

Steps Of Grace: Sanctification

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SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:26

26 That he might sanctify and
cleanse it with the washing of
water by the word,

Ephesians 5:27

27 That he might present it to
himself a glorious church, not
having spot, or wrinkle, or any
such thing; but that it should
be holy and without blemish.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

You can't repent for what
Adam done. You never
done it; Adam did.

64-0802 - The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride

87 Now, the first step is
“repentance towards God.” And
then follows after that, is water
baptism, “water baptism,”

“Repent, and be baptized in
the Name of Jesus Christ.”
See, water baptism follows,
showing that repentance
was genuine.

Or, to “remit” our past sins,
it has nothing to do with
future sin, it only remits.
“Repent, and be baptized in
the Name of Jesus Christ.”

What for? “Remission.”
Taking away of past sin has
nothing to do with the
future. Just, your sin has
been chopped off, what you
did.

88 You can't repent for what
Adam done. You never done
it; Adam did. You just get
forgiveness for what you
done. The old nature is still
there.

Put first things first! Don't
try to get good; you're bad,
to begin with, and nothing
you can do.

62-1007 - The Key To The Door

116 I guess it's just the church here tonight, as far as I know, I'm not here enough to know who does come or not.

I got a little criticism here
not long ago on baptizing a
man here in the pool, an old
fellow. And I went to him, he
was a good old man.

I had the privilege of leading all of his family to Christ, all of them Christians. This old man was a nice old man, and I liked him, so I went to him and I said to him, “Papa, why don’t you become a Christian?” He loves me.

117 He said, “Brother
Branham, I would become a
Christian when I can get
good enough.”

118 I said, “Tell you what
you do, Papa. You look
around till you find where
you can get good enough,
then tell me where that place
is, I want to go, too.”

I said, “Christ never come to
save good man. He come to
save bad man.” When you
think you’re good, then He
didn’t come to save you.”

He come to save them that
He knows are bad. See?
Christ died to save sinners.
See? And I said, “Papa,
there’s a line right here.””

He said, “Well, I smoke these cigarettes.”

I said, “I ain’t going to even talk about them.”

He said, “I’ve tried to give them up, Brother Branham.”
I said, “All right, we ain’t going to talk about cigarettes.”

He said, “Well, when I can...”

119 I said, “Don’t—don’t say
no more about them, let them
go. I want to ask you a
question.”

He said, “All right, what is it?”

I said, “Do you believe there is a God?”

120 Said, “Certainly, I believe it.” Said, “I believe that as strong as you do, I would guess, Brother Branham.”

121 I said, “Do you believe
that that same God crossed
His strain and was made
flesh and dwelt among us in
the person of Jesus Christ, in
order to save man?”

He said, “Yes, I believe that.”
“And He died to save sinners
like you are and like I?” See?
“Yes, I believe that.”

122 I said, “Now, it’s just like this. We’re all in one big building over here, and we’re in jail, and I can’t stand over in this corner and say ‘this will help me get out of jail,’

I stand over in that corner and say
'that will help me get out of jail,'
we're all in the same fix. And every
man that was born in this world
was born in sin, shaped in iniquity,
come to the world speaking lies.
He's a renegade, to begin with."

128 Now, I said, “I want to say something. Every man in this prison house, who’s holy? Who is the one that wasn’t born by sex? Who is one can help the other, no matter what he is? We’re all in this same prison.

But God made Himself one of
His creations and come
beyond sex, through the holy
Blood that He created
Himself, and through that
Blood He redeemed us.”

I said, “You believe that,
Papa?”

He said, “I believe that.”

129 I said, “Christ died for
bad man like you. Now,
there’s only one way to do.
There’s nothing you can do.
He offers it to you.”

You can't merit it. Nothing
you can do to get it. He just
gives it to you. Will you
accept what He did for you,
to keep you from hell?"

