One Little Thing Yet Lacking In The Church

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John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Matthew 24:10-13

¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

- And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
- ¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

1 John 4:18-21

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love him, because he first loved us.

²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

²¹ And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

59-0712 — A Total Deliverance 11 And that's the same way it is with the church. When the church is away from its principles, it can never serve the saints well.

We've got to stay together, got to be unified. We got to be one heart and one accord. Or, we'll never serve God or the people,

unless we're one heart and one accord, to stand by the principles of the Bible and the things that God has said that's right. We must always stand by them.

59-1217 — What Was The Holy Chost Given For?

31 That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost. It's the Father, again, God the Father dwelling in you, working out His plans, to finish His plan of redemption; working through you, making you a co-worker with Him;

giving you a place, giving you a part for your fallen, lost brother and sister; giving you His Spirit and His love, to go hunt the lost, as He did in the garden of Eden. "Adam, Adam, where art thou?"

That's what the Holy Spirit does to a man or a woman. When It strikes into their heart and takes Its abode, there's a thirst and a hungering for lost souls.

That's what's the matter with the meetings today. There is not enough Spirit-touch in it, to go for the souls of the lost and the dying.

It's more to make a name, or a church, or a building, or a denomination, instead of a soul-winning program. How pitiful! We could stay on it much.

The Only Way We Can Retain The God In Our Midst Is By Having Love One For The Other

62-1104M — Blasphemous

Names

102 And she dreamed she was up on a mountain. And in this mountain, the best...I haven't got the paper before me, but I think it's like this.

She dreamed that she saw a—a rock box, like—like a—a framework, setting right in top of this mountain. And her husband was just behind her. And she saw a large man standing there, with work clothes on, sleeves rolled up,

bailing the most pure water that she ever seen, and pouring into this box, this rock box setting in top of the mountain. And the rock box would not hold the water.

And it rolled right out of there, and just boiled up all the trash and sticks, and everything in there, and boiled it out and rolled down the mountain. And it rolled over her feet, and she was standing right in that stuff, only it didn't stick to her.

103 And—and then she asked why the box didn't hold it, and the man said, "That is not water. That's the Holy Ghost, and," said, "nothing will hold It."

And said, then he went back and got another big bucket, and it was full of honey, and poured the honey into there,

said, "Now it will hold this." And she thought that the box, was a rock box, was going to burst out and spill the honey, but it didn't. It finally stuck together and held it.

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124 But, what, this man who was pouring the water, the messenger to the church, pouring the Message into the church,

but what was the water doing? It was boiling out all the trash that was in it. That's what the Holy Spirit does, boils it up, now.

125 Now, the honey represented brotherly love, brotherly kindness, which is this age. I just got through telling, see, of brotherly kindness, the age that we live in now.

126 Now, you might say, "Look, I-I-I sure don't like Brother Neville." Or, "I sure don't like Brother Jones. I don't like Brother So-and-so," and something like that.

But just let something happen to him, brother, your heart is broke. It just nearly killed you. See? We can obtain brotherly kindness and feeling for one another. See? But to maintain in a group of people...

127 Why do you care for that brother? Because you've broke bread with him here at the altar, as you will tonight.

You fellowship with him. You shook his hands. You worship with him. He's your brother. And he might do something in the flesh, that you would disagree with,

because you just kind of stay, (which you oughtn't to do), but shun him a little. But in the bottom of your heart, if something happened to that brother, it would just nearly kill you, or that sister.

128 I—I'm an old man. I was once young, and now I'm old. I've seen it, down through the age, do that. Hear people say, "I just won't have no more to do with him." And something happen to that man, it nearly kills him.

He thinks, "O God, I let my precious brother go, without making friends with him." You see? See? See? It's brotherly love. It looks like it won't stick, but it does stick. The honey, it sticks.

It's Uniting Time: It Comes By Love, And It Brings Love

61-0723M — The Ever-Present Water From The Rock 72 Just like a love affair. If you was going with a girl because you knew it was a duty, or you going with a boy, when you were young.

"Mama wants me to go with this guy, but I just can't stand him." You don't get nothing of him coming to see you.

Or, if it's the same way about the girl to the boy, or boy to the girl. You go with her, she bores you; mama wants you to go with her because she is the type of girl that mama likes. See, it bores you; no love affair.

But you don't care, you don't want to clean up, you don't want to go see her. And it's a...Why, it's a horrible thing. And when he is coming to see you, my, you just wish he would hurry on, go home.

