Three Steps Of Grace

Three Steps Of Marriage

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John 4:15-24

- ¹⁵ The woman saith unto him,
- Sir, give me this water, that I
- thirst not, neither come hither
- to draw.

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: ¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

²² Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The Samaritan Woman Lived With Six Men – (Was Not Married)

In The Eyes Of The People, She Was Married Six Times; But According To The Lord Jesus Christ- She Was Not Married Even Once.

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She Had An Intuition To Perceive That This Man Is A Prophet

1 Corinthians 12:3 ³ Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

John 16:7-8

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

<u>John 15:5</u>

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

The Holy Ghost Will Convict/ Convince/ Condemn You For Sin

Without The Holy Ghost Your "Christianity" Is A Religion

Because You Can Never Call Jesus The Lord Without The Holy Ghost

That Is Why The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost Is The Most Wonderful Revelation

<u>59-1217 - What Was The Holy Ghost</u> <u>Given For</u>?

- 55 Matthew 10, and gave
- them power over unclean
- spirits; cast out evil spirits, and
- do works, and so forth. And
- they come back, rejoicing, said,
- "Even the devils is subject to

He said, "Don't rejoice because the devils is subject unto you; but rejoice because your names in the Book." And Judas was with them. See how close he can come;

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right on up through justification, move right on into sanctification. But where did he show his light? Where did he show hisself? Before Pentecost, he showed his colors.

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Three Steps Of Grace - Justification - Sanctification - Sealing With The Holy Ghost

<u>The Three Steps Of A</u> <u>True Marriage Covenant:</u>

- Decision
- Promise
- Ceremony

The Three Steps Of Marriage

<u>62-0121E - The Marriage Of The</u> Lamb

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81 Now, marriage, in one sense, is a type. The earthly marriage here is a type of the heavenly marriage. Now let's go over it, just for a few moments, to rehearse it a moment.

82 The first thing there is, there must be a decision made. The first thing, takes, in natural marriage, is a decision has to be made.

The young lady has to make³¹ her decision, whether she wants this young man; and the young man, whether he wants the young woman. There has to be a decision made, and you have to make it.

She must be the only woman in the world that you love, and he must be the only man. If it isn't, then you made a wrong decision.

83 And that's the same way it is by making the decision for Christ. The first thing you have to do, is make up your mind whether you're going to serve God and take Him as your Saviour, or you're not going to do it.

Are you going to serve the world? Are you going to serve Christ? You have to make up your mind.

There has to be a decision made. When you make up your mind, that you're either going to serve God or mammon, then you take your choice. But the decision has to be made.

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84 And then, after the decision is made, that you are, then comes the engagement. That, you find that at the altar. You've got to make an engagement before this union can be.

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And that's the way it is with Christ's Church. It has to be an engagement with Christ, a-a pledge, an engagement, a love affair.

85 And then, the next thing, is—is promises made. There has to be promises made to one another, like that you make promise. "Sweetheart, if you'll marry me, I promise that I'll be loyal and true.

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I will look upon no other woman." Or, "I'll look upon no other man. And I'll do all that as a duty, as a wife.

We have children, it'll do all as a duty as a—as a mother. I-I'll be a housekeeper." All these promises has got to be made, or should be, in a correct wedding.

86 And that's the same thing⁴¹ when you come to Christ. "Lord, if You will receive me into Your Kingdom, I promise." There you are. "I'll love You. I'll be true to You. I'll serve You, day and night."

It's too bad we forget that. "I'll serve You, day and night. I'll fast. I'll pray. I'll be loyal to You. I'll bring my tithings into the storehouse. I—I'II—I'II pray, many times a day.

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I'll—I'll do anything. And I'll pledge all my love to You." That's what you should do. That's exactly right, where you promise that, and it should come from your heart.

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87 If you promise your husband that, and not from your heart, you mean it, you are absolutely not living correctly with him. It's kind of a crystallized affair.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb 91 And then a church that's just artificial, called the church of Christ, well, them

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children then are not in

There, that's born of that

same organization.

Is only....They're not Christ's children. They are denominational children, and not children of Christ.

92 If the woman isn't connected with the man in trueness, then it isn't her husband. It's just a man she's taken a vow to live with, and she took a wrong vow.

She pledged to love him, and she said she loved him, and she didn't do it. <u>All the time,</u> the man is deceived.

93 <u>But there's one thing sure,</u> friends, we're not going to deceive Christ. He knows His

own.

94 But, you see, first, <u>decisions made</u>. Next, <u>engagement</u>. Then, <u>promise</u>.

95 And, then, the ceremony. And that's when the bridebride takes the bridegroom's name. She is no more then of her own name. She takes the bridegroom's name.

96 And then when the Church has the ceremony, makes their promises, then She takes the Bridegroom's Name. Then She is no longer a church of the world.

