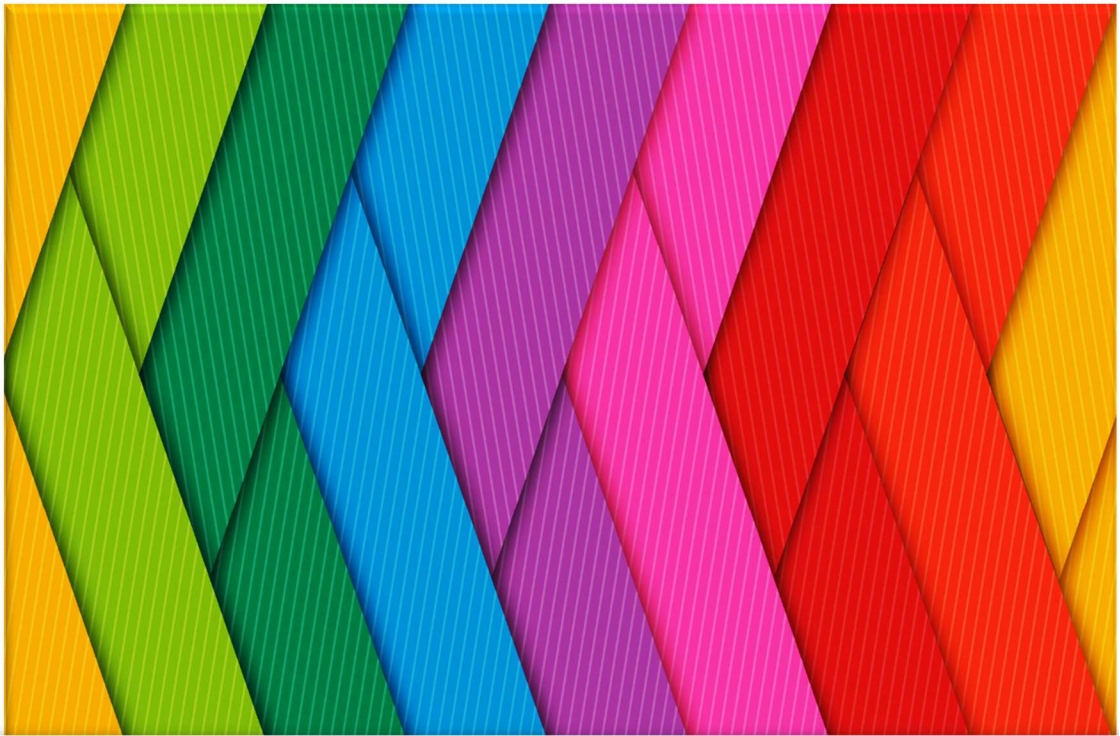


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 But you've got to use faith in God, to make it work. See? So you got your own resurrection inside of you. Your resurrection lays inside of you, in your spirit.

2 Now, you know, when Jesus died on the cross, "His soul descended into hell and preached to the souls that were in prison, that repented

not in the longsuffering days of Noah.” His body went into the grave. But, before He died, He committed His Spirit into the hands of God. Into the hand... “Into Thy hands commend My Spirit.” So, you see, His Spirit went to God; His soul went to hell; His body went to the grave.

3 Now, that Spirit that was in Him was the Spirit of God. “That Spirit, in sundry times and divers manners, anointed the prophets, to bring the Message to the people; in the

last days, through Christ; and now, in these days here, through the Gospel.” Now, when we receive Christ into our heart, there’s all that we have need of. There’s Eternal Life.

4 Now, Christ could not come back until three days was fulfilled. Because, His Spirit was behind a screen, like a bar, like this, that He could not cross over that bar, because it was the spoken Word of God, that, “He was to lay in the grave for three days

and three nights.” Now, He could not come back until that three days and nights was up. Then when three days and nights was up, His Spirit was loosed. It went directly to His soul, and His soul came back and picked up the body, and fulfilled what He said. “I have power to lay My life down. I have power to take it up again. I have power.”

