

JESUS SHALL CHANGE OUR VILE BODY & FASHIONED LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY

1. **In Reading The Bible The Term “Finally” Means You Need To Look Back To See What Was Said**
 - a) Turn to Philippians 3:1, the 4th chapter he summarizes, and if I have not read Philippians 4:8 what do you think I would do if I have not read Philippians 4? What do you think would come from my mind? My mind would tell me that I would need to go back and see what he had been saying, either I am bringing something to a conclusion or I said something prior where I branched off.
 - b) **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brethren rejoice in the Lord...
 - c) That is something that we should all do. Another place it said rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:6)

2. **Those That Are Perfect & Thus Minded Are Looking Forward In Being Changed**
 - a) **Philippians 3:21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
 - b) You have two kinds of people here. We have one group of the people who are looking forward to 3:21. Turn to 3:21, also keep this in mind for references two words we are doing to be using perfect or perfection and mature.
 - c) Mature= Perfect, spiritually mature
 - d) Perfect or Perfection= When you get your immortal body
 - e) **Philippians 3:15** Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

3. **We Have 2 Kinds Of Saints In The Church**
 - a) **The Perfect**
 - b) **The Imperfect**

4. **Bishop Expounds On The Perfect**
 - a) They are the spiritually mature, also it could mean when you are changed from mortal to immortal, but you have to reach perfection first.
 - b) When you become spiritually mature there is one quite thing about you that is noticeable, and it is that you are pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
 - c) Even though this is your greatest desire, you could become a wealthy man but, it is not easy but you don't want your wealth to distract you from your goal in 3:21
 - d) Since you and the carnal saint can be wealthy you might as well reach your goal, get your degree, buy your house. Paul said occupy till he come.
 - e) He knows why he is fasting in January, he knows why we come to prayer all the time, he knows why he is sitting up in church Tuesday, Friday, twice on Sunday.
 - f) Those that are mature rooted and grounded you have other things in your life like goals, and affairs to handle and there is nothing in your life that is first on your list above 3:21 when you become mature
 - g) When you become mature you can own a business and make a lot of money and do well, but you have a certain attitude according to 3:21 because owning a business and making a lot of money is not your primary goal in life.

5. **Bishop Expounds On The Imperfect**
 - a) They are working towards spiritual maturity.
 - b) They are babes in Christ and they could be carnal.
 - c) They are also distracted 24/7 that is why he is carnal because he cannot yet learn the real purpose for God calling him into this calling.
 - d) He has not learned why he really found Christ, met Jesus along the way, why he is really fasting and praying; to him it is just something he does because somebody told him to do it.

- e) Probably saying, "Why do we have to do that???" They have not learned that.
- f) Those who are not mature, have not grown in grace, and are not rooted in grounded and these people they go around 3:21 but they are not looking forward to that because they have too many other things in their lives and too many other things going on

6. **You Could Be Wealthy & Still Have Philippians 3:21 In Your View**

- a) Now the reason I used that as an example because in Thessalonians Paul had to write because they were preaching that Jesus is coming soon and some of the people stopped working (2 Thessalonians 3:8-12) because they were thinking why should they do anything else but wait on Jesus and Paul had to tell them that they had the wrong mind about that.
- b) You can be wealthy although Paul said it is not easy to be wealthy and still have a goal of 3:21 but you can own a business, but Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:24)
- c) I just told you that it is not easy to do but, it can be done but you got to make sure you keep your objective, your mark of the prize of the high calling, and continue to make sure that is your priority but, a carnal saint has to do the same thing so since a carnal saint must do the same thing what must you might as well do? Make as much money as you can, since 3:21 is your primary objective anyway.
- d) You can do what you want to do, and you can go where you want to go, and say what you want to say, marry who you want to marry and buy what you want to buy, but you have got to still be looking for Philippians 3:21.

7. **How Do You Feel About Jesus Coming Back Real Soon???**

- a) Search your own heart; and you may be on the midst of something big right now, but how do you feel about it? How do you feel about he may come before you reach your objective and he may come before that comes to pass? But we are all dreaming.
- b) How do you feel about it? Oh there used to be a time in my life where I hoped that Jesus would not come no where soon, why? Because you want to do this and that.
- c) Now these things we call our objectives, goals, and desires many of these things are lawful and legal, it means it is okay to do if you have that.
- d) Some things Satan will put in your way so you got to figure out: Is this what I want to do or is this been given to me? Has this been brought my way to lure me to distract me from reaching the objective?
- e) What is the objective? The prize of the high calling of God described in Philippians 3:21, which is in Christ Jesus, which is my vile body being changed.

8. **Satan Can Get In The Way Of You Reaching Your Primary Objective If You Let Him**

- a) Things come in our life because of our own choosing and desires (we are an industrious nation and you are industrious people and the Luke 9:13 says, "Occupy till he comes" so we are permitted to do that) but then Satan can bring things in your life to throw you off course, to throw you off balance, and you have to figure out is this what I want to do or do I have a little help here, is he throwing me off course?
- b) It is very easy to look at your own affairs and see.... What is wrong with having a bank account, is that the devil? I don't think so. What is wrong with having 2 houses, is that the devil? Not if you are at the other house on a Sunday morning cutting grass.
- c) Then you could be taking a perfectly good thing and make a bad thing out of it, and you just need to know how to manage your time a little better.

9. **Those That Have A Perfect Mind Must Keep That Mind**

- a) Now we are going to 3:1, and for those of us who are perfect, because it says as many as be perfect be thus minded (Philippians 3:15) keep that mind and when you keep this mind that is the thing that keeps you on line and on target. That is the thing what thing? The perfect mind.

