

Commentary on



2 Corinthians 3:2

FROM THE SERMONS OF
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2 Corinthians 3:2

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

9 Now, our scene begins tonight upon a family in distress. And perhaps, this would be a good thing tonight to recognize that there's, perhaps, many families setting here tonight in distress.

And if we can only find something in the Old Testament here, which was an example of what believers done in that day when in distress, why, perhaps, maybe we can take them as an example and find our position then and what to do.

In the days of Elijah the prophet... After last night we seen that he was a type of the church. After Elijah, being the type of Christ taken away, and the double coming up on the prophet... We find that he made his way up to a Gentile country, Shunem. And there was a noble woman up there. And she was not an Israelite; she was a Shunammite.

And Elijah passing through this country, she taken notice to him that he was a holy man, a man of God. What a lesson we could get out of that, that

we—our walk and our associations with people, that people would recognize that we were children of the King. God help us to be that way.

I believe the Scripture says that, “We are written epistles read of all men.” And Elisha so conducted hisself around in that Gentile country there, that this Shunammite woman realized that he was truly a servant of God. His character, his conduct, and the things that God did by him, that she recognized him to be a servant of the Lord. So she wanted to show some kindness to him. So she had him come over for dinner, or what-more, give him a little offering, help him pay for something. Treated him kind, not because she wanted any reward.

55-0301 - Elijah

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21 And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness, temperance: fruits of the Spirit. God knows today that what the holiness people need, and also the Calvinist... All of them

needs today is more fruit of the Spirit, more lives to prove it.

We've had many testimonies, but as the old saying is, "Your life speaks so loud, I can't hear your voice." We are written epistles of God, read of all men. It's not...

Here some time ago, there was a evangelist came to town. And a man said, "Oh, come." Very much enthused, said, "Hear this man!"

He said, "Well, I would love to do it." But said, "You know, tonight we got church at our own church." And said, "I will go tomorrow night with you."

Said, "Oh, you can go next week."

He said, "But we have services at our own church," he said, "and I'll go tomorrow night to hear the man."

Say, "Oh, but this is a—a real good man." Said, "He's a wonderful speaker."

And he said, "Well, I don't doubt one word that you're saying but what he's a wonderful

man.” but said, “You know, I live next door to my pastor.”

55-1110 - A Hidden Life In Christ

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52 You know the best thing is to live a sermon instead of preach one, you know that. You're written epistles. And you can't do it in yourself; you can impersonate it for a little while, but your sins will find you out. You better just consecrate yourself to God and get on the inside, shut the doors behind you and burn every barrier there is behind you, and every bridge, and launch out. Amen. I know it's the truth; I know it'll work. If it hadn't been for that, I don't know what would become of me. That's right.

But it—it ain't the people you that you look at then, it's Christ.

56-0213 - Hidden Life With Christ

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58 God didn't put you here to work in a factory just alone; He put you here as a testimony, a written epistle, read of all men, to live a honorable and decent life, and a hid consecrated life with God so that men would know that Jesus Christ still lives and reigns. Amen. That's a little pinchy, but it's good. It'll help your—your digesting orders, you know, to take the food right. Amen. It'll fit you into a place where that—that you can receive healing for both soul and body.

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33 Now, now, Abraham was to inherit the world. Through the...Abraham's Seed was all nations to be blessed. So God came down and talked to him, in the form of a Man.

Now, God has always been on the earth. God has never left the earth. If He'd ever leave the earth, I don't know what would become of it. But God has always been here in some form. Oh, praise His Name!

34 He was with the children in the wilderness, coming out of Egypt, in the form of a Light. He spoke to Abraham in the form of a Man. He spoke to Moses in the form of a Man. He spoke to the Church in the form of a Man, His Son, Christ Jesus.

And He is speaking through His Church today, through the anointed Church of the living God, through vessels of clay. "Ye are the branches. I am the Vine." God is still speaking, and the world sees Jesus as you present Him. That's how the world see... "You are written epistles, read of all men." Your life tells what you are.

57-0915e - Hebrews, Chapter Seven #1

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63 Take the backsliders back tonight, Lord. Fill with the new birth, the Holy Spirit, these who have raised their hands. God be merciful. Create in them, Lord, a birth that changes from a church creed to a real service of God. And may they have a real love in their heart to display as a Christian, like the old mother deer that we

spoke of tonight had to display a mother's love, and her being an animal. Grant it, Lord.

As that deer led that cruel-hearted man, because he seen something real, led that cruel-hearted man to a loving sweet saint now, passed from death unto Life right there on that snowbank, O God, help us to do that. Will you, Lord?

Help us to make our lives so sweet and so full of the Spirit, so gentle, and kind, and sweet that the whole world would long and would see Jesus. It is written that, "We are written epistles of God read of all men." And we know our character hasn't been just right, so forgive us, Lord. Take us tonight as Your loving children.

58-0324 - Hear Ye Him

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13 Now, we—this Greek said, "We would see Jesus. Not so much as we would hear Him, but we would just love to see Him." I just wonder if that wouldn't be the feeling tonight, of every person

here, to see Jesus? Then how could we see Him? In His church in His people: we are written epistles. The Spirit of Christ lives in His people and produces His life. And His ministry continues to go on until He comes again. And He is here. It's the blindness of our eyes, the reason we don't see Him. If we could just open our eyes to things that are real...

I live on the river (what time I'm home in Indiana); I live by the Ohio River. Some time ago, a little boy had went to Sunday school in my city. He went up the river with an old fisherman. And he was a discouraged little boy, because he had asked his mommy one day, he said, "Mommy, God is so great, could anybody see Him?"

And she said, "Now, I don't know. You ask the pastor; he's coming home with us for dinner, Sunday."

And he said to the pastor, "Could anyone see God, sir?"

"Why," he said, "certainly not, son. No one can see God."

And he asked his Sunday school teacher and she said, “Why certainly not. No one can see God.”

But the little fellow with his enthusiasm, thought, “Well, if He is so great, why can He not be seen?”

58-0501 - We Would See Jesus

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21 Life, what is life? Well, life is the—what controls you. Life is what makes you what you are. And the life that is within you, makes you the written epistle, read of all men. So while we speak of life...

I was thinking some time ago, way down in the southern states, when they had slavery, and when they would drive the slaves like animals. And—and they would put them up and auction them off like you would in a used car lot, and would make... And they'd come around, brokers, and would buy these certain slaves. And they'd come by and buy some big, heavy colored man and take him out and sell him to someone

else, and make profit on them, just like you do on your cars and so forth today.

And there was a certain broker came by a—
an old plantation and he said, “How many slaves
have you got on this plantation?”

And the owner said, “About hundred and
fifty.”

“Is there any for sale?”

He said, “Oh, I don’t know; maybe we could
trade or do something.” And when he went to look
them over...