She is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Not...I don't mean, that, by name. I mean, that, by Birth, by nature, by power of God.

By the revealed Truth of God, in the heart, She becomes a Christian Church, the great universal apostolic Christian Church. She becomes a part of Christ.

When She does that, She...Christ injects into Her His Own Spirit, His own Life. And the Bible said, to Adam and Eve, there, "You are no longer twain, but one."

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And when the woman, Church, is married to Christ, they are no longer two. They are One. Christ in you! Amen. That's it. His Life has been brought into you,

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then you become the Bride.

Then, another thing, after she has taken all these vows, and so forth, and the ceremony has been said:

98 Like, my wife's name was Broy before she was married. Now, she is no longer a Broy. She is Branham. Now, she isn't no more Broy. She is Branham.

99 And when you come into Christ, you're no more of the world. You are of Christ. See? You care not then for the things of the world.

They are dead to you. "For he that loves the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in him."

100 <u>So, you see, you can't be</u> an artificial Christian. You can be an artificial, professed Christian.

101 But you can't be a Christian, become, until Christ injects Himself, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, into you. Then you're connected with Him. You're no longer twain. You are One. Christ promised to be in us, as the Father was in Christ.

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63 "I and My Father are One. You and I are One." See? Christ in us! All that God was, He poured into Christ. And all that Christ was, He poured into the Church, to continue the work of the Gospel.

102 Then we become, not by artificial name, but by a reality of the Holy Spirit of Life connecting us into Christ.

Then, through the power of His resurrection, we are raised from the dead things of the world, and setting with Him in Heavenly places.

Amen. I like that. Tonight, we're setting in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, see, resurrected with Him; died to the things of the world, and took on Christ. And when we take on Christ, then the world is dead, then we no more care for the world. The world is dead to us. And we're...And it's dead to us, and we're dead to it.

True Marriage That Binds Two People – Vows

64-0823E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2 JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY 158 299. If Jesus in a second... (No.) If Jesus--if you in a second marriage where both parties are divorced... the--it (re-p-e-n--)--repentance--it--is repentance enough,

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or do you have to end--or do you have to end your marriage relationship to be right?""If--if you're in a second marriage where both parties are divorced..."

I think I've already answered that. See? Yes, already answered that. Where both parties are--are... I just.. I--I wish we didn't have to go through these things, people. l got friends setting right here, out in this audience here that I know...

It just nearly kills me to say that, but I--I got to say it. See? And the world is in such a corruptible condition.

Some poor, little, old woman make a mistake and marry some alcoholic and--and they turn that way, or some poor man married some streetwalker and not know it, and then be bound to that woman or man as long as they live.

That's a horrible thing. Marriage is a sacred thing. Many times sinner kids run in and do those things, and then they wonder what it's all about.

I--It's... I believe, if the Lord will permit me to explain this marriage and divorce the way it should be, I believe it'll clear up a whole lot of that. It's all... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]

The Issues Of Marriage Are Referred To In- Marriage And Divorce Message

65-0429E - The Choosing Of⁷⁹

<u>A Bride</u>

47 Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife, a man, for the vows here is "until death do we part." That's how we should

keep it.

And you take that vow before God, that only death will separate you. And I think we should...A man in his right mind, that's planning a future, that he should choose that wife very careful.

Be careful what you're doing. And a woman choosing a husband, or accepting the choice of a husband, should be real careful what she's doing, and especially in these days.

A man should think and pray before he chooses a wife.

<u>65-0429E - The Choosing Of A</u> Bride

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51 <u>And if we would study</u> what we're doing when

we're going to get married, when we choose

<u>our wife, our husband, if</u> we'd study it over!

A man should pray earnestly, for he could ruin his entire life. Remember, the vow is "until death do we part," and he could ruin his life by making the wrong choice.

But if he knows what, he making the wrong choice and is marrying a woman that isn't fit to be his wife, and he does it anyhow, then it's his fault.

If the woman takes a husband and knows that he's not fit to be a husband to you, then that's your own fault, after you know what's right and wrong.

So, you shouldn't do it until you thoroughly pray through.

Marriage Vows Must Be Under Good Faith – Truthful

64-0823E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2 JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY « 193 † 313. Brother Branham, what is the meaning of a annulment? Are people free to marry or is this just another word for divorce? I would like some information on this.

Sure they're married. As long as they take that vow, they're married. Just like a boy, if a boy promises a girl to marry her under good faith, he's obligated to that girl. He's just as good as married her.

The only thing the law does, is give you a--a bill of rights to live together to keep from being common-law husband and wife. But when a man tells a woman, "I will marry you, Honey;

I will take you for my wife. Will you take..." he's married. Your vow is sacred; that's what marries you anyhow.