130 He said, “I’ll do that.” He said, “But if I could just get rid of these cigarettes.”

131 I said, “The cigarettes
will take care of theirselves.
You just...I ain’t asking you.
I’m not a legalist. I believe in
grace.

‘And all the Father has given
Me will come to Me.’” I said,
“If you believe that with all
your heart!”
He said, “With all my heart, I
believe it.”

132 “Then will you accept it on those basis, that you’re not worthy of it, but He’s the One that’s worthy? Don’t look at yourself; look at Him,

'cause you can't do nothing
for yourself. Look at the One
that did something for you.
What about Him?"

“Oh,” he said, “He’s worthy.”
I said, “That’s it, then accept
what He gives you.”
He said, “I do.”

133 And I baptized him in
the Name of Jesus Christ.
And him go out of here and
light up a cigarette.

134 A few weeks ago I was
down to his homeplace. I
saw a vision one night, of an
evergreen tree being cut
down, turned upside down. I
seen boards nailed on it.

Right next to the last board was a notable board. And down below that board, right down towards the end, running out like this, the tree broke right there.

And a Voice said, “It should have been you,” or, “It would have been you.” And Papa Cox fell, mashed his back in here.

And so the next morning they brought his cigarettes to him when he was in the bed, the desire had done left him.

Weeks ago! He's never tasted one, don't even want one or nothing else.

See? And I seen him a while ago, when his hands was just brown all over, a few weeks ago, with cigarettes, and now he can't even stand for one to be around him.

Put first things first! Don't
try to get good; you're bad,
to begin with, and nothing
you can do. There's a
separating line, and all
human beings is on that side.

Repent, and then be baptized,
and then the Guide will take
you from there on.

62-1014E - A Guide

102 In Saint John, the 1st chapter and the 1st verse, he said He is the Word, He is the Guide:

“In the beginning was the
Word, the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.
And the Word was made
flesh and dwelt among us.”

My!

103 Peter was led to say, on Acts 2:38, how to receive the Holy Ghost, he said, “Repent, every one of you, then be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for remission of your sins, and then the Guide will take you from there on.”

Yeah, that's the thing to do. First, repent of your sins, your unbelief, that you've disbelieved these things. Repent, and then be baptized, and then the Guide will take you from there on.

See, that's your duty. It's
your duty to repent. It's your
duty to be baptized. Then it's
the Guide's duty to take you
from there on,

lead you from virtue to
knowledge, to temperance,
to patience, to godliness,
and to brotherly love, and
the Holy Ghost seals you.

See?

Then you're a full stature of
God, a real man of God, a
real woman of God,
anchored away in Christ. I
love that, that anchored
away in Christ.

WASHED BY THE WORD

Blood changed - the day that
the denomination crucified the
Word of God that's the day the
Word come into full effect.
That's just been recently.

63-0707M - The Indictment
110 Now, and Christ is God's
provided Lamb. Notice how
appropriate it was now,
showing that that Jerusalem
was ceasing. When?

It was in effect until that
hour. The blood of the lamb
was all right until that day,
but now at the crucifixion it
changes. The old system is
done.

There was a new one, and
the—the Lamb was at the
Sacrifice. The Lamb, the
sacrificial Lamb, was on the
grounds.

They were condemning and
doing the very thing there
that they had to do. That's
right.

111 God be blessed, for
seeing this wonderful
Heavenly Light in this last
day! Because, the churches is
doing the same thing today.

Until the hour that
organization religion is
condemned and proved to
be sacrificing Christ's Word,
from then on comes the
Word, and the Word only.

From, the old paschal lamb
passed away and Christ
become our Lamb, at the day
of the crucifixion.

And the day that the
denomination crucified the
Word of God and accepted a
creed in the stead of the
Word, that's the day the
Word come into full effect.
That's just been recently.

