

**Audience Member:** I have a question about the passage of scripture on being marked off before the foundation of the earth.

It's in Greek, and it's Ephesians 1, and I think it's all in the way it's translated, marked off. What's let me get my eyes here. You're very familiar with the passage...yeah, it's exactly what it means. It's verse four. Chose us in Him, chose us in Christ. Marked us off in Christ before the foundation of the world. And I really wish it were translated that way.

(new subject) This is a scientific journal that's for people who have IQs of less than 150. It's a layman's scientific journal, very, very well written. On the front of it is a one-way sign, but it's going in both directions. Listening to the opening words. "In the universe of both Newton and Einstein, time flows backward in the past as readily as it does forward into the future. Time flows backward into the past as readily as it does forward into the future. Which means we should all have memories of the future." I didn't understand that exactly, but if I had lived in the past and could flow backward in time, then I could remember now, couldn't I? When I was back there, I would remember the future, which is now. Don't think about that too long. (laughter) "That we are not able to remember the future and that physicists can't find a single arrow of time that points in any direction except ahead, is one of the most profound and vexing mysteries in nature." In other words, by all rights, it ought to be the norm to remember the future. Wouldn't that play havoc with the stock market? Let me see if I can find the article. I didn't think about reading it, but this is a very, very fascinating article here. No, if you folks need to go somewhere, here's a good time to do it.

If time ran in reverse, and physicists find no reason why it shouldn't, then trees would ungrow, broken glass reassemble, and tomorrow be as vivid in memory as yesterday. I'm just going to read the first front of this; better not. I'm going to read this thing over first. There might be some things in here so far out that none of us would have the foggiest idea. "The difficulty started 300 years ago when Newton published his Principia and unleashed on the world the science of mechanics. Newton's mechanics allows you to calculate the orbits of planets, trajectories of missiles, and the behavior of billiard balls when they collide. In fact, Newton's mechanics essentially idealize everything as billiard balls. One of the strangest things about Newton's theory is that there is no era of time built into it." In other words, our universe seems to be doing something that it's not supposed to. It's only going in one direction. I only read this a few days ago. This is not something I'm propagating here, folks, I just want you to know that in the realm of physics, which certainly isn't trying to be Christian, they every once in a while bump into something that helps us grasp a little bit of what's going on around us. You know, Einstein talked about his fourth dimension. They talk about a parallel universe, antimatter. What else do they talk about like that? These are things I don't quite understand. I'm sure that some of you could explain them to us clearly. I'm not concerned about my relationship, particularly to that, but it allows me to believe and to understand a little bit more about the ways of God and what it is God does and how He relates to the universe which He created.

I've often quoted Evelyn Underwood, who wrote a book entitled *The History of Christian Mystics*. It's nothing in the world but a book on devout Christians, mostly from a Catholic viewpoint. At the beginning of the book, before she talks about each one of these people's lives, she makes a statement. The statement is this: "All of these people throughout church history had several things in common. One of them is that they seem to spend a lot of time with the Lord. Another one is they were devout people who lived clean lives," and some other things, I don't really remember what they were, but she said, and it's absolutely true, "every one of them had a profound sense of another realm." A profound sense of another realm.

Now, we're here just seeking to explore the Lord, and if there was anything that I spoke on this morning, if you weren't here, I rarely ever say this, but if you weren't here, I'd really recommend you to watch the video or get the tape because it was very definitely a central message in this conference. Just to awaken you to a universe that's in you, the realm of the spirituals. Well, you say, "Is it in me?" Well, I will tell you this: it was in Him. He was not a Lord who was here on this earth working out of a theory of ethics, not working out of a concept of teachings. Neither was He, because He was sinless down here, living a good life by the strength of His will. Something awesome was going on inside Him. I don't think anyone in church history has ever challenged that, no matter which school they came from. The question is, did it all stop with Him, or does this continue into the sons and daughters of God? That's really the only question that is being asked.

This morning's message was entitled *The History of the Deeper Christian Life*. So last night's message, which you have by now forgiven me for, was on what this deeper Christian life conference is for. And this morning we discussed the history of the deeper Christian life. We found out that it originated with God the Father and flowed out of the Father into the Son. Out of the Son, it became part of the other realm, and then man was designed and made in such a way that he, not only is of this earth, but he is also of the other realm, for he had spirit breathed into him.