There's not no preacher can marry you, no magistrate, or nothing else; it's your own vow to God and to this man. When you promise, you are married.

Marriage Vows

<u>65-0220X - Wedding</u>

Ceremony

..... Who will I ask to give this woman to be wife to this man? [The bride's father answers, "I, her father, will."—Ed.]

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony,

which is commanded by Saint Paul to be honorable among all men. It is therefore not by any to be entered into unadvisably or lightly, but advisably, soberly, and in the fear of God.

98 Into this holy state these two persons present come to be joined. If there is any persons here that can show a just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together in this holy matrimony, do you now speak, or, from hereafter, forever hold your peace.

I will require and will charge you both, as you'll surely answer at the Day of Judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together in this matrimony,

do you now confess it, for be it assured unto you that any couple that are joined otherwise than God's Word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.

But duly believing that you have considered this solemn obligation that you're about to assume, then, that you have prepared to enter upon the same, reverently, discreetfully, soberly, and in the fear of God,

I shall propose to you the marriage covenant. You will declare the same as you join your right hands together. [The groom and bride join their right hands together—Ed.]

Will you have this woman to be your lawful wedded wife, to live together in this holy state of matrimony; do you promise to honor and love and cherish, in sickness and health, riches or poverty, and will forsake all others and cleave thee only unto her as long as you both live? [The groom answers, "I will."—Ed.]

Will you have this man to be your lawful wedded husband, to live together in this holy state of matrimony;

do you promise to love, honor and cherish, in sickness and health, and forsake all others and cleave thee only unto him as long as you both live? [The bride answers, "I will."—Ed.]

I will require a token that this covenant will always be kept. [Two rings are placed on Brother Branham's Bible, then offered to the groom for the bride, then to the bride for the groom— Ed.]

Will you join your right hands together again, place them upon the Bible.

False Vows

59-0628E - Questions And Answers 91. Matt-...(Let's see.) Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?

184 Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery."

The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, thata woman that's unmarried cannot commit adultery, because she has no husband to commit adultery against. It's uncleanliness for her. She has to confess that to her husband before they are married if she's did that.

If not and her husband finds it out later, he has a right to put her away, because she took a false vow. For the Bible said, "Be it well..." or ritual says.

"Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God's Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful.

I will require and will charge you both as you'll surely answer in the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed,

if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together, do you now confess it." There you are. See?

185 <u>So fornication is what a</u> girl, when she lives unclean, that's fornication, 'cause she has no husband.

But when she's married, and then when she lives like that, she commits adultery against her husband.

186 A woman come not long ago, and she said, "Oh, I've confessed all that." She was nervous, and had a breakdown, and said, "I've confessed all that to God."

187 I said, "You have to confess it to your husband. It wasn't God that you committed adultery against; it was your husband." That's right.

188 And if a man marries a woman and she has lived unclean before she marries him, and then she comes to him, if they've been married ever so long,

and then she comes to him and says, "Honey, I want to tell you something. I did run out with another man, I never told you,"

Jesus said he has a right to put her away and marry another, because they're not married in the beginning, 'cause she falsely told a---a lie against him.

Conclusion - How Does God Join A Couple?

Matthew 19:3-10 ³ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

⁴ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

⁷ They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

⁸ He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not

SO.

132 ⁹ And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

¹⁰ His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

65-0221M - Marriage And

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- <u>Divorce</u>
- 285 "What God has joined
- together, let no man put
- asunder." Not what man
- joined together; what "God" joined together!

When you've got a direct revelation from God, that's your wife, and the same thing, that's yours, the rest of your life. See? But what man joins together, anybody can put apart.

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But what God joins together, no man better dare to touch it. "Whatsoever God joins together," He said, "let no man put asunder." Not what some half-drunk magistrate or something else put together,

or some backslidden preacher with a bunch of creeds in a book, that would let them do anything in the world, and the Word of God laying right there. See? I'm talking about what God joined together.

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God (Through The Prophet) Constantly Refers To The Message Of Marriage And Divorce To Answer This Question.

Points To Ponder/ Think On Marriage And Divorce Message:-

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 ¹⁰ And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

¹¹ But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

¹² But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

¹³ And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

¹⁵ But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

¹⁶ For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce 307 Friends, and then I'm closing, you can go from this. That's when This was being revealed to me, what I'm going to tell you right now, so don't miss lt.

308 Now I'm speaking to our followers only, who is following me and this Message only, not the outside. Bear me record of this before God. Just to this group only!

309 Now we are found in this mess because of misinterpreted theology. Is that right?

That's why you women married the second time, and you men, because misinterpreted theology. Now I want to show you something that He told me.

310 And if God, our Creator, was questioned the question when He was here on earth, Jesus Christ; and when His delivering prophet came forth, Moses, down in Egypt, to bring the children out of-of Egypt, to put them in the promised land;

and Jesus said here that Moses seen the people in this condition, and he granted them a writing of divorcement, because the situation was what it was.