The Word washed you. But if
you won't stand in the Water
of the Word, how you going
to be washed

65-1125 - The Invisible Union
Of The Bride Of Christ

272 Your first wedding was
annulled. It was. You never
done it, in the first place.

Because, there's only one thing
could do it,

that would be God come
down, Himself, and took your
place in a form of the Son of
God, Jesus Christ, and washed
you by the Water, of the
washing of the Water by the
Word.

The Word; not the
denomination! The Word
washed you. But if you won't
stand in the Water of the
Word, how you going to be
washed? You're still as spotted
as Eve was.

Oh, dear dying Lamb, Thy
precious Blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church
of God
Be saved to sin no more.

273 What is sin? Sin is
“unbelief.” Unbelief in what?
The Word; unbelief in God,
which is the Word.

274 Pure, unadulterated; oh,
hallelujah; leaving soon for
the skies; amen; standing
ready. Think.

Your garments, washed by
the Water of the bleeding
Word! The Word become
Blood. The Word bled for
you, and you are washed in
bleeding Word.

The Word, bleeding! The Life
of God in the Word, and the
Word was bled for you, that
you might be washed from
the filth of these prostitutes,

and be cleaned and
sanctified by the washing of
the Water of the Word, and
makes your mind and heart
stayed on God and on His
Word.

You must be a perfect Bride -
how can you do it through
anything else but the perfect
Word of God?

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be
62 Oh, but the other one is
called, “My Father’s House.” “I’ll
go and prepare a place for you.
Take you out of this pesthouse
and deliver you into My Father’s
House.” Amen.

There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death exists.

It's a perfect place calling you
to that perfection, and you
have to be perfect to get there.
The Bible said so. Jesus said,
"Be ye therefore perfect, even
as your Father in Heaven is
perfect."

It's a perfect Kingdom, so it
must be a perfect people
come. Because, you have to
stand and be married to a
perfect Son of God, and you
must be a perfect Bride.

So how can you do it
through anything else but
the perfect Word of God,
which is, “The Waters of
separation, that washes us
from our sins”? Amen. That’s
right.

The Blood of Jesus Christ,
think of It, the dripping,
Bloody Word. Amen. The
Blood, the—the Word of God
bleeding Blood, to wash the
Bride in. Amen.

Yes, sir. She stands perfect,
virgin, unadulterated. She
never sinned, in the first
place. Amen. She was
trapped into it. See?
There's the Father's House
that He's gone to prepare.

That predestinated Seed
that sees It and accepts It,
his sins are demolished. It's
gone. It's separated.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

587 Then, we stand justified in
the Presence of God. As a drop of
ink dropping into a—a—a tub full
of bleach, you'll never find the
stain of the ink no more.

It went somewhere. It'll never
come back again. And when
man is truly redeemed, that
predestinated Seed that sees It
and accepts It, his sins are
demolished. It's gone. It's
separated.

It's dropped into the ink of
the—of the Blood of Jesus
Christ, and it's never to be
remembered. God forgets it.
And he stands as a son and
daughter of God, in the
Presence of God.

Amen and amen! “Now we
are the sons of God.” Not
we will be; we are! Now we
are redeemed.

588 We have Satan's
answer. God has vindicated
Himself. God has proved
Himself, to His promise in
this day. Hallelujah! The
Headship is here.

Amen! Christ, the risen Lord,
is here in the same Power of
His resurrection that He ever
was, manifesting Himself.
There's the devil's answer.

When this mystery, is made
known to you, then you
denounce all the things of the
world.

63-0728 - Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed
403 Look it, having the
revelation of this secret
made known to them by His
grace!

Look! When this great
revelation, revealed mystery,
is made known to you, then
you denounce all the things
of the world.

The Son of man - strength to
fly above the things of the
world

65-0725M - The Anointed
Ones At The End Time
The Son of man is Christ; He
is the One that you're
feeding on.

You're not feeding on a man;
a man, his words will fail. But
you're feeding on the
unfailing Body-Word of the
Son of man.