Now, throughout the New Testament, you will find again and again references to your spirit, the human spirit. Corinthians and Romans are full of this. One of the benedictions of the epistles ends with the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. May the Lord sanctify you both spirit, soul, and body. You have a spirit. Now, spirit is not native to this realm. Solid is native to this realm. Spirit is native to the other realm, so we became a hybrid. We belong to both this universe and the other one; no one else does. Just man. God doesn't belong to both; He belongs to that one. Animals don't belong to that one; they belong to this one.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and therefore, He is in line to inherit the kingdom of the heavens. Is that not true? All right. He is also the Son of David. So, He is in line to be King of the nation of God. Therefore, this One who was both Man come in the form of human flesh and also God the Son dwelling eternally in the Father, He has the title right to stand first in line to inherit and be Lord and King over both realms. Amen. Praise the Lord.

Well, we talked then about what happened to the Christian life. This is what happened to the Christian life, and the deeper Christian life, it came to earth in Bethlehem. And the deeper

Christian life, we lived on this earth for 33 years, and we just marked off about 200 years here when the deeper Christian life had its history on earth. And I hope you understand that I'm stretching the term a little bit. Then, after Constantine, it seems as though we lost all concept of spiritual things and became extraordinarily earthy. Have you ever heard of Anthony, usually called St. Anthony, who went out into the deserts of the Sinai, took some people with him, and stood out, stayed out there in the hot blazing sun, fasted for 50 years. Those guys who fasted all the time seem to live forever. Thousands of people went out into the Sinai to do this. Men began to stare into the Son to try to earn their rights and privileges with God. Men beating their backs and cutting themselves and doing all sorts of hideous things to themselves to impress God that He might love them. A very objective world we lived in for a long, long time with a little group of Roman Catholic mystics, who called themselves that and others, who were taking Neoplatonism and really getting into this thing of meditation, contemplation, something else, and union. Does anybody know what that other degree in there was? Going up the Neoplatonism scale to oneness with the good, pure Plato.

In our own day and age, we have switched over to the Bible. We have switched over to evangelizing the world. We've switched over to service. When I was a young man, I lived in Europe for a while, and the Europeans laughed at Americans because they seemed to be always doing, doing, and doing. And I went back just recently, a few years ago, and America's attitudes and ways had taken over. And now Europe's doing it. It's do - serve God, serve God, serve God, serve God. Serve God. You cannot imagine how many Christians have entered the ministry and gone to the mission field on the basis of feeling that if they did that, they would be spiritual. The thinking was that somewhere after hearing all those wonderful stories, they would go out there and somehow, they would either find God deeply or they would satisfy these inner longings.

How many men and women have gone to Bible schools and seminaries in order to find a deeper relationship with the Lord? And as the old joke goes, go all the way through, study Greek and Hebrew, take all the classes we were supposed to, come out wondering what day it was that I was absent when this was discussed, and we missed it. Now then, I want to, and we've come up to this particular generation, and there's been a little progress made, a little progress, but we're not about to work our way out of a job. I think that somewhere along the line, we have failed to realize that this incredible vocabulary of the first century emerged from personal experience.

When I was a young man, 17 years old, I got saved. I read Ephesians 1. And I'll never forget reading that thing and putting it down and saying, "What in the world does that mean?" And I heard gospel preaching all the rest of my life, and that question bothered me and bothered me and bothered me. Here is such a spiritual chapter written to a young church that seemed to fully understand absolutely everything said. Some of the mind-boggling statements in Colossians 1 and 2. Some of the awesome things found in Galatians 2. Deep, intricate things, mysterious things of the Lord that seem to have been commonplace with brothers and sisters in the early centuries. And you say, "What day did I sleep through class when they explained this to me? They didn't; they never explained it to me, living, and you must remember, please, that I have a master's degree in

theology. I ain't ignorant; I just look ignorant. We never had those things explained to us. We heard some theories about a few of them. They didn't ring true to anything within anybody. You could tell when your theological professor talked about it, his eyes were kind of glazed over, and he was talking really, really fast and going over his pages really quickly, trying to get past this subject so he could get back to things like propitiation and cosmological soteriology and Eschatology and transubstantiation, consubstantiation and things like that, that we know all about. But these words were born out of their personal relationship with the Lord Jesus and the personal relationship of illiterate men and women.

