

THE SPICE OF CHARITY VII

I CORINTHIANS 13:1

1 ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I CORINTHIANS 13:2

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:3

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4

4 ¶ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

I CORINTHIANS 13:5

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

I CORINTHIANS 13:6

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

I CORINTHIANS 13:7

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

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I CORINTHIANS 8:1

1 ¶ Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

I CORINTHIANS 14:1

1 ¶ Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

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E-16 So Paul said it was possible for him to do those things without having the Giver, "Thou I speak with tongues as men and angels, and have not charity, it profit me nothing." See, see? All right.

Now, love one another. **Above everything that you do, love one another. And as you love one another, you'll love God. See? You love each other and you'll love God. For God is love.**

And a man that walks in love, walks in life. And perfect love casteth out all fear. Then if you can take Him at His Word, and not fear a bit about it. Say, "Lord, I love You; I know You're going to answer because You promised me You would, and I just know You're going to do it." See? And it takes away all fear.

HUMBLE.THYSELF_ JEFF.IN V-21 N-1 SUNDAY_ 63-0714E

94.....And if you want to get somewhere with God, **never let an arrogant spirit ever come around you.** Don't let no malice come in. No matter what anybody does, **if they are wrong, don't you never build up a complex against that person. See? You be sweet and kind.** Remember, God loved you when you were in sin. And if the Spirit of God is in you, you love the other person when he's in wrong. See, just pray for them, and love one another.

95 **Above everything, love God and love one another.** And be humble with God and around one another, and God will bless us, and it's hard telling what He will do.....

I CORINTHIANS 16:14

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0623M

53.....Now I'm preaching to myself, in this. Could we stand and see a human being that's blind, physically blind, and know that he's walking over a cliff, could we in our state of mind, that we're in this morning, could we stand and see a blind man walk over a cliff, blind, and not try to warn him? It would be, there, would be so cruel. We would be so indifferent in our heart. Could you imagine, a person getting so indifferent that he could almost laugh, and see a blind man, that cannot see and can't help himself, deliberately walk over a cliff? That would be a--a bad thing; do nothing about it.

STANDING.IN.THE.GAP_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0623M

54 Well, to my brethren, world over, I want to make this confession. I--I humbly say it, **that that just about what I was doing, or fixing to do.** I had been preaching for years, and I--I become an old man and an old veteran preacher, and had a lot of hard battles, and maybe I'm scarred, all cut up on the inside, from fights. Because, my lot, that the Lord gave me, was not back to kiss the babies, and--and to marry the young, and bury the old. But it was to hold a two-handed Sword at the battle front, against the wiles of--of paganism and demonology, and--and the powers of darkness, and fight it with the Word of God till I seen the enemy defeated. **I been cut deep, many times.**

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65 My mother, that's just passed on into Glory, about--about a little over a year ago. My mother, her father was a--a hunter. And I think I got all that come out from him, in that stand, 'cause I--I--I love the woods. And **I thought, "If this people that call themselves Christians, if they don't want to listen to the Message that I'm preaching, then let them alone.** I'll just stop it, altogether, and I'll go up into the mountain.....

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68 I say the people... I've never regarded myself, anybody knowing this, but people have said, "Brother Branham, the Lord called you to be His prophet." Well, I--I've never regarded myself

as that, **but I begin to get to the time that I was about ready to do it, to think, "Well, maybe I am. If I am, I'll live back in the wilderness. And if I live back in the wilderness, then I'll--I'll--I'll be His prophet,** see, and then if He wants to send me somewhere. And while He's not using me, then I'll sure to catch some fine fish and--and do some things." **Course, that was kind of a selfish attitude, see, because I wanted to do that.** Now, it isn't just exactly the thing that's to do. And now I had that made up in my mind to do that.....

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118 It said, "Carry out your plans and you'll be like that."

I said, "Lord, I don't want to be like that."

119 Said, "Your wife will go, too. She won't live up there in them hills like that. And you'll become a bum just as the dream showed you you would."