367 If you haven't fed fully on
every Word, to give yourself
strength to fly above all these
denominations and things of
the world, will you at this time
do it, while we pray?

That perfection is patience —
waiting on God and waiting
for God.

An Exposition Of The Seven
Church Ages (6 - The
Thyatirean Church Age)
How highly God regards this
outworking of our patience
is seen in James 1:4,

“But let patience have her
perfect work, that ye may be
perfect and entire, lacking
nothing.” God’s will for us is
Perfection.

And that perfection is
patience — waiting on God
and waiting for God. This is
the process of character
development.

NOT GOVERNMENT BUT REVELATION

To convert people to
Christianity, and to its
government, is not God's
thought at all

63-0728 - Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed
443 Then, listen, so many
people has got the wrong
conception.

The—the...To convert people
to Christianity, and to its
government, is not God's
thought at all.

You say, “We make converts
to Christianity by His
government.” That’s not it.
“Well, they’re not supposed
to drink.

They're not supposed to lie.”
Do you know the
Mohammedans can outshine
you?

We're not suppose to make
converts to Christianity by a
government; but by the
revelation.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

448 Now notice, God making
Hissself known. Not, we're not
suppose to make converts to
Christianity by a government;

but by the revelation, the
Christ in you, as God was in
Christ. As God was in Christ,
Christ in you! When, what
God did in Christ, Christ does
in you!

What signs did God in Christ,
Christ does in you! Oh, isn't
that beautiful? Uh! Oh, my! I
like that.

449 Jesus said, “At that day,”
that’s this day. “At that day,”
when this revelation is made
known, “you will know that I am
in the Father, and the Father in
Me; I in you, and you in Me.”

When the revelation is made
manifest, “At that day ye
shall know that I and the
Father are One; I am in the
Father, and the Father is in
Me.”

Then when the revelation
comes forth, then it's, "I in
you, and you in Me." There
you are. See the manifold,
threefold mani-...

What for? To bring it back.
We've got to be... As Jesus
was the Word of God, He
vindicated the same.

The Church becomes the
Word when it lets the Word
go through them.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed

377...And the same thing,
Christ was the Word, and the
Church becomes the Word
when it lets the Word go
through them.

WATER TO BOIL OUT THE
TRASH

That is not water. That's the
Holy Ghost

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

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,

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.

This man who was pouring
the water, pouring the
Message into the church.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

122 Now, but in this church
age, the Message is being
poured into the church.

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.

Water not contaminated by
the things that it had went
through, still pure and clear

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

104 She turned and went down the mountain. Going down the mountain, she stopped at the bottom of the mountain and looked back.

She saw five streams of this
pure, crystal water, not
contaminated by the things
that it had went through, still
pure and clear, coming
swiftly.

Then it slowed up. Then,
almost fading out, and she
was wondering would it ever
reach the bottom of the
mountain, five streams. And
she woke up.

You cannot make a holy
church but the Holy Spirit can
be preached in it.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

120 And, now, you cannot
make a holy church. There is
no such a thing as a holy
church or holy organization.

The Holy Spirit can be
preached in it, but in there
you find good and bad,
renegades, indifferent, and
everything else.

123 This tabernacle, we'll
say. (That's where she comes
to church.) This tabernacle is
not a Holy Ghost tabernacle.
There is no such a thing.

Individuals that come into this
church is Holy Ghost
tabernacles. They are
tabernacles that contain the
Holy Ghost, but not the church
in the body, a group. Therefore,
It runs out.

RESTITUTION

That's what we come to
church for, is to find out
where our faults is, and the
things that we might better
ourselves by.

61-1119 - Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness

43 There's little things that we
do. And that's what we come to
church for, is to find out where
our faults is, and the things that
we might better ourselves by.

If we come to church for any
other—any other objective
than this, I'm afraid we won't
get too much out of coming
to church.

We must come to find our
weaknesses, find our bad
places and our...how...see
how little we are, and put
our trust in Somebody that's
strong.

