

The Greatest Gift the world has ever known

The Greatest Gift the world has ever seen came through the Birth of Jesus Christ. God's Gift was not to point the people to a manger where Jesus was born, it was to point them to the purpose of which He was born for: that He might become their Saviour. The Greatest Gift was a manifestation of God, in human flesh. His birth pointed to His death at Calvary, where Christ would reconcile the world to Himself. He was born for the express purpose to become a Sacrifice that would stand between heaven and earth, between the liberty of our souls and the burden of the sin.

John 18:37

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world,** that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

He would be our Intercessor, the Only Mediator between Life and death. His Body would be marred, bruised, and galled under the yoke and burden of sin. Like the cloth that was padding between the yoke and the ox, His Blood Sacrifice would be a "bumper" between the Holy wrath of God and mankind.

Isaiah 53:4-5

4 **Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, **he was bruised for our iniquities...**

1 Pet 2:24

24 Who his own self **BARE** our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

*God exchanged Gifts with man, albeit man had nothing to give in return. He came as a Supernatural sign, a baby born in a manger, His Body wrapped in a covering of swaddling cloth, symbolic of what His Purpose was to be. **An Atonement for sin.***

ATONEMENT

Hebrew: kaphar, to "**cover**, cancel";

Greek: katallage, "**exchange**, reconciliation").

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The greatest Gift ...what an exchange

GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT JEFF.IN 60-1225

Let us bow our heads now for a word of prayer. Holy and gracious God, Who gave us the greatest Gift that this world has ever known of, the Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly come to Thee tonight in thanksgiving, and expressing from our innermost being the deep adorations of our heart to Thee for this marvelous Gift. We have nothing to give in return. And it was very little that You asked, just, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and **I'll take your burdens and your sins and set you free.**" Oh, **WHAT AN EXCHANGE.** No one could do that but Thee, our Father. And we thank Thee that Thou has did that for us. And we are Thy witnesses in this hour, that **You take our burdens and sins, and give us joy and peace, instead.** **How thankful we are for, Lord, this inner Christian experience, Christmas in our hearts.** We are so glad for this.

GOD'S.SERVANT.JOB PHOENIX.AZ 55-0223

There's the spread of welcome to you tonight. When **God, stripping Himself, coming out of the ivory palaces, taking upon Himself the form of sinful flesh**, to humiliate Himself to come down, to be Kinfolks to the poorest beggar there is in the world tonight, to become a Kinfolks to him, Jehovah Himself, made Kinfolks to a beggar. "The foxes have dens, and the bird's have nest, but the Son a man don't have a place to lay His head." Born in a manger, **WRAPPED** in swaddling cloth, yet the very Prince of glory, the Dayspring from on high. Humiliating, bringing Himself down, condescending, coming down, to be made Kinfolks with a sinner, think of it people. How can you reject that matchless love?

What was it? When God became a sinner, taking our sins. **Jesus became me, that I might become Him.** The innocent Lamb of God, He knowed no sin, became a sinner, that I might be made adopted son of God. Amen. There's the picture of true redemption: How He came down, worthy, robbed Hissself, no home, no place to go, humiliated Himself, brought Hissself down in sinful flesh, and took upon Him, not the nature of Angels, not the nature of God, **took upon Himself the nature of man**, that He might walk with man, eat with man, sleep with man, and die for man. There you are. **The whole plan from the beginning**, the spotless Lamb of God, there He is, the Bread of Life, here on earth.

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PATMOS.VISION JEFF.IN 60-1204E

He was clothed, He was God clothed in humanity in order to take away sin. But yet behind that humanity, He had something behind that could look right down into the heart of a man and know all about him. Why? There was something behind Him, yet He was clothed in mortal flesh.

But they didn't know Who it was, "If you don't believe," He said, "that I am He, you'll die in your sins."

TEN.VIRGINS JEFF.IN 60-1211M

"He took your place; you were going there. He took your place; there He is." I said, "O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. **Nothing in my arms I bring; I have nothing to offer** You, Lord, just simply to Thy cross I cling; that's all I got." And He took me in. He clothed me like the father with the prodigal son, **put a new garment upon me, the garment, not of mine, His garment of His righteousness He put upon me**; and a wedding ring upon my finger, that I'll be with the Bride that day.

LAW.OR.GRACE JEFF.IN 54-1006

And our self-righteous rags won't stand in His Presence. It takes the Holy Spirit, which is the Robe of God that dresses up the believer to go behind the holiest of holy.

EASTER.SEAL PHOENIX.AZ 65-0410

Wrapped in the robes of His righteousness, not in my own; I don't have any. Mine's filthy dirty rags. I'd hate to try to go to heaven on my preaching. I'd hate to try to go to heaven on my visions. **I'm going to heaven because I hold His grace in my heart--HIS GRACE TO ME. That's why I'm going.** That's how we go.

