

A NOTE TO OUR READERS: *My heart continues to be warmed by your faithful support, both spiritually and financially! There is so much that we, as Bride, need to be made aware of so that we, who are the Building, will fit perfectly with the Headstone when He comes for us! My great burden is to keep preaching His Gospel until Building and Headstone become one.*

*Thank You, Precious Friends,
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Mat. 7:13-14 and also Mat. 21-23, **“Enter ye in at the strait gait: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Mat. 7:21-23, **“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

STANDING AROUND THE GATE

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cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

QUOTE: CHRIST THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED, “I don’t know how many is going to be saved in that last moment, to Rapture that little group. It will be a small group, I’ll tell you that. For strait is the gate and narrow is the way, and but few that will find it.” (End of quote)

This sermon is meant as a follow up of the one we preached in August of 2013 called ONLY ONE FORM OF ETERNAL LIFE. If God has blessed the August sermon to you, then do the writer a favor and make copies of it for your friends, who may be lingering around the Gate, because God’s great desire is to see them safely inside! I will read the following quotes before I preach:

QUOTE: C.O.D. BOOK, PAGES 115-116, “Now, who places the pattern? God, by Election. Amen! God by Election places the pattern. He said, “Now, I have chosen before the foundation of the world....I place these...” Why,

Jesus told the disciples that He was with them, and He had chose them, and knew them before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Is that right? So, God places the pattern. Now, there’ll be an Elect that’ll go in the Rapture. And there’ll be a group of people that’s good, upright, holy-living, God-saved people that will not be in the Rapture; and they’ll come up in the second resurrection, because...

Oh, I—hope you won’t get angry with me if I just make something real plain here to you. See? Don’t do it. I—I’ve got to say it. Look. Now look. Then, I’m going to say this: There’s a people that believe in Justification by faith (See?), and they live a good clean, holy life; they believe in Sanctification too. Look at Judas Iscariot. Judas Iscariot was justified when he believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as his personal savior—Judas Iscariot. Judas Iscariot was sanctified in John 17:17 and was given power in Matthew 10 to go out and cast out devils. And Judas Iscariot come back after he healed the sick and cast out devils, and he come back rejoicing and shouting just as much as any good Holy Roller you ever seen. Is that right? The Bible

says so. But when he came to Pentecost, he showed his color. Now watch that—that spirit.

There's people in the world today, good Christian people that'll believe in Justification, many of them, thousands, millions that believe in Justification. But they'll have nothing to do with Sanctification. We'd say that's Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and so forth. They believe in Justification; preach it. And it's good; they're right.

But now, the—the Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, Free Methodist move up into Sanctification. They believe in Sanctification. Correctly! They're right. And they get victory, and shout, and praise the Lord. They're correct; they're right. But speak to either one of them about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the power, and signs, and wonders they'll show their color right there. say, "I don't want none of that. I don't believe..." Well, even to my good Nazarene people, believe that a man speaks with tongues is of the Devil.

Why, thy put Dr. Reedhead out of the Sudan Mission, the president of it, because that he spoke with tongues. Said, "We can't have it."

I said, "You can't preach like Paul then. You can't accept Paul's Gospel, for Paul said, 'Forbid not to speak with tongues.'" That's right. But they—they say it's of the Devil. They've seen a lot of counterfeits, and carry it all over there. See? But there is a justified and sanctified church; but deny the baptism of the Holy Ghost is a differ-

ent work from Sanctification. But it is—it is a different work. Sure it is.

Now, you cannot have the Father without having the Son. You can't have the Son without having the Holy Ghost, but you can be Justified without being Sanctified. And you can be both Justified and Sanctified and still not have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. See? That's true. That's Scripture. "These three," He said, "that bear record in Earth." (End of quote)

There are millions of people on Earth that are out of church and totally lost! There are other millions who are in denominational churches who may love the Lord, but who have not as yet been converted. With all our heart we pray for the people in both of these groups, to them we give warning, "Turn to God with all your heart and He will give you the Holy Ghost." There is no Eternal Life except for those who will receive God's Holy Spirit into their heart? But in this sermon we want to deal with a much smaller group of people who have come right up to the Gate of Heaven...and are standing there but have not yet entered in! They have believed on God's End-Time Prophet, they have accepted his Message, as far as they know it, but they do not yet have Eternal Life! They are some of them Justified, with sins forgiven and some who are Justified and sanctified, yet are not converted because the Holy Ghost has not come in!

One would think that they would hasten to enter the Gate of the Holy City, and have

their names in the Book of Life, where it can never be removed! A free entrance has been offered from God, through His End-Time Prophet, who clearly preached three definite steps to full Salvation! Jesus Christ waits to welcome them, and fill them with His Spirit, and this is the only form of Eternal Life that there is!

What is wrong with this group that my message is for? Why can't they receive all the revelations that God gave Br. William Branham? This is what we want to find out. They have come a long way down the road toward the Heavenly City, but poor fellows, they have stopped just outside the Gate! There are many reasons for their hesitation perhaps, but each reason is very foolish when it keeps them out of the City. Only the Lord Himself can remove the folly that is bound up in their hearts! Yet, the Lord works through His Church, and he has set forth a five-fold ministry, and it is their duty to show seekers the certain answer to all their doubts and fears. Those who do not take this last step of faith and seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost will perish! To receive the Holy Ghost is to be BORN AGAIN! And to be Born-Again is to be given God's soul to replace our old one that must die. Ezk. 18:4 and 20, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." We repeat, the new soul and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the New Birth are all one and the same! It will be an awful thing to die just outside the Gate of Life, almost saved, but altogether

lost. Remember, Message Believers, there is only one form of Eternal Life, and that is the Spirit of God in us! Those people, who stood outside the Ark, watching to see what would happen, drowned!