Brothers and sisters, this New Testament was written in a world where 95, 96, 97, 98, and some places 99 and in some places, almost 100% illiteracy reigned. And yet these people, we have to believe, if we know anything from archaeology and the study of early documents and literature, if we know anything, early Christians were mostly poor, and all poor people were illiterate. The overwhelming masses of Christians of the first and second centuries could not read, and yet they could talk about the heavenly places, being in the spirit, walking in spirit, being in God, being in Christ, being Christ in them. These were common words they brandished around and understood without definition. It's never defined. It's taken for granted. It's like somebody who spent his whole life in a cotton patch. He never starts off a letter saying, "Today I spent the day in the cotton patch." Now, cotton is a plant that comes from a legume. And it's by the way, it's all seasonal. It's a plant that should live 12 months out of the year. We brought it to America; it only lives for three or four months, and we get the goodies out of it, but it's a tropical plant. Okay. And I think it's either a legume or a vine or something like that. I don't define that in some letter writing home saying today I picked 300 lb. of cotton because I've lived with cotton.

These people lived with things spiritual. They handled them. They spoke about the most incredible things; to read 1st John and look at it as, not as religious sentiment, but look at it as factual, truthful living experience is absolutely mind-boggling, and so much of this New Testament, if we can but open our eyes. Unfortunately, Plato got here, and we look at everything so objectively.

See, we come to the New Testament and because we are fallen and religious men and women, we come to the New Testament invariably saying, "Okay, God, what are you demanding of me? What are you wanting? I'll read it and see what you're doing." And I began to look for that, and I overlooked so much else. I love the description someone gave of God. They said, "I always thought of God as someone who was right back there with a frown on His face, leaning over, saying, 'You're not trying hard enough.' Well, you laugh a little bit, but I'm wondering if that's not the God you've got, just constantly looking for the obligation, and the sermons that we ministers preach are not helping the situation one bit. We are preaching to you constantly something you ought to be doing.

Brothers and sisters, I want to talk about the deeper Christian life as it was first lived, not in the other realm, but lived on this earth. The first person who ever lived it. And I'm coming back

to this little book here, and I'm saying to myself as I look at it, am I overlooking the main thrust of the writers of the Gospels? Am I so involved in what I'm supposed to do and what I'm supposed to be that I am really overlooking what the Lord is trying to communicate to me?

I want you to look with me at my Lord for just a moment. Has He come primarily burdened to tell you how to act? Now, if He is doing this, this is an incredible thing because He's new to our planet. He hadn't been around here as long as most folks have. He has been living with God the Father. Now, has God the Father been leaning over His back, saying, "Son, you're not trying hard enough?" Are they living in a world of rules and regulations? Oh, but Gene, there was the holiness of God. I know that, but if God knows that, then God knows something else, that all my good efforts at being holy could never measure up to this incredible enormity, this mind-boggling, totally incomprehensible purity and holiness of God. He would know that better than anyone, would He not? That you will never, never be holy as His Father is holy. Oh, but Gene, He told us to be holy. That's right. And He's going to make us holy. We're not going to make ourselves holy.

Is He coming with the idea and the mind that He is coming here to tell us lots of things to do? Is this the record that is unfolding before me? Or am I overlooking the great secret and message that's being unfolded here before me? Am I looking in the wrong place? Am I looking at the objective and overlooking the subjective? Am I looking at the material and overlooking the spiritual?

Alright, let's just look at this for a minute. Little boy, 12 years old, going down a dirty dusty road, going to Jerusalem, little boy - what does He know? How much of His past can He remember? How much of the future can He remember? It's a good question. Consider it. There's a little Boy going down the dusty road to Jerusalem on a festival day. Can He remember the past? How much past can He remember? He's only 12. How much has the Father already told Him about? What's the story? Why did Luke tell us this thing? To tell us what a good little boy Jesus was when He was 12 years old. Of course, it's obvious that's what He was doing. He was a good little boy. He ran off from His mom and daddy and scared the wits out of them. Mommy and His stepdaddy, excuse me. What does He know? How much does He remember? Does He remember anything in the future? Okay, if He can remember the past, how much past can He remember? Four, five, six years, if we go all the way back to when He was four, maybe. Well, can He remember before He was four? Can He remember before He was born? If not, then this becomes an incredible story that doesn't make a lot of sense. Is that not true? Because already He knows that His Father is invisible and lives in another realm. He obviously has met with Him and fellowshiped with Him, even though He is only 12 years old, but does anybody ever bring that up? Has anybody ever brought that subject up before? Have you ever heard of that being considered? Maybe a little bit. Some of you, I think, most of you know.

