

Fellowshipping With God pt1

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172-3 Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. They have 'thus saith the Lord' or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the bride.

She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.

ROMANS 10:1-21

- 1** ¶ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- 2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- 3** **For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness,** have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- 4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
- 5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
- 6** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
- 7** Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
- 8** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
- 9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 10** **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;** and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 11** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 12** ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- 13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, **I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.**

21 But to Israel he saith, **All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.**

Other words or phrases for the word; hear

perceive, catch, get, make out, take in, discern, gather, glean, ascertain, be made aware, be given to understand

59-0612 ALL.THE.DAYS.OF.OUR.LIFE

E-13 When we receive Christ, it isn't just for a few hours, or just for the time of the revival, but it's to last all the days of our life. I think each person coming to Christ ought to set down first and think, before you even go to the meeting. "If God should call me, am I ready? If He should speak to my heart tonight, should I stand up; am I ready to surrender all my life to Him?" That's the only way that He will accept you is when you give all your life.

Man is prone to have his own way. Man wants to do things in--but he wants to do it in his own way. He showed that just a few hours after his fall. In the garden of Eden he wanted to do it his way. Because man is always satisfied as long as he's doing it his own way.

E-14 Did you ever notice when you're driving with somebody else. There's just all kinds of mistakes that they make. You push the floorboard out on the other side almost, trying to stop the car yourself. And in your mind you say, "Well, why did he do that?" or, "Why'd he turn this a way? I would've did it so-and-so." See, that's just the nature of man. He wants his own way. And God did not make man to desire his own way. God made man to depend on Him, to forsake

his way to crucify his way. He likened us unto sheep. And the sheep is one animal that cannot find his own way. He must be led. A little lamb can lose himself from the fold, and he's just totally lost. He just stands there and bleats. And that's the way it is with the human being. If he becomes a lamb, if his nature is changed, he depends wholly upon God and upon God's leading. But the earth man, when Adam realized that he had fallen from that estate, where God had him wholly depending on Him, Adam quickly showed his second nature, his fallen nature. And he wanted a way back, to be redeemed, but he wanted to do it his way and after his own thinking.

E-15 I trust that the church will understand this: that we have no right to use our own thinking about things. When we become Christians, we totally surrender every bit of our mental powers to God and follow after His leading. And as long as we try to go after our own feeling, then we are using the fallen state of the being.

'Cause God led Adam before the fall; and after the fall, Adam wanted to lead God. Now, God provided Adam a way, but he didn't want that way. He wanted to make himself a religion. And as we see that he wanted to do it himself. He wasn't willing to wait on God, and say, "Lord, You led me before this. And now I'm fallen; I'm lost. Now, help me and show me how to get back to You, Lord." We'd have never had all this trouble we got today.

E-16 And if man will just come that close to God, that when you're lost, don't try to find your way back. Just surrender to Him, and He will lead you back. Don't try to figure it out. That's the mental powers.

I said sometime ago in a meeting, a message. I said, "In the garden of Eden, God and the devil chose their part of the man. The devil took his head; God took his heart." The devil tries to show him with his mental powers some great something he can do. And he only wants to see with his eyes, what he can see. God come in his heart, and makes him believe for things that he cannot see. "For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." He just believes it. Because God said it; he don't have to see nothing. Or no sense of his body has to declare it; he just believes it in his soul where God lives. But the devil took his head, makes him smart, figures himself out a religion, a way of escape. God wants to lead him to the path of worship.

E-17 And so, Adam quickly sewed some fig leaves together, and not waiting on God... I think that's where we've made the mistake all along. If that was wrong in the beginning, it's wrong now. And it will forever be wrong. If God depended wholly and complete surrender, and to be led by His Spirit at the beginning, that's the way it'll have to be forever. God made the way, asked

Adam to come to it. But Adam didn't want to go that way, he wanted to hurry up and make his own way. So, we can stay a long time on that. But notice. He made himself some fig leaves together for an apron. Well, it's still the same spirit, but they changed the name of "leaves" to "creeds." He's sewing some creeds together now. But it's still the same objective. It's still the intellectual thinking of man, and not the plan and will of God. You can never be saved through creeds. You must come God's provided way. God made the way, but man wants to make his own way.

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28 Abraham had to believe just what that Voice told him. And when he was a hundred years old, twenty-five years later, he was stronger believing It than he was twenty-five years ago when It was give to him. See? He believed It. And "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God, knowing that He was able to perform what He had promised." And that's the way, every one must be that way. You must come with an unflinching faith, believing that God made the promise. But now, you have to be in a position to have that faith, and that's what we're going to talk on; see, to receive that faith.

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113 Now, she had a right to say, "Why didn't You come raise my brother? Why didn't You heal him? You healed others. Your very best friend, and now look what happened." No, no, that kind of objective don't get nowhere.

114 "I believe that You're exactly what You're identified in the Scripture to be. I believe this is the day that the Messiah should come; we've been looking for it. I don't care what the rest of them say. I believe with all my heart that what I have seen and heard by the Word, that the Word is vindicated in You, that You are that Messiah." See, way down in her, she had something to ask for, but she had to come to the right channel.

115 What if she'd run up there and say, "And then You tell me You're that Messiah! And not even the courtesy, gentleman enough to even answer our request; when we fed You and housed You, and everything, and took up for You, and left our churches, as You commanded us to get out of them denominations." See? "And here we've left it, and now we're counted offcasts and renegades. And everything that we've done for You, and then not even the common courtesy to answer my call?" Now, actually, she had that right.

