

Baptismal Class 5 of 6

Testimony of Jesus

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...I want you to see the wonderful channel of light that you're getting into. The first chapter of Revelation, verses 1 and 2. All together:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things That he saw" Revelation 1:1-2.

Now as you look at this verse, I want you to also look at this chart up here. This Revelation, this last book of the Bible, it says it's the last revelation of whom? Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him. But he gave it for whom? For us, his servants. All right.

Now the last part of that first verse, Eddie, who did He send it by? By His angel. Now that angel's name is Gabriel. You'll find that in Luke 1:19.

"I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings" Luke 1:19.

Jesus' special angel is Gabriel. He's the angel messenger of prophecy. He's the one that appeared to all the prophets of the Bible. All right. He's called 'His angel' here—Jesus' angel. Of course, all the angels are His, but then there's this *special* angel. Isn't it a wonderful thing that when Jesus has a message for His church down here in this little dark world, He takes His special angel as the messenger to bring down here? That shows how much He thinks of us, doesn't it? Yes. How we should *value* then any message that *comes* that way.

All right. Now, this book of Revelation came that way.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto His servants ... and He sent and signified it by..." Revelation 1:1.

Who?

"his angel..." Ibid.

The angel's name is Gabriel. All right. Now, who did the angel give it to, does it say? To John. And what was John? He was a prophet. Over in Revelation 22, the angel said that John was of his brethren, the prophets. John was a prophet. There had been other prophets before him, from Moses right on down through, you see, and John was one more of those prophets.

And so the angel said, I have come to show *you*, John.

But now let's see what John did with it. Stanley, what did he do with it, the second verse, what was John to do with it? He bare record. Now, what does that mean, Tom—that he bare record? He made a record of it. How'd he do that? He wrote it down, you see. In fact, that's what the Lord told him to do in the 11th verse. Jesus said:

“...I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches...” Revelation 1:11.

So, John did what Jesus *told* him to do. He wrote it down. Now, when John wrote this down and sent it out to the churches, notice, it was called, in that second verse, the Word of whom? The Word of God.

Now, somebody might have said, “I don't know about that being the Word of God. John wrote that down over there in Patmos.” Didn't John write it down in Patmos? But it was the Word of whom? The Word of God. Why? It *came* from Him.

All right. Now, let's see what else it's called. That second verse:

“Who bare record of the Word of God, and of...”
Revelation 1:2.

What?

“...the testimony of Jesus Christ...” Ibid.

Why is it called the testimony of Jesus? Why, because it *came* from Him, you see. God gave it to His Son, Jesus; Jesus gave it to the angel; the angel gave it to the prophet; and the prophet wrote it down for the church.

And the people that understood that, when they got it, they didn't just say, “Well, here's a letter from John. I wonder how he's getting along over there.” No. They recognized that it was a message from whom, Margaret? From God—the testimony of Jesus, the Word of God—because an angel, a holy angel, had brought that message from heaven. Do you all see that? Now, that's the way the whole Bible was written.

And so, when we study the Bible, we are getting the messages that Gabriel brought from heaven to the prophets—to Daniel and Moses and Isaiah and Peter and Paul and all the rest. All these different men that wrote the Bible—they wrote

because God sent the message to them from heaven and *inspired* them by His Spirit in writing it down.

Now, we have read in this text that we had in our review lesson that we studied last week, that in the last days God is going to have a church that will not only keep the commandments but will have what? The testimony of Jesus.

Now, I want to ask you something. Could a church have the testimony of Jesus unless Jesus sent it? Why, no. No. So here is a promise that in the last days Jesus will send a message from heaven to His church. Say, I want to be in that church that has that message. Don't you? Now, that's what it means, friends, to be baptized into the true church of Christ. You are in that channel of light. You're in that channel of light.