58-0611 - Thirsting For Life

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57 And when you... If you’re the salt of the
earth, then you’ve got to live such a life, a written
epistle, till all men will know what you are. No
matter what you profess to be, you know, they say
this: “Your life speaks so loud, I can’t hear your
testimony.” That’s right.

Some time ago... A little story I want to tell you just before closing of this—of this door that I'm speaking of, and think of the importance of Jesus at the door, trying to get in to create a brotherly love.

You let this audience tonight, right what's in this building, just a few hundred people setting here, let them become one accord, let all their traditions, and all their every different denominational barriers and everything... Let the women straighten up. Let the men straighten up. Let the preacher straighten up. Let's all come together in a real, big bundle of godly love, I'll show you that Greenville will know there's been a convention here. That's right.

58-0617 - Behold, I Stand At The Door And Knock

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5 O great and eternal God, Who brought again the Lord Jesus from the dead, the great Shepherd of the flock, and has raised Him up from the dead and He is alive tonight, living with us and in us, energizing our life, that we might walk

upright, soberly, and just in this present day and generation, being written epistles read of all men. And we pray, God, that You'll send His Presence so greatly among us tonight, that if there happens to be sinners in our midst, that they will be ashamed of theirself, of putting off His grace and mercy that's been so generously given unto them, that they might come tonight and accept Him as their own personal Saviour.

58-0618 - Handwriting On The Wall

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66 There is only two things, that's, you are either a believer or an unbeliever. If you are a believer, you do not those things. If you do do them, I don't know what kind of a profession you have; but, if you do that, "the love of God isn't in you." The Bible said so! We've got too much profession without a possession of it; too many saying, and not living it.

67 I think, even, we have too much practice on sermons, and not living enough sermons. It would be a lot better if we lived our sermon, each

one of us would be a minister. It's better to live me a sermon than preach me one. The Bible said that, "You are written epistles of God, read of all men." So, it's best to live the sermon.

60-0229 - The Oncoming Storm

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24 You know, as a servant of God, you ought to watch what you're doing, because you're written epistles, read of all men. You Christians, always be willing to lend a hand or to do something to help somebody make life a little pl—more pleasant for them as they're... You say, "Well, I—I don't have any gift of healing." You don't have to have. At least offer something. Offer a prayer. Do something. Make them feel... Do the best you can by them, anyhow. Never turn a shoulder, a cold shoulder, to anyone, no matter what it is, even if they've mistreated you. Do it anyhow. If you can't do it from your heart, then you ought to come to the altar and stay till that spirit comes in you that from your heart, you can love those who doesn't love you. That's when God will answer your prayer, for as long as there's anything in your heart... "If I

conceive iniquity in my heart, then God will not hear me.” That’s what David said, and that—that’s true. He won’t hear you.

60-0330 - Blind Bartimaeus

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8 And then as we are sons and daughters of God, and joint-heirs with Him in the Kingdom, then we express Him in our lives. Sometimes... If—if many of us would just live our sermons instead of preaching it, I think it’d be—be better, if we’d just go ahead and live the sermon. You know it’s a lot better to live me one than it is to preach me one, I believe, because I can—I—I can see your life. God looks at our lives, and the world looks at our lives. He wants to know what our lives are.

And people know us. No matter... Our—our action is so loud it drowns our testimony. Depends on what we say. If we are Christians and don’t live it, then the people know better. But when we are Christians, and say we’re Christians, and live like Christians, our lives will do it if we never said

nothing else. Our lives... We're written epistles read of all men. So they watch how you walk.

And I was thinking the other day about being sealed by the Holy Spirit. A seal is marked on both sides. They see you coming and see you going. Look like a Christian coming, you look like a Christian going so, when you're sealed by the Holy Spirit.

*61-0118 - Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today,
And Forever*

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Let us remain standing and just bow our heads for a word of prayer. Our gracious heavenly Father, it is again that we approach Thee, asking forgiveness of our sins and trespasses, and praying that You'll be merciful to us, Father. We would pray, Lord, that You would pardon all of our transgressions, would lead us into the paths of Light and Life. And make us, Lord, so salty that others would long to be Christians in whom we contact. We know that salt is a savour if it contacts. And Father, we pray that You will make

us the strength of the salt, and may we be so desirous to contact the outside world, that's dying, that it might be a savour to them.

We are told that we are written epistles, read of all men. And Father, we pray that our lives will so be, as we profess to have this great experience of Pentecost, that it will be such a—salty to the world, that they'll long to be that way also. Give us of Thy Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might show to the world, that our faith in our Saviour is confirmed, that He is not dead, but He's a living with us day by day, guiding us and directing us, feeding us, walking by the still waters and the shady green pastures.

We pray that You'll bless us tonight in the Word. Heal the sick and the afflicted; save the lost. Get glory unto Thy great Name, for we ask it in Thy Name, Jesus Christ. Amen. You may be seated.

*61-0213 - And Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of
His Enemies*

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5 You want to live just what you talk about. If you don't live it yourself, how could you expect somebody else to live it, you see. So you are written epistles, read of all men, so always be honest, just, true. Tell the truth, no matter how bad it hurts something. Tell the truth, anyhow, 'cause you can always tell it the same way each time. And if you tell a lie, you'd have to go a million miles around, and still you have to come back to that lie again; and you just made an awful thing. Just be honest, and you can always tell it the same way because it's the truth.

61-0319 - Jezebel Religion

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40 But the torture that that man had to go through, why would that be necessary? Many has wondered, why would such a thing be necessary for a man to do. It's because that people won't read the Word, and they won't pray. So, God is sovereign, and He sends His prophet to be a sign. The people won't read. They don't care to read. And they won't pray, because they're

too...got other things to do. They can't take time to pray. And the Bible is boresome to them. It hasn't got enough action for these modern days, or any days.

41 You know, I believe it was Paul said, "Ye are epistles of God, read of all men." God uses people for signs, to show His signs. And many times that sign, and every time, mostly, unless it's with the elected people, that sign is overlooked and criticized, made fun of, cast out.

42 And considered, even in the Old Testament, in the days of the prophets, they were considered mental disturbed people. They thought those prophets were psychic neurotics, that they were something wrong with their mind. And they'd see them come in from the wilderness and—and perform signs, and then turn back in to the wilderness again. And they would make fun of them, because they did not know the Scripture.

61-1112 - A True Sign That's Overlooked

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269 This little church, these people that come, day after day, and drive hundreds of miles, O Eternal and loving, and never forgetting a deed, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Jacob, Who raised up Jesus from the dead, and now He sets at the right hand of the Majesty on High, God tabernacled in flesh, bless these people whom I bless in Thy Name. May they always remember and know that there is a sign, a sign of the end. I pray that You'll give to them, and make them winners of others: on their work, wherever they may be, in the street corners, filling stations, or wherever it might be, to testify in the grocery store, to the milkman. Whatever it might be, Lord, if something warns upon their heart, may they be a witness. May they live such godly and sanctified lives until they'll be written epistles read of all men.