- b) Perfect mind= Wanting Jesus to come, wanting your body to be changed from mortal to immortality, because you know that you have already been translated into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:13) and you know that God plans to put you into this other world.
- c) You know there is another world, the world to come is when that world, the holy city is brought down from this world or this planet, so there is another world and this world is called heaven.
- d) Unfortunately not many of the saints really put a lot of time thinking about it, because they are not mature, because you have so many other irons in the fire, as it is we have been saved by "GRACE"

10. **We Must Put Away Childish Things So We Can Grow In The Lord**

- a) Brothers and sisters, we are really a babe in Christ if it vaguely comes to your mind sometimes not all the time the thought of "I wish I hadn't got saved" Whoa! You have got to rebuke that spirit immediately, but when I was a teenager I thought that, and the Lord looked beyond my folly, because when I was growing up momma held the reins and I couldn't do nothing.
- b) I just wanted to be a teenager but he didn't agree with me on that, I just didn't know any better because I was a kid, and when I was a child I spake as a child, I thought as a child but when I became a man I put away childish things. (1 Corinthians 13:11)
- c) When I was a babe in Christ I thought as a babe in Christ, but when I became mature I put away those childish thoughts and things, and I am mature in the Lord and I have grown up in him, and I am out on this highway trying to produce more people that are growing up in him because they help to make the church strong.
- d) The more people you have in your church that are mature minded, the stronger your church is but that depends on the leader.
- e) Pastors cause the people to be who they are. Like sheep like priest (Hosea 4:9)
- f) The more people you have in your church that are more settle minded....
- g) Settle minded means unmoved, steadfast unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- h) You know what you are now? You are mature, perfect.
- i) You may say, "Oh you don't know Sister So and So like I know" Maybe Sister So and So is looking for Jesus.
- j) Let us be thus minded and if any thing be otherwise minded don't worry, he is working that out too so don't let nobody judge you, you got your eyes set on the prize of the high calling and deep in your personal heart and mind and soul, you know you are really looking for the Lord and you are really want to be changed, and they may think that you tell jokes and that you get carnal sometimes, and that shouldn't be in your life but the Lord could work that out too.
- k) So don't worry another scripture says, "Every man that hath this hope in h8im purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (1 John 3:3)

11. **This Hope Of Philippians 3:21**

- a) It leads you
- b) It guides you
- c) It keeps you
- d) It balances you out
- e) It keeps you from going too far and too fast in the wrong direction
- f) It keeps you from leaning too far, it keeps you moving in the right direction because your mind is set on the prize
- g) **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.....

12. **Rejoice In The Lord Always**

- a) And when you have this goal in mind when you would be sad you would be rejoicing, and when you come to church you may be sad but when you leave church you will have joy.

- b) You know who had found that out? I have to come to church to rejoice, what does that mean? I have to come to church and I have to get on that organ and I have to start singing because sometimes they don't want to sing I have to sing, I have to be on that organ and preach, pray for these people whether I'm up or down, whether I am happy or sad, you have to learn to rejoice always.
- c) I DON'T BRING MY ILL FEELINGS TO THE ROSTER! You know why? Because I rejoice always (Philippians 4:4)
- d) There is no one in the Church of the Living God that can say that I come to the pulpit and do anything to you because of something that is in the back of my mind, I don't do that. I can only speak for myself but the rest of these bishops, elders and pastors; you know what you got to do? You got to tighten up the slack and they got to go to Philippians 3:15.
- e) **Philippians 3:1** Finally, my brethren rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.
- f) **Philippians 3:2** Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.
- g) Dogs is not an offensive term as Paul is talking to the Jews here. He called them these things here as these were circumcised Jews who went around continuously to disrupt the Gentiles.
- h) **Philippians 3:3** For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
- i) How they worship Him? In the Spirit.
- j) **John 4:24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

13. **We Must Carefully Interpret John 4:24 As It Means God Is A Spirit-Being**

- a) God is not just a Spirit but a Spirit-being; when it says "God is a spirit" it means that God is in heavenly places.
- b) I like that term "heavenly places" where Ephesians 1:3 says God has blessed us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places.
- c) God is in heavenly places or he is in the heavenly place in the holy city, so we must worship God in the Spirit.
- d) Well, if you are going to worship God in the Spirit you are going to have to HAVE THE SPIRIT.
- e) If you don't have the Spirit, you may go through the motions but, you are not contacting God.
- f) Now there is a danger of trying to worship God without the Spirit, there is a great danger trying to worship God in the Spirit, and you go to these mega churches trying to worship God and they are all "saved" and they tell everyone to pray for your brother and you turn around and lay hands on him and you don't even know who he is, he is a dope-dealer but you have to have the Spirit to worship God in the Spirit.
- g) Now if you are trying to worship God in the Spirit and you don't have the Spirit invariably you are always going to make contact with something out there, and where is it? In the invisible realm (the spirit world) Paul refers to that as principalities and powers. Let's go to Ephesians and find that verse,

14. **Paul Summarizes Ephesians 6:12 With Spiritual Wickedness In High Places**

- a) **Ephesians 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- b) Flesh and blood is here (Side note: Earthly or fleshly realm) principalities are in the spiritual realm because it is not flesh and blood. Where are these powers? It's in the spiritual realm.
- c) It is in the same realm that the heavenly places are, so actually you have principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and I kind of feel like spiritual wickedness in high places are summarizing the whole thing putting that altogether.
- d) Quick recap: Spiritual Wickedness in high places = Summarizes the following: 1) Principalities 2) Powers 3) Rulers of the darkness of this world.
- e) All of these are spiritual wickedness in high places, so high places is in any realm that is not flesh and blood. Where is heaven? On high. Where is God? He is on high. Where is Jesus? He is on high. Let's go back to 3:4

- f) **Philippians 3:4** Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
- g) Because those people in verse 2 have confidence in the flesh, those evil workers & the circumcision. These names of the people in verse 2 are those who are working against the ministry, working against Paul, and coming among the Gentiles trying to subvert them and this happened to some of the Gentiles in Galatia. Galatia was a region in Asia Minor, but now it is called Turkey.
- h) **Philippians 3:5** Circumcised the eighth day...

