes you and the Tube one, that's it. You and the Tube becomes one.** When you stay there till you, and every promise of God becomes one, then add that to your faith. If you don't, don't add it at all.