61-1112 - A True Sign That's Overlooked
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51 Look at Peter. He saw God at work. Look at Paul, saw God at work. Look at the prophets of old. They saw God at work. Exactly right. You take

a man today, a preacher that's preaching the full Gospel, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they'll look at them men and see God at work. He will have a life that'll reflect anywhere, beyond a reproach, anything. See? It's God working and the people can see. "You are written epistles." What kind of an epistle? An epistle of God, God bearing record that He sent you.

So we find out that He sends His prophets, and they are the thing that lights up and shows the Gospel to the people. Praise God. I—I like that. Coming out of the seminary of Heaven (Yes, sir), and God confirming that they come from there; not so much knowing of genealogy, but a lot of kneeology coming out. That's right.

62-0124 - Have Not I Sent Thee?

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53 Let me stop just a minute. A man come to me not long ago, come from overseas. The man was wrong. He had three or four children, and a wife, and he was running around with a woman over here. I don't say anything immorally, but it just

didn't look right. You see, you have to watch what you're doing in the eyes of the public. You're written epistles.

And he said... I kind of called his hand on it. I said, "Sir, I hope you don't think I'm rude. But I'd just like to say something as a minister. Don't you think that the people here will think..."

"Oh," he said, "No, no. That's all right in my country."

I said, "But you're not in your country. See? You're over here. And if people will think something about that." He said...

I said, "Do you know the woman?"

"Yes."

I said, "Do you know her background?" (I did.)

He said. "Yes." Said, "Brother Branham, I know she's living right now with her fourth husband." Said, "And, Brother Branham, you know what? She's such a sweet woman." Said, "I went to the Lord, and I said, 'Lord, tell me what's the matter

with this woman.’ Said, ‘Why would you bless her with the Holy Ghost, and everything, and living in adultery?’” He said, “Well,” said, “you know, the Lord give me a dream.” He said, “I seen my wife living immorally with another man.” And I said... And said, “Then she come up to me, and fell down, and said, ‘Will you forgive me?’” And said, “Sure.” And said, “Then the Lord said, ‘I forgive her.’” Said, ‘You see, no matter if she has done the way she’s doing, I forgive her.’”

I said, “Sir, your vision, or your dream was sweet. But it don’t line up with the Word of God. That’s right. God can’t say one thing, and take it back over here. He’s got to say one thing, and stay with it till it accomplishes that which it was purposed for.” Then you see the paradox.

62-0128a - A Paradox

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169 Them Pharisees says, in their heart, they said, “He’s Beelzebub. See, He, that’s what He is. That’s just exactly.”

170 He turned around and said, "I'll forgive you for that." Jesus looking upon the audience and perceiving their thought. What was it? The Word, the Word made flesh, a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart. That's what the Word of God is now. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. See?

171 You've got to get the living Word in you to have the living God in you, because the Word here is God when It's made flesh in you, made Spirit, Life in you. When It goes into your flesh and your faith, and becomes Life, then you are a living example. You are an epistle of God, read of all men. You won't have It like Christ, not the fulness, because It's divided up on the Day of Pentecost.

62-0218 - Perseverance

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68 Now, that's contrary to God. See? God is not a idol; God is a Spirit, and we prostrate ourselves before that. And the Spirit don't come into some idol, as some so-called Christians would have us to believe, but the Spirit comes into

you. And you are God's house, living...?... walking around, manifesting the living God. For God dwells not in temples made with hands, "but a body hast thou prepared Me."

You are God's letter, a written epistle. God is in you, manifesting Himself through. If you could prostrate yourself before God, and say, "God, I'm a sinner. Come into me," and then the Holy Spirit comes in, and then you're a living idol of God, living representative of God, walking around with God speaking through your lips to others.

62-0612 - Behold, A Greater Than Solomon Is Here

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33 That's the reason Christians... I think it's so real tonight, and so—that we should live the right kind of a life, because (You see?), there's many people won't take time to read the Bible, but they'll read you. See, you are a written epistle of God, a real, true, borned again Christian is the Word expressed again, because you're written epistles of God, read of all men.

What type of person should we to be if we know that our lives is an open, living Bible to the unbeliever, to express God in our own life? Notice. Now, we see He was the Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Now, we find out that in Hebrews (you're writing it down), Hebrews 4:12, the Bible said that the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the asunder and marrow of the bone, and a Discerner of the thoughts that's in the heart. The Word of God discerns the thoughts that's in your heart. Therefore, God tonight, being the Word, knows exactly what you're even thinking about this very minute. So should not our thoughts be pure, clean, holy, always thinking the best?

62-0727 - We Would See Jesus

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346 Now, that is the House that God dwells in; not a building with a big bell on top of it, and a high steeple. See? "But a Body has Thou prepared Me," a Body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in. Amen! Living instrumentality of God, God

walking on two feet, in you. Glory! “The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God,” God walking in you. “For ye are written epistles, read of all men.” And if the Life that’s in Christ be in you, you’ll bear the Life that Christ bore.

62-1014m - The Stature Of A Perfect Man
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3 We thank Thee for people now beginning to find faith dear to them, and knowing what faith means. And knowing, even thanking You for services yet ahead, believing that You’re going to do something. Lord, we’re waiting with anticipation, like the days of old, believing that the time is near when You’re going to just raise up the windows of Heaven and pour out the promises that God has promised in this last day.

4 Now we ask You, Lord, to—to be with all, around the nations, as today we heard so many around, everywhere, that’s in need. Grant them their requests, Lord. And we pray to see the—the great hand of God moving all over the world among those who are looking for this great thing.

5 Forgive us of our sin. Chasten us, Lord, with Thy Spirit and Thy Word, that we might discipline ourselves, to obedient servants, obedient servants in the will of God. Let us remember, and try to think in our hearts, what the early Christians done. What type of people would we meet when we met those who had personally been in contact with You. How their faces must have lit up with faith and joy. How their lives must have been the living Word of God, just “written epistles read of all men,” as they walked in and among people. God, grant it once more.

63-0717 - A Prisoner

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93 Keep us together, Father. Let the Holy Spirit guide us and direct us. Give us long life of service for You. Give us this great Message this morning that we're expecting out of Thy Word, that It might go to each heart. Make the lips that speak, Lord, speak Truth. Make the heart that hears be fertile to receive Truth, and may It grow into great trees of Eternal Life, to be shining lights and read epistles of all men; they might know that Jesus

Christ has raised from the dead and lives among us. Make us so full of love and the fruit of the Spirit until other men and women, boys and girls can see the results of the Life of Christ still living in us, after two thousand years from the great event. Grant it, Father, to honor Thee. We ask in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed
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12 And now, you know, many people won't go to church. They say...Well, they've got a wrong impression of church. They think it's the—the women down there are—are witches, and the—the men are—are black-robed demons, and they just got the wrong idea about it. But I tell you what they do do, they will watch your life to see what you do. I believe it was Paul that said, "We are written epistles of God, read of all men." When you're on the street, and when you're at your work, and wherever you are, somebody is watching you.