5 Now, each one of you have power, the same way, because you are sons and daughters of God. And the

very Spirit that's in you, this morning, the Holy Spirit that's in you this morning, that same Holy Spirit will raise you up. So, you have power to raise yourself back up.

6 When you die, your soul will go in the—the...under the altar of God, not in...right in the Presence of God. Now, your spirit will go to God, but you cannot come back. Remember, in the Bible, It said the spirit... “The souls under the altar, crying, ‘Lord, how long, how long?’” And

they could not return until the Scriptures fulfill, and, like Christ, could not return till the Scriptures fulfill. Then, after the, all that had been done, all the suffering is over, and the brethren has suffered the same things, or we've suffered like they suffered, and so forth; then, on that day, you'll know exactly where you're buried, your spirit will be turned loose from God and will come to the soul.

7 Now, the soul is that part of you who knows and

understands, your intelligence. You remember the vision I had not long ago, or the little translation, went into that place and saw those people? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Now, your spirit will come back to that body, and that—that kind of a body, the soul, which is a body that does not have to eat and so forth. “If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting,” a celestial body. And with that spirit, and that soul and celestial body, you’ll raise up

again this natural body for that great Millennium. See? You have the power in you now, to do that, now. But, that power that you have in you now, could make a new world. God doesn't have little, weak spots; and big, heavy spots that's powerful. The least little touch of God is omnipotent, see, the least little touch of God. So, you know.

So I'm trying to get you in the faith now.

8 You know that something has happened to you, as a

Christian. Do you know? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] You used to ride down *here* in the muck, with all of the muck and sin, and drinking, and gambling, and—and things of the world. Well, as soon as you believed that Christ forgive your sins, you raised up above that stuff. Now you’re riding up *here*, see, above all of it. Why? Because that you believe that you are a Christian. Then when you accepted Christ, and the Holy Spirit came to you, then you have faith in the

Holy Spirit, that gives you power to ride above that kind of a life of sin.

9 Well, now, the only thing you have to do, to ride higher into healing, just have more faith, just—just keep pushing it out. See? And there you are. Now then you're sick, and you're not a Christian, become a Christian right now, so that that healing power will come in you, by becoming a Christian. And that will give you faith to ride above sin. It'll give you faith. And everything

that you have need of, in this journey, is right in you now. And the only thing you have to do is have faith in God, that pushes that good things out of you, which is in you, by the Holy Spirit. Do you understand clearly now? You got it? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.]

10 I believe Billy told me, last night, called me and said, “Come in, this morning, especially for one person come, thinking we’re having services this week, of those

Seven Seals.” And they brought a sick child, I believe. And if you’re here now, sir, remember, you cannot...Your—your faith will have to go for that child, if it’s—if it’s a little, infant child.

11 But now let me take another Scripture, if it’s all right, just a moment. [Brother Neville answers, “Go right ahead, brother. Amen.”—Ed.]

12 Just remember, now, in the Gospels, we read over in the 16th chapter, I believe, of the Acts, where that Paul and

Silas was in prison one night. And they had been beaten because they cast a devil spirit out of a fortune-telling girl. And it was...And, she, her masters had gotten angry about it. And beat them, put them in inner prisons. And then when they did that, while Paul and Silas was praying, and God sent an earthquake and shook the jail down.

13 The Philippian jailer, being a centurion, which, to lose his—his prisoners, was to be his own life would have to

pay for the prisoners. He pulled his sword and was going to commit suicide, when Paul run forth and said, “Do yourself no harm. We’re all here.”

14 And this centurion had, say, some impression they had had about Paul and them. They might have sung hymns. They might have testified, or done something. But, whatever it was, they knowed that they were holy men. They know there was something different about those men.