15. **Paul Lived A Righteous Life Even When He Was In Judaism According To The Law**

- a) Okay, is there any sin in that in the law? Any uncleanness in that? No, we are going to look at this list that Paul could really boast about if he really wanted to but you are going to find that Paul (until he met) the Lord he lived and followed the law to the T.
- b) You don't find Paul saying, "I was struggling with fornication. I was struggling with adultery. I was struggling with alcohol and drugs and I was doing this and doing that." No he was living as far as Judaism is concerned a righteous life, the man was living right.
- c) You know the Lord likes to find godly people and make something out of them.
- d) Although, sometimes he call the people who are DEEP in sin so that they really can have a testimony of how he brought them out, but he likes to find righteous people too and use them.
- e) Paul was not a rank stank sinner when the Lord called him.
- f) Other than Judaism, he was not living in sin. He lived a righteous life according to the law.
- g) He wouldn't take nobody's wife, he wouldn't do none of that, he was a Pharisee of a Pharisee.
- h) Although, this is no prerequisite to being saved now, we are just talking about Paul.
- i) It says here the eighth day because according to the law the circumcision must be done on that day but, you know whenever Paul and Jesus wanted to they could tell the Jews, "You all are not holy as you think you are" because the Jews wandered in the wilderness 40 years and none of them were circumcised until they got ready to cross the Jordan river (Joshua 5:6-8).
- j) **Philippians 3:5** of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin...
- k) This was an elite tribe, you know how you chase your ancestor background and you find you come from this and that, well, when you become mortal you won't become indian or black or biracial I don't know what you are going to be but he said I could brag about being the tribe of Benjamin and all Jews who were of the tribe were very proud of it.
- l) **Philippians 3:5** an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
- m) **Philippians 3:6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
- n) Persecuting the church, now the reason why he was persecuting the church was because he thought he was doing right and he was doing it because he got letters from the Pharisees and while he was doing that he thought he knew God.

16. **The Jews Knew God; Today Christians Say God & Jesus Are The Same Person**

- a) Jews knew God, one thing about the Jews when Jesus was on earth during his first advent (because he is going to come back and finish his ministry) a lot of people they don't look at it right.
- b) The reason why the Jews (Pharisees & Saducees) oppose Jesus so much because, they knew who God was. They knew God, but they just couldn't get pass Jesus with him saying he came from God, and it wasn't that he didn't want to believe him, they knew who God was and then he says I am the Son of God and the Jews said he is making himself equal with God.
- c) **John 5:18** Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.
- d) Now highlight that verse or circle around it so you don't be confused about God and Jesus being the same person.
- e) The Jews understood that Jesus was making himself equal with the Father but Jesus wasn't the Father and we don't understand that.

f) Jesus never said he was God.

17. **When We Look At Scriptures Like Isaiah 9:6 & John 1:1 It Means Jesus Is Equal With God**

- a) Someone told me recently what does it mean when Isaiah says unto us a Son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God; Well, if we pull that phase out all of those other terms refer to Jesus as well.
- b) Just because it says, "Everlasting Father" it doesn't mean he is the Father it simply means equal with the Father.
- c) Jews understood that. You know who don't understand that? Christians today. There are a lot of denominations that teach that Jesus and the Father are the same person.
- d) The Jews never thought him and God were the same person, they said you are trying to be equal with the Father.
- e) Throughout the whole 3 year ministry of Jesus this is the big argument they had with the Jesus.
- f) He said the works that I don't do of myself but what I see my Father do I also do (John 5:19)
- g) They asked him, "Who is your Father" and then they said, "We are going to stone you" (John 10:32-33) and they said, "Thou hast a devil" (John 10:19) Why did they say he had a devil? Because they knew God, they said we know God and there is no way he could be your father.
- h) So you really need to get that in your mind you know why? Because when you read Ephesians that is ALL what Paul talks about God the Father and Jesus.

18. **Paul's Past**

- a) Back to 3:6 Paul said, "None of the other Pharisees had as much zeal as I had because I was persecuting the church and we were trying to stamp this new religion out, because it is not right, they are not serving God."
- b) Why was he so zealous? He knew God, so then when you really know this way it will show in your behavior and you become zealous. Paul said it is good to be zealous in a good thing (Galatians 4:18).
- c) But you could be zealous and going in a wrong direction and that is not good.
- d) Persecuting the church and he just wore the church out because after Paul got saved I read in Acts it said then the church had rest, because he was wearing the church out and God had to stop him (Acts 9:31). Paul said he did this because he didn't know Jesus, he never heard of him; he heard of him but he had the wrong opinion about him.
- e) **Philippians 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
- f) Let's look and see on this list if this could have been gain to Paul. He was really proud of it and he was look up to as the main persecutor and laid the man's coat at his feet while he was giving consent well that is cold no he didn't know any better.
- g) **Philippians 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss...
- h) Let's see what he could hold on too since he is pressing towards the mark. Well he can't undo circumcision because he got that, he didn't go around saying, "Now that I am reaching towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus I don't consider myself an Israelite," He couldn't say that can he? No, because if you are a Jew you are a Jew till you die; if you are black you are black till you die, if your white you are white till you die so he couldn't change that but he said I just don't go around saying, "I'm a Jew, I'm a Jew, I'm a Jew!"
- i) You are this but you got another objective, but you are working on your 2nd home but you got another objective, and you got two cars but she got another goal.
- j) You are working on another degree but you are working on that goal, and that other goal hold sway over all the other things you want to do in your life.