13 And especially after you have said and made your confession that you are a

Christian, they'll watch you much closer then, and that gives an influence to—to the people that's around about you. And we should watch what we do. Because, if we produce the wrong influence, then we bring reproach, not so much upon ourselves, but upon what we claim to be: Christians. We bring it upon Christ. And no one, if we would think, you would never want to bring reproach upon Christ. But the wrong act, at the wrong time, will certainly cause a wrong reflection towards the person that's watching you. And everybody is watched, when you profess to be a Christian.

63-0803e - Influence

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341 Not by speaking in tongues. Not by dancing in the Spirit. Not by joining church. Not by fruit of the Spirit; Christian Science can out-smother any of you on that, see, and deny even Jesus Christ was Divine. Not that.

342 But it's the Word, living! There it is. If they'd have only looked, He was Messiah. He was the living Word, made manifest.

343 And a man that's got the Spirit of God in him, or a woman, lives that Word, lives right out in them. That's the heart beat, the predestinated, for the Word of the Lord comes to them, and they are the Word to the people. "Written epistles read of all men." Is that right? Could the Third Pull be on?

63-1110m - Souls That Are In Prison Now

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38 Now, according to the Scriptures, we are supposed to be "written epistles" of Him. The Bible says that we are "written epistles." And if, tonight, we would hunger and thirst to see the Lord Jesus Christ, we as Christian believers should reflect His Life, so much, till it would be His entire representative. We should be that. Every Christian should be represent and reflect the Life of Jesus Christ. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] And I believe that every Christian should be reflecting the Life of Christ. He said, in

Saint John 14:12, “He that believeth on Me, the works I do shall he do also.” And then we know that that’s true, that we are His representatives. And if we claim that Christ lives in us, and if Christ lives in us, then we should do as Christ did. We should reflect His Life.

39 What if I said, tonight, that the—that the life of Shakes-...What if I said Shakespeare lived in me, or you said Shakespeare lived in you? All right, you would write the poems that Shakespeare wrote, because Shakespeare lives in you. What if you said Beethoven lived in you? You would be the great composer that Beethoven was, because Beethoven lives in you. You’re not yourself, now you are Beethoven or you’re Shakespeare.

40 Then if Christ lives in you, there you are, see, the Life of Christ you live. See, it’s just that way, if He lives in you. But you can’t live in there with Him; He has got to live in you. That’s always, He takes your place, and we are supposed to represent Him in every way.

41 Now we find that the first church did represent Him, as written epistles, His Life lived through those people. I can’t compare our church

today. As—as hard as it is to say this, as much as I love people, yet you’ve got to be honest and tell the Truth. I can’t say that we see, in the churches today, reflecting Christ in the way that those people did.

42 They, they knowed that they had been with Jesus. We find in saint...No, I believe it is in Acts the 4th chapter, that we find out, that those fishermen, Peter and John, and healing the man at the Gate Beautiful, and was able to answer any question that they—that they...the Sanhedrin asked of them, asked them; yet, they with their ignorance, and unlearned. They could perceive that. They had no education, and they was not trained ministers, they were fishermen. “But they perceived that they had been with Jesus,” see, because that they were acting the same way He acted on them.

43 You can just live with somebody so long, and around them, until you take up their ways. And it’s good for us not to run off and live with the world. But stay with Jesus until we can reflect, His Life be reflected in our life.

44 And that’s the way those disciples were. They, they knew that they had been around

Jesus, because they talked like Him, acted like Him, and healed like Him, and every answer was like Him. They was inspired like Him, and they knowed that He was living in them. That's what we should be all the time, as believers. They acting like Him, 'cause, if you associate with someone so long.

63-1112 - Sir, We Would See Jesus

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19 And then we never know just what we're doing, what influence, what we're doing, is having upon others. The Bible said, "We are written epistles, read of all men." That is, your life reads so loud to the public, until your testimony, if it's contrary to your life, is without any effect. It's what you are inside of you, that people read; not so much what you say, but what you are, see. You can pin something on somebody, say, "This is *that*, and so forth," but your life being different from what they say, your testimony of your life is louder than the testimony that someone could say something about you. Yeah. So just keep that on mind, that

we're bringing influences every day, and the life that you live proves what's on the inside of you. You cannot change that. It reflects. Every person reflects, outside, what he is inside.

20 And if we take the testimony of being Christians, I think that that is one of the most solemn things that a man or a woman, boy or girl, could do, would. When he takes on the Name of Christ, that he is going to be a representative of Christ, you should watch every move you make, because somebody is watching you. And, in this, it reflects what's God has done for you, inside of you.

63-1130b - Influence

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126 The Word, they ought to know. What was the remedy for all things? Is God. In Saint John 1, says, "He is the Word." We still have the Word, to bring us out of this. We don't need no Council of Churches. We don't need all these dogmas and things being mixed up into the Word. We've got the Bible here, tells us how to steer this thing. Back to the Bible, back to Its Message! That's Christ

among us, the Bible, living Bibles. "You're written epistles," living Bibles, the Word of God living so through you! That's what we need.

127 That's what caused communism to raise up in Russia. Well, the communists is not no great party; there is only one percent of Russia is communism now, one percent. Ninety-nine percent is still free, but they're the ruling. They're the ruling. Why did it raise up in the first place? Because the corruption of the church. That's what done it. They took all the money from the people, to the church, and they live the same kind of lives. They wasn't no more but just like any other lodge. And the people got sick and tired of it, and that's how communism was born.

128 That's how worldlyism is born here. That's why we're having a Council of Churches. That's why we're going into this confederacy and the things that we're doing, is because that they have rejected the Word. Why they have a soup supper in the church, to pay the pastor? Because they reject God's way, of paying tithes. Certainly. Why do they take a creed?

Because they don't want the Bible. Why they take an error? Cause they don't want the Truth.

63-1130e - Go, Awake Jesus

Rev. William Marrion Branham



9 God is in man. And He's identifying Himself today in His Church. In the born-again Christian, God identifies Himself, that He remains God. And the outside world will only know God as they see God in you and I. That's the only way that they'll know God, is when we are written epistles, epistle of the Scripture, we are read of all men. And the life that we live reflects what's on the inside of us. A man is identified by the works that he does. So our works should be good, see, always good, because we are representing our Lord Jesus Christ.