Because, quickly, he asked,
“What must I do to be saved?
What must I do to be saved?”

15 Now, Paul said, “Believe
on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
thou and thy house shall be
saved.”

16 Well, now, if believing
on the Lord Jesus
Christ...That don't mean that
his salvation would save the
house. But if he's got enough
faith in God for his own
salvation, he can have the
same faith for his house. And

his house will have to come in, see, the same thing.

17 Same as Job did, as I said the other night, down in Georgia, at a meeting. I said, “Job, he said, ‘Now, I don’t know my children have sinned, but what if they have sinned?’” And Job had one thing to do, to be righteous, that was, offer a burnt offering. He said he would offer the burnt offering, if his children had sinned, then they would be forgiven of their sin. And it was a good thing that

father done it. That's a good-thinking father. We need more of those kind of fathers today. And Job offered the burnt offering. That's before his tragedy set in.

18 But when his children was all killed, and his sheep all destroyed, and all he had, taken, he was setting on the ash heap in back of his house, scraping himself with a piece of crock.

19 Did you notice, after the days of his tragedy, when God begin to restore to him again?

Where he had ten thousand cattle, and so forth, He restored double. And double his sheep, and doubled everything. But did you notice? And God also gave Job his seven children. Did you ever think where they were at? That burnt offering stood for them. They were saved, in Glory, waiting for him to come. He's with them today. "Thou and thy house shall be saved." See? Now, Job had one thing to do, to be righteous, was to offer the burnt offering.

20 You have one thing to do, to be righteous, that's, have faith in God. For, by faith are you saved, by faith are you healed, by faith you get everything that you have. See? It's by faith, that you believe it. Now, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy and thy house shall be saved."

21 Now, sir, if you got the baby here to be prayed for, you believe, yourself. I'm here to put my faith with yours, and we'll believe, together, that God will heal that baby.

22 You see, we got in us the power to do that. You've got in you the power to do it. Every Christian has got the power to do it. But now if we can just get...That power is controlled by a law.

23 As I've often said, it's like gravitation controls water, because it's a law. Gravitation controls water.

24 The sun, is controlled by the—by the...or the earth, the turn of the earth. You can't just make the sun do one thing, then say, "I believe I

want to sleep a little longer. Hold off an hour.” It won’t do it, see, because there’s a law. If you’ll work according to that law, well, then, everything will be all right. If you’ll go to bed in time, you can wake up in time. And if you...

25 Like we got the Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, and all those Great Lakes up here. We got tens of thousands times thousands of acres of ground out in Nevada, and California, and Arizona, and New Mexico, that’s

burning up, for that water, of land that would raise anything. You could feed the whole world, out there, if you only had this water, up here, down there. And it wouldn't bother that, because it's spring fed. Just as soon as it goes out, just comes up just level again, 'cause gravitation holds it there. Well, now, if you can work according to the law of gravitation, you can take all these Great Lakes and water that whole country out there, and feed the whole world, nobody would be hungry. But

you can't sit here and say, "Yeah. I see it. Sure." You got to go do it.

26 Well, that's the same way it is by the law of God. The law of God is faith. And we got faith here, this morning, to heal any sickness, to do anything. But it's controlled by a law, and that law is faith. God's law is faith. Jesus said, "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, if you can believe you receive it, you can have it." There you are. So, it's the faith

that controls it, and faith is given to us just as we have need of it. Now, we have to...God lots some of us some faith, some another faith. It isn't some great supernatural power that you have. Because, when you become a Christian, you—you already have the power, but you lack faith in operating that power.

27 So now, this morning, when you come to be prayed for, remember, the Bible has said this. This is true. James 5:14, "If there be any among

you, sick, let them call the elders of the church. Let them anoint them in oil, and pray over them. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise him up.” It’s a promise, if you’ll believe it. Therefore, see, healing is lotted to the individual.