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all as an unclean [thing], and **all our righteousnesses [are] as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Romans 3:22

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

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The Bridge between

He was not of this world. He did not have a place to be born, foreshadowing He would not have a place to die. He was lifted up an Ensign unto the people, between Heavens and earth. There He died and bridged the gap between God and man. Between Heavens and earth our redemption was made. Between heavens and earth He stands as a Mediator, today. There the believer meets Him, identified with Him at Calvary, raptured up into Heavenly places, (spiritually In Him) becoming part of His Mystical Body. Likewise, we will one day (physically) meet Him in the air, between Heavens and earth, having been translated from mortality to immortality.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.2 JEFF.IN 57-0825E

O God... **He became lower than His creation that He might redeem men** (homeless, helpless men) and give them a home in heaven. He left the glories of heaven. He left the highest Name that could be called. And when He was on earth, men give Him the lowest name that they could give Him, said he was a illegitimate Baby to start with. **Born in a manger, wrapped in rags** off the back of the yoke of a ox, no place to go, had no home to go to, and was called Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. He was mistreated. He was spit on. He was made fun of. He was rejected and went to the lowest pits, and stooped to the vilest of prostitutes. That's what man done to Him.

But God raised Him up so high that He has to look down to see heaven. Men give Him the lowest seat, give Him the worst place, the lowest name. God raised Him up and give Him the highest seat, and the highest Name. That's the difference what man done with the Son of God, and what God done with the Son of God.

He stooped that we might be lifted. He become us, that we THROUGH HIS GRACE, might become Him. He come to the homeless, and became homeless Hissself, that we might have a home. He came to the sick and was made sick Hissself that we might be healed. He came to the sinner, and made sin Hissself, that we might be saved.

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TEACHING.ON.MOSES JEFF.IN 56-0513

How we thank Thee for Him. And today stands as a Mediator, the only One between God and man, Who can make a prayer come in the Presence of God, through the platform of His Own Blood that He shed from earth to glory. Come in this earth by the way of a barn, borned out in a manger, went out of the earth, through capital punishment. The earth didn't want Him. Heaven couldn't receive Him, because He was a sinner; He had our sins upon Him. The earth didn't want Him; they rejected Him, "Away from such a Person." He had even--**not even a place to be born, or a place to die**. And He hung between the heavens and earth; heaven couldn't receive Him, nor earth wouldn't have Him. And He died anyhow to save us from sin...

GOD'S.COVENANT.WITH.ABRAHAM SIOUX.FALLS.SD 56-0223

Look the world rejected Him. He didn't die on the earth; neither did He die in heaven. **He died between heavens and earth**; He was God's Sacrifice. He couldn't go to heaven; He had our sins.

The earth wouldn't have Him because He was the Son of God. **He didn't even have a place to die**. And they lifted Him up that every sinner might see. And all that's called to Eternal Life will come, and none of them will be lost.

INFALLIBLE.WORD.OF.GOD CHICAGO.IL 56-0406

Did you notice, He couldn't die on earth and He couldn't die in heaven, so **He was the Bridge between**. He died between heavens and earth.

ENSIGN.AN PHOENIX.AZ 62-0119

God gave the church an ensign one day, when Jesus was lifted up on Calvary between heavens and earth, none other than God Immanuel, bleeding out His Blood upon the ground. There was **an ensign lifted up** to the people that we have conquered. We have--we're more than conquerors because He conquered for us.

MANIFESTED.SONS.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 60-0518

And when we are born in the Kingdom of God by Jesus Christ, we're a heir of heaven, joint heirs with Jesus, **BECAUSE HE TOOK OUR PLACE. He became us (sin), that we might become Him (righteousness)**. See? **HE BECOME ME THAT I MIGHT BECOME HIM** (See?), joint heirs with Him. All right. Now, remember that's to each one of you.

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QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 64-0830M

Isaac had left the tent and was standing out in the field meditating in the late afternoon (Amen.) when he saw Rebekah coming... And she'd never saw him and he'd never saw her; but it was love at the first sight. She fell in love with him and he with her, and she was even veiled. Amen. Oh, my.

And look, when she seen him, her heart was so full of joy. She didn't know who she was going to marry, but by faith. Amen. And--and--and remember, Jesus will leave the Kingdom, and we'll not meet Him in glory; **we're to meet Him in the air, between heavens and earth, where it's expanded to redeem us**. And he met Rebekah in the middle, between her home and his home. Amen.

EASTER.SEAL PHOENIX.AZ 65-0410

I know that someday... My Redeemer's living now, and someday when He comes, these bones shall **rise again to go to meet Him in the air**. You may bury me in the sea, burn it up, whatever you want to, that quickening power is eternal. Whew. I feel a Easter right now. Yes, sir. **I've had it for years. It's in me. It's in you**, if you--the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in your mortal bodies. It's quickened you from the things of the world to the Word of God only. It's quickened you from this life to Life Eternal.