Now, that doesn't mean that these books that God has given us down here today—may I have that book there, please. Just hand it to me. Now, here's one of them, *The Great Controversy*, by Ellen G. White. I'm glad you've been reading that. That's a *wonderful* book. Sister White, herself, said she was more anxious for this book to be circulated than any other book that the Lord had helped her write, because this book unmasks the plans of the Devil and shows the issues in the coming battle. This whole book, you might say, is to help us understand Revelation 12:17:

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war...” Revelation 12:17.

This is it—the great controversy, the great battle, the great war.

All right. Now, when I pick up this Bible, this book, is this given to us as an addition to the Bible? No.

[Comments by class member.]

No, but it's not an *addition* to the Bible. The Bible is complete in itself. The Bible is complete. Well, then, what's *this* book for? Commenting on it. What did you say? Explain it. Exactly so. Explain it. Now, do we sometimes need explanations? Well, I do. I do. We *all* do. That's what we have teachers for, isn't it? That's what we have classes for.

Now, isn't it a wonderful thing that down here today in our time, in our language, Jesus is teaching His church from the textbook, the Bible, but using the Holy Spirit in sending this message from heaven by the angel, and a prophet down here in this world writing out what Jesus says today in commenting on what was written back here. That's a wonderful thing, dear friends.

You know, people today, they sometimes say, “Well, I don't know whether we understand the original Greek or not or the original Hebrew.” Well, it's interesting to study those things, but thank the Lord, when we read these writings down here today we don't have to worry about Greek or Hebrew because they're written for us in what? In English. Isn't that nice? Isn't that a comfort? Yes.

And do you know these books of the Spirit of Prophecy, they quote hundreds and thousands of Bible texts and explains it. But remember, it isn't to make a new Bible, it isn't instead of the Bible, it isn't an extra Bible added on. We use the same Bible in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as in the Methodist Church or the Baptist Church or the Presbyterian Church—the same Bible—and this is not to take the place of it, but, oh, it's to help us to what? Understand it.

And do you know what I find, folks? The people that study the Spirit of Prophecy the most, understand the Bible the best. That helps me to *know* that this doesn't take the place of the Bible. It magnifies it.

[Comment by class member.]

How many? About 50 of them. Yes. There's about 50 of the Ellen G. White books. About 50. All of you should have some and probably none of you have all of them. Well, you couldn't read them all at once, anyway. But you can just keep studying and keep reading and, oh, what a wonderful wealth of information there is.

Think of *Desire of Ages* on the life of Christ. How many of you have that? Yes, several of you. Think of the dear little book *Steps to Christ* that tells how to be a Christian. How many of you have that? Yes, about all of you have that, and I hope you read that over and over again. Then, there's a wonderful book called *Messages to Young People*, full of precious instruction for the youth. And there's *The Ministry of Healing* on health, and *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, especially about what to eat and when, and all about that.

And then, the wonderful books on the Bible history, like *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Prophets and Kings*, along with *Desire of Ages* and *Acts of the Apostles*. And then, this book *The Great Controversy*, which finishes this wonderful series on the Bible history. This takes it on down and leads us into the future, the coming of Christ, and the millennium and the destruction of the wicked and the earth made new.

Why, folks, we're the richest people in the world.

Now, I want to read that to you from the Bible that we're the richest people in the world. 1 Corinthians, the first chapter, and we'll see how rich we are. 1 Corinthians 1, verses 4, 5, 6 and 7 and 8. 1 Corinthians 1:4-8.

Let's read now together these verses, beginning with the fourth:

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by Him..." 1 Corinthians 1:4-5.

Wait a minute. Here are some people that are what? Enriched. Well, they must be rich then, aren't they? Enriched by Whom? By Christ. Now, when God makes us rich, we're rich, folks. Now, let's see who he's writing to, before we get through. All right.

“That in every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” *Ibid.*, verses 5-8.

