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Is it really possible for you to touch the Eternals as our Lord did? I want to go to John 10 right now. I may not make it; wait a minute, don't go there. We may not make it because I have something so important to talk with you about. I've already brought it up, and it's got to be the first thing we do.

Do you remember when I was giving the introduction this afternoon? I said to you, and I said to you again tonight, that Jesus Christ experienced things in the heavenly realm on earth, and the things that happened in the heavenly realm happened here on earth. That you and I have a part of us free of space and time. Now here's what I wish you'd try to understand: there was a time in eternity when Jesus Christ was slain, and it intersected with time one day at the cross. That's the one place where time and eternity, time and non-time, touched, but all of His life that He lived in time was also lived in eternity, and there in eternity, it is free. He comforts us with a comfort with which He Himself was comforted by God. I'm stealing that from Romans, I realize. He really did stand at the end of time and space.

Please take the simple thought that there is enormous experience in the Godhead. Incredible experience in the Godhead. Spiritual experience that pretty well blankets virtually any experience you would ever have. Then there's the life of Jesus Christ lived in time and outside of time at the same time that pretty well fulfills the rest of spiritual experience. Do you follow me? Or, to put it another way, and I'm going to ask you to repeat this: you will never have an experience that Jesus…spiritual experience…that Jesus Christ did not have first.

Are you ready for another one that has a twin brother to that statement? That's what the rest of this evening will be about. I've already given this to you; I want to do it again. What the Father is to the Son…say it…the Father is to the Son, Christ is to me. Let's see if I can prove it. These are not all the verses. These are some verses that I copied down. These are not all the verses.

I want you to look at these. Here's my question. Can we find a succession here of what happened between the Father and the Son, being passed on from the Son to the believer, from the Son to the Apostles, and from the Apostles on into all of the Christian realm? Will what I have said hold true in Scripture? Just reading these verses, just reading them, is mind-boggling. I don't feel worthy to read these verses, much less talk about them.

We're going to start with John 12. We're going to take some passages of John 12 through 16. I want you to see, in this verse, the fellowship of the Father and the Son. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it for eternal life. Who did He say that to? It's His last discourse to His disciples. Now look at it again. That's said in space-time, is it not, but was true in the eternals, and it was made true on earth. Who was the first person to despise His own life? You don't understand this, do you? Oh, I'm sorry, I'm at John 12:25. He who loves his life loses it. He who hates his life in this world shall keep it to eternal life.

Go with me to Gethsemane and see One who is both utterly man and utterly God, dealing with the life in His soul, and He says, "Not my will." Now what is the will of the Son of God? His will is to preserve His life. I will tell you something else: the first activity of the human soul is to preserve itself from crucifixion. The first law of the soul's survival is to keep it from being crucified. Jesus said, " Not My will." He had a will in this matter, and it was opposed to His Father's. He shifted to the life of His Spirit and said to the Father, "Thy will be done." Thy Life be done. The life of the Spirit, the life of God, just really doesn't mind crucifying anybody. Once He got past doing it to His Son, He just found it really easy to do it to the rest of us.

Now, I am telling you that in John 12:25 you have an eternal experience that Jesus Christ is talking about, but when He passes it on to people, it's second-hand. It happened to Him first. Are you following? That's what this evening is about. Can we really say that I will never have a spiritual experience but what my Lord had at first? Well, there's one right there. We have something profoundly deep here. He did not say that until it became real in His own life, and then He said it to us.

I'm going to read verse 26. This goes on and on forever. Here it is - reflective experience: that which is the Father's becomes the Son's; the Son's becomes ours; it just passes on. The reflective, the passing on of the experience from one life into another. If any man serves Me, let him follow Me, and where I am, there shall My servant also be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor Me. Now look at that again. If anyone serves Me…Jesus Christ served the Father. He followed the Father. Are you with me in verse 26? Where the Father is, there His servant always is.

If I serve the Father, the Father will honor me. Here in verse 26, I find a hidden experience. It is spoken to me, but I find His experience hidden in it. Now my soul has been troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No. For this purpose I came out of eternity; I will not say, Father, save me from this hour. Do you see how intimately He is conscious of His Father in this verse? Alright, listen. Father, glorify your name. The Lord Jesus is giving up His own life; He is serving His Father; He is walking with His Father, as the Father is about to glorify Him. And He is glorifying the Father. Do you see the reflective experience between Father and Son here?