You, who were once dead in sin and trespasses has now **been quickened together to set in heavenly places with Christ Jesus**, feasting on manna from above, seeing the hand of God made manifest and prove the promise of this day.

SHALOM SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 64-0112

Then the--the church, the reason I'd say "Shalom" to them, is because that **it's God's Peace**. That's what I want to bring to you this morning for the new year's, not looking back, but we're looking forward to the breaking of a new day, until there is something great laying ahead of us, where the years has been the joy that we've looked forward to, the pressing, coming of the great Light. And now we can see it breaking over the horizon--horizontal realm, but **breaking between mortal and immortality. We see it breaking between heavens and earth**, from an earthbound sickness and troubled world unto a bright shining day of an immortal Life and an immortal body and an immortal earth that can never pass away. It--it's **"Shalom," until the--unto the church**. Now, it's Light time coming for the believers, but a gross darkness for the people.

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...the King of Glory, wrapped in swaddling cloth

Luke 2:11-12

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And **this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes**, lying in a manger.

EXPECTATION BINGHAMTON.NY 54-1206

You (*know*) what swaddling's cloth is? It's what they take off the back of a yoke of an ox. In the Orient I learned that, that where they plow an ox, they put--**wrap some rags around to keep from rubbing his shoulders**. And in the main stalls that night there was some swaddling's cloth; they didn't even have nothing to put on. We're not worthy of the clothes we got on tonight, when they unwrapped this cloth off the ox neck, the yoke of the ox and wrapped it around the Saviour of the world.

EXPECTANCY CHICAGO.IL 53-0903

...the King of Glory, wrapped in swaddling cloth. They tell me that's what they take off the back of a yoke of an ox. When it's--keep it from rubbing its shoulders, they take this cloth off. And there's nothing to put on around the baby, so they just wrapped Him up in this cloth.

GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT JEFF.IN 60-1225

The love of God, how God unfolded Himself and come a Christmas Package, was laid on straw. **The first thing He had was to press against His little head was straw and a dirty piece of swaddling cloth wrapped around Him**. The **last thing He had was a thorn crown with a dirty rag wrapped over His eyes**, and hit on the head, saying, "If you're a prophet, tell us who hit you," and then tacked to a cross. Love reaching out, when His Own children crying for His Blood, He screamed, "Father, forgive them, they don't even know what they're doing." That's love.

Hebrews 9:28

28 So **Christ was once offered to BEAR the sins** of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

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...all the weight of sin laid upon Him

Even with the sins of the world on His shoulders, the faith of ONE SOUL touched Him, and still touches Him today. A lowly simple plea causes Him to intercede on their behalf.

WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0208

But yet, it pleased God to--to smite Him. And He was smitten, stricken, and afflicted. **He bore our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities**, and by His stripes we were healed. Oh, it should be attractive to people. It really should. It should stir the heart.

BALM.IN.GILEAD SAN.JOSE.CA 59-1124

He was put to the test. There He went to Calvary, mockery spit all over His face, His face bleeding where they jerked handfuls of beard out of His face, beaten, when He could have spoke one word and it would've changed the whole thing. But the Toxin held. He died. He had the sins of the world. **Every sin that was ever in the world was placed upon Him. Under that burden of sin, with all the weight of sin laid upon Him, He died.**

BE.NOT.AFRAID RICHMOND.VA 61-0311

I could just imagine seeing Bartimaeus drop on his knees and saying, "O Jehovah, I was thinking of You."

That's when He comes by, is when your thinking of Him. Quit thinking about the things of the world, and who's going to be the next movie star, or even the next President, and think who's the coming Christ. Then you'll...?...

"Oh, oh, Jesus, Thou Son of David, Lord Jehovah God, if that is Your Son, if He's the Son of David, if that is the prophet, why, you can speak to Him."

"O have mercy on me, have mercy."

And Jesus, with the sins of the world on His shoulders. He was heading right up to Jerusalem to be crucified.

O God, the sin of every man and every woman that ever lived, or ever would live, rested upon Him. The burden of whether we'd be saved, the burden of this meeting tonight was upon His shoulders. But the faith of one blind beggar stopped Him. The Bible said He stood. Wish I had just a few weeks to stay here. I'd like to preach on, "And Then He Stood."

Jesus stood still. ONE FAITH of a beggar stopped Him, and He stood still. What did it? His faith touched Him, just like the woman that touched His garment.

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GOD.HAS.A.PROVIDED.LAMB TOPEKA.KS 64-0620E

But He was the Word. And **when a soul is crying out; like that woman with the blood issue, that touched His garment, the Bible said He stood still.** It stopped Him. Think of it; just think of it, that the--the call of a--that one blind, insignificant old beggar, and **with the sins of the world and the burden upon Him, going to Jerusalem to become a sin offering, YET THE CALL OF ONE HUMAN SOUL MADE HIM STOP and stand still.**

He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. One call tonight will bring Him on the scene, just the same as it did then. How He remains the same...

