

The Holy Spirit Is Divine Love

Romans 5:5, “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

And the very plan of salvation of God; **when a man shuts up his heart against God's plan, he becomes in darkness.** Did you know that? God has a way; it's past finding out (*Rom. 11:33*). But when a man rejects Light, there's nothing else but darkness.

Same way it is now, sinner friend of mine, **when you spurn love, you must stand judgment. No way out of it. God gives you love first, offers it to you (*I John 4:19*). But if you spurn it, there's nothing left but judgment (*II Thess. 2:9-12*).** So accept it today, **the love of God (*Rom. 5:8*).** [1]

What is sin? Not drinking, not smoking, not gambling, not rejecting church. **Sin is unbelief (*John 16:8-9*).** Is that right? He that believeth not is condemned already. See? You're not destroyed or separated from God because you're a sinner. **You're separated from God because you refuse to walk with Him, to walk in His provided way.**

You've got death and life before you. Just like Adam and Eve, every man's a free moral agent. And the Tree of Life and tree of death is before us all (*Gen. 2:16-17*). You can take either one you wish to. It depends on what tree you eat off of is what you are. That's right. **God created you a free moral agent to do whatever you want to do about it. He can't make you love Him, and He doesn't force you to love Him.**

If I forced my wife to love me, I'd be afraid to marry her. But she accepted me for what I was and married me. That's right. And she loved me and she accepted me that way. And that's the way we got to come to God. **He wants us to love Him, and come, and believe His Word (*John 14:23*).** [2]

"Well," you say, "what good would it do to have faith?" Faith can sign my pardon, sure; **there's value in faith.** Don't be weary; don't be scared; don't be upset; just have faith and believe. **And the only way you can have faith, you have to have love first, for love produces faith (*Gal. 5:6*).** Get it. **Perfect love casts out all fear (*I John 4:18*).**

Wished I had time to tell you the experiences with wildlife, of what I've seen conquered by faith, **by love.** [3]

As long as you got fear you can't have faith. **So you got to have love first. It drives all fear out, and then faith comes in, takes the place of fear.** So when you have that you're coming right along. [4]

Fear companies doubt. Love companies faith. I love my Father. I'm not afraid of Him, because I love Him. He wouldn't hurt me. He will do good for me.

Perfect love casts out fear, and sin, all discord; love does. [6]

I said, "Love produces faith, not faith, love." **You have to love first, before you can have faith.** So if you say you got faith, and don't Divinely love God, you're faith's in vain. See? **You've got to love God.** Therefore, you could join all the churches in the country, do anything you wanted to, make all the confessions you want to, **but if there is a genuine, real Holy Spirit, born again love in your heart for God, your faith's in vain** (*II Peter 1:3-5*). No matter how much you confess that you believe God, that has nothing to do with it. **It's got to be born in the human heart. Then you got Eternal Life,** can never be separated from God (*Rom. 8:38-39*). [7]

And faith and love is relation, because you can't have faith unless you got love, because your faith is in a God Who is the very essence of love. Faith and love works together.

Here, just like a young couple. You take a young man and young woman, and they fall in love with one another. And as they go along and begin to know one another more, their hearts just begin to beat as one. See? They're not husband and wife, **but their love binds them together, and they have confidence in one another.** Now, if they really love one another, really love, and you know that this girl loves you and she knows that you love her, you've got confidence – faith in one another; if you didn't, you'd better not marry her.

Notice, you got to have faith. And you separate them and put one extreme south and one extreme north, there's still that love beats for one another, no matter where they're at. They're just as true to one another as they can be, because they love one another. **And if you love the Lord, just not trying to dodge hell, but you love the Lord, then you have faith in God; see, if you love Him.**

Like a young girl... just happened here in Louisville, not long ago. A woman, she was a Christian for many years, but her husband had just... fell in love, she fell in love with this man. He had been a Christian, a couple years. And so they got married; **they loved and had confidence in one another, and they got married.** And so the woman said to the man, said, "Hubby, it must be hard on you, you're just a young Christian. You've had so much to go through with." Drinking is what it was. Said, "You've had so much to go through with." And said, "I know you're bound to be tempted awfully hard." And said, "I want you to know one thing now. Now, if you happen to fall, if you happen to fall into temptation and is overcome, don't stay away from home; you come on back. You come right here, 'cause **I'm going to be right here waiting for you, and I'm going to help you pray through again until you get victory.** I'm going to stay with you, because when I married you, I married you because I loved you. And no matter what you are, I still love you."

Few days after that, he was eating his lunch with the fellows down in the boiler room, he was telling them about it, said, "Now, how could a man ever do anything wrong when somebody loves you like that?" There you are. How could you trespass that confidence?

And when we were sinners, alienated, without God; in the world, in that muck of mud, **God come to us! God sought you, you never sought God** (*Rom. 10:20*).

