

THE BRIDE'S BILL OF RIGHTS 61

THE RIGHT TO BE IN DIVINE ORDER VII

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5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

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6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

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7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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THE.UNITY.OF.ONE.GOD.IN.THE.ONE.CHURCH_ JEFF.IN V-16 N-8 SUNDAY_ 58-1221E

97.....God sets on the throne of your heart in His control room, controlling your emotions, and controlling your powers, controlling your conceptions, and making you one with Him in fellowship and in love. And God fills you with love. He fills you with power. He fills you with the Spirit. **He fills you with His own Divine Nature, and He changes your carnal nature into**

His Nature. Then, in this, you become a new creation in Christ.

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E-39.....it's your individual--or personal faith and trust in God to plunge beneath the Blood, and to be filled with His Spirit, and by become a partakers of the Divine, not a partaker of the church, a partaker of the Divine. **The Divine nature changing your own vile nature into a nature that loves God, who believes every Word that He said is the truth, and accepting it as your own personal gift from God.**

II PETER 1:8

8 For if these things **BE IN YOU**, and ***ABOUND**, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ABOUND: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4121

pleonazo {pleh-on-ad'-zo}

abundant, make to increase, to superabound of things, to exist in abundance;

II PETER 1:9

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
62-1014M

14-1.....**The church is now supposed to be taking the place of Christ, carrying on HIS MINISTRY.** "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet you shall see Me for I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." **There it is: carrying on His work.**

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14-3.....**God dwells in the statue of a man, reflecting Himself into that being: PERFECT WORSHIP**, God in us, being His Tabernacle, God manifesting.....

EPHESIANS 4:11

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

EPHESIANS 4:12

12 For the ***PERFECTING** of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the ***EDIFYING** of the body of Christ:

PERFECTING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2677
katartismos {kat-ar-tis-mos'}
complete furnishing, equipping

EDIFYING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3619
oikodome {oy-kod-om-ay'}
(the act of) building, building up; metaph. the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness, (i.e. the thing built, edifice)

EPHESIANS 4:13

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a ***PERFECT** man, unto the measure of the stature of the ***FULNESS** of Christ:

PERFECT: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5046
teleios {tel'-i-os}
of full age, brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness; perfect; that which is perfect: consummate human integrity and virtue; of men, full grown, adult, of full age, mature

FULNESS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4138
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4138 pleroma {play'-ro-mah}

which is put in to fill up, that which is (has been) filled: a ship inasmuch as it is filled (i.e. manned) with sailors, rowers, and soldiers; in the NT, the body of believers, as that which is filled with the presence, power, agency, riches of God and of Christ

EPHESIANS 4:14

14 That we henceforth be no more ***CHILDREN**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

CHILDREN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3516

nepios {nay'-pee-os}

childish, an infant, little child, a minor, not of age

metaph. childish, untaught, unskilled

I CORINTHIANS 14:20

20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

EPHESIANS 4:15

15 But speaking the truth in love, may ***GROW** up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

GROW: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 837

auxano {owx-an'-o}

Increase, To increase, become greater

EPHESIANS 4:16

16 From whom the **whole body fitly joined together** and ***COMPACTED** by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body** unto the ***EDIFYING** of itself in love.

COMPACTED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4822

sumbibazo {soom-bib-ad'-zo}

knit together, assuredly gather, to cause to coalesce, put together; to unite or knit together: in affection

to cause a person to unite with one in a conclusion or come to the same opinion, to prove, demonstrate; to teach, instruct, one

EDIFYING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3619

oikodome {oy-kod-om-ay'}

building, (the act of) building, building up; metaph. edifying, edification, i.e. the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness

AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_ JEFF.IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_ 60-0911M

41.....**I think of a minister today that's called of God to step into the tracks where Jesus stood**, what a command, what a commission. But each that's called of God is commissioned to stand in that same place. "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the way." Each minister's called to stand where He would. "The works that I do, shall you do also." **Each minister's ordained of God, is commanded to stand in the tracks of Jesus Christ and perform the duties that Jesus performed. That's quite a command.**

EPHESIANS 2:20

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

EPHESIANS 2:21

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together
GROWETH UNTO AN HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD:

EPHESIANS 2:22

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an
HABITATION OF GOD through the Spirit.

THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_ 62-1014M

44-1 **THE PROPHET READS EPH. 4**

.....For the perfecting of... (God... Does it read like that? The perfecting of what? Saints. Who are the saints? The sanctified ones, the ones who started from down here.)... perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry:... **(The ministry of Jesus Christ)**... for the edifying of the body of Christ: (For the edifying, building it up, edifying...)

Until--till we all come into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, into the perfect man,... (Unto the assurance, oh, my.)... unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7
SUNDAY_ 63-0728

372.....God, in His fullness, to die for the sin of the people, **that He might bring to His Church a sanctified Life; that He might have the preeminence, in fullness, in His Church,** to manifest every promise in these last days, that He promised for the last days.....

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7
SUNDAY_ 63-0728

375 And through that purpose He achieved a Church, that He, the fullness of God, might bring to pass every promised Word of God in these last days; **WHEN HE GETS THE PREEMINENCES, PREEMINENCE IN THE CHURCH, THE POSITION, HIS PLACE IN THE CHURCH.....**

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7
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380 **And in there, there would be a time come forth when He could express Himself in fullness of His Godhead, Deity, through His Church, have the preeminences in this Church.** Oh, my! What? The anointed Man; now the anointed people; oh, my, **to bring back the anointed Bride and the Bridegroom.** Anointed by (why?) accepting what Eve turned down.....

THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_62-1014M

50-2.....And now we put the Blood of Jesus Christ in. See? And that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, **and the love of God which is Jesus Christ.** He's the Head that controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen. Controlled by the Head, takes the people...?... There you are. **There is the perfect man of God when he possesses these virtues.**

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50-4.....God represents His church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son to go in that Bride, **He also has brought the Bride through these ages till He brings this one complete church into this.**

My feet moves. Why? Because my head says so. Now, it can't move like my hand, because it's my feet. Luther can't do the things that we did; neither can the Methodists, because they were something else. See, the feet moves because the head says so. And the head never says, "Now, feet, you become hands. Ear, you become eyes," See? But each age, God has placed these things into His church, and patterned it by showing that **each individual has these, possesses these qualities.** And this "being," when it's completed, is the church of God going to rapture. **AND THIS "BEING," WHEN COMPLETED IS A SERVANT OF GOD IN THE CHURCH OF GOD THAT'S GOING IN THE RAPTURE.** Glory. See what I mean? There you are. There's the full thing.

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51-3.....**So when you're surrendering your complete being, then the Holy Spirit just pours through you in these virtues. Then you're a living tabernacle.**

Then people look out and say, "That's a man full of virtue, knowledge, believes the Word, temperance, patient, godliness, got brotherly kindness, full of the love of the Holy Ghost, walking around." What is it? A statue that unbelievers can look at and say, "There is a Christian. There is a man or woman who knows what they're taking about. You've never seen a kinder, sweeter, godlier person."

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51-5 You're sealed. A seal shows on both sides. Whether you're going or coming, they see the seal just the same. There you are. See? **When a man or woman possess this, then the Capstone comes down and seals them into the Kingdom of God which is the Holy Ghost.**

Then the Word, coming from here, manifests Itself through each one of these beings (See?), and makes its complete being a tabernacle of the living God, **a walking, living example of Christianity.**

What Christ was, these people are, because His Life is in here; they are in Christ, and their life is dead and hid in Christ through God, and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost: I Corinthians 12. That's right. See? You reckon yourself dead. Then you're born of faith, then virtue, **and these other things that's added to you till you're a perfect living image of God.**

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52-2 Isn't that wonderful? And then God, through that, has brought also seven church ages to show **the seven steps that He brought building His individual into His image.** He's built a complete church in His image. And at the resurrection this complete Body will be raised up to live with Him forever, because it is a Bride. See? So that cuts in every age, every age that comes.....