He stands between the Church and sin

REDEMPTION.BY.POWER LVL.KY 54-0329

Our Lord Jesus here in His love and power, in His great redemptive blessings, oh, how **He stands between the Church and sin tonight. How He stands between you and judgment, bleeding, praying...**

GREAT.SERVANT.MOSES CHICAGO.IL 55-0122

He's my go-between. He's the One that takes death in one hand and life in the other one. **He's that link that connects man to God: the go-between.**

GREAT.SERVANT.MOSES CHICAGO.IL 55-0122

God's judgment smote Christ, dying in our stead, the innocent for the guilty. And out of Him come the blood cell. And the **life-giving Blood** flowed from His back, that we might be healed, flowed from his heart, that we might be saved; come down over His brows and things, for our iniquity, for our peace, and all that was upon Him. There He was a bleeding malefactor, **hanging there between heavens and earth, standing, where a Holy God, looking down, could not see the sinner no more, for He looked through that judgment that had been paid** yonder, the all supreme price. Oh, I hope you see it, my Christian friend. And looked yonder. There it is. As far as God is concerned, it's finished. THE PRICE IS PAID. YOU'RE FREE. **That's what's the trouble with people tonight. They don't know they're free.**

COMMUNION JEFF.IN 57-0418

And someday, my frail friend, if you don't stay under the Blood, **the kingdoms of Satan will overtake you and carry you away if you don't stay under the Blood.**

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HEBREWS.CHAPTER.5.AND.6 JEFF.IN 57-0908M

How do we get to perfection? That's what we want to know. Christ is perfected, **"GOD LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL. He was wounded for our transgressions, BRUISED for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace upon Him; with His stripes we were healed."** That's the Body we want to get to. That's the Body. **Why? If you're in that Body, you'll never see judgment; you'll never taste of death. You're free from all of death, judgment, sin, and everything else, when you're in that Body.**

ARK.THE JEFF.IN 55-0522

Now, watch the ark of the covenant. He said, "You shall make it out of acacia wood and overlay it with gold." Anyone who knows the Scripture, know that **gold speaks of Deity, and wood speaks of humanity.** See He said, "You shall cover it, overlay it with gold, over the wood." **That's Deity over the wood: Christ over the Church, inside and out, Deity, overlaid.** You'll have a lid on top of it. It'll be a mercy seat, and all the laws will rest in it. But before you...?... you sprinkle it over with blood. The law speaks of judgment. But between the law and the congregation, there was something for Deity stood in its place: type of Christ. **Between the wrath of God, the judgment in hell, between that and the believer stands Deity Himself, Christ, standing in the way with an atonement** made to save us from our sins and to heal us from our sickness. Deity stands in the way between judgment. The law was a judge. The law judged, but the atonement stood between the confessed believer and the judgment. There laid the judgment in the ark, ready to come forth. But when it did, it couldn't, for there was an atonement standing between it and the believer. And the believer come and accepted Christ in the shadow and type, shed blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat, then he had mercy, and could walk away rejoicing, **because he was free from judgment.**

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." And when a man knows that he's died to the things of the world, and those that get in Christ Jesus, and walking according to the Holy Spirit, and not the ways of this sinful world, there's no condemnation to him. He can look in the face of hell and judgment and rejoice, because **there's the Blood of Christ making atonement, standing between him and judgment.** Amen. There you are. The believer once in, the lid shut down, that settles it for all time. Amen. Gold, Deity laid over and underneath it, and all around it, wrapped up in Deity. Every man that's come into Christ is wrapped up in the Holy Spirit and become sons and daughters of God.

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All the sins of the world... rest upon His shoulder

POSITION.IN.CHRIST JEFF.IN 60-0522M

Going up Golgotha, He was beaten, bruised; He could not heal; He could not even speak a word, hardly. 'Cause why? He had the sins of the world on Him, not because that He was a sinner, but He was made sin for me and for you.

All the sins of the world from Adam until His coming, REST UPON HIS SHOULDER. And **God was not punishing His Son. He was punishing sin.** See how horrible it was? He was making a propitiation. He was making a way of escape for all those that God, by His foreknowledge, knowed would come.

GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD JEFF.IN 57-0407M

You cannot make reconciliations yourself, because reconciliations is already been made. It's a confession that you're wrong. And then come and straighten up. So sin must be dealt with. And God always deals with sin by judgment. That's why our Lord died the death that He did on Calvary, is because that sin was such a horrible thing, that judgment of sin was placed on Him, that **those who desire might go free through believing on Him and accepting Him AS THEIR SIN BEARER**, not how good we can be, but how we believe and accept Him. And when we accept Him, He comes into our heart, and that's where the good part is. It's not on what we could do; **it's on what He has done, and what He has done for us. There's where He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquity**; and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we were healed.