He already understands that the house of God is in another realm. Read the story carefully. He is remembering lots of things about the past. He also knows already the call of His Father upon Him. I think He has the very definite, distinctive impression that Jerusalem, which He is visiting,

isn't really real, that it isn't THE Jerusalem. It's a picture of Jerusalem. But He knows a Father who lives in another realm. Now, how can He do that? Nobody else can. It is because His spirit, unlike everybody else around Him, is alive. Their spirit is dead. He is the first person since Adam who can see the unseen, but He is not the last person to see the unseen. For the Colossians were told that they could see the unseen. I don't mean with your eyes, and I'm not talking about spooky things or predictions, but I'm talking about a little 12-year-old boy walking down the road who was simply fellowshipping with His Father.

Well, 12 years old. Wonder what He had by the time He was 15. Is He growing? Do you think by now He's beginning to remember the future? Is He remembering the future by now? I don't know, but somewhere along the line, He got where He could remember the future. He created this universe. He understood Einstein's theory of relativity perfectly. And Newton's how did you pronounce that word? Principia, laws of mechanics. Alright.

He had some interesting things to talk about. I'm talking about the deeper Christian life, folks. A little 12-year-old boy living the deeper Christian life. He is fellowshipping with His Father. Let's watch Him remember the past. Let's say he's 29. He's going down the road, and He remembers His stepdad, let's say, just died, okay? He's about to go into the ministry. He's going to be leaving His mother. He's concerned about His mother, and as He goes down the road, He remembers the past. You know what He remembers? He remembers the day He created the universe, and He remembers how beautifully He made lilies. He remembers that when He made them, He made them in such a way that nobody had to take care of them, that they never had to work a day in their life. And then He remembered Solomon, and He remembered the day He spoke to Solomon.

Do you say that couldn't be? If you take that ability of Jesus Christ away from Him and say He read that in the book, you have literally stolen from Him His divinity and His pre-existence. He was preexistent. He was in the bosom of the Father before the foundation of the world; He said He was. And He remembered Solomon. He remembered Solomon's beautiful golden robes and his purple, and all of this. And He looked back at that lily, and he said, "The lily I made is prettier than the glory Solomon made for Himself." He wasn't telling you about something He read in the 1 and 2 Kings or 1 and 2 Chronicles. He was remembering an encounter with Him.

Why don't we see the story of the lilies of the field from that viewpoint rather than from the viewpoint of God's going to take care of you when you're in big trouble? Why can we not shift back and begin to look at His life from the viewpoint of an indwelling Lord? Are you following me? That message to me is as pertinent as real and as present in that story as anything else involved in that story. He was on the mount of transfiguration, and two people stepped out of the other realm. If we're to believe the story, two people stepped out of the other realm; neither one of them walked up to Him and shook His hand and said, "Glad to know you." Amen. They already knew Him, and He knew them. Say something. Why don't we look at this and realize, brothers, that God is simply hollering at us about other realms and spirit, and just take His words again and again and

again and look at them. He's saying to you, there's a spirit in you. There's another realm. God is in that other realm. I am in that other realm.

Jesus Christ spoke about being the Son of man come down from the heavenlies and then turned around and said, "And who is in the heavenlies." You're not going to say He had a split personality; He had a split being. He could be in the other realm. The Son of Man came down out of the heavenly places and was also now in the heavenly places. He was in both places at once. When we see Him glowing there on Mount Tabor, I have never seen, I don't know about you, but I have never seen some glory fall on Him. The light that shines and brightens up that whole place is coming from within Him. If you could have seen Jesus Christ as He was seen by the Father and the angels, you would have seen one with brilliant incandescent light glowing within Him, and it burst forth that day in His fellowship with the Father. Burst out into our realm. That was light from a vast eternal realm piercing into His Spirit. Then coming out of the spirit into His soul and His body and out into our realm, visible. Through the door of the spirit where His Father, who is Spirit, lived. Why could I not look at that passage of scripture and see this? And why doesn't someone tell me these things? It's right there.