19. **Characteristics Of The Babe In Christ**

- a) There should be nothing on your plate that you want to do more than reach this goal of the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and if you do, you are not perfect or you are not mature you are a babe in Christ.

- b) If you are not careful you give your pastor a lot of problems and you keep something going on in the church too.
- c) Babes in Christ could keep some stuff going on in the church and then they may be great workers.
- d) Some of the carnal saints if they are given a task to do, they can really put the program over but the carnal sister could put on an anniversary, they just know how to do things IF you let her or him have their way.
- e) He or she is doing the anniversary it has got to be the way they want to do it.
- f) We used to have a lady in the church and if you let her do it the way she want to do it, she could get it done but she will step all over everybody to get it done and hurt everybody's feelings, but she would get it done.
- g) She was so carnal and she would prophesy and call people out, and half the time some of the other saints would wonder what kind of spirit she was working with.
- h) Carnal saints could really throw you off too, but they could get the job done, but they are not going to do it with peace, and they won't do it where there is no confusion, and when it is over somebody is going to be hurt.
- i) Somebody is going to say, "I am never going to do another anniversary with so and so."
- j) You can have a carnal bishop, all the bishops may not be perfect.
- k) Bishops are appointed but we should appoint them because they have been proven, but sometimes they just get under the wire.
- l) All the district superintendents are not carnal, some district superintendents are carnal, some elders are carnal, some pastors are carnal.
- m) How do you get to be a pastor? Sometimes we need a position to be filled, but I do say once you have been given a position you may be carnal but you ought to put that suit on and make it fit, and if it don't fit have it tailored.
- n) You took the paper now, you ought to.
- o) So that Sister did something where she opened her mouth and she could never keep her mouth closed, and she said something one Sunday morning and the Lord said to me, "That's it she has got to go!" She had gotten exalted and I thought, "How is she going to go Lord?" and he said, "I will fix it" and she went but not without disturbance.
- p) A hurricane can't come through in peace.
- q) You see how the sun is shining now it's beautiful now, but you got to clean up and after these folks get through sometimes you have to go behind them and clean up.
- r) I've been working on the east coast for almost 50 years since 1969
- s) As long as Moses in the wilderness with the children of Israel. Some of us are still here!

20. Next Topic: Concerning Achieving Accomplishments

- a) But what things were gain to me...he said these things in verse 5 meant a lot to me. Gain to me? He said, "I was proud of my accomplishments. They meant a lot to me."
- b) You need a bachelor's in this life. Should I go back to school Bishop White? Yes! If you don't go back into the world over it. If you have the time and you can fit it into your schedule, and you and your husband don't get a divorce. "I'm gonna get this degree anyway, I don't care what he says!" You've outgrown him then. Not good!
- c) Do I need a master's? Yes! Do I need a Ph.D? You'll make more money! But don't forget Phil. 3:21. With all the money you make. You know what, if you've got Phil. 3:21 rooted and grounded in your heart, make as much money as you can! Cause you're gonna live better and you're gonna bless the church. And you're gonna be a prime example of what it means for the Lord to bless a spiritual-minded person.
- d) Because, you know, the theory is: when you get a little money, get up on your feet, why do you change? And that's what everybody says.

- e) And we've got so spiritual and so mature, we say, "Well we're not going to judge, we're just going to wait and see". And it's good to wait and see. Even though you have a hankering of how it's going to turn out, too, but I'm going to wait and see. And then when it comes out the way you thought you say, "I knew it! I could have told you that from the start! But I just didn't want to say nothing!" And you were probably right.
- f) **Philippians 3:7-8** "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:"
- g) Paul prayed that God would enlighten your mind. Eph. 1:18. Ephesians is really good. Ephesians 1:18 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling," Stop!

21. The Reason Why God Saved Us Is Because We Have Been Predestinated

- a) Mature saints, those that are perfect, you know what the hope of His calling is. You know what this expression means? "The hope of His calling". Why He called you. Why He saved you.
- b) Babes in Christ, cause we're saved by grace, they're saved, but they don't yet know, they have to be taught. That's why we have to spend time teaching, teaching, teaching.
- c) You have to come that and realize that the Lord didn't just save you just because you were on your last day, and if He hadn't come along the way then you were probably about to kill yourself and all of that.
- d) Although, those things may be true, but the reason why He called you because He has predestined you. And He intended to adopt you, through Christ Jesus as one of His sons. So, that you would have a place with Him in the Heavenly place.
- e) Jesus said, speaking about the Heavenly place, He called it "in my Father's house are many mansions" (John 14:1-3)
- f) Now it's hard for you to believe that there are many mansions in Heaven, but if Jesus said it. It's true. It's a lot of things about Heaven I don't have an answer for. It's a place! And I know it's place because, even if you may doubt the immaculate conception, but you cannot doubt that they saw Him go away.

22. We Must Really Believe That All This We Read In The Bible Is Real & Not Fictitious

- a) They said the man started gravitating (Acts 1:10) They said He went up, and He went *somewhere*. He went somewhere! Wherever that is He went, that's where He is now! And wherever that is, that's where the Father is. And who else? That's where Abraham is.
- b) That is unless Abraham is what? Unless Abraham is a fictitious person.
- c) Then y'all get up here, and run up and down that aisle but he ain't a real person??? You know, you've got to stop that.
- d) You know you preach about these people in the Bible, and, in your own mind, it's a story, but is it really real? You know, you can really preach it! And you still haven't made up your mind that it really did happen!
- e) Now listen, was there really an Abraham? (Saints respond, "Yes!") That's what you say! But now ,when he really did exist, your faith is going to (Bishop motions that your faith will explode/shoot through the roof). So you have to do some things to make yourself believe.