HEAR.YE.HIM PHEONIX.AZ 60-0313

God could not die in the Spirit, so He was made flesh and dwelt among us in order to take death, and **our condemnation was placed upon His precious body and He died for us all.** There in that precious body which sets at the right hand of His Majesty tonight, God cannot look at sickness no more; it's condemned. He cannot look at sin no more; it's condemned. **There sets the Atonement, the bruised and then smitten body of the Lord Jesus**, setting on His right hand in heaven. **That's what makes us have faith, because He's setting there to make intercessions upon our confession.**

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MARY'S.BELIEF LA.CA 59-0409

If each person in here tonight that's bound with sin in your lives, will just take Him at His Word and start rejoicing, because Jesus said, "He that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out. Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white like wool." There's no need of being bound down; **you can be free tonight from your burden of sin.**

WHO.IS.THIS JEFF.IN 59-0510E

I might forget my age. I might even forget my name sometimes. But I can never forget that hour when He delivered me from sin. Something took place down inside me, that it's helped me through the great hours and darkness, the hour of my deliverance. **The weights of sin left me, and I was a new person. I'd been a new creature in Christ Jesus** ever since.

JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME SALEM.OR 62-0718

He come to save the dying human race, and He came to His Kadesh-barnea (Calvary) judgment, where not only the judgment seat of the world, but He was judged for the world. **There He bore the iniquity and the sins of us all at Calvary.** And He died, until the sun and the moon and the stars wouldn't shine. And He crossed over the Jordan, that we call Jordan, "death." But on that third day **He rose again, bringing back the evidence** like Joshua did. **"The land is there.** I'm He that was dead, and alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and hell." He's not dead, He is risen.

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE S.PINES.NC 62-0609E

...nothing can give you safety but Jesus Christ. He's the only Place that can give you safety. And He's God's provided Safety.

Oh, we can provide this and provide that, and it'll fall. But when God provides anything it's Eternal. And that's God's provided way for our safety in Christ. I love it. **When you're in Him, when troubles come, like sickness, or worry, disappointment. He bore our sorrows.** With His stripes we were healed. **Everything that we have need of for the rest of the journey is right here in the Refuge.**

How do we get in this Refuge? By one Spirit we're all baptized into this Refuge, and we become a member of this Refuge. We are a citizen of this Kingdom with our great Provider with us, that provides all we have need of. Just trust His Word, and we, while we're in here, we're in His Presence.

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EXPECTATION BINGHAMTON.NY 54-1206

...by **His grace**, to know that we were sinners, and **He came and took our place and died as a sinner**. Died in my place, He died my death at Calvary. He died all of our deaths at Calvary. And the sin, my, me as a sinner, **He represented me in His death** at Calvary. He represented every believer tonight in His death at Calvary. And God, reconciling us and His love to us, raised Him up again for our justification. And therefore, **being raised up with Him, we're seated tonight in heavenly places in Christ Jesus with every blessing that God promised** is our redemptive blessings in Him.

LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE JEFF.IN 56-0603

And He knows that anything imperfect cannot come into heaven, so **He has to make a way of perfection** for that. Amen. You see it? Then back there He said, "I, Myself, will come down into the world and take on human flesh. And I'll pay the penalty that's required here, and **I'll take the place**. And **I'll make them perfect because I'll bring them in Me**. And **I am perfect**." Then when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as those that are--that God is perfect..." Then here was this mangled body, that was beaten and **bruised for sin, and every sin that the world ever had, or ever would have, was laid upon Him**. And He is the body that the Jehovah raised up on the last days there, on the third day after His death. And **IF we are IN that body, we're just as perfect as the body is**. Amen. There you are.

How do you get in that body? How do you get in it? The Bible said in Romans 8:1, "There's therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." They don't care what the world says or what anybody else says, or even what their family says. They walk in the Spirit of God in perfect Divine love. You see it?

How do you get into it? By joining church, by shaking hands, by water baptism? No, sir. The 12th chapter of I Corinthians said, **"By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body** and become members of that body."

Philippians 3:9-10

9 And **be found in him**, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection...

James 1:21

21 Wherefore **lay apart all** filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls.

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Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us**, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness**.

Yoked to the Word

Luke 9:23

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 For **the love of Christ constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

ALL.THINGS SHREVEPORT.LA 62-1124E

Now, if any of you, or **any man anywhere, ever feels the burden of his sin, we have a Lamb**. Let's not pollute that program. It's the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. It's the only provision that God has for sinful men, which I am, and you are; and sinful women, boys, and girls, is the Blood of Jesus Christ. We must come sincerity to Him, and **by faith lay our hands upon His head by faith, and CONNECT OURSELF WITH HIM**, reckoning yourself dead now, and stay there until the results comes, **till the Blood that was shed on Calvary has been applied to your heart. Then the burden's gone**. See? "My burden's rolled away." Then you're free. He who the Son makes free is free indeed.

