

Revealed – Convinced – Concerned

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1).*

What is faith? **Faith is something that's revealed to you;** that is not yet, but you believe it will be. **Faith is a revelation of the will of God.** So, by revelation! [1]

But, to the Church, **the Bride, the Rapture is a revelation to Her.** It's revealed to Her. That, the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting **for that revelation of the Rapture.**

Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it's something that's revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you, like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him, as though it wasn't so (*Rom. 4:13-25*). Now, **faith, that's what faith is, is the revelation of God. The Church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire Body.** [2]

The biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word, it brings us to a mental recognition of God.

But if This, coming from Above, oh, brother, if It ever strikes this, there is a godly spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That faith recognizes only the Word. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* **And the Word is still God. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:1,14).** And **when the Word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation.**

"And upon this foundation I'll build My Church." (Matt. 16:13-20). Not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of That; **but upon the revelation, when them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got. Then, upon this, a spiritual revelation,** "I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." See? That shows they would be against It, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a glorious thing! Now see the faith. [3]

Why isn't there a concern like there used to be? I believe the reason that if there's not as much concern as there used to be, **they're not as convinced as they used to be. You have to be convinced before you can be concerned.**

Instead of evangelizing and trying to do something, everybody wants a great big school, or a great big something that they can teach, and make ministers have better pulpit manners and so forth.

You know what I believe? **I believe that the people is not convinced that Jesus is coming soon. I don't believe that they're convinced that He's coming in this age. And I believe that's the reason that they're not concerned, because they're not fully convinced.** Right. They're not convinced that He's with them. If they were, they would come back to the Word. That's right.

John the Baptist was so concerned, that he knew that the Messiah was coming in his age. John knew it, so he knowed that the Messiah would come in the age that he lived in. But when he come out of the wilderness, he never started no schools. He never started no colleges. He never started no organizations. Why? **He was convinced that the Messiah would come in his time. His fruit, his Message, his action, gave witness to it.**

And we believe that He is coming in this age. Why do we want to hoard up big thing? **Why would we want to build millions of dollars** in schools and buildings, and then saying Jesus is coming? Why, the public knows better than that. **They know you're talking about something that you don't believe. Practice what we preach.** Right. Now we must do that.

That's what's the matter, today. **People are not convinced of the Message. People are not convinced about the Holy Ghost. If you really get convinced, then you're concerned.** You'll do everything you can, to do ever what you got to do with. Say, "Well, Brother Branham, I'm not a preacher." Well, you can do something, too.

Remember one time I had a meeting. There was a farmer got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. **And he only had nothing but his experience, and a truck.** But he hauled so many to the meeting, he got thirty more filled with the Holy Ghost. Why? **He was convinced. And when he was convinced, he was concerned.** Little daughter got healed. We had sick people every night, a truck full of them, bringing them from everywhere. Thirty got the Holy Ghost. See? **He was convinced that It was right, so he was concerned** about somebody else. **If we are convinced that Jesus is coming soon, we'll be concerned about our lost ones. We'll be doing all we can to get the Gospel out.**

Jacob stayed all night, one night, wrestling (*Gen. 32:25-33*). **That wrestling prince, he wrestled all night.** He had been dodging Esau here and there. He was scared to death, of him. And he heard Esau was coming. He put his wife across the brook. Went over on the other side and knelt down. You know, **God come down and got a hold of Jacob, and they wrestled all night.** So he wasn't completely convinced, to start with. **But time God got through with him, he was convinced.** Yes. **He stayed and held on until he was convinced that it was God.**

Brother, he wasn't scared of Esau then (*Gen. 33:1-16*). Crossed the river, and he was weak and limping. The worse time that he could be in, looked like. He was the weakest he ever was. He had been crippled and everything. [4]

Jesus said that *"No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first. And all that the Father has given Me, will come to Me."* (John 6:44-46, 37-39). **No man can understand Who He is, or how It is, except it be revealed to you by the revelation of God. And then faith in that, you act accordingly.** See? Here we see plainly **that God is revealed in Jesus, and only those who were foreordained to see it, will see it** (Acts 13:48).