23. We Believe These People In The Bible Are Real Because They Came From Real Places

- a) And so, this is what I did. I don't do it anymore. To make myself believe about Abraham, I had to think intelligently. I said, "He came from Iraq and there's Iraq over there." He came from Ur of Chaldees. He came from way down there, and I flew over there.
- b) I went to Kuwait, and it's down there where that river flows out into a delta, and it flows out into the sea. I said, "it's there." We come over Baghdad...he followed that river all the way up; then, he came on over into Syria. Those countries are there now.
- c) So I concluded that Abraham is a real person.

- d) So next time you preach, preach it to yourself first before you try to make me believe. You try to make me believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross... do you believe? Or, are you just reciting verbatim because you've got it down.

24. **The Jews Believed Heaven Is A Real Place More Than Some Christians Today**

- a) Abraham was a real person. Was Elijah real? (Saints respond: Yes.) Do you know who believed everything from Genesis to Malachi was real? The Jews. In Jesus' time? The Jews. They had no doubt.
- b) They had no doubt about God. And the Jews knew where Heaven was. The Jews were more sure about where Heaven was than Christians today. You know what's wrong with Christians today? Heaven is an imaginary place (to them). And they all say they're saved!
- c) But I'm going to be narrow-minded: how saved are you if you have your doubts about Heaven? Well, now, we'll give you the benefit of the doubt. Maybe they're saved by grace, but, if they are, they're barely saved! How saved can you be?
- d) Well, you've just got your foot in the kiddie pool if you're still not sure about Heaven. But I'm saved! (They say.) And you're not sure about this Holy City and walls of jasper...but I have Christ In my life! Now there's an explanation for that, isn't there? Paul said, "if in this life only, you have hope in Christ, you are men most miserable." (1 Corinthians 15:19) So it is possible to have Christ in this life only, but it is not possible to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and have Christ in this life only because, Paul said the Spirit will reveal if any man be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you, because the Holy Spirit came from that other world.

25. **The Corinthians Got Off Because They No Longer Believed In The Resurrection**

- a) Say well did the Corinthians have the Holy Ghost? No, Paul said, when the Corinthians started saying there was no resurrection, Paul said, that had already backslidden. (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)
- b) It's commonly talked about with people that the Corinthians had all nine gifts. Don't believe that. They might have had them when Paul was with them. And, then, I'm not sure if they all had it then because he said, I had to feed you with milk. (1 Corinthians 3:1-3) So they didn't all have it.
- c) You know why the Corinthians had so much going on in that church? Because, they were all carnal, babes in Christ. He said, I'm worried about you people! And then when the news came in that they said there was no resurrection, you know why they swallowed that lie? Because they had started going back to the idol temples. (1 Corinthians 8; 10:18-33) Did y'all know they were going back to the idol temples? They were going back to the idol temples! Visiting with their friends and relatives. Just going back to the idols. And Paul said, you cannot do that. He said, when you go over there, they're worshipping devils!
- d) So, I'm not saying, "don't go to nobody's church," but be careful where you go! Then, if want to go to the Jehovah's Witness Hall (Kingdom Hall) to see and watch what they do, that's ok. But, if you want to go there because "I've been reading with them and I think they may have something! I think they may have a bit of truth" ...you need to leave that alone! Don't do that. You're not strong enough to handle that. Only the strong can bear the infirmities.
- e) Strong means sting in the knowledge of the word. Not in how loud you can preach or how loud you can say, "Amen!" Strong and skilled in the Word of God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

26. **When Paul Uses The Term "Righteousness" It's The Same As "Filled With The Holy Spirit"**

- a) Phil. 3:9 "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness" Say, "not having my own righteousness. " Where will I find my own righteousness? Verse 5-6. (Continuing to read from v. 9) "which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"
- b) Paul uses the term righteousness, but, sometimes, another term, is just "filled with the Holy Spirit." That's what righteousness is. Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness--he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

- c) Now, I know he was given the Holy Spirit. Do you want me to tell you how I know? You might find it in Galatians. "That the blessings of Abraham, might come into the Gentiles, that they might receive the Spirit." (Gal. 3:14 is read: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.")

27. If We Want To Receive The Holy Ghost We Must Believe God As Paul Is Telling Us in Romans

- a) The promise of what? (Saints: The Spirit through faith.) Did Abraham receive the Holy Spirit? (Saints: Yes.) He most certainly did! It says it. And you've got to have that same kind Holy Ghost that Abraham had! Now, I don't want to be narrow, but you got to believe God the way Paul said in Romans! You've got to believe God the way Abraham believed God and you will get the same Spirit!
- b) Does it say that in Romans? Rom. 4:23-25 read: "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him (Bishop says, "He'll also do I for you") But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."
- c) But when God gave Abraham the Spirit Jesus hadn't been crucified yet. He hadn't been buried; He hadn't been raised up yet. God told him "get out of thy country". Then, He preached the gospel to Abraham. He told Abraham that Jesus Christ was going to do this and this and this. He didn't tell him the whole story. He told him in Isaac, your seed is going to be like the sand of the sea and more people are going to be Spirit-filled like you.
- d) Now, you have the whole story. You've got the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelations, and we're still struggling with our faith! Abraham had no Bible. He had nothing but God. But, of course, you say, "take your pick." Which would you rather have? God coming to you in person like He did Abraham or the Bible? Well, I'll tell you, if you won't believe the Bible, you wouldn't believe God either. If you don't believe the Bible, you wouldn't believe God if He came Himself!
- e) If Abraham was here in 2016, he'd be sitting right there beside you, "Amen! Amen! Amen! I've got it!" And you'd be sitting over there going, "What?" It's almost like, "do you have the Spirit?" Because the spirit gives you a quick understanding. The Spirit helps you to grasp it. He helps you to see it. Because He turns the light on.
- f) It's like worshipping God. You can only worship God in the Spirit or with the Spirit. You have it and the Spirit is with us, and He's in you. He's here and He's in you. The Spirit is... like Jesus is equal to the Father. But Jesus was on Earth, but He was equal with the Father, and the Spirit is the same way.