Then the door opens. I have glorified your name. Are you with me in verse 20? I have glorified your name…where? Where did I glorify your name? Before eternity; before time. In my eternal Son I glorified my name, and now I am going to do it again in space and time. I have glorified my name. The Lord Jesus had just said, Father, I am ready to go to the cross to glorify You. And the Father said I did it; I did it in the heavens with you, my Son, in eternal fellowship. In our eternal fellowship, free of space and time, my name was glorified. Now we are going to bring it into space and time and do it again… for the visible realm to see.

Reflected experience. Are you ready again? Go down to verse 40. You believe in one, you believe in the other. He makes this clear again and again in His speaking. You have not rejected me; you have rejected my Father. If you believe in Me, you believe in My Father. If you believe in My Father, you will believe in Me. Reflected experience between the Father and the Son; the

fellowship of the Godhead. He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but believes in My Father. And when did His Father send Him? He sent Him before the foundation of the world. We are again seeing a crack in eternity past. You believe in the One who, in eternity past, sent Me.

Verse 45. The Christian life was experienced long before time in the eternals, and it was not a Bible study and prayer; it was an intercourse between the Father and Son. An interchange, a commerce in the Godhead. It always begins with the Father; everything begins with the Father. The living of the Christian life was the Father giving His life to His Son. The Son gave the life back to the Father, and lived by the Father's life. The Father then beheld the Son, and the Son, by means of the life by which the Father beheld the Son, now takes that life and, by means of that life, beholds the Father.

When you sit down before your Lord, not to pray and not to read your Bible, but to behold Him; if you want to behold Him, why not behold Him in the other realm, not this one. Behold Him in the other realm, and when you behold your Lord, the Lord Jesus, you behold His Father. Reflected experience. Look at it. It's right there in verse 45. First, the Father and the Son behold. Then if you behold the Son, you behold the Father. That's three motions. Father to the Son, Son to the Father, the Son to you, you to the Son, and you to the Father by means of beholding the Son. That's beyond me.

I can do that again. You ready? The Father beholds the Son, and the Son, by means of the Father's life, beholds the Father. One day, by means of the Father's life, and knowing that by the Father you were chosen before the foundation of the world, meets you and says, “So you're Gene Edwards…so you're Gene Smith…so you're Joe Brown…and He beholds you. He gives you His life, which He got from the Father, which is passed on to you. The only life that can live the Christian life: He takes that life and gives it to you, and by means of that Christian life you pray, fast, and read your Bible. No! By the means of that life, it is organic for that life to behold somebody who is divine. It's the nature of that life to behold divinity.

So you take the life of your God, and you take the life that He gave you, and you behold the Son. Then the Son announces, “No, you're not beholding me. Philip, how long have you been looking at me? You're not beholding me. You're not beholding the Son. You're beholding the Father.”

Now, my whole point in all this is: do you see the interchange? Do you see the reflected? I don't like that. Any of you here with a word that passes from one to another? A transcending experience. Reflective, transcending experience. That's right, but it's more than telling. It's all the riches of the heavenlies are yours. All the riches of the fellowship of the Father and His Son are passed on to you.

We keep looking, same chapter. That's why I said this weekend is special; we're getting down to some of the most incredible stuff in all of the Bible. Okay? 49 and 50. Listen again to this reflected thing, this passing on from one to another. I did not speak on my own initiative. I did not speak on my behalf, but the Father Himself who sent me has given me a commandment about what to say.

Now that's an indwelling Lord. Now that's going to be passed on to you. I know that His commandment is eternal life. Therefore, the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told me. Brothers and sisters, know the reason for this. He spoke them to His disciples and to those who had ears to hear. Please look at this. I spoke what Him who sent me gave me. As far as He was concerned, any word He spoke was a commandment to speak. You see that in verse 49? What the Father ever uttered to Him was a commandment for Him to pass on to the hearers.