120 I said, "I don't want to be that, but the... I--I--I don't want to have to live like that. I--I want to do something different. But I--I was told that--that You had called me to be a--a prophet, and I want to live in the wilderness like the prophet." **But I was using my own excuse so I could hunt; my own good.**

121 And He said, "But that was the prophets of the Old Testament. You've been called to be there in a much higher office than that." He said, "You have more gifts besides that. You was called to pray for the sick and to preach the Gospel. And in the apostolic form, you know of--of greater things, many great gifts." He said, "Why do you wait for Me to move you every time you move? Where is your reward?" Then I seen. And then said, "Do you remember?" I told you...?... "Do you remember what Brother Roberson told you in your dream, in his dream, or vision? That you had done like Moses. **You've forgot the feeling of your people. You forgot the call that I called you to.**"

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122 I let the sick lay. I want the Lord to tell me where to go and not to. That's wrong. **I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message.** And if you'll... And God forbid that I'll try to compare the life of now like Moses,

but it's exactly what Moses did. The people wouldn't listen to him when he come to deliver them, so he just left them alone and went into the wilderness, but God turned him around. And he had long forgot the suffering people.

123 And then I said, "Lord, if... How could I, that's right, with no education, with a grammar school education, be able? And the people would stand in rows and everywhere, to hear the simple Gospel." It's more, it's greater now than it was under the Old Covenant. He ascended on High and give gifts unto man. See? Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. Then I was talking, and I heard It talking to me. And It left me.

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159 And these Rickies and Rickettas, that have so sassed the words, and I've called them "Ricky" and "Ricketta," God give me to understand I shouldn't do that, because that's many of them are still His children. I'm a... They can't help because they act so much different. Some of these old, cold formal churches has got them, that spirit upon them, and they're in much in--in prison as Israel was in prison, just as much as Moses went down to deliver them from slavery. Human beings that loved Jesus Christ, would serve Him if they only know what to serve Him by. And they're in bondage under denominationalism.....

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161 Moses lost the feeling of his people because they wouldn't listen to him. And, Brother Roy, you see your dream? And **now I cannot go, with a ministry like that, until I feel different in my heart about it, no matter if God did tell me.** But that is that change that Brother Roy... that seen coming. Something's got to change me, because I, in my heart, if I go out there feeling the way I do now; I still feel that they ought to have heard that Message, they ought to a-done it. And **I don't have the feeling for the people that I should have. Until I can get that feeling, there is no need in me going, because I'd be a hypocrite.**

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162 And all these years I've tried to serve Him with a true heart, and I won't go out there being a hypocrite. **I got to feel that**, that it isn't Ricky and Ricketta, and it isn't this bunch. It's God's children that's in bondage, and I must go to them. **Until I can feel that way, I'll just have to loaf around, preach some conventions and things, but wait.**

I CORINTHIANS 13:8

8 ¶ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall ***CEASE***; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

CEASE: pauo {pow'-o}

Leave, refrain, to make to cease or desist; to restrain a thing or person from something; to cease, to leave off;

I CORINTHIANS 12:8

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

I CORINTHIANS 13:9

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

I CORINTHIANS 13:13

13 And now **abideth** faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Hope: The root of the word in Anglo-Saxon means, to open the eyes wide and watch for what is to come, as we have seen children do when they expect to see some wonder or receive some gift.

ROMANS 5:1

1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

ROMANS 5:2

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice **in hope** of the glory of God.

ROMANS 5:3

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

ROMANS 5:4

4 And patience, experience; and experience, **hope**:

ROMANS 5:5

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.

ROMANS 8:24

24 For we are **saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

ROMANS 8:25

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

ROMANS 12:12

12 **Rejoicing in hope**; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

ROMANS 15:13

13 ¶ Now the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

GALATIANS 5:5

5 For we through the Spirit wait for **the hope of righteousness by faith**.

EPHESIANS 1:18

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is **the hope of his calling**, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

EPHESIANS 4:4

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are **called in one hope of your calling**;

COLOSSIANS 1:27

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**:

I THESSALONIANS 5:8

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, **the hope of salvation**.

II THESSALONIANS 2:16

16 ¶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and **good hope through grace**,

I TIMOTHY 1:1

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, **which is our hope**;

TITUS 2:13

13 Looking for **that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

I PETER 1:3

3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

I PETER 1:13

13 ¶ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, **and hope to the end** for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

I PETER 1:21

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; **that your faith and hope might be in God.**

HEBREWS 6:18

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon **the hope set before us:**

HEBREWS 6:19

19 Which **hope** we have **as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

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13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.