28. Get In The Spirit!

- a) The Spirit is in all the believers, but the Spirit is also here! Now, the babes in Christ are like, "how can that be?," but if you are mature, you should be able to grasp that. The Spirit knows all things, and you've got to stop being afraid of trying to sound spiritual.
- b) You're going to sound spiritual if you begin to think in those terms. You keep talking about the Spirit this and the Spirit that.
- c) The Spirit knows all things, but you try not to refer to Him as much as you possibly can. How do you preach in your church when you go? Well, I preach Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Daniel and the lion's den. Tell Bible stories. But, among us, you're not going to sound deep. We all want to be like that. As many as be spiritual, or be mature, be that way. He says be like that.
- d) You know, I don't want around saying, "Oh, the Lord said this to me" but the Spirit knows all things! You have to do everything in the Spirit.
- e) When you enter into the service, when we come into the service—do you know, the mature saints, they get into the Spirit immediately.
- f) I know who you are. Mature saints, as soon as we start, they get right into it immediately. In other words, they are here. And they stay here until we say, "may the Lord watch between me and thee." The babes in Christ, oh, about when they start to dancing, they go, "oh!" They come out here and try to dance, you know, and there mind is some place else.

- g) I've told you over and over. Then, we don't know. The pastor don't know. Sometimes, we call people to lead praise and worship and they really shouldn't be leading it that night, but, you know, sometimes, you've got to use what you've got. And you've got these people on this music. Then, time to preach, unless you have a designated preacher...you know, on a Tuesday night and Friday night, I'm going to call three or four. And I spot check. I say, what is she going to preach tonight? Because I called her on the spare of the moment.
- h) But preachers should come to church in the Spirit. So, when you come to church, you have to get in the Spirit. That's what we mean, "get in the Spirit." You have the Spirit, but you have to get into the Spirit of the service. Because the Holy Spirit, He dwells in you, but, also, He's overseeing the service.
- i) Did you know that? Christ is over the church. And the church as they say on the television, is the body of Christ, but Christ is not in the church. Where is He? In the Heavenly places. So, who is? The Holy Spirit. The person who is equal to Him. Only the mature Saints have that awareness. Carnal Saints, they don't have that awareness. And they just a singing, leading praise and worship, saying "amen" and just...but we have to use what we have.
- j) You can tell within 30 seconds, well, I've called the wrong one, you can't tell her to go sit down. Just tell the musicians not to give her no music.
- k) Only you and the mature saints know that when sister such and such testifies, she kills the service. Some of can testify and put the power out. Sometimes, even you can't bring it back (referring to the pastor). Just go ahead and take up the offering. Cause she's carnal as a jay bird, but testimony service is open to the floor. Isn't it? But when they lay one of those eggs on you, go ahead and say, "Everybody raise your hands, get your minds on Jesus. "
- l) Best thing to do is call some solos and get ready for the word. And another thing, when you know you're going to call on those carnal preachers, tell them ahead of time at offering time, so they've got time to sweat and then have a couple solos, still getting them ready. You do that because they all need a chance to exercise their gift, but I don't fancy letting them do prayer lines because they need prayer themselves. But they need to exercise their gift in speaking. You have those people, and you're going to have to work with them too. 42 years will show you how to work with people.

29. If You Are Not Mature You Could Get Mature By Yielding Over To God

- a) Phil. 3:10 "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection". Why? Because when God raised Jesus from the dead—and Paul spoke of that in Ephesians also. Ephesians is a powerful book. The power that He demonstrated when He raised Jesus from the dead.
- b) Eph. 1:19 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" Us-ward—you know who he's talking to? He's talking to the mature Saints. And you can put yourself in that category. From now on, be in that category and carry yourself as such. Be thus minded! You know how you "cop an attitude"? Well, cop this attitude! Begin to walk in that attitude, because, you know, He said feel for Him though He be not far away from you at any time (Acts 17:27) And you can begin to walk in the right attitude and the Spirit will come to you.
- c) In other words, He will begin to work with you, inspire you, and build you up if you just be the right mind! It's in the scripture so it's not difficult to get! But, you've just got to know that to do! Be thus minded!
- d) You can begin to have a spiritual mind. You come to service. You come in and as soon as they hit the first note, you get your mind on the Lord. Then, when they go to singing, start singing and clapping your hands and get in the Spirit. When you have the Spirit, it's very easy to get in the Spirit. Not unless you've been greatly distracted and drawn out that day.
- e) When you have the Spirit it's very easy to get in the Spirit. Not unless you been greatly drawn out and distracted that day to the point of almost sinning. And then you know you can put that behind. It's easy to get into the Spirit if you so desire. If you want to. (Read) Ephesians 1:19-21. Paul wanted to experience that. That's why they say he wasn't afraid to be burned or killed.
- f) They said, "Paul, you know you're in danger right?" And he said i'll be alright. There was a time they dragged him out and stoned him and left him for dead. Saints came out and prayed for him. (Acts 14:19-20) He probably thought that he was going to be immortal or something.