"No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first." (John 6:37,39,44). **And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out!** (*Eph. 2:1-6*). **That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you were, and look what you are.** What did that? **Somebody that loved you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.**

He caught me when I was nothing. I'm still nothing, but I'm in His hand. See, He caught me. And He loved me when I was unlovable. He loved you when you were unlovable, **but He changed you.** Just like the colored sister said, that time in her testimony, **she said, "I'm not what I ought to be, and I'm not what I want to be, then I'm not what I used to be!"** She knew she had come somewhere, **something happened.** And that's the way it is. If God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up, **that gives me confidence that He wants to use me. He's got a purpose in doing it** (*Rom. 8:28*). **He has seen something in me. He has seen something in you. He had a reason to save you, look at the people that are unsaved today.** Look at the millions He could have taken beside you, but He took you. Amen! **No one can take your place.** Amen! You're in God's economy. No one can do it. **That's His Love to you.**

Then, won't your love reach right back to Him? And there's a love affair. **No matter what the situation is, its circumstances are governed by this Love that creates Faith: that God loves you and you love God, and you love one another, and that brings the Faith.** All right. Then it can't keep from bringing out just exactly what God promised it would do.

Now, watch! **Perfect Faith is pure, just as pure as love is.** See? Now, when you love somebody, and you love your husband or you love your wife. Now, there's no need of anybody telling you "you don't" do it, because you do it, and you know you do it.

Now, if I'd ask you, "How can you prove you do it?"

"Oh, I prove it by the way I live to him." See? "I'm a true, honest wife. I'm a loyal, honest husband, and that proves to me that I love my wife; or I love my husband." See, **your life proves what you are. The same thing Christianity does.** See? Your faith, you have confidence in one another, it's pure. **And it's something real, that you can't show it to somebody else, yet you got it, and your actions prove it.**

And when you got pure, unadulterated Faith, like your love is to your companion, then you prove it by the way you act. You ain't complaining no more, you know it's done, just walk along. No matter what the thing looks like, what anybody else says, you know what's happened. **You know that it's finished;** just as well as you know you love your husband. See, **love and faith has to go together.** They're kinfolks, they love. **Love produces Faith.**

When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a Perfect Faith in a Perfect Word, like Jesus did (*James 4:7*). The Word of God is perfect. **We're to have Perfect Faith in this Perfect Word, and resist Satan.**

Notice now another. **Perfect Faith is a master of all circumstances.** Perfect Faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, It masters it. Now, just

watch! When you believe anything, do anything, and you got faith in what you're doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that doesn't have one thing to do with it. See, it masters that circumstance. If it's in a room of sickness, **and the Lord's revealed that this certain thing's going to happen, you just speak it and go on.**

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Now, love is in two different words, two different meanings. In the Greek, one of them is called "phileo"; that's the love that you have for your wife. **"Agapao" is the love, Divine love. Now, the love that you have for your wife, and the love of God is so contrary.** Just listen to this. The love that you have for your wife, if a man would insult her, you would kill him on the spot, with that kind of a love, a phileo love. **But with Agapao love, you'd pray for his lost soul.** That'd be the difference.

There's two different types of love. And I'm almost sure that many of us have been deceived with having phileo love and thinking it's Agapao love. **Phileo love is intellectual; Agapao love comes from the heart (Rom. 5:5).** That's human love, affectionately love, and godly love. **Godly love doesn't question. Human love reasons, but godly love doesn't. It's perfect in its trust.** It's perfect... **It just produces faith when you really love.** [9]

Now watch. **The first is the perfect love, that's God's love, pure and unadulterated.** The next, comes in there, **is phileo love,** that's love that you have for your wife and your children. The next, drops after that, **is lustful love.** The next is **ungodly love.** And just goes on down till it's filth, just keep on perverting, perverting. [10]

Love should govern the home. Love is the greatest force that was ever put into the power of man. A home that's not disciplined by love is not much of a home. If the husband and wife don't solemnly love each other, they cannot trust each other. That's why I think that instead of resting our faith upon some emotion (which is all right) or some gift (which is all right), like shouting, speaking with tongues, or with other things that we take for--saying that we have the Holy Spirit when we do this... Those things are all right. **But if we would come back to the principle, love first, and then those things, I think our church would progress a lot faster, if we would get God first; and God is love.** [9]

John 14:23, Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he'll keep My Words." **Now you can't keep His Words without having faith in what He said.** So, you see, **if he loves God, then he keeps God's Word.** If He said, *"I'm the Lord that healed thee," (Exod. 15:20),* he believes that. **Love makes him believe it, because love dominates all.** *"Though I speak with tongue of man and Angels, have not love, it's nothing, see. Though I have faith to move mountains, and have not love, it's nothing." (I Cor. 13).* **Love dominates all, 'cause God is love, a God of love (I John 4:16).** Now, yes, sir! If Jesus said, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My Words." [11]

Listen to this: A true translation that I proclaim, of prophecy said over Brother Branham, given by Danny Henry in French, February the 11th, 1961, at the Full Gospel Business Men's breakfast. Now, here is what It said:

“Because thou has chosen the narrow path, the harder way, thou has walked in your own choosing. Now, I can see that. Moses had to make his choice, too. Thou hast picked the precise and correct way, correct decision, and it is My Way. Underlined, "My Way," the Holy Spirit speaking back.