They'll recognize It. No other man can do it, no other person, no matter how good, who you are, **It's got to be revealed to you. Then you see Who Jesus Christ is.**

Now, here, **predestinated plan is in plain view. Just as other seed, the Word of God is a Seed and must have the ground prepared beforehand.** If you sowed seed, just throwed it out there on the ground, it would do no good, the birds would pick it up. You throw it among thistles and thorns, it'll choke it out pretty soon. Jesus' parable said so (Matt. 13:1-23). **So the ground has to be made ready first. So, God, in sovereign grace, prepares the heart first. He prepared you before the foundation of the world, to receive Him in this age. He foreknew you by His foreknowledge, and ordained you to Eternal Life. He knew you, therefore He prepared you.**

That's the reason you staggered out of these things, **and staggered into what you have now. It was God leading you to the place where He had ordained for you to be.** If this ground isn't prepared beforehand, it can't grow. That's the reason **the seed of faith, when you're preaching faith,** see the discernments of the Lord, and see what takes place, and all the gifts of the Bible working; people working themselves up, "Oh, hallelujah, I believe It." And come up, and find themselves disappointed. See, **the ground has to be foreordained. And you know when It strikes it.**

Just seeds has to have the ground prepared first. **"Therefore, all He foreknew, He called. All He foreknew, He predestinated."** (Rom. 8:28-34; Eph. 1:1-5). **All He foreknew, He did call. All He called, He justified. And all He justified, He has already glorified. There's nothing out of order.** We think there is, but look in the Scriptures. It's just hitting exactly the way God's Word said it would. We see the Message is rejected, today. Isn't that just what the Scripture said they would do? Sure, **all these things are ordained of God.**

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Now, notice. **Abraham had to love God to believe Him. You love Him and the more you love Him the more faith will accumulate** (John 14:21-24). And so He appeared to Abraham at ninety years old as Almighty God, the Breast, El Shaddai (Gen. 17:1-2).

Now, we find out after he had been El Shaddai to Abraham... Abraham an old man, still believing, **holding onto the promise... Lay hold of eternal life. Lay hold of every promise of God and hold onto it.** That's what He said about being El Shaddai. [6]

When you're converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband. You accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith. You just got something that anchors you there.

Well, that's the same way it is about Christ. And **what Christ says, you believe it. And you just stay right with it.** And that's the way... It just raises you right up above it, and God brings it to pass and fulfills His promise, **"If thou will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thy and thy house shall be saved."** (*Acts 16:31*). [7]

Unless you are deeply sincere! **And you cannot be sincere until you positive understand.** If you're presuming, or guessing, or hoping so, then there cannot be a depths of sincerity that God requires. **Faith is not a "hope so" or "it could be right." It's got to be absolutely "Amen!"** It's your ultimate. It's your absolute. It's the thing that you're tied to. You have come to your ultimate, that it's nothing but the truth, and it must be thus! And **then when you realize that in your mind, then you've got to approach It with your whole life, soul, body, all that's in you, just completely sell out everything to it.** As Jesus so graciously taught us in the man buying pearls, and he found the One of great price and he sold all his others to get to It. All the truths and everything that he had, thought they were good pearls, **this One meant all to him.** And **when you find God's Ultimate, His Word, a promise upon a certain thing,** you must know first that it is God's Word, that the thing that you're seeing **being done is God.** There's no "maybe so, it could be, it looks like it might be." "It is God!" **Then when you get to that spot, then that's the Pearl of great price, you must get away from anything that anybody else tells you contrary to It** (*Matt. 13:45-46*). You must not look to what man has achieved. You must look to what God has said and what He promised, and **see Him to do it,** then that's your Ultimate right there. **And then everything that you are, everything that you was, everything that you hope to be, must be placed upon This** just as though it was death and life to you at that moment.