- g) He was looking for that (that I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead – Phil. 3:11). You know, this is what this is all about. Phil. 3:11 – If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. And he said that he was going to get that in 3:21. Vs.12 – Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect....
- h) You know I have told you this before in 2 Corinthians 12 that it was commonly known among the whole church world that Paul had been caught up into heaven. And he had known that he'd been to heaven. Have seen and heard words that were not lawful to be heard or uttered.
- i) It was known that handkerchiefs and prayer cloths could come from his body and you would take it and you would be healed because they were on his person. Even to the point where evil spirits would leave people (Acts 19:12)
- j) Now that's pretty deep. One time there was this man who took a sheet and cut it up and made prayer cloths out of it because he been sleeping on the sheet and didn't wash it. But the Spirit will always check you. He won't let you go too far. I've seen a lot of things in my life, but if you see something and when you don't understand, just wait and you'll find out. Judge nothing before the time. (1 Corinthians 4:5)
- k) It's better than saying too much too soon. Alright let's go to the next verse, "Although I already attained near perfect – see the word perfect. What does it mean? This perfection means immortal doesn't it? And some people think I am right? Now, Peter was not the only person that people would be healed in his shadow. You can get healed in Paul's shadow too. Now listen, when people go to getting healed in your shadow, you have to learn to hold yourself down. If you aren't even touching and that's in your shadow... that's deep. That's almost immortal. You just need Jesus to come. That's all you need cause you're so close. Healed in your shadow? There's nothing else you can do. You just waiting on the trumpet. You've got it. And when you get – you got to hold it. You got to keep that level.
- l) (Philippians 3:12) But, I follow after that I may apprehend, reach for, attain, that which I have apprehended of Christ (in other words) that I may really become what you think I am.
- m) Because he had been caught up into Heaven, heard the words that were not lawful to be uttered, and look at this list of things that he went through in Corinthians... shipwrecked, this and that, and went to this one island and they were going to get him and others thought they were gods. They were going to worship him and they thought he was a god.
- n) Alright... (Philippians 3:13) "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended. I do not count myself to have reached this other perfection which is immortality. I haven't reached it yet, but one thing I do... I'm forgetting those things which are behind me and I am reaching forth unto those things which are before. And that is 3:21.
- o) (Philippians 3:14) I press toward the mark... and the mark is the prize. He said "know ye not we all run in a race"? And I like the summer Olympics, I just enjoyed the Olympics down in Brazil. Runners, and they get in their block, and then they take off, and when they get almost to the finishing line, what do they do? They stretch through, reaching forth. And that's what we're trying to do.
- p) Know ye not, we all run in a race? (1 Corinthians 9:24) And we're reaching... those that are mature.

30. Entertaining the Thought Of Going Back To The World Takes Away Your Anointing

- a) Now, saints, when you become mature... you no longer entertain the thought of going back into the world. I don't want to take your thunder away from anyone. Give up going back into the world. That's out! No more going back into the world. And you don't even sit around thinking about it.
- b) It's easy to think about things in your private think time. You might get it in your head and see what you think (especially when you're alone) and you just dream, and meditate.... You have to give that up.
- c) The Spirit will come to you. There's a time when the Spirit will come to you and speak to you and tell you and say, "Well from now on you are going to have to give up going back into the world."
- d) He'll reveal to you... you know you don't want to go back into the world. And you'll say, "Oh well, I let it go." Until then, you can preach around, do a lot of preaching, laying hands on folks and they get healed every once in a while and you fair wonderfully... don't they do it? I'm a pray for you.... And then after while they do what they've been dreaming about. And what is that? (Going back into the

world)... You don't go back into the world if you just thought about it yesterday. You've been working on that. You've been working on it. You have to work on that.

31. **Backsliding Does Not Occur Overnight It Is A Process**

- a) You just can't walk out on Jesus overnight. You got to find a way to get out. And so that is why you have to be careful when you do what you're doing. You want to do what you think you want to do and you're trying to find a way ... yes sir.... You got to work on backsliding.
- b) When He saves you real good, and additionally, you got to save face... then when the devil almost got you and say, "Well, what am I going to tell this one?" And what am I going to tell Bishop if I run into him at the airport. What am I going to tell the saints if I see them in Walmart? When you're almost gone, the devil tell you – just cuss them out. You're almost gone.
- c) He will tell you at first – letters, letters, letters, just write them a letter. And if you see anybody, you just say look, don't take my name off the book, I'll be back, but there's just something I want to do... the way is right... oh I still believe, but don't count me out. They jitterly talk their way out of it.
- d) Then awhile when you're almost gone and you've done run out of excuses to give to people, he'll tell you – just cuss 'em out. Some of you might have been that way in the Lord. Wretched down. You'd be ready to cuss them out if you saw them and they asked... Brother when you coming back? He'll tell you what you what to tell them. And then he'll lead you and guide you from them.... Don't go to Walmart today, you might run into somebody.