73 That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.

74 But when you really hang on to every Word, as the Spirit gave you warning this morning, see, "Hanging on to every Word." That might be what He has been talking to you about.

Holding on! It's Eternal Life, every Word of God. It's a joy to go to church, under any circumstance. Whether it's hot, cold, indifferent,

whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they are doing, it's still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. Then you're in love then with Christ, see, you love to go to church.

75 "Well, honey, here it's Sunday morning again, I guess we have to wash up the young'ns and get down there. My, it's boresome!" See, you're not in love.

76 But if you are really in love, you just can't wait till Sunday morning comes, you've just got to get down there with them. And we get, and to leave...

The people of God, they don't bore you. Why, they are—they are brothers and sisters. As I used to say, "You get as thick as Sorghum molasses on a cold morning."

lt—it don't run, it just stays together, you know, clings tight. Now, that's a rude expression, but it's—it—it's trying to let you know what I mean, you see.

You stick together. And the colder it gets, the tighter they stick. And that's the way it ought to be with us. The colder...

78 See? Yes, sir! When one has had a blessing, we are all happy about it. When one is sad, we are sad with him. We—we want to all be together. Now that's the way we're supposed to be.

We Have To Work Together In Order To Achieve God's Goal For Our Age

63-0714E — Humble Thyself 73 I was thinking here of one little illustration, to back up what he said. Now, we look at this watch, to find out what time it is.

Unless that every instrument in that watch is coordinating, one with the other, we'll never know the correct time. Is that right? And that takes all of us, all together, if we want to see the Third Pull,

really do something for God, it's coordination with every one of us together, to humble ourselves before God and confess our wrongs, and pray and believe God for these things.

63-0714E — Humble Thyself 85 That's it, every piece in the church must work together, and you must keep up your part of it, so we see what time we're living in. We may be closer than we think we are.

63-0714E — Humble Thyself 89 We want to keep it running smoothly, sweetly, and in order of the Lord.

So just remember, that your part may be the mainspring, or it may be the little, some little hand, or some little part, or the winding stem, whatever it may be,

or it may be the hands on the face of the clock, that tells the time. But whatever it is, it takes us all working together in harmony with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to bring this to pass.

<u>59-0712 — A Total</u>

Deliverance

95 We all want to be unified together, with the Holy Spirit. Every member should be unified, one with the other.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. It cleanses us from all unrighteousness. We are delivered from the things of the world.

Jesus said, "This will all men know that you're My disciples, when you got love, one for the other one," when one member loves the other member so much that it would die for it.

59-0712 — A Total Deliverance 57 That should be the motive of every Christian and every person in the church, is for to unify ourselves and stick together. Whatever the church votes for, that's what we should stand for.

Then say, for instance, the...want to change something in the church. Well, then, if the trustees wants to, the...somebody else wants to, the deacons,

they want to change something, that comes before the church, the church then together. And if our—if our idea here seems to be a little different than what the whole church said,

let's sacrifice that idea, because that's the only way we can stand united. And if this church will just go on the way you're going now, and be united together, God will...

It's unlimited, what He'll do, if we'll stick together. We must stick together. That's how we want to be, so complete with one another, and then so complete in the hands of God.

58 Then we've got to have a man that we believe that preaches the Word of God. If the man don't do it, then get somebody who does do it.

That's the way we must stand. If the trustee board won't stand by what's right, then it's your business to elect somebody who will stand for what's right.

And then when you do it, stay by it. It's up to you. Stand by it. And, all together, we're standing for one Thing, that's God. 59 If a member makes a mistake, don't turn him down. Help him. Raise him up. Get together, have a hearing with one another.

That's what the Scripture says. When we make a mistake, let's go before God. Before we can go before God, we got to go before the person we hurt.

59-0712 — A Total Deliverance 78 Well, look what He does for us in the condition that we're in. What would He do if we were one heart and one accord? The only way we can do that,

is unify our hearts together with brotherly love, obey the officers of the church, and the pastor, and the pastor obey God. Then God works through the pastor, through the board, down into the church,

and all together are one unit to the Kingdom of God. Then God will hear, when we have a unified group. Let nothing bother you. Don't be dismayed at anything.

63-0818 — The Uniting Time

And Sign

113 But the Church, the Bride, is united by one God, under one Spirit, the Spirit of God, in one holy Union of God, to be one holy Bride to God.

That's right, all together; unity of the Body. The Body waiting as a Bride; as—as It is the Bride, as we call ourselves the Bride.