What is His commandment? I don't even want you to think of everlasting or eternal life. I want you to think of a life form. I want you to think of God the All, the Father, saying to the Son, "Pass on my life to another. I command you to speak and say, "Pass on eternal life to them." The life by which I, God the Father, lived the Christian life. The life by which You, the eternal Son, lived the Christian life. Which You, Jesus, the eternal Son, made visible, lived the Christian life. Tell them that that life, the only life that can live the Christian life, is to be passed on to them.

Go to chapter 13. Again, reflected experience. For I gave you an example from me to you that you also should do as I did to you. Verse 16: Truly, truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. I have to look at that, and I say, my Lord is saying to me, Gene, you are not greater than I am. He said, "What I have done to you, you do it to others." Now, once more, in both of these passages we see something reflective there. What has happened to Him has passed on to me; He is reflecting it further, but in both cases, He is also speaking of the relationship with His Father.

This is incredible to me, but somehow the Father had served the Son, and that is a thought we rarely have. The first experience of being sent was by God the Father sending the Son. That is where apostleship began. Therefore, the Father sent the Son; the Son knew He was not greater than the Father. He was not greater than the Father, but He had seen His Father serve Him. Now He knows He is greater than His servants, and His servants know they are not as great as He is, but reflective; passing on, He washes their feet and serves them, because He has had this experience with the Father. I am telling you, you are not going to have an experience, a spiritual experience, but what your Lord has had first, and He is telling us this in every one of these passages. Let's go on.

Chapter 13:34. A new commandment - number 11. Commandment number 11 I give to you: that you love one another… reflective…even as I love you. Now, where did He get "you love one another"? He got it because He was so passionately in love with you. He was.

Now listen, saints, have you ever really fallen in love with other Christians? It was just glorious. You have done nothing in this world but touch the love Jesus Christ has for you. That's all. You are just basking in the way He felt about those 12 men. He adored those nitwits, and they were really dumb, and He adored them. Now He is passing on to them this enormous energy of love that He had for them, and you have experienced this with one another. No other creatures on this earth have fellowship but Christians. No other people on this earth have an intermingling, a commerce. What's the word I'm looking for? An interchange that you and I have.

It is a third motion. You are doing nothing in this world but receiving reflective, divine experience passed on to you. The experience Christ had in loving those men was the birth of Christian fellowship. He then passed, literally put inside of them, that love. The love He had for them - He put inside of them; not just for Him but for one another…and they loved one another. Ever since then, Christians have loved one another and gotten excited about one another. You have fellowship with one another. That is because you have entered into an experience Jesus Christ has had with you; His experience has passed on to you. You will never have a spiritual experience that the Lord Jesus Christ did not have first.

Aha, but let's look at the rest of this verse. A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another, even as I have loved you; that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples: if you love one another.

The passage is from John, and it says, “As the Father loves me, even so do I love you.” You see, the Lord Jesus Christ loved those men intently. It was Christian, but boy, it was ancient. It was so much older than Judea and Galilee. Then He gave it to them; He put it inside them, and it was nothing in the world but a laying hold, within their own spirits, of what had been going on between the Father and the Son. As the Father loves Me, even so, I love you. Now enter into our fellowship; enter into the Godhead's experience: You’re going to love one another.

He had just said the Father gave me a commandment, and the commandment was eternal life. Isn't that strange? Anything He says is a commandment to the Son. Obedience. Now the Son says, love one another, and then He lets us know that’s nothing in the world but the love between the Father and the Son. Let's look at it again. The Christian life, if you please, the secret to the Christian life: the Father gives the Son His life; the Son lives by that life. The Father beholds the Son by means of His own life, the Father's life, and the Son then beholds the Father by means of the Father's life, which He gave to the Son, and the Son beholds the Father.

Now the Father, by means of the Father's life, loves the Son, and the Son, taking the Father's life and the Father's love, gives back to the Father the Father's love for the Son. Then the Father says, Everything I say to you, take as a commandment. Alright, here's the commandment: tell them to love one another the way we love one another.

Now, there's more to this than you may have seen. The Father says to the Son, " Tell them to love one another the way we love one another.” Now, that doesn't mean to get into the business of loving; it means by *the way*: *the way*. The way we love one another. And how do we love one another? I give you my love; you return it to me. It's divine.