32. **Paul Describes What The Prize Is In Verse 21**

- a) Phillipians 3:14 – "Press toward the mark for the prize... and the prize is going to be found in vs.21 isn't it? For the high calling of God. It's the high calling ... Now high means high... being called from darkness to light. Higher than being called to preach. Higher than being called to the Bishopric. Higher than that!
- b) Next verse 15.... And therefore as many as be perfect. Okay those of us here that are perfect, what are we doing? Pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Cause you know what it is. You know what the prize is. You know what it's going to be. And you know you going to be like Jesus. And you know a trumpet is going to sound. That's not an imaginary thing either.
- c) And you know He's going to come on this cloud. And then you just love I Thessalonians. You just love to read that. 4:13-14. (Read) You got two people ... God and Jesus. It looked like God the Father is going to come. It's going to be a big day. You know what... I got to make this! You only get one chance. And it's going to be in a twinkling of an eye. And if you don't get it in a twinkling, you miss it.
- d) Now, that's something to think about. And the mature saints... you are concerned about that. Y'all need to put some think time into that. What would you do if you miss it?!
- e) But there's another teaching – some teach ... oh I'll be there in the tribulation. You know why because those that are going to be caught up in this twinkling of an eye... you are a special group of people. You're not going to be no second class citizens. You are going to be first class. Sure people are going to be saved when Jesus comes back and reigns. But you! You are a chosen generation, and God has called you for a special purpose and if you reject your calling you'll be lost!
- f) He'll say okay we can just use somewhere else. No, no, no, no, no. Oh well, you were made a Bishop and you turned that in... we could still use you... No, no, no, no, no...Well he was a pastor and he turned that in... we'll find somewhere for you... you know how the military does. You think that's what God's going to do if you miss the rapture? No! These people... the people who are going to be changed in a twinkling of an eye.... You have been chosen for that purpose! That is not for tribulation saints. That's another faith. I'm not talking about them.
- g) When Jesus comes to reign, that's another people. You're going to reign with Him. No, I'd a just wished I waited till another day.... No, no, no, no. You're for this age! And that's why I tell you, you are a special group of people. And you have tasted the powers of the world to come. (Hebrews 6:5) But you're going to have this power. And that's why you get it now.

- h) If you get a taste of it now, the taste of Glory Divine... when He gives us power now, you know why He gives you power now? Because you're going to have power when you reign with Him. And for all of those who are going to reign with Him, you get power now.
- i) But, now you can forfeit that and you can lose that cause Demas went back. And Demas was right with Paul and Timothy and Barnabas. He had power just like they did. He lost it. But if God gives you power now, that's an indication you're going to reign with Jesus when He comes and you're going to have power then. To the point you'll be able to call down fire from Heaven.

33. God Has A People Reserved For CLGI Who Will Be Saved

- a) When the muslims won't believe, leave them alone now, you're not going to get them now. Just try to save those who's got an open heart. Go out and save them. If they got an open mind save them. If they come to church save them. If they won't come, say maybe this is not for them. Lord lead me to the person who wants to be saved. Don't waste your time on somebody and every time they have an excuse.
- b) There's somebody else who will say, "Where's your church?" You know, somebody who is hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Everybody you do not have to chase them down and go to their house and feed them. Somebody just wants to hear Jesus. We have Family and Friend's Day and you know we can pack a place out. They come for the food. When the Lord saved me, they didn't feed me. Did they feed you? No! I'm not offended. You got to believe. Everybody doesn't have a heart of stone. Not true.
- c) Verse 17 - Brethren be followers together with me and mark them which walk so as you have us for an example. And you know who in your church is moving in that direction of maturity? In your district? You know even in the Church of the Living God who seems to be giving the appearance of moving forward. You know just about everybody knows who's right and who's wrong. You see what I'm saying. I've been seeing it along time.
- d) Verse 18 - For many walk of whom I have told you oft ... in other words he said – I tell you this everywhere I go and now tell you now even with you (over, and over, and over) that they are the enemies of the cross. Cause some of them were saying the resurrection is past, some of them were saying there's no such thing as the resurrection. And Paul says if there's no resurrection, Christ is not risen and you are yet in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)
- e) Many walk and you have these people amongst the believers. And from time to time, they'll surprise you when they get into a private setting and they'll come out with their true nature. Then you say now I really see where they come from. Don't tell nobody, but really look at them.

34. Whose God Is In Their Belly Means Anyway To Please The Flesh

- a) (Philippians 3:19) Many walk, whose end is destruction. Whose god is their belly. Now when your god is your belly, you're doing things to please the flesh. Not only just eating, it's anyway to please the flesh. Now you can write a book on that. When your god is your belly... anyway to please the flesh. Now you know what I mean by "anyway to please the flesh"?
- b) Whose god is their belly and whose glory is in their shame. Now that means their god is their belly. Who mind earthly things. Alright, now he said you want to mark them ... don't pay them any attention. You know who they are.
- c) Paul says they are in the church sometimes. He said walk around them. He said Brethren, be followers of me and be followers of those who are pressing toward the mark. For our conversation (citizenship is in Heaven). (Philippians 3:20) From whence also we look for the Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

35. Very Soon Our Vile Body Shall Be Changed

- a) So you know where Jesus is now don't you? And then at that time we come to the conclusion, what shall happen? He shall change our vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body. Who's going to change your body? The Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11)
- b) Jesus is going to do it but when it says "Jesus" it means "the Holy Spirit" In equality their names are interchangeable. Jesus never took any of the glory from the Father. But in equality Jesus has equality with

the Father and the Son has equality with the Son. The Father said "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." (Matthew 3:17) And we have to learn that don't we? The Bishops got to learn that so they won't be bumping against each other. But know we are equality because we have the same goal. Same purpose and mind.

- c) I can't do this forever. Somebody's got to help me. But you can't help if you play your own music and do your own dance. You can't do that. The expression is "Dancing to your own tune".
- d) Alright, He'll change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body... you know his body is glorious. When did His body become glorious? When He was raised from the dead. When he appeared in that room and He said feel me, handle me, a spirit does not have flesh and bone. He said flesh and bone and they touched Him and Thomas said my Lord and my God. But they knew He was immortal. And He kept appearing. You know why He was doing that? To convince them. He appeared to two on the road Emmaus, and they ran back and told. Then He appeared in the room. What would you have done? I'd went for the door. You would too. They saw them bury Him. Deep. After He revealed Himself then were the disciples glad.