For the uniting time of the Bride, the Church is so coming together. It should create just a love among us, that we could hardly be away from one another. That's right.

When you just, you don't have to beg people to pray, you don't have to beg them to worship God, you don't have to beg them to do what's right. They're just so in love with Him, till there's nothing else.

114 What do you think about a little girl, a real pretty little maid, that's going to marry some handsome young man that she's just so madly in love with, it means more to her than her own life,

and she knows right away that they're going to get married? As that wedding day approaches, that little fellow, I'm telling you, she's all "walking around."

See? She's just making everything ready; she surrenders completely to him. That's right. Everything that pleases him, that's just what she wants to do.

Well, that should be the way of the Church today, that our life should be so hid in God through Christ, sealed in there by the Holy Spirit.

115 The thing I've been teaching to you here, is telling you of these signs and different things happening, I haven't got time to do it now; will in another message, the Lord willing.

But there's one little thing yet lacking in the Church. And we want that, to get to that, and I'm right on the edge of it now.

See? We want to get to that, if...you got to do it. If you don't do it, that's just all, you must do it. For looky, the uniting time is at hand,

for God is getting the Church together to be a—a Rapture to go to the wedding for the Great Union: when God and man will unite for Eternity. when creatures of time unite with the Eternal.

Genesis 18:22-24

And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

²⁴ Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

65-0822M — Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word 89 The—the thing that's the matter with the Message today, is, those who obtain It in their hearts must lay in the Presence of the Son, to get ripened.

See? You can pick up the Message, and then let the Son bake all the greenness out of you, see, making matured Christians.

See what I mean? God is coming soon, to receive His Church, and we must have that type of Christians for Him to receive. The—the wheat has got to get ripe. All right.

65-1128M — God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 40 I believe the Church is beginning to hear the Message, and begin to understand.

But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son, we've got to be ripened. Our—our faith isn't ripe. Intellectually we're hearing the Message that God has give us,

and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible, it's there, but, oh, how the Church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know,

and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down.

Sometimes in speaking the Message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold.

But when the Church once gets It, the Elected is called out and separated, then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was There when It takes Its Rapture.

<u>58-0301B — The Great</u>

Commission

12But did you ever...Let me just give you...If I have found grace in your sight through God, you take my word for this, brethren.

If you want to be a blessing, and get a blessing, when a man has done you wrong, and he has absolutely justly, he...l mean he has done you wrong and you know that he's done you wrong;

he's done you evil. Don't mention that; you take him to prayer before God. And don't take it in a way of just a selfish and say, "Well, I'm supposed to do this."

But stand with your shoulder to his shoulder, and stand in the Presence of God our Father, way a prayer should be made in the Presence of God,

say, "Father, here's my brother, and he—he is justly; he deserves punishment because he has—he's done me evil. And I don't see why he did it."

13 Then let God go to talking to you. And you'll see maybe, what that man's been through. The devil has twisted him up somewhere and caused him to do that.

Though he's absolutely wrong, before you leave the throne of God you'll be feeling sorry for that man.

You'll be sympathizing with that brother. And when you get back down to where—earth again, you'll go over to that brother and shake his hand, 'cause you know what he's been through.

You can't stand with a mortal in the Presence of God and condemn anybody, I don't believe, no, sir, even if he is a rank sinner.

And what about a brother that has made a mistake? Though I say he's wrong. Sometimes he's accused wrong when he's not wrong.

But if he is wrong, well, if we 109 will take him to the throne of God, stand there shoulder-to-shoulder with our brother, knowing he's a mortal, and maybe his destination rests upon our attitude towards him,

when we come back from the throne of God, we'll realize that we're every one guilty, and we all need help one from the other. And the best way to do is pray.

63-0714E — Humble Thyself 93 Now, surely, after all these years on the field and around the world, and seeing different people, I ought to know a little bit about the gate to enter in at.

And if you want to get somewhere with God, never let an arrogant spirit ever come around you.

Don't let no malice come in. No matter what anybody has done, if they are wrong, don't you never build up a complex against that person. See? You be sweet and kind.

Remember, God loved you when you were in sin. And if the Spirit of God is in you, you love the other person when he's in wrong. See, just pray for them, and love one another.

94 Above everything, love God and love one another. And be humble with God and around one another, and God will bless us, and it's hard telling what He will do.

Usually when a church begins to get in numbers and get to getting a little bigger, or something like that, then they get away from that real thing, the real thing.