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PAUL.A.PRISONER.OF.CHRIST JEFF.IN 63-0717

Paul knew what it was. He was--he found out that **he was harnessed to something**. Like we put a horse in a harness, it's to--it's to pull something; and Paul knew after this experience and three years and a half of typing the--the experience he had with the Bible; he realized that God had chosen him and had harnessed him by the Holy Spirit, the experience that he had to pull the Gospel in the presence of the Gentiles. **The Spirit Itself harnessed him**. And today, **as servants of Christ, we become harnessed, hooked up. We can't go anywhere without It being with us, harnessed to the Word. No matter what anyone else says, you're harnessed to It**. There's something about It that you just can't get away from It. You been yoked up with It by the Holy Ghost, and **YOKED YOU TO THE WORD**. And no matter what anyone else says, It's the Word that is always. Harnessed up with It, **PUT IN THE YOKE with It... To the Word by the Spirit, he was harnessed**.

2 Corinthians 6:14

14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

PAUL.A.PRISONER.OF.CHRIST JEFF.IN 63-0717

A prisoner to Jesus Christ, harnessed to His Word by the Spirit. Oh, I like that. He was bound. He was bound by a chain, by fetters of love to do the will of God and that only. He was a prisoner. He was in fetters of love. **He was in the yoke with Christ. He could yoke up with nothing else**. He was yoked with Him, and wherever the lead went, that's where he had to go, regardless how green the path looked on this side or that side; he had to go the way the Leader and the yoke went.

Oh, tonight, if we as the Branham Tabernacle could only become prisoners to our own selfish being, to our own ambition, that we could completely surrender ourself and be yoked to Him. No matter what the rest of the world thinks, what the rest of the world does, we're yoked with fetters of love; we are prisoners. My feet is so yoked to Christ, it won't dance; my eyes are so yoked to Christ till I--when I see these modern strip-tease on the street, it turns my head; my--**my heart is so yoked in love to Him till I can't have love for this world anymore. My will is so yoked to Him till I don't even know what my ambitions are**. Just wherever you lead, I'll follow, Lord. **I'll be a prisoner**.

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And He said, "Take a red heifer," again the type of Christ. He wanted to make the waters of separation for the unbeliever. And He said, "Take this heifer where never a yoke has been upon her neck." It speaks of not being yoked up with anything. **Trouble of it is today, we try to yoke up with everything.** The church and the denominations are trying to yoke up with the world. But the power of God is not yoked to nobody but God. No denomination can say, "I have it." God has it, no church, no denomination, no certain man, no creed, but God has it. **Yoke yourself not up with unbelievers, but come out from among them; be yoked with God.**

PAUL.A.PRISONER.OF.CHRIST JEFF.IN 63-0717

Now, **the prisoner of the love of Christ becomes empowered by his King,** Who is Christ. Amen. "And verily I say unto you, if you say unto this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you said will come to pass; you'll have what you said. **If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you. If you're yoked to Me...**" Because Him and His Word is the same. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." "If ye abide in Me (not here and there)--abide in Me, and My Word in you, ask what you will (or say what you will), and it'll be done for...?..." He has power.

Hebrews 4:9-11

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Come unto Me, all ye that weary and heavy laden

Matthew 11:28-30

2 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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HIDDEN.LIFE.IN.CHRIST SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1110

"My burdens are light." Yoke up with Him, the yoke is all padded with Hallelujahs. When you're once inside the veil with Him, He becomes your life.

IMPERSONATION.OF.CHRISTIANITY JEFF.IN 57-0120M

But the yoke is easy.

You know what you to do with it? You just like to bear it. It's just like Samson when he took the brazen gates of Gaza, the big brass gates. He just picked it up on his shoulders and bore it away. That's right.

And when **the yoke is lined with a joy, and peace, and sweetness of Christ in your heart, then you just pick up all the burdens the world casts on you, and bear them to a certain hill called Calvary.** And there you kneel down and pray for that one that was persecuting you, not rain fire out of heaven and tear up the church, but you bring peace to them. "God, be merciful to them."

WHY.SO.HARD.TO.LIVE.CHRISTIAN.LIFE PHX.AZ 57-0303A

Oh, my, I wish I could get you to see it. Then **THE YOKE BECOMES EASY. IT DOESN'T CHAFE AROUND THE COLLAR. IT'S LINED WITH LOVE.** If it's only lined with emotion, it'll soon chaff around the collar.