10 What a wonderful thing that is, especially when a—an old man like me stand here and—and think of the life that is fading away, that's gone in the past, and—and we're facing a future of an Eternity. And knowing if this life only is what I had hopes in, I would be a most miserable person this morning. But knowing that this life has only been

a—a shadow of what we have to—to come. It's a reflection, because it can not be the perfect thing that God made. God doesn't make anything that perishes. See? God is Eternal. And, therefore, this life that we now live in, is only reflecting what is ahead of us. The real one that cannot die. The body that cannot perish. The Life that cannot be taken. See? And therefore the Scriptures is right, when It says that we have everlasting Life, we have Eternal Life. We shall never die. See, because you become...When you're borned again, you become a part of God. See, you are forever for Eternity, never to fail. You are part of God, 'cause you're His son.

11 Now, I might take another name, and say my name is some other name. I might take my mother's name, Harvey, which would be the closest to me. In the world, my mother was a Harvey, and then I might take the name of Harvey. But still the blood would prove that I am a Branham. See? Because I'm part of my father. And as long as I got blood in me, I'll still be part of my father. See, that's right. And when I'm borned of the Spirit of God, I am a part of God, that's all; I am identified with Him, see, that He is my Father. Then my life should

reflect Him; as my life reflects my earthly father in the image that he was in. I...They say I look a whole lot like my father, so then therefore it's his image reflected in me. And your—your father reflected in you, and your parents. And, so, God our Father is reflected in us when we're born and—and conformed here to His image.

64-0112 - Shalom

Rev. William Marrion Branham



26 Remember, the Bible said, "You are living, written epistles, read of all man." Now, many people won't read the Bible, but God has made you a living representative. You are a walking letter, should be a walking Bible, Christ in you. You should be the walking Word of God. And if you profess to be a Christian, and not that, your influence, your...What you're influencing, will make you have to answer for many souls that you've turned aside, away from Christ, in that Day of the Judgment.

27 I think it behooves us, tonight, to think about that, for every man, woman, boy and

girl, knows that you are coming to the Judgment. You might escape *this*, *that*, or the *other*. You might beat the income tax, and you might escape the Internal Revenue. You might do one thing or another. You might have run over the speed limit and the cops never catch you. But, one day, Judgment is going to catch you. That's certain!

64-0215 - Influences

Rev. William Marrion Branham



54 I'm going to watch now, what, so we can have plenty of time for the prayer service. Now listen close as I try, with these few Scriptures and notes that I have wrote down here, to speak it. Sometimes, I'm not tired and wore out, I never (where) write down a Scripture, knowed I can remember it. But lately it's just been so I just sometimes I for-...I can't think of it. So I just jot it down here, a—a little something like a certain Scripture, I know what that means, and I just go from there on.

55 I want to speak on the subject of: *Influence*.

56 Now, you know, there is somebody that you are influencing. Your life is a written epistle read of all man. Therefore, if your life isn't according to your testimony, or your testimony according to your life, rather, then there is...you are putting a stumbling block in somebody's way, for somebody is watching you. Some little child is watching his mother, watching his dad.

57 Here some years ago, I read a little article, around Christmas, that was...sure did warm my heart, was grief. When a—a—a fellow had been out, and was a good man, he didn't—he didn't drink, really. But he—he had been out, around Christmas, and visiting his colleagues, and they all said to him, said, "John, have a little, just a little drink," and from house to house he—he got too much. And he had to go back home. And crossing the park, his little boy was with him, and he—he missed the little boy. And turned around and looked, and the little boy was just going from one side to another. And the dad waited till the little boy got to him.

58 He said, "Why are you going all over the park, son? What makes you walk like that?"

59 He said, "Daddy, I'm trying to walk in your footsteps." And that's right. See? The little...

60 The man picked up the little boy, and sit down, took the little fellow in his arms. He said, "God, You forgive me. I want to walk straight, so my son behind me will walk straight."

61 And that's what we want to do, as Christians. We want to walk like Christians, live like Christians, talk like Christians.

62 Many years ago, when they used to have slavery in the South, they down, Kentucky and Alabama, and down where I come from. They used to take the colored and auction them off, at the—at the auction block, just like if you'd have used cars or something. I believe no man is to be a slave. "God made man, and man made slaves." And they used to come by and buy them, just like you would buy a used car, get a bill of sales, and so forth. That was a terrible thing.

63 So they...one day, there was a buyer come by to...a broker, to...by an old plantation that had many slaves. And he said, "How many slaves you got?"

“Oh,” said, “around a hundred and fifty out there, I guess.”

Said, “Could I go out and look over them?”

He said, “Sure, help yourself.”

64 So he went out to look over the—the slaves. And when he looked around, he noticed them fellows, always they were sad. They, the Boers, brought them over from Africa and unloaded them in Cuba out there, and then sent them over here in the South and sold them for slaves. And they knowed they’d never go back home. They know that they’d never see their father and mother, no more, or their children, husband, wives, and so forth. They were—they were a victim of circumstance that they didn’t make themselves. And here they was, away from home, and sad. And sometimes they’d have to take whips and whip them, just like they do a beast, cattle, and oxen, horses, and things, and then they—they make them work.

65 And this, they noticed, this young broker noticed there was one of those young slaves they didn’t have to whip him. My, he had his chin up, his

shoulders back, and he was really right on the mark all the time. They didn't have to be doing anything to him. [Brother Branham snaps his finger—Ed.] He had the job done. So the owner of the slaves said...The broker said to this owner, said, "I'd like to buy that slave."

He said, "Oh, no." Said, "He's not for sale."

66 He said, "Well, why ain't he for sale?" Said, "What you," said, "what do you...What makes him that way?" Said, "Is he the boss over the rest of them?"

Said, "Oh, no. He's a slave."

Said, "Do you feed him different than you do the rest of them?"

67 He said, "No, they all ate out in the galley, together." Said, "He's just a slave."

68 He said, "Well, what makes him act different than the rest of them?"

69 Said, "You know, I often wondered that, too, till I found out that over in the homeland, in Africa where they come from, his father is the king

of a tribe. And, yet, he's an alien, far from home, but he knows he's the son of a king, and he acts like it." Oh, my!

70 What ought Christians to do? We're sons and daughters of the King. Though we're an aliens, let's act like sons and daughters. Women, let your hair grow out. Quit wearing them clothes that you wear, immoral and things. Man, get back to where a man ought to be. Don't...Act like sons and daughters of God. You're an alien here, but, remember, we are sons of the King.

71 See the influence that the man had upon the rest of them, his moral kept the rest of them's hopes high.

64-0315 - Influence

Rev. William Marrion Branham

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271 As it is written, see, "Written, you are written epistles," the Bible said. Now, what is *epistle*? Is a "written word." And you are the "written." Other words, you'd read It like this, "You," It said, "you are written epistles," or, "you are the

Word, that has been written, made manifest,” nothing can be added to It. You can’t say, “I’m a written epistle,” and living some other kind of a something but what *This* has already wrote, [Brother Branham pats his Bible—Ed.] because nothing can be added or taken away.