I think one of the thing that keeps our people from being healed is the lack of confession, is the lack of sincere confession (*Heb. 4:14-16*). [8]

I know this, **that some of us have more faith than others, and those who have abundance of faith are supposed to pray for those** (*Rom. 12:3; I Cor. 12:4-9*). **But if you don't live the right kind of life, you better leave away from it; the devil will laugh at your prayer. But when you live right, and do right, and act right, and have faith in God, Satan will tremble when you speak, 'cause God swore under obligation He'd take care of that prayer** (*Mark 11:22-26*). That's true. [9]

We must believe it. If I could explain it, then it's no more faith. I can't explain why a black cow can eat green grass and give white milk, but she does it. That's right. You can't explain it either. No, sir. **I can't explain how God**

does these things, but He just said He would do it. I'll never know it, you'll never know it, but we believe it. **By faith are you saved. By faith are you healed. Everything that comes, too, from God, has got to come by faith** (*Eph. 2:8-9*). [10]

But, you know, if I said anything different than what's in my heart, I would be a hypocrite. Far be it! I might have to meet Him someday, as a sinner, but I certainly don't want to meet Him as a hypocrite. **But I want to be true.** And if I just said, "Well, I'll just omit This because that the rest of them believes this, that," then what kind of a person? You couldn't have no confidence in me, and **I couldn't have confidence in God or in myself, when I just so easily compromise.**

Anyone has got to have something that they're sure of. And that's when you can base your faith, is when you're sure. But until you're sure, **if there is a question, leave it alone until you're sure.** [11]

The Holy Spirit is here with the power (*Acts 1:8*), but you haven't got that faith to move it. See what I mean? It takes faith to move it.

Perfect Faith to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit which we have now, since He's come upon us; faith to ignite, to see great things. The faith, something that presents it to you.

With a heart full of joy, you walk into the sickroom, knowing exactly what you're going to say. Walk in there and know what's going to happen, **something's already been revealed, and you know it.** And you walk in, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up from there. **THUS SAITH THE LORD!**" [12]

For, you see, **faith sees what God wants done.** Oh, I hope this goes in. **Faith doesn't look at the present time. Faith doesn't see this here. Faith looks to see what God wants, and it works accordingly. That's what faith does. It sees what God wants, and what God wants done, and faith operates through that.**

Faith picks up God's binoculars, both of them, both sides, the New and Old Testament, and sees every promise that He made. And faith sees it out yonder, and faith chooses that **regardless of what the present tense says here. He looks at the end.** He doesn't drop his sights down to look this a way. He looks out yonder. **He keeps the crosshair dead center on the Word. That's what faith does.** That's the faith that's in a man that does those things.

Now, and watch what takes place now. **Moses saw this, by his vision.** And Pharaoh said that, "This is great." God said, "It's an abomination." Moses chose what God said.

Now, notice, **faith sees what God wants you to see. Faith sees what God sees.**

And reasoning and senses see what the world wants you to see. Notice reasoning, "Why, it's only human sense. It's only reason that this... Well, ain't

this just as good?" See? That's just exactly, when you use those senses which is contrary to the Word, see, then that's what the world wants you to see.

But faith doesn't look at that. Faith looks what God said. You know, you cast down reasons (*II Cor. 10:3-6*). [13]

And not only believe It, but live It. If we don't live It, then we don't believe It; we just say we do. Basing back to what I said, **those disciples could not explain It, but they believed It, anyhow, and they made their confession and lived to it.** When all the rest of them walked away from It, they stayed with It! They believed It! (*John 6:60-69*). **That's the way we do.** That's the way you got to do it. No matter what anybody else does, **we believe It and then we act upon It. If you don't do it, then you don't believe It.** [14]

Now, you see, **it's your faith. It's never your feelings.** It's nothing, whether it's so, if my hand isn't straight. That doesn't have one thing to do with it. **It's my faith that does that. Right before us, we see the image of a perfect healed person, by faith. And then we just make step by step till we step right into that person, and just walk right on with it. That's what does it, your faith; not your feelings. Your faith does it.** Thanks and praise be to God! [15]

She said, "What was it, Brother Branham? My weakness of faith?"

I said, **"You have great faith. You prayed for your baby. You and your husband held on to it, "God, raise that baby." And He refused to do it because He knows what's best. And still you love Him. That's real faith.** Anybody, when mountains are moving and things can have faith. **But let it go backwards one time, and see how it works. That's when you prove whether you got faith or not.** [16]

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