28 It was in the days of Jesus of Nazareth. He could not heal people against their—against their own faith. He said, “I can, if you believe. If you believe that I’m able to do

this, I can do it.” If you can believe it!

29 So, some people throw the—throws the power of healing into some other, evangelists. It’s not that. The power of healing is in you. It’s in you. They just put the cart before the horse. The evangelist doesn’t have power to heal.

30 It’s the Holy Spirit that has power to heal, and you have the Holy Spirit. That’s the little tree that you are, and all the things that you have

need of is in you. So, therefore, you just start drinking from God's promise, saying, "It's the truth. God said He'd heal me. 'By His stripes I am healed.'" There you are. You know what you do? You start pushing out healing, that's all. See? And then, others can see what you have.

31 Now what it's, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; evidence of things not seen."

32 I might set that little tree out. I don't see the apples, but they're in there. That little tree knows they're in there. So he just starts drinking, pushing and pushing, 'cause he knowed, "It's in me. I'll get it out here after a while. Give me a little time. Just keep me a little time." He just keeps drinking. "Yeah, I know the apples are in me. I'll bring them up, after while." And the first thing you know, here they come. Here comes the apples, because he believed that they're in him.

33 And if you believe that the power of the Holy Spirit is in you, to heal you, there you are. Just keep pushing. See? You have faith. You can't see the results right away. You don't see it.

34 Now, see, James justified Abraham by his works. Paul justified Abraham by his faith. What do we say then, between the two? Abraham was speaking on what...I mean, Paul was speaking on what God saw in Abraham. And James was

speaking on what people saw in Abraham. See? Now, see?

35 Therefore, God knowed that, before the baby come, that Abraham had faith. And Abraham proved it to God, by acting like (he) that the baby was going to come when he was sterile. He had no children. His wife's womb was dead, and he was sterile. But, yet, he knowed, "In there somewhere was the baby." You see, he kept drinking the promise, leaning on God's great El-Shaddai, the *Breast*.

Leaning there, drinking, knowing that God would give it to him; knowed that it was a promise, and He had to do it.

36 And we're the children of Abraham. So let's lean onto His promise, and hold there, knowing that God will do it. He said so. You believe it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

37 Then let the sick line up over here on one of the sides or the other, that wants to be prayed for. And if we get the elder here and anoint them in

oil, I'll pray over them, and we'll believe that God will make every one of them well. "If thou canst believe."

38 Teddy, where you at? Come around on this right-hand side. That's good. And I want you play *Only Believe*.

39 And while they're coming, let's just bow our heads, the rest the audience, and let's be in prayer for these people who are coming.

40 Our Heavenly Father, we bring to You, this morning, in the Name of Jesus Christ,

these poor, sick, suffering humanity that's in this terrible, disastrous condition. I believe You, Lord. I—I know that Your Words are true. They are so true! They cannot fail, because They are God's Eternal and everlasting Word. They are all-powerful, like God is, because They're a part of Him. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Now, we believe that, Lord, with all our hearts, with all

our soul, with all that's inside of us. We believe it.

41 And I've tried, in a simple, child-like way, to present it to the people, that they might understand and know that the Power of God lays within them. If they can only have their faith and follow God's orders.

42 That's how they were saved. They come and repented of their sins, and was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, according to this Bible, Acts 2. And then Peter said,

that, “You shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” And here It come, just exactly, because It’s God’s Word made manifest.

43 Well, now, the same thing, Father, we know is true, when we anoint the sick with oil, and pray over. “The prayer of faith shall save the sick. God shall raise them up.” God, may each one leave this altar, around this place this morning, so happy and rejoicing, in knowing that God has healed them. “Go, and be

made well.” For we commit them to Thee now, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

44 May each one be healed, and catch the vision, what it means. “Like Abraham, called those things, which are not, as though they were.” No matter what the results is, that has nothing to do with faith. Results is nothing. Faith has already took a hold. “And faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen.” God, may it

sink deep in their hearts, for they're needing Thee.