*64-0614m - The Unveiling Of God
Rev. William Marrion Branham*

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280 “Ye are written epistles, read of all men.” Or, you are...I translate That, turn around this a way, see, just turn It around, “You are epistles that has been written,” ’cause you can’t add nothing to It, “that’s read of all men; manifested Word of God,” in other words.

And Peter and John, to show it, when they went up there, they perceived they were ignorant and unlearned, they had no education, but they taken notice they had been with Jesus. See? They were ignorant and unlearned, but they were written epistles, see, read that they had been with Jesus. Cause, Jesus was manifesting Himself

through them, Christ veiled in their flesh; manifested, made alive.

281 Like He was in Moses. When the Word was in Moses, he was God in flesh. When It was in Jesus, It was God in flesh. See? Only thing He done was change His mask, not His Word, not His nature. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He only changed His form. He changed from Noah to Moses; He changed from Moses to David; from David, Joseph; on down till He come into the fullness of the Godhead bodily. See?

282 It's still the same God! Amen. Amen. I hope that gets through. See? It is the same God, but He just takes on another veil. See, He puts on another veil.

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225 That's what they try to say today, trying to whitewash It, but you can't make it run with the rest of the Scripture. It's got to be everything, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and

forever.” See, no matter how much Word you try to coat, that don’t make...

226 It’s got to be quoted just the way He said It. Then, if It’s quoted right, He’ll vindicate It to be so in your life. “That’s how all men know you’re written epistles read of God.” Written *epistle* is this “Bible.” Is that right? An epistle is the Bible. And you’re a written Bible reflecting His Word, that perfect man again, in God.

But Jesus said, “It is written, also.” See?

64-1212 - The Harvest Time

Rev. William Marrion Branham



21 Great revivals are sweeping out across the country. The people are one heart and one mind. And they’re just sending one to one another’s church, let the people go to wherever church they wish to go to. Let them have their own preference. And whatever a person believes, go ahead and believe that, but don’t criticize the other man. That’s—that’s... Let’s stay together and serve God.

Oh, I trust that God will yet do that. And if He will show me favor this afternoon and heal these people before you, then you listen to my word, friends. Don't hold nothing against anybody, or anybody's church. Let's go together as one like brothers and sister, and then the sinner on the outside will know that we really love Jesus. That's right. See?

22 Jesus said this: "This will all men know that you are My disciples because you have..." shake one another's hands? Because you belong to the, this church? "Because you have love, one for the other." Is that right? The love, one for another, then you'll know... "All men will know that you're My disciples." And if we do not have love one for another, then we cannot be His disciples. And that's what's holding the sinners back. That's what's holding the coming of... [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]... believe the God will permit me this afternoon, for this lovely little city, to prove His power and authority. If He does, then if you don't receive Him and listen to my words, I've done all I can do. That—that's right. And I thought I'd wait till last of the meeting for this. But I see now, if I

do this, I'll have more time to make talks on us people coming together.

Remember, friends, if you're black, white, yellow, red, American, Canadian, Russian, Spanish, Mexico, wherever you're from, we're all one in Christ Jesus, every one of us. God don't love one any more than He does the other one. He doesn't love me any more than He loves you. He doesn't love you any more than He loves me. So there we are; we're all one together in Christ Jesus.

23 And let's live like that. Let's live that every day before the world, and they'll see. That's the way you'll lift Jesus up to the world. Let others see Jesus in you. You're written epistles read of all men.

Will you grant that to me, and will... And if God will grant the rest of it to me, I believe it'll be the breaking forth, this very day, of an old fashion revival through Phoenix. Won't... Wouldn't you like to see every church in a great big revival in Phoenix? Souls being born into the Kingdom...

*47-1123 - The Children Of Israel**Rev. William Marrion Branham*

132 Prove Him in there, this morning, just like that. Just hold up your hand, for me, back there. Say, "I want to start anew today, Brother Branham." I got my hand up, too; I'm going to start anew. I want to do more for Him than I ever did! Are you...?...?

133 One of the most saddest stories I ever heard, one time. A young lady, she, very attractive young woman. She was in a fine home; talked to her about Christ. Her—her father said, "I—I'm ashamed of her, reverend." For society: she's going to meet that class of people because she's...Now, remember, as society, you are pinning yourself to a thing called "crazy." But she got the best of education. When she gets ready to break through, go with society, and go with a different fine classes of men, death struck with something: she took a heart attack. All of her training did her no good. She went somewhere else.

134 Which way you going this morning? What are you dreaming for? I don't care which kind of group it's like, each one of you, you're going to go into Eternity one of these days. And without Christ, without the Holy Ghost, your soul is lost. Remember that.

135 You cannot meet that but only by accepting Christ, by the Holy Spirit. If He is in you, He's the Power of God. Live by It. He's God in you. The Bible said, "Ye become gods." That's right. "Aren't ye all gods?" And Jesus said to...

The Pharisees there, said, "Ye make yourself God."

Said, "Isn't it written in your law, that, 'ye are gods'?"

He made Moses a god to Pharaoh.

136 And He made you a god to the people. That's right. And you, this morning, are written epistles of God. Your—your lives are of God, and even carries that Holy Ghost.

137 Look here, friends, don't let this pass you. Don't just let this go by as just a little mythical something!...?...

49-1225 - The Deity Of Jesus Christ

Rev. William Marrion Branham



43 And if there's anybody that I didn't like, why, I would try to make it right with them. And I'd try to be as sincere and act like a Christian as much as I can, be at my home or anywhere. Everywhere I go I—I've always tried to do what was right, and try to live what I speak about and talk about. And I'd rather any man would live me a sermon than preach me one. For we're written epistles, read of all men. I'd rather live right, and have my name up clear, where my Master could say, "He's a Christian," and the people say, "He's a Christian. I don't know one thing I ever seen him do wrong." And if—or something on that order...

51-0508 - Faith Is The Substance

Rev. William Marrion Branham



57 Now, we're living in a terrific day, but all that you have need of is already supplied to you, when you believe. So many people, today, I find, when they join church, and here especially, in America, they just become drifters. They're just—"Well, praise God, I've met Brother Branham, and I—I got saved, and I put my name on the book, and that's—that's all I done." Just drifting, we don't want to do that. You never got saved just to be a member of a church. You got saved to work. We don't dress an army up just to lay around on the corner and flirt with the girls, with pretty uniforms on. We train our army to fight. And we're not at a picnic; we're on a battle grounds. We're right here facing the enemy of our Lord Jesus, and the enemy of our souls. Let us be up and doing with a heart for any strife.