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53-1 You get it? These people who died in here are depending and waiting on us. **So this church has got to come to perfection in order to bring the resurrection,** and they're under--souls under the altar, waiting for this church **to come to its perfection.** But when Christ does come... And this church (You see?), is coming smaller in the minority. (It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just so I write that cross there. See?) It's come up to a needle point until the church in the minority has got to get into a place **until it's the same kind of a ministry that this left.** Because when this Headstone comes back... It's got a pocket like here where it's going to set right in there on a regular pyramid. It just isn't a cap that sets across the top; it's a little flange. And it's got to set on there 'cause it sheds the water. And when it comes, this church has got to be honed. All these rest of stones in the pyramid are laying so perfect till you can't run a razor blade between them, weighing tons laying in there. How they got them up, they don't know, but they were built. And up here when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed, not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. **It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home.**

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

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18-2 Notice: you must be borned again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see on my chart here, I got the very foundation. **Faith is the foundation of all of it. For without faith it's impossible to please God:** "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you are a skeptic of the Bible,

when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.
What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. **Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.** But first it's got to be faith. Now, let me stay on that foundation for a while.

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18-4 Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what? "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's... You already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith.....

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20-2.....So you must have faith for a foundation. All Christianity, all you are, all you'll ever be, **is based upon faith in the Word.**

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22-1.....**when you're borned again, you have faith; you believe the Word.** Until you're borned again you'll argue against it. If you're just religiously inclined, and--and you've got a--a little human knowledge that you should do right, you'll never be able to agree upon the Word of God. You'll never do it. You've got to be borned again; and borned again, it produces faith. All right. Then after you get faith, this right here: f-a-i-t-h faith, **then you're just in position of growing.**

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23-4.....after we lay the foundation, secondly, you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... First you have faith, **THEN YOU ADD VIRTUE TO YOUR FAITH.**

This is the next column. First pour your foundation: faith. Then to your faith add virtue.

Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes, add virtue to your faith. That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like a woman or man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that. The Bible said... We read over here in the Book of Luke where it said, "Virtue went out of Him." Is that right? **If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue then. We must have it to be like Him.....**

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23-6.....if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people, because virtue went out of Him to the people: virtue. **And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first.** If you haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, the--the check would return "insufficient funds." See? No, no, none there to draw from: check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawn from that. See? That's right.

Virtue must be in us, and until we get virtue... **Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall.**

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24-3 Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it. You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue in order to add it to your faith.....

.....If virtue went from Him to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His church, because He was our Example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? "Virtue" is "strength, power.".....

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24-5 Now, Peter's talking about **building a House of God (See?), the Temple of God**, fixing it to a place. And after you have virtue you must have--after you have faith, you must have virtue with it. That's right. Have virtue for the whole world. I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Reverend Mr. Lily, Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lilies how they neither toil or spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one." Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck; and every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part. Don't complain; it just got it to give out. What if a bee came in there, "Insufficient funds," no honey. That little bee would scratch his head and say, "What kind of a lily is that?"

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25-5 **Now, now, you must have virtue.** I said then, the first thing you know there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish; he's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it. Before he can give out beauty, he has to have it. 'Fore you can give out virtue, you have to have it. **So add to your faith virtue.** Amen.....

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25-6 Now, first, it's faith; then virtue. **And then thirdly, you add knowledge.** Knowledge, now that don't mean worldly

knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God, **but knowledge to judge. Judge what? Right from wrong.**

How do you judge it then if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith, you judge whether the Word is right or wrong. And if you can lay aside all your creeds and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, **then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie.** "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be True." See, now you're getting knowledge. **That's supreme knowledge.** You don't have to have four degrees in some college or something like that to have it, **because all these virtues are GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real living man of God. Yes, sir.**

THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_62-1014M

26-1.....**You should believe today that the--and accept it that the days of miracles is not passed, knowledge that what God says, God's able to perform.....**

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26-4.....When you have knowledge, you say, "Well, I don't know now whether this Scripture is just right. Now, here's Acts 2:38; I don't know how to go...?... with that; Acts 28:19, I don't..." All right, don't do--don't add nothing, 'cause you ain't got it yet. See? What are you going to do? **Because you haven't got knowledge enough to know of God yet that the Bible doesn't contradict Itself. Leave it alone.** Don't say no more about it. See, leave it alone. But when you can see that the Scripture is not contradictory, that you can say that--and can see that by the revelation of God, the whole Word is wrote in mysteries, **and only the knowledge of God can reveal It.** Then when you get and say, punctuate every word of God with an "Amen," then add that to your faith.