Moses found such, as, "Let him suffer..." God permitted Moses, that prophet sent to the people, to grant this writing of divorcement to them.

311 And in First Corinthians, the—the 7th chapter, the 12th and 15th verse, in the New Testament prophet, Paul, who met the same thing in the church,

and spoke this, "This is I, not the Lord." That right? Because of the divorce conditions. 312 "It wasn't so from the beginning." But Moses was permitted it, and God recognized it righteousness. And Paul also had a right, when he found his church in that condition.

313 Now you believe This to be true, and believe It to come from God! And by the vindication of His Cloud and His Message that's brought me this far,

should not God upon the mountain permit me to do the same thing, to suffer you to go on the way you are, and do it no more!

Go with your wives and live in peace, for the hour is late. The Coming of the Lord is at hand. We haven't got time to break these things up. Don't you dare try to do it again!

I'm speaking only to my congregation. But if you are married...And God bore me witness of that, on the mountain, that I could say This,

a supernatural revelation, because of the opening of the Seven Seals, and this is a question in God's Word. "Let them go on in as they are, and sin no more!"

314 "It wasn't so from the beginning." That is right, it wasn't so, and it will not be at the end. But under modern conditions, as God's servant...

I won't call myself His prophet; but I believe maybe, if I wouldn't be sent for that, I'm laying a ground for him when he does come.

So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home, with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God.

But God be merciful to you if you ever do that again! You teach your children to never do a thing like that, bring them up in the admonition of God.

And now that you are as you are, let us go now, at the late evening hour that we're living in, and "press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ," where all things will be possible.

65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce 318 So is it today, Lord God, at the end of the world, as we are here under the mercy of God, knowing that soon we are to answer in His Presence.

And that You have did so much, Lord, I am sure, in the sight of these people, they'll hang onto This like It come from You.....

319 God, I pray that the people will go home being thankful that God has granted this grace to them. I only spoke It, Lord, through permission.

And I only say It through permission, Lord. And let the people be so grateful that they'll never try to do that sin again!

And may they never try to do any sin, but love You with all their hearts. Lord, make these families happy, and may they grow and raise their children in the admonition of God.

65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce 322 May we go in peace, happy, rejoicing, because the God of creation has showed us "since the beginning," and has extended to us, in our mess that we're in, His grace again, in this last days.

O Great and Eternal God, how we thank You for it! And may our hearts be so happy, that we'll never have another desire to sin against You. In Jesus' Name. Amen....

323 I say it now so the ministers will understand.This is to them that follows this Message only!

324 Oh, are you happy? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] I have told you the Truth, THUS SAITH THE LORD, all the way through! ["Amen!"]

The Most Wonderful Revelation

<u>59-1217 - What Was The Holy Ghost</u> <u>Given For?</u>

57 Oh, my dear friends from around this country and in

this little city, if I could only,

with my human voice,

place into your heart the importance of receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it would be the most wonderful revelation that you ever had in your life.

To see what...You must do it. Let me make that clear, about, "You're not converted."

62-1230E - Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir? 244 The mysteries, here is "the mystery." A mystery is Scripture, is a previously hidden Truth now Divinely revealed,

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but (which is) a supernatural element still remains despite the revelation. The greater mysteries and the great mysteries are:

260 The mystery of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, without sensation, but the Person of Christ performing in you the same works that He did.

Those Who Come Otherwise- The Lord Jesus Christ Will Pluck Them-Up

MATTHEW 15:12-13 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

MATTHEW 22:11-14 11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

<u>MATTHEW 7:21-24</u>

- 21 Not every one that
- saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
- shall enter into the kingdom
- of heaven; but he that doeth
- the will of my Father which is
- in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I professunto them, I never knewyou: depart from me, ye thatwork iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

They Will Be Lost

<u>65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In</u> <u>His Own Word</u>

29 You can be anointed

out here, in this spirit, and desire, and do all these other

things.

But when it comes to this tie post to that Word, you'll never move from there.

It'll hold right steady and true, to that Word, as it can be. Outside of that, regardless of what you do, you're still

lost.

199 30 That Laodicean Church Age, "naked, blind, miserable; don't even know it." See, it's out... It's that anointed, anointed with the real Spirit. See, that Holy Spirit can fall upon a man, in his spirit.

But his soul is his germ; that germ is the Word. See? And how...l don't care how much you can preach, how well you do this, and how much you love; that's one of the inlets to spirit.

You can't love with your body; you love with your spirit. That's one of the inlets. And you can love, and even love God, and still not be right.

You can cast out devils, and preach, and do these things; still not be right. Jesus said so, said many would come in that day. That Word settles it!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,...