A manslayer that was close to the Gate of a City of Refuge, yet still outside, was slain! And the person that is close to God, but has not trusted Him for the Holy Ghost, will be lost!

Is this not a most urgent reason to plead with Message Believers to be certain you have the Holy Ghost? If you should ask, "How may I know for sure, then I give you the answer that Br. Branham gave us, "It is to receive all the revealed Word of God that has been give for this age. To disbelieve one part of it will close the door to you, except it be repented of!

So, my question is, "Why do you stand just outside the Gate and question some of the Word?" If the Holy Ghost, who is Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God, lives in you, then Word will not fight Word! We may not understand it all at once, but we will not be found fighting it. We will wait for it to be revealed to us! it is great foolishness to close our minds to any part of God's word that was revealed to our Prophet! With the End so near, and death and judgment so sure, it is at our own peril that we try to sleep again, as before the Seven Seals were opened!

If the Lord has chosen us for Eternal Life, He will not let us return to our sleep. If we are sensible, we will pray for our spiritual eyes to be fully

opened and that we have entered the Gate to the Eternal City. It is a false hope to think that because we "believe" the End-Time Message, that we are saved!

Lucifer knows it is true, he believes it, but will not be saved! And, why not? Because he sinned away his day of grace! If I should wake up some night and realize that my house was on fire, but sit on the edge of the bed and thank God that I woke up in time, I might yet die sitting on the bed! But if I would get up and head for the door, I would be saved. A man may know he is lost, yet never be saved. He may be made to think about how wrong he is, but never do anything about it. Just thinking about the debts you owe will not get them paid! No! You must take steps to be rid of them.

Are you an End-Time Message Believer, who is willing to be just "awakened" to the Truth, but not eager to obey it all, and forsake all your worldly ways to follow Christ? Only then will you receive the Holy Ghost! It would be an awful thing to appear at White Throne Judgment having believed in God's End-Time Message, but never having done all to walk in all the Light of It, knowing our name was not in the Book.

To come before God with a price in our hand, such as having believed His Message by a Prophet, this would be pride our God could not receive. It is not what we have believed that will get us up in the Rapture, but what we have also *obeyed!* The road outside my office window, that I am look-

ing at, leads to St. Charles, Arkansas. But the road will not take me there. I must travel along the road for myself. And all the sound Message Doctrine that God gave to our Prophet, and has been believed, will never save us, unless we obey it all and repent when we fail. If we would be saved and go up in the soon coming Rapture, we must go further than just *accepting* God's correct doctrine. We must have His Spirit in us that will help us to obey it and cause us to repent when we fail!

I offer the following story of the minister who left this life and appeared at the Gate of Heaven and was met by an angel, who informed him that his name was not in the Lamb's Book of Life!

QUOTE: POSSESSING THE GATE OF THE ENEMY AFTER TRIAL, DENHAM SPRINGS, LA.1964, PG 1-2,

"There was a great evangelist, about seventy-five years ago, I just can't think of his name. I think it was Arthur McCoy, and he had crossed the land. And one night he had a dream that he had went on to Glory. And said he went to the Gate, and he said they wouldn't let him in. And said he said, "I'm Arthur McCoy from the United States. I'm an evangelist."

So the gatekeeper went in, (now this was a dream), and he went in, said, "I can't find your name at all."

He said, "Well, I was an evangelist."

He said, "Well, is there a chance that...There is something wrong."

And he said, "Well, can I do anything about it?"

He said, "You might appeal your case to the White Throne Judgment." God, help. I don't want to be there.

He said, "Well, if that's my only hope, I guess I'll just have to appeal my case then."

And said then he thought he went way away, and just....And as he begin, said it was darkness, and got lighter and lighter, and said it seemed like there was no certain place this Light stopped, but he was right in the center of It. And said He said, "Who approaches My Throne of Judgment?"

He said, "I'm Arthur McCoy. I'm an evangelist, sent many souls to the Kingdom."

He said, "Was your name not found upon the Book?"

"No."

Said, "Then you've appealed to My Court?"

"Yes, sir."

"You shall receive justice. I judge you by My laws. Arthur McCoy, did you ever tell a lie?"

He said, "I thought I was a pretty good man till I stood in that Light." He said, "But in the presence of that Light, I

was a sinner." We'll all be that. You might feel secure now, but wait till you come There. How do you think it feels here when He's anointing? How little you can feel! What will it be at that White Throne Judgment?

He said, "Did you ever tell a lie?"

He said, "I thought I had been truthful, but some little things that I thought was little white lies, they become big and dark there."

He said, "Yes, sir, I've told a lie."

He said, "Did you ever steal?"

He said, "I thought I had been honest about it, and never stole, but said, in the presence of that Light, I—I realized there was some deals that I pulled, that wasn't just right."

He said, "Yes, sir, I've stole."

He said, "My judgment...."

And he just about ready to hear his sentence, "Depart into everlasting fire which was prepared for the Devil and his angel," said every bone was coming apart.

Said, "I heard the sweetest voice I ever heard in my life."

He said, "When I turned to

look, I saw the sweetest face I ever saw; sweeter than a mother's face, sweeter voice than my mother ever called me." Said, I looked around. I heard a voice, said, "Father, that is true, he did tell lies, and he wasn't just honest. But, down on Earth, he stood for Me," said, "Now I'll stand in his place." (End of quote)

This teaching does not do away with the teaching that the Foolish Virgins will receive Eternal Life. It only points out that *all* who will have Eternal Life must, at sometime or another, receive the Holy Ghost, which is the New Birth, which is the Spirit of Christ in us. It has been Christ *above* us, and Christ *with* us, but now it's Christ *in* us! Amen.

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