WHAT.DOES.TAKE.MAKE.CHRISTIAN.LIFE CHICAGO.IL 57-0113

When you get this Spirit in you, then the--the burdens of life becomes light. You don't notice them anymore. **The yoke is lined with feathers.** They become so easy. And then the people pile things on you... You know what? You're like Samson at the gates of Gaza, who picked up the big brass gate and packed it up on the hill. And when **you get to a place that the Holy Spirit has you, not you the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit has you...** You say, "I got the Holy Ghost." I don't think that should be said. You must say, "The Holy Ghost got me." And then when the Holy Ghost gets you, the burdens, the yoke is easy. Then you pick up the big gates of Gaza and pack them straight to Calvary. And there on Mount Calvary you lay them at the feet of Jesus and pray for your enemies, not with a grudge...

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I will give you rest unto your souls

Isaiah 11:10

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and **his rest shall be glorious**.

SHALOM SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 64-0112

Then the--the church, the reason I'd say "Shalom" to them, is because that **it's God's Peace**. That's what I want to bring to you this morning for the new year's, not looking back, but we're looking forward to the breaking of a new day, until there is something great laying ahead of us, ...

We see it breaking between heavens and earth, from an earthbound sickness and troubled world unto a bright shining day of an immortal Life and an immortal body and an immortal earth that can never pass away. It--**it's "Shalom," until the--unto the church**.

Our labor is not our own ideas of what God needs us to do, but His unction of His will in our lives. Thankfully there is a place of Rest where we are no longer chided, bothered, and vexed by the wicked.

Job 3:17

17 **There** the wicked cease from troubling; and **there the weary be at rest**.

QA.ON.GENESIS JEFF.IN 53-0729

Now, He said, in other words, about the sabbath, He said, "Come to me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, and **I will give you REST unto your SOULS**, sabbath unto your souls," **not to the physical body, to your soul**.

SPIRITUAL.INSPIRATION OWENSBORO.KY 56-0128

The whole Christian principle is based upon rest. I woke up about ten o'clock in the night. I didn't have no audience to preach to, and so I just, well, I went over and woke up my wife and preached to her till one o'clock in the morning about resting: good audience. But I was burning in my heart, resting. I said, "Why are we troubled? 'Let not your hearts be troubled,' He said. We're just resting. 'Come to Me and ye shall find rest. Take My yoke upon you, learn of Me,' finding rest." Then, while... I said **when you once come to Christ**, once believe Him, once accept Him, **enter into the rest, all the things of the world seems to die away**. You've got rest then, rest to your soul. And you enter into that state, and there you are. You're resting then with Christ.

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FELLOWSHIP MINNEAPOLIS.MN 56-0212

The Christian experience is based solemnly and wholly upon rest. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest." We're tossed about with everything until you come to Christ, then it's all finished. **Resting in Christ, perfectly. No matter what comes or goes, nothing can touch us without it comes over the Shepherd.** He has to permit it.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4 JEFF.IN 57-0901E

What is the Rest? When did the Rest come? When people spoke with other tongues and had stammering lips. Stammering lips, they didn't speak nothing; they stammered. When did that happen? On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost come. That is the Rest: the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all ye that weary and heavy laden, and I'll give you Rest. **I'll give you Life, Eternal Life (Zoe, God's own Life).**" **God will come into you and be a part of you.** He'll give you a birth and make you a son and daughter.

PAUL.A.PRISONER.OF.CHRIST JEFF.IN 63-0717

Oh, God, make us prisoners like that, from our own selfish ambitions, and from our own judgments, and our better way of thinking, to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I think that was a great statement: that I'm a prisoner to Jesus Christ. And remember, He is the Word. See? No matter what anyone else thinks; it's the Word. See, if you're a prisoner to the Word, no denomination can sway you from It. It's the Word. You're just a prisoner to it; that's all. You must act the way It acts.

Now, he could not go certain places that he wanted. Because why? The Spirit forbade him. You remember many times that Paul was trying to go some place, thinking, "There's where I could have a great meeting," but the Spirit would forbid him.

Now, does that clearly state and prove that Paul was a prisoner? A prisoner to Jesus Christ, harnessed to His Word by the Spirit. Oh, I like that. He was bound. He was bound by a chain, by fetters of love to do the will of God and that only. He was a prisoner. He was in fetters of love. He was in the yoke with Christ. He could yoke up with nothing else. He was yoked with Him, and wherever the lead went, that's where he had to go, regardless how green the path looked on this side or that side; he had to go the way the Leader and the yoke went.

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SPIRITUAL.INSPIRATION OWENSBORO.KY 56-0128

I wonder if Christ would come to our hearts tonight, if He'd find it with everything of the world gone, that He might fulfill where it's "Come unto Me all ye that heavy--heavy laden. And take My yoke upon you; learn of Me; I'm meek and lowly: and you'll find rest," **resting with Christ, what a wonderful thing.**

46-1 PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

Let's see what the Bible teaches us about this Sabbath rest. "For he that is entered into his rest." This entering in is not only entering in, but remaining in, the rest. It is an 'eternal rest' of which the seventh day is but a type. 'Seven' is completion. 'Eight' is the 'first' day again. Jesus' resurrection was in the first day of the week, giving us eternal life and eternal Sabbath rest. Thus we see why God could not give us any one certain day of the week as a Sabbath (rest). We've 'entered into' and do 'remain in' our rest, which Israel could not do, having only a shadow of the true substance which we enjoy. Why go back to a shadow when we have reality now?