45 I go as Your humble servant, to stand here along with other servants, and pray God to put in our hearts for these sick people. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

46 Somebody said Brother Estle Beeler was in the building. And I believe there's another minister here, that led in prayer, this morning. We would like to ask all the ministers here, whatever they are, if you'd come up here and

stand around this altar with us, just a moment, a little, please, brethren. And the men...Brother Ben, thank you. Come right up and stand around here, around the altar here, so we can have prayer with these people, lay hands on them.

47 Now, as they play the song. And the ministers are taking their place here, so we, each one, can lay hands upon the sick.

48 Let's see, coming down across the mountain yonder. I

see a Man coming, wasn't any different from any other man. He was just an ordinary Man, kind of small in body, rather frail. As we see Him look, His eyes down upon a—a scene taking place down in the valley. It was His apostles. They had a boy down there, that had epilepsy, and no doubt but what they were saying, "Heal him, Lord! Heal him!"

49 But, you see, just saying, "Heal him, Lord, heal him," won't do it. That just won't do

it. There's got to be something behind that, "Heal him, Lord, heal him." See? And if I can get you to believe that, and believe that with all your heart, you're going to be healed, if I get you to really see the vision.

50 Now look, those disciples standing there, maybe shaking him, maybe push harder. "Believe it, brother! Believe it! Hallelujah! Believe it! Heal him, Lord! Heal him!" But the devil stayed right there, because he

couldn't find enough faith there to make him leave.

51 But here comes One down across the hill. And as soon as that devil recognized that was a little different from the other men... See?

52 Now, that's the kind of men we want to be along there, like our Lord Jesus. Yeah. Just not come for a show, but come, love our God, know that we been commissioned to go do this. This is our commission.

53 Then, when He walked up to the father. I think this is where this song was written from, composed of the Word. He said, “Lord, have mercy upon my son, ’cause he’s variously vexed with a devil.” Said, “It throws him in fire, and pines away, and so forth.” He said, “I brought him to Your disciples, but they couldn’t heal him. But I—I—I thought...”

54 He said, “I can, if you will believe. Now, I have the Power within Me,” He said,

“to do it, if you can believe that.”

55 Would God let that cancer-ridden people that's setting here this morning, that's been ridden, bed-ridden with cancer, and leukemia, sickness, affliction, would God heal them and pass you by? Not likely. No. See? Now, He doesn't fail. “I can, if you believe.” What did He say?

For all things are possible, only...

Now, Brother Tyler, come up...?...

Now just only believe, only believe,

56 Now, as I pray, I want you to lay hands upon the people. Whatever they're needing,...?...and go right down the line.

57 Brother Neville, you anoint with oil, and the brethren...?...

58 Want everybody, in the audience, with your head bowed now. Everybody deeply in prayer.

Only...

59 Lord, have mercy, I pray, and heal these people, through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth...?...

60 [Brother Branham and the ministers pray and lay hands on the sick, as Brother Neville anoints them with oil. Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

61 So many, along the line, watching them, to seeing their reaction of how they were, see how they react on an action. See? There's such a thing as

an action, they raised and come forward. Another thing, is how they react on that action that they have made. After they have come to the place to believe, that, when they're prayed for, they'd be healed, then watch the reaction of their action.

62 Now, our pastor has got a good message for us, I'm sure, this morning.

63 One thing I'd like to comment on just a moment, was a Catholic girl standing there along the altar. A few

days ago she was in my house, her and her husband. And I've knowed her husband for some time. And—and there was something about while we were setting on a private interview.

64 That's where we had the vision. That's where we...I used to have it here in the church, but just taken up the morning, and so forth. And so it was in there.

65 I never said nothing, because she being a girl, another thing, always reared

in a Catholic church, and so forth. But she went to speak for her mother. And during that time, I saw a vision of her mother. Told her what her mother's trouble was, and described her, and how her mother looked. Of course, she was judge of that, whether it was right or not. I never seen her mother, in my life. She knows that.