116 Like you say about your short hair, "I'm an American citizen, I can wear shorts, do anything I want to, not illegal." That's your rights, but a sheep always

forfeits its rights. Uh-huh. If you're a lamb, you ain't got nothing but wool, he forfeits that. That's his God-given rights, but he forfeits it.

117 "I have a right to join any denomination." That's exactly right, but you forfeit that. See?

118 She forfeit all that she had rights, to, to recognize the Word of God manifested right there before her.

119 He said, "I am the resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?" See, there was one more little clause she hadn't come in line with. See?

120 "Yea, Lord! I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" O brother, everything was ready to spark off right then. See?

121 "Where have you laid him?" See? And you know what took place.

122 See, you've got to get in that right place before He will receive your sacrifice. See, got to come into it. Watch.

... in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

Thou shall eat no leavened, bread in it;...

123 What does that typify in the sacrifice? Don't mix it with any creed, got to be the Word. "No leavened bread." Leaven is the... You know what a leaven is in anything. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump," the whole lump is the Body. You can't put one speck of denomination or creed into Christ. No, sir, it won't work.

124 You remember the last Thursday night's message? Your old husband must be dead. Right. Your new Husband is the Word.

65-0206 DOORS.IN.DOOR

261 He opened my eyes, with His eye salve. His Spirit came down and warmed the Bible, His eye salve. I couldn't see It. I was just a local, Baptist pastor. But one day He sent His Spirit down, not the coon grease did He get hot, but He sent the Holy Spirit and fire! A little eye salve raked across my Bible--my Bibles... and I could see with my eye, I mean raked across my eyes so I could see my Bible. And I seen that, "He was the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be true. I stand at the door, and knock."

263 There was an old darkie down there in the South. And, his pastor, I knew him, a nice old fellow. We called him Gabe. His name was Gabriel, and we just called him Gabe. He always, pastor and I, we went hunting, a whole lot. He was an old colored brother, and we went out hunting. And so old Gabe liked to hunt

better than anybody I ever knowed, but he was a poor shot. So, one day his pastor and him went hunting.

264 And we could never get old Gabe to line up to church. He just wouldn't do it. He wouldn't come to church. He said, "Ah, I's don't go down there where the hypocrites is."

265 I said, "But, Gabe, as long as you stay out, they're bigger than you. You're hiding behind them, see." I said, "You are hiding behind them. You're smaller than they are; they do go down and make an effort, see."

266 And so he said, "I thinks a lot of you, Mr. Bill. But," said, "I know old Jones goes down there, and he ain't nothing; he shoots craps, and all that."

267 I said, "That's all right, Gabe. See, that's all right. But, remember, Jones has to answer for that; you don't have to, you see. If you just go..." I said, "You've got a good pastor."

268 "Oh, Pastor Jones is one of the finest man there is in the country!"

269 I said, "Let him be your example, if you can't look farther than that. Let him be your example."

270 So one day Brother Jones said, took old Gabe hunting, and said, "We got more rabbits and birds, that day, than we could hardly pack." And said, "Come in in the evening." Said, "Old Gabe was coming behind, and all loaded down, you know, like that." And his wife was a real, loyal Christian. She had a place right there, a Holy Ghost filled woman, and she always had her post of duty. So he was... Old Gabe was coming behind, you know. And Pastor Jones said he looked around, he could see, "Old Gabe kept looking over his shoulder, like that. The sun setting," said, "getting real low, getting cool." Said, "After a while," said he was walking along, said, "old Gabe come up. He had his shotgun barrel hanging full of rabbits and birds, and things." Said, "He tapped the pastor on the shoulder, and said, 'Pastor?'"

Said, turned around, said, "Yeah, Gabe, what's the matter?"

271 So he looked, and great big tears running off of his black cheeks, where his beard was turning gray. He says, "Pastor, I's been walking along this bank here, for about a half hour." Said, "I've been watching that sun go down." Said, "You know, these gray whiskers of mine, and my hair turning," said, "you know, my sun is setting too, pastor."

272 Said, "That's right, Gabe." And he just stopped and turned around, said, "What's the matter with you?"

273 He said, "My sun is setting, too." He said, "You know what?" Said, "I got to thinking," he said, "as I was walking along back there." He said, "You know," said, "the Lord must love me."

Said, "Sure, He does, Gabe."

274 Said, "You know, I'm a poor shot." Said, "I couldn't hit nothing, but," said, "we really needed this meat at home." And said, "Just look at the big fine bunch of game that He give me, these birds and these rabbits." He said, "I got enough to keep us all next week." Said, "He must have loved me, 'cause I can't hit nothing, you know." Said, "I couldn't hit it, but just look what He give me." Then he said, "He must love me, or He wouldn't have give me this." Said, "That's right."

275 And he said, "Well, I had a strange little knock at my door, down there. He told me to turn around, said, 'Gabe, your sun is setting, too.'" Said, "Pastor, you know what I done, pastor?" He said, "I made Him a promise."

276 He said, "Gabe, I want to ask you something." Said, "What sermon did I preach that made you feel that way?" He said, pastor, or said, "Now wait a minute," said, "what choir sang?"

277 He said, "Oh, I sure do love that singing down at church, pastor." He said, "I love every message you preach, 'cause it comes right from that good Book, and I know it's right. But," said, "it wasn't that." Said, "He just knocked, and I looked around here, and see how good He was to me, what He give me." He said, "Sunday morning, I is going to walk right up in front there where you standing." He said, "I'm going to give you my right hand," said, "because I done give my heart to the Lord, right down around the hill there." He said, "I is going to be baptized, and take my place right beside of my wife. And I'm going to stay there until the Lord calls me higher." See, he just happened to look around and see how good God had been to him.