Because of this momentous decision, **a huge portion of Heaven awaits thee.** What a glorious decision thou has made. This in itself is that which will make, and come to pass, **the tremendous victory in the love Divine.”**

Now the U.N. interpreter interpreted that. And the boy knows not one word, never heard of such a thing as speaking in tongues. Just happened to drop in there, and heard that music, and said... come up there and stand up there and listen at me preach.

Now, "in the love Divine," Divine love. **How can that be Divine love if it isn't the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is Divine love.** (*Rom. 15:30*). [12]

Now, I don't want you to miss it. You mustn't do that. **Now, just sweetly and humbly, with all that's in your heart, way down deep, just accept It.** Say, "Lord Jesus, right now just take all that's in me, that's unlike You, and let me move **all my pride**, all that's in me, out. All the trash, all the unbelief that's in me, I discard it now, Lord. **I just kick it out. And let the sweet Holy Spirit of God, like a dove, move down in me.** I want to live Eternally, Lord, and I want You to help me at this time. Grant it now."

While you pray, and we're going to hum this song, or sing it lowly, together, I Love Him. **And, remember, it comes by love, for He is love.**

Love, love, love Him. **See what He did for you. It's by love. Love brings obedience. Love brings courtship. Love brings marriage. And that's where we're headed, Marriage Supper of the Lamb.** I hear my Saviour calling, that He loves me, too. Me, too!

Just all your heart, just feel Something real sweetly coming into you. That's the Holy Spirit.

If I've done anything wrong, my hand to You, Lord, means I'm sorry. My hand to You, Lord, means that I didn't want to do it. And I know I'm dying, Lord. I've got to leave this world, in physical form. I want to meet You. My hand means, take it, Lord. **Fill me with the Spirit. Give me the Token of Your love upon me, the Holy Ghost, that'll make me live sweetly, gently, make me live the Life that was in Christ; that my heart will burn for others, that I'll just not rest hardly, day and night, till I can get everybody that I can.** [13]

Oh, brother, **God gave the Holy Spirit, God's Love to control the church, not smart, educated, but love.** Gifts go in the church, but it doesn't control the church. **Love controls the church.** *"God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son."* (*John 3:16*). **His love constrained Him to do it. When Divine love is projected, grace produces its object.** And God loved the world so much till sovereign grace projected a Saviour to the world. Yes, indeed. **And when you love God so much, sovereign grace will project to you the baptism of the Holy Ghost to make you live, and love, and to be a real Christian.** [14]

You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. **Don't stay home. If God is in your**

heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.

Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exhorted us to, "*Much more as we see that day approaching,*" (Heb. 10:24-25) to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, "*to assemble ourselves together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*" (Eph. 2:6) and love one another. "*This will all man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other*" (John 13:35). [15]

Flee the wrath that is to come. **Go to the cross and cry until your heart is filled with His Spirit,** that'll turn your back from everything of the world, and walk godly before Him **with your heart burning for Him. Love, not a duty; it is not a duty to serve Christ; it's a love that serves Christ.** It strains you, constrains you, till every pulsation of your life beats with Him (*II Cor. 5:14*). [16]

One of them said, "If all the ocean was ink, and every stalk on earth a quill, and all the skies of parchment made, to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry, or could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky."

It's love, not love for one another, not love for the world, **but the love of God.** The love for your wife is "phileo" love. **The love for God is "agapao" love, million miles higher. Every love, not agapao love,** is perverted love which **has an end.** And everything that had a beginning has an end. And human love had a beginning and it has an end.

Oh, the blessed eternal God, love of God, had no beginning; and it'll never have an end. When the oceans have wept themselves into deserts, and the world has got so full of sin, till the heavens have turned its back on it, and it staggers out through space, like a drunk man coming home, **the love of God shall still endure, saints' and angels' song** (*I Cor. 13:1-13*). [17]

God projects His love. **And His love makes you what you are.** [9]

And I heard a voice then, said Brother Branham, that spoke to me that was in the room, said, "**This is what you preached was the Holy Ghost. This is perfect love. And nothing can enter here without it.**"

I am more determined than ever in my life that it takes perfect love to enter there. There was no jealousy. There was no tiredness. There was no death. Sickness could never enter there. Mortality could never make you old, and they could not cry. It was just one joy: "Oh, my precious brother." [18]

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There's coming one with a Message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated Seed of God has heard It. [Bro.Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, pg.724]