On the day He was baptized, we read the story of His baptism, draw our swords, and start cutting one of those heads off with our different doctrines about what happened on the day He was baptized. My brother's standing right there in the middle of that story. And there was a voice out of the heavenlies. God the Father, watching His Son, came up to the door between that realm and this realm and just cried out for all to hear. "Behold, my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." But perhaps that voice came from deep within the Son of God; I don't know, but why doesn't someone tell me about that door and about the Father in that other realm who walked daily in, with, and about His Son, rather than telling me that I got to go outside, find some water, and be held down in that water until I bubble three times. Which more edifies me?

This is the story of the deeper Christian life being lived out right in our faces and these words before us. I would crack open your mind's way of conceiving and seeing things, and just please believe it's all over the story of the life of the Son of God, and it's there for you and me. No, I'm not going to tell you that I was in spirit, and I saw the end of the world; it's next Friday afternoon at 2:30. Brothers and sisters, He worked miracles. He did this, He did that. It's true, He did, but reread that record from the view that I'm trying to introduce to you tonight and realize that most of that record is not about healing. It is not about predictions. It is not about the end of the world. It's not about ethics. It's not about teaching. It's about an internal fellowship with God the Father.

I've heard almost everything on earth preached about this particular message. I've heard about Father-Son relationships. I've heard about wine. I've heard about salvation, but let's look again at the story of Jesus at the wedding in Cana, and here He is. He is sitting in the back of a room watching people celebrate, and they run out of wine. And another age comes before His eyes, and He realizes they ran out of wine in the Garden of Eden. He knows He's come to give them the wine back. This is spiritual. He knows they ran out of wine a long time ago. He knows He's come

to give him the wine back. His mother walks up to Him while He's looking, listening, and hearing that the wine is not here, and He sees all of mankind. He knows why He's come. He is in spirit. He's in fellowship. He is keenly aware of who He is and what's going on. He looks up. His mother says, "Son, they're out of wine." She spoke to Him on the earthly; He spoke to her out of the other realm. He spoke to her from the other place where He was, and He said, "Woman, don't press it. It is not yet my time. Woman, leave me alone. It's not my time." He spoke to her with such insight as to His spiritual place and who He was as reality. That stuff was a picture on this earth. He was the real wine sitting there who had come from another place, and He knew that He was still three years away from giving new wine. She knew, too, that His time was not yet. And so, she said to Him, she didn't say anything to Him. She walked away and she said to those servants, "I don't know this Son of mine is unusual, but just in case He were to say anything to you about wine, just do anything He tells you, no matter how outlandish it is."

He was not looking at some little thing going on at a wedding. He was looking at a great panoramic view of man that stretched from the garden to that age, until the end of time. The spirituals drip from that beautiful story. They drip from that beautiful story. I would have the scales drop from your eyes, saints, and you see the real story of what is going on in the life of Jesus' ministry.

The woman at the well is the best of all. There's a bunch, but that's the best of all. Here is a man walking inside here. He is walking in His Spirit. He is in His spirit. He's not in His brain. He is not sitting here worrying about Jewish rules and regulations. He sees things so differently than the way we do, and words have different meanings because words in the other realm are used one way. The words in this realm don't quite match them, and so they kind of miss one another sometimes.

Listen to this glorious message that He preaches to one silly, shallow-minded, dumb little woman. Frivolous little, shallow, emotional, senseless girl. She walks up to the well. She goes to get some well water. I'm going to get some water. He hears water; water right in here, just welling up in me. I was tired a minute ago. It was hot and dusty, oh, but Father, water, God, water, more fellowship. Yes, refreshment. Living water going on in Him. He sees that woman. He remembers when He marked her off in eternity. He knows her, His man on the father. He knows her redeemed, resurrected spirit. He knows this girl. Things are picking up. This is the one who can remember the past, way past.

"May I have a drink?" "You, a Jew, speak to a Samaritan?" Almost gloating over the fact that she had water, and He didn't. He said, "If you knew who was talking to you, I'd give you water out of eternity. Water that goes on and on and on. Real water, not this picture stuff." Water. He's got water. She's got picture water, symbol water, tide water. He's got the Father in Him, and He is fellowshiping at this moment with God the Father in Him. So, she says, "Oh, great prophet, we got here. I'll just ask Him a theological question. You Jews, you worship in Jerusalem, we Samaritans, we got a temple, too, right up there on that hill. You say it's no good. You say yours is

the right. Which one's the right one?" This little gal has been like everybody else. She was raised to argue theology even though she didn't know a thing.