Now, my Son, give them the love you got from me. Reflected love, third-generation love. So the Son takes the passionate love of the Father for the Son, and turns and loves the men and those women with what we call Christian fellowship. We all know what it means; if we don't, you don't have the Spirit of God in you. And we love one another. I know we love one another as long as preachers don't come around, tell us we have doctrinal differences, and divide us from one another.

You leave a layman alone, and he will love another believer until he's messed with. It takes a preacher to mess you up against one another, but the Lord said to love one another, doctrine or no. So He loves passionately by means of the Father's life and love.

Then He simply gives them the fellowship of the Godhead within their being, and automatically they touch a living God within. John touches the living God within, and he loves James, his own blood brother; imagine. Didymus could even get along with his twin, and Andrew and Philip love one another. James and John love one another, and they all get to the point where they can even stand Peter. (laughter) They haven't done anything; they have touched the living God.

Okay, I'm just going to read 21 verses. I hope I get through them. I don't really know what to do with this other than to just read it. I'm going to read John 14. *Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.* Reflected, right? *In my Father's abode are many abodes. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you* who are in him, a*nd if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am there you will be also.* Again, reflected. Where I am…where is I am? In the Father. Where I am, there I am going to come get you and put you there. Oh, yes, the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, and He's gonna take us out of the earth up into the sky. We're gonna be with Him forever. Rain on that!

This happened a few days later at the resurrection, when He put those men…by means of His resurrection and ascension…He put those men in the Father. Reflective. I am in the Father; I'm gonna come get you and put you where I am. Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you're going. How do we know the way?" And Jesus said, "I am the way." I want you to know something: for Thomas and for you, the eternals are yours only in Christ. Now get a hold of that, because your passage is determined by whether or not you're willing to be in Christ. I am the way; I am reality, and I am the Life. Who is the life? The Father was the life, the only life there was or ever will be, the only life that can live the Christian life. And now this Triumphant Lord has done what He has done, and the Father has made Him the Father's life.

I have become that portion of the life the Father lives the Christian life by; I am now the life. Look at the reflectiveness of this: passing from Father to Son to you, and back again. You see this all starting with the Father, and now it's flowing back in the other direction. Can you see this? I will come get you and put you where I am, where I've been for all eternity. Boy, this is so wonderful! No one will come to the Father but by going right through me.

This is the Lord's life. Where are you? You're somewhere down in here. When He goes from here back to the Father, the only way you'll get there is by being in Him. He is your door. The last message I brought on this subject: He is the door. That door that Stephen saw that ripped that place apart was Christ. The door that Isaiah looked through was Christ. The door that John on Patmos looked through - that door was Christ. The door from one realm to the other is Christ, and you will go through that door by being in Christ.

Nobody is going to get to the Father unless they're abiding inside of Me. If you had known Me, you would have known my Father also. There it is again: you know me, you know the Father. And because you know Me, you have seen the Father. Hey Christian, if you ever see the Lord in your spirit, you're going to see the Father. Lay your eyes on Jesus Christ, and then, by some means I cannot tell you, you'll see the Father.

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father." He's back to verse seven. You've known me now; you've experienced me now; therefore, you have seen my Father. Then to Philip, Jesus makes this incredible statement, and it is reflective: Have I been so long with you and you want more? He who has seen me has seen the Father. *He who has seen me has seen the Father.* Let me tell you something: He who has seen the believers has seen the Son. If you ever see the body of Christ, you will behold the Son of God. If you ever behold that bride, you will be so madly in love with her. When you have seen the body, you have seen the Lord. When you have experienced the body, you have experienced your Lord. It's reflective. It passes on from Father to Son to this corporate one.

Please watch this, this interchange, this reflective interchange. I'm in verse 10. Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? He, in His Spirit, was in His Father, and His Father was in His Spirit. He walked around in the Father because the Father was in Him. The main part of Jesus Christ was His other life; the main part of Jesus Christ was the life form He got from the other realm. By the life form He got from His Father, not by the life form He got from His mother. He got His life form of the soul from His mother; He got the life form of His Spirit and God's Spirit, eternal life - that's a life form, the life by which God the Father lives the Christian life. He lived primarily in that life, and He lived primarily by that life. He might have gotten hungry and eaten by our life, but brothers and sisters, He walked and lived by means of His primary life, the life that was in His Spirit.