Still don't feel condemned
then God doesn't deal with
you.

61-1119 - Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness

390 If you don't...if you are
standing in those conditions
and still don't feel condemned
(whew!), what—what—what you
going to do?

Then you know God doesn't
deal with you, you know
you're past That. See? You're
past That.

You might be ever so
religious, you might belong
to churches and so forth, but
you're past That.

The Word of God goes down
in and brings a person out.
That's the thing that brings
them back. See? So that's
the Word.

I'm not going to say it before
the church, 'cause I love you.

56-0610 - Perfection

158 If a person done what
was wrong, a sister or
brother seeing them doing
wrong, they went to them.

When they come in church,
got them by the arm, went
back here in the little room,
said, “Brother, I seen you at
the wrong place.

I'm not going to say it before
the church, 'cause I love you.
You were wrong. Let's us
pray now." See?

The real Christian way is to
hide everything you can from
a brother. Don't tell his bad
things.

62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus

130 And that old scheme has
never ceased. There's many
times that a minister will
make a mistake.

And if he comes into a
neighborhood, a precious
brother who is trying to do
what's right, and to lead the
people right;

everything that the devil can
point to the unbeliever or
the so-called Christian, in
that neighborhood, to throw
off on that man, he'll do it.

You know, the real Christian
way is to hide everything you
can from a brother. Don't tell
his bad things. Just tell his
good things.

Just tell what you know
about him is good. If
anything is bad, let it alone.
Poor fellow has got enough
against him, anyhow.

Don't try to take a pole and
shove a man further into the
ditch. The Christian attitude
is pick him up and take him
out of the ditch. See?

Don't never try to shove him
down. He is down, already.
Try to help him up.

And, but, too many of us
today, too many people
today, I might say, try to do
that, if they could just get
something another that they
could say, that was real bad.

131 Now, for instance, if—if
one of you brethren would
make a mistake and do
something is wrong; which,
you're subject to do it; I am,
too; every one of us.

But, as we go along, let's
remember we are brothers.
We are brothers.

SETTING THE MIND FOR HOLINESS

Sanctification sets our mind
in order for holiness, to think
right.

64-0802 - The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride

91 Then, secondly, comes
sanctification, which sets our
mind in order for holiness, to
think right.

Taken away...sanctification is
a compound Greek word,
which means “cleaned, and
set aside for service.”

Sanctification sets the heart,
the mind of the heart, in order
of holiness.

64-0802 - The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride

95 Now notice, sanctification,
the third stage...second stage of
it, cleanses the mind; sets the
heart, the mind of the heart, in
order of holiness.

96 A man can repent of sins
and he is still thinking
of...Well, maybe he's a—a
immoral man, every immoral
looking woman he finds, is
still there.

Maybe he's a drunkard; every
time he smells the drink, it's
still there. See?

97 But then when he gets
sanctified, that cleanses that
desire out of him. See? It takes
the want of it away. He can still
be tempted, but He takes the
want of it away. Still, he's not
right yet.

When the Word Itself is
pouring into our faith, our
mental faith becomes a
spiritual revelation.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

143 And the biggest part of
our faith is mental faith. By
hearing the Word, it brings
us to a mental recognition of
God.

144 But if This, coming from
Above, oh, brother, if It ever
strikes this, there is a godly
spiritual faith. Then what
does that faith do? That faith
recognizes only the Word.

No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

And the Word is still God. “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” And when the Word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation.

145 “And upon this
foundation I’ll build My
Church.” See? Not upon a
mental conception of church
joining, a mental conception
of That;

but upon the revelation,
when them streams of grace
has poured into that mental
faith that you've got.

Then, upon this, a spiritual
revelation, “I’ll build My
Church, and the gates of hell
can’t prevail against It.” See?

That shows they would be
against It, but it'll never
prevail. Oh, what a glorious
thing! Now see the faith.
These five streams...