How we receive this rest, or continuing Sabbath, is at the invitation of Jesus.

He said in Matthew 11:28,29,

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me;... and ye shall find rest (or keeping of the Sabbath, not a day, but eternal life, Sabbath) unto your souls."

No matter how long you have been laboring under your load of sin, whether it is ten years, thirty years or fifty years, or longer, come with your tired weary life and you will find His rest (the true Sabbath). Jesus will give you rest.

Now exactly what is that rest that Jesus will give?

Isaiah 28:8-12,

"For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest (Sabbath) wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest (or keeping of His Sabbath); and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

Here it is prophesied right here in Isaiah. And it came to pass about 700 years later at Pentecost when they were all filled with the Holy Ghost exactly as it was said they would be. This is the true Sabbath that was promised.

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Thus when they were filled with the Holy Ghost they ceased from their worldly works, their worldly doings, their evil ways. **The Holy Ghost took charge of their lives. They entered into rest. There is your rest.** That is your Sabbath. It is not a day, nor a year, but the eternity of being filled and blessed in the Holy Spirit. **IT IS YOU CEASING, AND GOD DOING.** It is God in you willing and doing of His good pleasure.

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY JEFF.IN 63-0728

"If ye abide in Me (the Word), My Word abide in you, then you ask what you will." because **you and the Word are the same.** He has the preeminence. He's got the rulership. You're a--you're a prisoner to Him. The world is dead. You have nothing more... You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. **You're a prisoner; you're yoked with Him. "My yoke is easy." (Yoked with Christ, with His Word.)** "I do that only which pleases the Father.

Galatians 5:1

1 Stand fast therefore **in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Matthew 11:29

29 **Take my yoke upon you**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Cast your cares on Him

Psalm 55:22

22 **Cast thy burden upon the LORD**, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

1 Peter 5:7

7 **Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE JEFF.IN 62-0513E

Christ promised that He'd take all your cares. Cast your cares on Him. So what are you worrying about? Worry builds up pressure; pressure blows up. So just cast your cares on Him and quit worrying. All right.

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HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.3 JEFF.IN 57-0828

Just take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

That's all He asks: "Just leave it there." Why? He's our High Priest standing here that knows how you feel. And He knows how to reconcile you back to grace and how to bring you back to your health. He knows all about it, He suffered. When you haven't got a place to lay your head, He had the same. When you got one change of clothes, He had the same. When you're made fun of, persecuted, He had the same.

Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED JEFF.IN 57-0421E

And that's the same as it is today. There's many people today that love the Lord and don't realize. You could tell them about it, and yet they can't recognize that He's alive forevermore tonight, that He's here in this church tonight, that **He's in the midst of us, and will be till He comes** in the physical, corporal body. "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Bearing reproach for the Word

Hebrews 11:26

26 Esteeming **the reproach of Christ** greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

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Criticism... Now, with our message, can we stand by the looking glass of God's Word and see Christ reflect in our own lives then? **Can we bear such, and the reproach of the message that we're standing for here?** Someone can say something about it, and yet you just don't open your mouth, and say nothing about it. He was the example, because God was reflecting His character in Him. And then if we're sons and daughters of God, God reflects His character in us. Then we become like Him. That's my heart's desire. I think that's every believer's desire, is to become more like Him.

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Acts 5:41-42

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing** that they were counted **worthy to suffer shame for his name**.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

INDICTMENT.THE JEFF.IN 63-0707M

The disciples returned, **thought it was a great honor to bear the reproach of His Name**. Or do you want to bear the reproach of some Hollywood star, or some television something, or some church member, or something, or do you want the reproach of the Word of Jesus Christ, "Give me the reproach of the Word, Lord. I know He bore the reproach of God's Word. Let me bear it too, Lord.

And this consecrated cross I'll bear,

Till death shall set me free,

Then go home, a crown to wear..."

There'll be a crown someday for us. It's being made now. When this earthly life is run, then we know that it'll be right.

Hebrews 13:12-14

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, **BEARING his reproach**.

14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Luke 6:22-23

22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 **Rejoice** ye in that day, and **leap for joy**: for, behold, **your reward is great in heaven**: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

GREAT.AND.MIGHTY.CONQUEROR JEFF.IN 57-0421M

If Jesus was considered Beelzebub by this world, He was laughed and scoffed at, and hung on a cross, and made a shame for me; **I'm more than happy to bear the reproach of His holiness**. Yes, sir.

(see: 2 Cor 12:10, Heb 10:33, 1 Pet 4:14)

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