Now, boy, you know, all the things that have been preached about this woman at the well and the Lord Jesus at this well, but nobody dwells on the incredible spiritual vocabulary that's flying here from one who lives in other places. He looks up at her mountain and knows that this was never the right thing. He considers Jerusalem, and He can consider even now, there's that priest going through all the rituals and doing this with the doves or the lamb or the ox or whatever. And He sees the veil, and He sees the this and the that. He says, "Yeah, Jerusalem's where you ought to worship, but the hour comes and just arrived right here at this well. Just got here. Just arrived. Eternity and time intersected for you, little lady." That which was marked off in eternity has now met time.

The hour cometh and now is when men shall no longer worship in Jerusalem, but shall worship where in wind, in spirit, in breath, in spirit. For my Father is looking around right now for those who will worship not in pictures. Not in the pictures of the ox and the doves and the turtle doves and the lamb of Jerusalem or its altar or its priest with all of its symbolic robes and rituals. Not in the unreality of Jerusalem, but in the real reality, in the other place. For my Father is looking around for those who will worship Him in spirit. Alright, now, where is the spirit? "Oh, just you know, oh spirit. Yeah. Praise God. His spirit is spirit. Oh, there is spirit. Let's be in spirit." No. Samaria had a location. The Jews had a location, and God had a location. It's in here. That is where reality is. There's a door in there, and you walk in. Little lady, they're at the well, sitting on the side of the well. You are sitting there; your Father is seeking you to give up Samaria and forget Jerusalem. He is seeking the one who will worship Him in the real things in the realm, in spirit. And you know something, she did. She did. When Philip came through years later to preach the gospel in Samaria, you can bet your bottom dollar that little gal was sitting on the front row hollering, "Amen. It's true. He lives in here." And since that day, I've never thirsted spiritually. I tried everything on earth to fill up a hole in here physically, and it didn't work. One day, He gave me water out of another realm, and I have been worshiping Him in here, and He's gone and ascended now, but He's also ascended in my spirit, and He is in here.

Now, why didn't someone tell me that? Why do we not open the Word of God and see these things when we see the scripture? Why not see the Lord's own relationship with the Father? And when the disciples got back that day, He said, "I've been eating real food. I've been drinking real water. It comes from the other invisible realm, and I have been worshiping in reality." Well, these are the hidden things of the gospels that we don't see.

The feeding of the 5000, do you remember? You've heard it your whole life. Do you remember? You remember what He said about it? He said, "He who drinks my blood and eats my flesh has a place in Me, but He who refuses to eat my flesh and drink my blood has no part in me." And then they said, "Oh, this is too much. Let's go." And He said, "I'm not talking about this. I'm talking about spirit and life. I'm talking about eternal life, and I'm talking about spirit. To drink of

the spirit of My life and to eat of the life of My life. This is what I'm talking about." Brothers and sisters, that's not just salvation; that is a daily thing of partaking of your Lord. Your body was made by God to need physical food, which isn't real food. Real food is in the other realm. I don't know exactly what my soul needs, but it has needs, and they really need to be met. And this is why this aestheticism stuff won't work because you really have some practical human needs, but your spirit drinks and your spirit eats, and it eats in the other realm. And it drinks in the other realm. Why doesn't somebody show me how to eat and drink in another realm?

Well, I was just going to say one more here. One year, I talked about it, and I'm going to mention it again. The Lord talked about a man who had a demon, and the demon was cast out of him, but the demon just couldn't find any place to go. Now this is a real spook show; this will scare anybody. He found six friends, got them, went back, found an empty room in that man, and now he had not one demon, but he had seven. What's the point? The point is, never clean up your life. That's the point. Never clean up your life. Never get everything out of it. Never clean it up. Fill it up; don't clean it up, because if you clean it up, it's empty. It's going to be filled with something. He understood that there is a room inside of you, and it has got to be filled one way or another. It will be filled with something. And He was saying, "Fill it up with me." And the reason He said it was that He was speaking out of personal experience. He had a room inside, and it was filled with God the Father whom He walked with, worshiped, adored, and fellowshiped with every day of His life, and all theology as far as I'm concerned pales in the presence of this. I would like for you to remember that the gospel of Jesus Christ was delivered to the poor and the ignorant. And it's got to be a gospel that the poor and the ignorant can understand. It is not some high-fluting, high-sounding thing. It is for illiterates. For illiterates. If it is not for illiterates, it's not for anybody. That's right. It's got to be simple because most of us are simple. And we have to walk on this earth, and whatever it is that He has supplied to us can't be all that complex. It's got to be simple.