I like that Psalm of Life, "Be not like dumb driven cattle," have to drive you in a little corral somewhere and over this way, down this way. Let's be a hero.

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,

With partings leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.
Footprints, that perhaps another,
While sailing over life's solemn main,
For a forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
In seeing our footsteps shall take heart again.

Let us do something; we're written epistles.

58 Now, here some time ago, a few years ago, my wife—I was in the study and she come to the door and she said, “Billy, there's a—there's a bum at the door. He wants something to eat.”

I said, “Feed him. Give him something; he's a man. I don't care what he is, feed him. Divide what we got with him. Man's hungry.”

She said, “I'm afraid of him.”

I said, “Oh, my, open the door and tell him to get something to eat. Fix him something and give it to him.”

So she fixed on the table, then called him in, then she come in the room. So I... She was a little

afraid of him, because he was kinda dirty looking, and I went out and I said, "How do you do, my good man?"

He said, "How do you do."

And he was eating his dinner, and so I said, "Where you from?"

He said, "Oh, just here and there."

I said, "Where you going?"

He said, "Oh, the same thing, just here and there."

I said, "What purpose do you have in life?"

He said, "None."

59 Well, that's just about the way that people gets in. We've got to have something that we got a purpose for. We've got to purpose in our hearts. We've got to do something. Now, you say, "Oh, we're having revival. Yeah, we're over in the Eisenhower School Auditorium." Don't let that be you, just a floater and a drifter. You can never amount to anything like that. Let's get up and do

something about it. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel. Let's see that our church prospers; let's get the Kingdom prospering. Let's see that the sick gets in here. Let's see that God is laid down among the people, and great signs and wonders take place that'll strike the nation. I'm satisfied that there'll be things happen here that'll thrill this country, that'll shake it for the Kingdom of God, if each one of us will get behind it.

What are we doing? Building the platform for our Lord. We wanting to bring Him to Yakima; we're want to bring Him in a great revival. And we've got to elect Him in our own hearts. We got to purpose something, get something to do with it, something to do for, some purpose. You don't just, oh, join the church and drift on. You don't do it that way. You always, you've got to have a purpose in what you're doing.

Wife say, "Well, I'm just a wife."

Get on the telephone; do something. Do something to help the Lord Jesus now.

60-0729 - What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief:

*Our Faith**Rev. William Marrion Branham*

50 Now, we find today that this discrepancy has been sowed through every age. If it was possible to get it in the next ten or fifteen minutes, I would do it, but you can't. Down through the ages...We are all, most all of us read the Bible. And now like when Jesus come, and He found that discrepancy, contrary. He was the Word made manifest, He was God's interpretation of the Word, because He said, "Search the Scriptures, for in Them you think you have Eternal Life, and they are they that testify of Me." There you are. He—He was the interpretation of the Word. And every borned-again son and daughter of God of this age is the interpretation of the Word. You are written epistles, read of all men. Yes.

*65-0118 - The Seed Of Discrepancy**Rev. William Marrion Branham*

272 "Fear not. I am He that was dead, and alive for evermore." That is God's Easter seal that

seals every letter of this Word into your heart. What is the seal? “You are written epistles, read of all men.” You know that. But when God has claimed you, He sealed you with the Easter seal, that you are risen with Christ, and you are a new creature.

65-0410 - The Easter Seal

Rev. William Marrion Branham



114 Moses’ veil; he was the living Word to the people. And today, the people that are veiled are the same thing. “They are written epistles, read of all men.” Not a *new* epistle; but the Epistle that’s been written, made manifest. It’s—it’s those who believe the Word and the promise of this day, that God is pouring out His Spirit, upon all flesh, and that is written epistles. And when a person tries to carnally impersonate that, it backfires. Your life shows what you are.

115 One time there was a boy, he had got in some trouble. He was a good boy, but he—he went to court. And the judge said, “I find you guilty. I must punish you to life in prison.”

116 He said, "I want to try my own case." He said, "I want to go in upon my record."

117 He said, "You have no record. Your record is what's condemned you."

118 And that's the way it is today, the reason the church is not advanced like it should. It's the record. It's the life. We must become more dedicated. We must believe every Word of God. We must seek until that Word is made real to us. See? See? The record is what keeps us from entering in.

119 But, one time, (to let you get out of this loop), in this same court, the boy had no money. He could not pay it off. The fine was way in the thousands of dollars. But he had a big brother that came and paid it off for him.

120 Now, we've got a big Brother, Jesus, the Son of God. And He come to pay it off for us, if we'll just believe it and be able to enter into the veil with Him. Like, He is our Moses. Jesus is our Moses of today. Moses, veiled, was the living Word to the people. Today, Jesus, veiled, is the living Word to the people, that, Jesus in the Church. The

Holy Ghost, the Son of God in the people, revealing the Word by the promise of this day, makes It just exactly. Same now.

64-0629 - The Mighty God Unveiled Before Us

Rev. William Marrion Branham



16 I wish to take a text, if we should call it that, on the subject of *Influence*. Influence is a great thing. We are told of, Scripture, that, "We are written epistles, and read of all men."

17 And we, as Christians, should always watch what we do and what say, that we're perfectly honest to every man. And you, if you can't be honest with your fellow man, you certainly won't be honest with God. So how we serve God, is, we serve each other. As honest as I would be with you, that's as honest as I'll be with God. And that's the same way with you to me. We must be honest with each other in all of our dealings.

18 And somebody is watching us. You may not think that, but there is eyes watching you. And your life is influencing somebody. Maybe it's a little

child, and that child may grow up to be another Finney, or Moody, or so forth. We don't know. But your—your life is influencing someone.

63-1114 - Influence

Rev. William Marrion Branham



2 Now, we are having—coming to the communion table. And now, a yet, there's some that doesn't take communion, and maybe you just take it in their own churches, but we'd be happy tonight if you could, would want to, fellowship with us around these things. We never draw any lines of who, just long as you're walking worthy of—of the Gospel that you're—you're listening to and confessing to be part of.

You know you're part of this Gospel. You are—you are written epistles of what we're talking about. And as long as we do something that's reproachful, then we are an indebtment to what we are listening to. See? We must live what we believe, and live it in such a way that it will never reproach, but reflect Jesus Christ in all things that

we do and say. That's way it is. We just love Him for this.

63-0707e - Communion

Rev. William Marrion Branham



Father, we know that there's many people that will not read the Bible, but You have made Your church written epistles, the Word of God made manifest. And people can watch lives, and see what the Word of God is, because the life of a Christian expresses the Word. Then what type of Christian should we be, Lord? Help us to be Bible Christians, that the works and Life of Jesus Christ may be known through us. In His Name, we ask it. Amen. May be seated.