66 And the girl, this morning, came to the altar here and stood, to make a confession, and accept Christ

as her Saviour. She did that at the altar, this morning.

67 Brother Neville, not knowing, anointed her in oil. How—how God works! Anointed her in oil, for the sick. But watch the moving of the Holy Spirit. Now, being that she was anointed, really not sick, but anointed. See how it makes everything work right? She stood as a Christian now, after she had become what we believe to be a Christian. Now, she said, “Would you pray for my

mother? She is sick.” That’s the same one. So the anointing oil was applied early. I thought, how appropriate, that, see, someone being just saved. Christ stood for all of us. He stands for all. And as soon as this girl becomes a Christian, then she wants to stand for somebody, too, showing that the Spirit of Christ comes within us when we are really saved. Now, that’s really fine. I—I certainly appreciate that, that fine Christian spirit of

believing. Now, just remember.

68 Now, to this young lady, she's here somewhere, and to another Catholic lady that came by. And I'd like to say these words, just before I turn the service to our pastor, see, is this. [Brother Neville said, "Amen."—Ed.]

69 Now, the Catholic church was one time like this church. If you'll go back and read the Bible, which we believe, and you know that the Catholic Church was the first

Church. That is true. But it got away from Its Teachings. *This* was the teaching of the Catholic church. But, you see, they got six hundred and something other books that popes and so forth had written, that's just as holy to them as this Bible.

70 So, see, what this is, you haven't changed. What you've done, you just been converted. See? Now if you take...Course, I guess maybe some of you, them two, this morning, was women. There might be some Catholic men setting here.

71 If you'll go back to the history of the church, if you might ask your priest, "The action of these apostles in the Bible here, was that the way that...Was that the early Catholics?" He'll say, "Yes." And that's true. They were. Now, they, look what kind of religion they had. They met in little, simple place. They never said, "Hail Marys" or "Our father's." That's a tradition of the church. What did they say? They praised God. They screamed. They cried.

72 Look here in Acts 2, when the holy Apostle Peter, and James, and John, and all were together. The Bible said they spoke in tongues. And they screamed, and even act so—so filled with the Spirit until they act like they were drunk, and even till the outside world asked, “Are not all these drunks?”

73 And then Peter, the apostle, the holy Saint Peter, when he stood up, and he said, “Men and brethren, these men are not drunk, but they’re filled with the Spirit,”

as the—as the Bible said they was. Now, that was the early Catholic church, according to their teaching.

74 Now, you see, after about two hundred years, the dignified begin to get into the church. Then what did they do? They made their first organization at the Nicene Council, A.D. 606. They made their...When the Nicene Council was held at Nicaea, Rome, they begin to get all the great dignitaries in, and they just *formed* a church, and *made* a church.


75 After that, it broke four or five times. They went—they went from that, to the bishop; from the bishop, to a pope. And from that, there come the Greek Orthodox and different ones, till they just broke up, to where you see it today. It's just in all kinds of break up.

76 But what we're trying to do, my Catholic friend, see, we are catholic, too. We are the early, beginning catholic. And the church that they call us now, mostly, we're referred to as pentecostal, because we

believe in the pentecostal blessing.

77 That's where the Catholic church was organized. And in our organizations of Pentecost, today, if—if this world would stand five hundred years longer, this Pentecostal organization would be more formal than the Roman Catholic church is today. It's just getting farther away, same way. And when they organize, they make a lodge out of it. And then they just

become lodge, and members,
and unconverted souls.

78 To my precious, dear
brothers and sisters, to all of
you. As a servant of God, I
never said this before, in the
world, in this church, I never
said. But as a prophet of the
Lord, I say to you, “This is the
Light. Walk ye in It.”
[Congregation rejoices and
says, “Amen.”—Ed.] 

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