

The Spirit Of The Message Pt8

Forgiveness

LUKE 9:51-56

51. *And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,*
52. *And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.*
53. *And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.*
54. *And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?*
55. *But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.*
56. *For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*

ACTS 11:26b

- 26b. *And the disciples were called [Christians] first in Antioch.*

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Christianos {khris-tee-an-os'}

- 1) *Christian, a follower of Christ*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0515]

There's only one way to be a Christian. The word "Christian" means "Christ-like."

THE IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY [57-0120M]

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."

MATTHEW 6:14-15

14. *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:*
15. *But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED [62-0318]

Someone come, the other day, said somebody said something bad about me, and--and accusing me of something that was wrong. And I said, "Oh, forget it."

Said, "How can you take it like that? That involves your family, that."

I said, "Oh, my!" I said, "**That was predestinated before the foundation of the world, to give me a trial.**" I said, "Oh, my, my, my! Sure. So that's all right."

Said, "How do you do it?"

I said, "If I looked right down this a way, I'd be falling all the time."

TESTIMONY [53-0902]

It's your attitude towards things. Don't condemn others. If they do wrong, be good to them anyhow. Just look over those things. Because God's had to look over a whole lot for you and I.

MATTHEW 5:43-44

43. *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

44. *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

THAT DAY ON CALVARY [60-0925]

Someone said, "How can you stand and let anybody call you such bad names?" **You don't live for yourself. You live for others that you might redeem that man.** You become sons. And the trouble of it is, the church has forgot they were sons. You are sons. You're taking Christ's place. You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who'd kill you if they could.** That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you get, that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then.

LUKE 23:33-34a

33. *And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*

34a. *Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.***

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [59-1223]

Now, if the spirit of Elijah upon John would make John act like Elijah, **the Spirit of God upon you will make you act like Jesus**. Now, there's where you find the Holy Spirit. See? That's what the Holy Spirit does. It makes you meek, makes you humble, makes you forgiving.

Could they pull whiskers from your face, if you had them there, jerk them out and spit in your face, when you had the power to call a--legions of Angels? Could you do that for the love of the people that was spitting in your face? Could you do it? If somebody just walked up to you and said, "Hey, you hypocrite." and smacked you on one side of the face, could you pray for their forgiveness? Now, that's where trust--test whether you got the Holy Spirit or not. See? When somebody says something evil against someone, sometimes that claims to have the Holy Spirit. "I'll get even with her if it takes me my last day." See? Now, **there's where you check about your Holy Spirit**. See? "*Blessed are you when men shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My Name's sake.*" But you go get even with them? No. "*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*" See?

When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can't say something good about them, then don't say nothing. Just let it go. See? And then when you get to yourself, **pray for them**.

If there's one thing in my life that's helped me to understand that the Holy Spirit came into me down there that day, has been that.