62-0726 - A Testimony Upon The Sea

Rev. William Marrion Branham



170 But You said, "If you believe that what you say shall come to pass, you shall have what you say." Now, Father, here is our prayer. Take us just now. Take our hearts into Thy hand and

squeeze them real tight with love, pushing all the fear and unbelief from them, making them hollow and empty. And then fill them immediately with Thy Spirit, as the tar and pitch went into the ark, to keep fear and doubt from ever coming to our hearts again. And make us of Thy workmanship, that You might declare Your character, to the world, through us, as written epistles read of all men.

57-0623 - Believe From The Heart

Rev. William Marrion Branham



75 Now, the only way people will see Jesus when they see—when they see Him in you. You are written epistles. If Christ's Spirit dwells in you and brings your conduct—conduct into subjection to His Spirit, and makes you act like Him, and talk like Him, walk like Him, live like Him. See? People see Jesus in you. There, the old song: *Let Others See Jesus In You.*

76 And so, this woman had seen God in Elisha. And she said, "I think it's nice, now, if we do something for this servant of God. God will respect it." Why, she was just a few hundred years ahead

of time. Jesus said, "If you give one of My disciples a cup of cold water, at the judgment it won't be forgotten."

77 We fail to see the power that God has placed in His people. God is in His people. You believe that? God was with His people one time when He walked on earth. But now, God is in His people. "A little while, and the world sees Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I (personal pronoun, now) will be with you and in you to the end of the world."

78 God dwells, moves, works in mankind. Hallelujah! God doesn't work through orders. He doesn't work through organizations. He works through individuals. God works in man. God doesn't do the work today. He energizes or projects His Spirit into men to do so. He said, "I am the Vine." The vine don't bear fruit. "Ye are the branches."

56-1002e - Elisha The Prophet

Rev. William Marrion Branham



38 As you know, I'm a lover of outdoors, and love the wild, raised in the woods, my mother about a half Indian. And I love the wild. I was game warden in Indiana for years, studied wildlife, lived in it all my days. My old granddaddy was a noted national known hunter. And I've hunted all over the world nearly. I love wildlife. But I tell you; there's something about genuine. There's something about real that everybody will know. You won't have to go around testifying, this, that, or the other. If you're a real lover of the Lord, everybody you come in contact will almost know it. You are written epistles. You're sealed. And a seal is on the backside the same as on the front side, both going and coming. People know that you're a Christian. You walk different, live different, act different; you are different when you become a Christian.

56-0726 - Love

Rev. William Marrion Branham



5 Now, Brother Bosworth has stood with me in many great battles. Few years ago, we come

from Africa. And yet a man nearing eighty, he was still good at the battlefront.

And I believe, I don't say this to be prejudice, not because he's sick, but I said it on tapes and around the world: that I believe Brother Bosworth knows more of the Bible on Divine healing than any man I ever met in my life. That's right.

And not only that, but he lives everything he teaches. You know it's better to live me a sermon than preach me one. I think that's lots better. We all feel that way about it. Live me a sermon. We're written epistles, read of all men.

56-0612 - Life Is The Healer

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13 And I said, "Now, I won't argue," because the Scriptures are not to argue, They are to be lived. That's—that's, you live me a sermon. That's the best thing. I'd rather see one lived, than I would to hear one preached. Wouldn't you? Live a sermon. "You're written epistles, read of all men."

*51-0930a - What Think Ye Of Christ?**Rev. William Marrion Branham*

28 Paul said in Hebrews the 12th chapter, "Seeing that we're compassed about with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every sin, every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us."

Now, he said, "Well now, Daniel had Angel, and so forth." But said, "The New Testament does not support Angelic beings coming to individuals after the Holy Spirit has come."

And I said, "Oh, brother, I different with you." I said, "I believe that the Holy Spirit is here. He's the One that fills us. And our life is not our own, but it's the Life of the Holy Spirit in us that makes us Christians." I believe that, that ever fiber of a Christian's body is controlled by the Holy Spirit. I believe that your eyes are. You can't help when you look to see an evil, but if you lust after it, you've already committed adultery. You turn your head. The Holy Spirit makes you do that. Is that right? You might be tempted. Temptation is not sin.

Heeding your temptation is sin. See? You can be tempted. Christ was tempted like we are, but never sinned. So the Holy Spirit is God that helps us bear out the truth of God, and we're written epistles read of all man.

29 Now, he said, "Now, what about the—the Angels in the New Testament?"

I said, "Why, look at the—Mary, the virgin, she was visited by an Angel."

He said, "Oh, but that was before the Holy Spirit came."

I said, "Then I'd like to ask you this. Do you believe that Philip had the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" All of us do that, don't we? "Why, when Philip was down in Samaria with a great revival going on, it wasn't the Holy Spirit Who come and called him out to the desert Gaza; It was the Angel of the Lord (Is that right?), the Angel of the Lord."

30 Why, we all believe that Peter had the Holy Ghost, don't we? He was the chief spokesman at Pentecost at the inauguration of the church, and we know he had the Holy Ghost. But when he was

in prison, and they were going to cut his head off the next day, and they were having a prayer meeting down at John Mark's house, Who was it went up there to the prison and loosed him? The Holy Spirit? The Angel of the Lord. And It was in a form of a Light. Is that right? Came in the window, raised him up, loosed the shackles, passing him by the guards, opened the gates. And Peter thought he was dreaming all the time until he got outside. Oh, I tell you; to be packed away under the power of God means something. You lose your own senses and everything when you're carried away by the power of God.

53-1205 - The Resurrection

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43 How many would like to see the Lord Jesus? See your hands. Certainly. How many believes that He raised from the dead? Well, how could we see Him then, if He's raised from the dead? How could we see Him? How did He say we could see Him? Now, said, "Yet a little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you'll see Me (Is that right?), for I will be with you, in you, to the

end of the world?" Then how do you see Jesus? In one another: "Ye are written epistles." Is that right? Christ is in us. Oh, isn't that wonderful? Oh, it—it's matchless; it's marvelous. It's beyond thought that Christ...

44 One time He traveled over the children of Israel in a Pillar of Fire. When He settled on the mountain even nothing could touch it: had to be killed. Then He came down and lived in His Son. And He lived there. Man could touch Him, but He was virgin born. And He gave His life, His Blood, that the sexual born people could come back into fellowship, and have fellowship with Him, and be part of Him. So it's God, not in the Pillar of Fire, not God in Christ; It's in you. All that God was He poured into Christ. Is that right? In Him dwelled the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And all that was in Christ He poured into the church. Amen. You see?

Now, His Spirit... He said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. But if I do the works of My Father, though you don't believe Me, believe the works." And same tonight: If a man does the works of God, then He is of God. If He

doesn't the works of God, then He isn't of God. So may the Lord bless you while we pray for the sick.

56-0311e - God Using His Gift

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