When He was in there, He was in His Father, but He could only go in there because His Father was inside of this man: Jesus. The man Jesus went to His Father in spiritual places, but the Father had come and entered into the eternal Son, now living in the form of human flesh. The words I say to you I do not speak on my own initiative, but the Father abiding in me does His work. Again - reflective. What I'm speaking is what the Father said. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

My brothers and sisters, if that's true, it's going to be found true…in you. It's gotta be that way. If you can't believe for any other reason, believe on account of the words. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do; greater works than these shall he do because I go to the Father. This is reflective. Listen to this: What I do, I do by means of the Father. Now, if you will believe in me, greater works than these will you do.

Do you notice that He says, "because I go to the Father "? Because I go to the Father, you will do greater works than I've done…and that "you" is plural. What happens when He goes to the Father? His Spirit will later come, and He will return to the Father and bring us into the Father, but He will also return from the Father by means of the Paraclete and enter us. You know the church has done

greater works than Jesus did; are you aware of that? The church has performed more miracles than the Lord. More prayers have been prayed than He ever prayed. More power has been released in His body than was released in His three years upon this earth. Because I go to the Father, once more I'm seeing that which is in one is coming down to another and to another.

Can you see that it started with the Father, went to the Son, and the Son is going to the Father. It will be passed on to these disciples that the works, because of their believing, will be like His works, because He heard, listened, obeyed, beheld; they will do the same, and those twelve at the day of Pentecost and all of the birth of the church in Jerusalem would be greater than what the Lord did during His short ministry in Israel. That's reflective. That's moving from Father to Son to this earth among you and me, a deep, profound spiritual experience for the body of Christ.

Verse 13: Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. I would like for you to concentrate for later purposes on "the Father may be glorified in the Son", and we will try to figure out who is glorifying who. I give you one of the greatest mysteries of the New Testament. The question: was the Father seeking to glorify the Son, or was the Son seeking to glorify the Father? Now, you work on that for a while, but that raises a question: what are we doing? Because it passes on. It's reflected; it goes from one to another.

Okay, if you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments, and I will ask the Father, and He will give you the Paraclete that He may be with you forever. That is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Brothers and sisters, the very elements of the Godhead's fellowship - not the Godhead, but the fellowship of the Godhead - are being opened with a huge invitation on it: come join…will be in you. I don't have time to go through this because I want to go through it again later, but I want to read it right now. Catch the reflectiveness of this, the passing on. I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you. After a little while, the world will behold me no more, but you will…we're back to beholding, saints.

What is beholding? It's the organic natural activity of divinity. That's what it is. You get divinity, you behold; if you get divine life, it's just organic; you do it. You don't behold somebody; you're either gonna behold the Father or the Son, or the Father's gonna behold the Son, or the Son is gonna behold the Father. The Father is gonna behold you, or you're gonna behold the Son, or the Son is gonna behold you. Somebody is going to behold, and I will disappear, but you will keep on beholding me even though I am invisible. Why? Because He shall be in you even as He is in me and I am in Him and you shall be in Him. He shall be in you, and I will disappear, but you will behold.

When you behold Me inside…I'm in verse 20…and when you get there, to that place where you can see the unseen, you will see Me. You will behold Me. Why? Because my life is in you. And on that day, when your life is in me, because I am the Living One and you behold me; in that day

you will know where I am, but you're going to see me in the Father. Now, isn't it true that when you see the Lord Jesus Christ today, you see Him in the Father? That's where you see Him. And in that day, you will see Him, and you will know He is in the Father. In that day when you behold me invisible, in that day when I am invisible, but you see me, you will see me in the Father.

Then you're going to look up and say, He's in the Father, and I see Him in the Father; therefore, He must be in me. Because He had the Father in Him and He could see the Father. Now I can see Him in the Father…so He must be in me, just as the Father was in Him. He was in the Father. The Father was in Him. He must be in me, and if He's in me, I must be in Him, and you're going to discover where you are: you're gonna discover you're in Christ. You know what you're gonna discover when you're in Christ? You're gonna discover you're not there; you're gonna discover only Him. You're gonna find Him.

Brothers and sisters, we have only got to look at the reflective experience. Can you not see that this gets so complex you can't follow it…but you can. Now, would anybody dare say that we could experience these things?