You know, if I never learn one more thing about the Lord Jesus Christ, as long as I live, I think it'd be okay because I got the horse out there in front of the cart, finally. Now there are 12 men following Him around, and they are illiterate and they are not well educated. They really don't know a whole lot, and look at their lives. They cannot be called theological. What are they watching? They're watching the healing, and they're watching the power, and they're getting into this, and He rebukes them for it. And little by little, as they live with Him longer and longer, they go from watching the outward things, and they begin trying to discover the engine from whence all this is coming. And they begin to concentrate more and more on what's going on inside of Him, and they begin to pick up little secrets of the Christian life, and brothers and sisters, they're all internal. They're all internal. And I want you to know that before those men had ended their time with Him, they were a lot smarter than they realized and a lot dumber than they realized, but after they got over being dumb, after the resurrection and the Lord came into them, then all the things that were spiritual and all the things that were of the other realm and all the things that were of the spirituals lit up inside of them. And now they didn't remember miracles. They didn't remember the

betrayal. They remembered the fellowship; they remembered the fellowship they had with Him. And they remembered the fellowship He had with a Father inside of Him.

We're going to tell you about the time we laid on His breast, about the time we held His hand. We're going to tell you about the time we sat with Him. And then we're going to tell you about the day He died. And then we're going to tell you about the day He rose again. And then we're going to tell you about the way the day he ascended. And then we're going to tell you that we kept on fellowshiping with Him even though He disappeared off the face of the earth, and we continued our fellowship with Him, and it moved inside of us, and daily we touch Him, and daily we know Him. And daily we fellowship with Him. And daily we drink Him. And daily we eat Him. And daily we hear Him speak. Oh, not to go out and do some big deal or that Neo was going to die of something or other, but the fellowship of eating and drinking with Him and hearing the word of love and comfort within us.

And we declare to you these things, that you who have Him in you may fellowship with the Father and the Son, and you'll know what we're talking about, and glory, you will then be able to fellowship with us and fellowship with Him. Then we'll be able to fellowship with one another. And out of there will come the church. Fishermen make lousy theologians. Praise the Lord.

Well, that was the deeper Christian life on this earth. Are you clear? All this week, I am going to unfold for you more of His fellowship with the Father. That's why I live with this book. And sometimes I open this thing, and I think, no, this story, this passage is not there. Here's something that nobody on earth could possibly find. I just sit there and wait, and I read it and wait, and I come back. I look at it some more, and one day it bursts open, and I think, "Oh, foolish Gene. Oh, blind Gene. Oh, foolish, blind Gene, you cannot see the end of your nose." Here is what this story is really telling. And I am illumined, and I am awed by what I see.

Now, dear brother and sister, I would tell you that I would give up reading the scripture tonight from the viewpoint of what God is demanding of you. You're not trying hard enough. And I would stop seeking for that which you ought to be doing. Go do that next year. Okay? Take a year off. Do that next year. You did it last year. You did it the year before. Do it next year and the year after, but this year, discover His relationship with an indwelling Father and pursue that with all you've got and you sometimes, oh I tell you reading some of the passages you just get, I'm just you know I never have walked two miles with anybody who I didn't like and to forget, I can't forget that guy and you just get, so forget it brother keep looking in there look not at you and your obligation and your relationship to the gospel of what you need, keep looking at Him and keep looking at the Father. Look at Him. Then look and see if you can find the Father, see if you can hear the Father talking to Him. He said He never uttered a word unless He heard the Father utter it first. Listen when He speaks. What did the Father say to Him? Then He says something. What is He really talking about? Is He talking about something earthly or heavenly? Look and look and look again. Don't study it. Just wait and let it come bursting out on you.

Well, brothers, we ought to turn that thing off, and we'll talk practically now. For those of you watching the video, would you like to hear about all these practical things we're discussing? You have to come join us. These things are not given away lightly. So, we're going to turn you off right now, and we're going to talk about wonderful things. Okay.