Now, look at that seventh verse and tell me, what are these people that Paul is thinking about, especially, as he writes these words—what are they waiting for? [Class response: The coming of Jesus.] Now, what do we call people, Tom, that are waiting for the coming of Jesus? Adventists. That’s what the word Adventist means. The advent means the coming of Christ. And a person who’s looking for the coming of Jesus is an Adventist, and if he keeps the seventh-day Sabbath, he’s a Seventh-day Adventist.

All right. Now, Paul is writing here to some people that are waiting for what, Sylvia? Waiting for the coming of Jesus. Well, I wonder, how many of us here tonight are waiting for the coming of Jesus? Why, we all are, aren’t we? That’s why we’re here. We’re waiting for the coming of Jesus.

All right. Well, Paul’s writing to us, then. Well, let’s see if the rest of it applies to us. All right. We’re the rich folks, he says. Fifth verse:

“That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge” *Ibid.*, verse 5.

But now, comes the sixth verse that tells us how and to what extent. Read with me, again, all together, the sixth verse:

“Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you”
Ibid., verse 6.

All right. What is the testimony of Jesus? The Spirit of Prophecy. And it is to be, this verse says, confirmed where? In us. What does ‘confirm’ mean? [Class response is inaudible.] That’s it exactly. That’s it exactly. That we know it’s true. Confirmed is to have it firm.

Now, Stanley, would you, please, push against that pillar right next to you. Just push hard. Can you move it? Why not? It’s firm, isn’t it? Yes. It’s firm. Are there some things you can push over? Plenty of them. But you can’t push that over. It’s firm.

Now, there’s something that’s to be firm and settled in your heart and mine. What is it? The what? The testimony of Jesus. Which is what? The Spirit of Prophecy. And if it is, Paul says you’re what? You’re rich. You’re rich.

Now, let me show you how that works. It’s just as simple as can be, once you see it. Suppose that we’d see somebody drive up to Tom and Myrna’s home once a week in a great big, beautiful black car, and he’d spend an hour there. This man in

this car would get out there with his black bag and spend an hour there. He'd go away and next week we'd see him come again. And some of us might get curious and we'd say, "I wonder who in the world is that man in that great big black car that comes there and spends an hour with you folks every week?"

And they would say, "Why he's the leading doctor of the United States. He's the man that has devoted his life to public health and teaching people how to keep well, and he has come to spend at least an hour every week with us and to teach us how in our family we can live so that we won't have some of the sicknesses that other people have. And we want to keep well and we love little Alita and we just have employed him to come."

"Well, my, you folks must be rich, if you can afford the greatest doctor in the United States to come and spend one hour a week with you."

And suppose they should say, "Well, that's only the beginning. Beginning next week, we're going to have him come a half hour *everyday*."

"My, my, you folks must be millionaires if you can afford *that*."

Would they be rich? Yes, they would. They'd be rich. And now, folks, we've got something better than that. Here's a book called *Ministry of Healing* that has the wisdom of the Great Physician.

Is Jesus the doctor? Well, if you get His testimony on matters of health, diet and dress and exercise and rest and the use of water and sunlight and air and all that, and that's the testimony of Jesus, and you can have that in your home not just an hour a week or not just a half hour a day, but it's there all the time—you can turn to it. If you've got that, you're what? You're rich.

That is, you are if you believe it's what? The testimony of Jesus. But, of course, if it's just the words of Mrs. White, after all, she's been dead several years and medical science has learned a lot since then and maybe it's all out of date, and really you're not very rich, are you? You see what I mean? You're rich just to the extent you have that what? Confirmed in you. If you *know* that that's indeed the voice of Jesus, then you know—then you know that you're rich

You know, when I was a student at the medical college nearly 40 years ago now, we had that book *Ministry of Healing* as one of our textbooks in some of our classes. Well, I read and studied that book there, and afterward, after I went out into medical evangelistic work, I wore the cover off of it. And one day, when I was up at the Pacific Press, holding a week of prayer, they said, "If you'll give us that book, we'll put another cover on it."

And so they put another cover on it, and I wore that one off. And then I had somebody else put a *third* cover on it, and do you know, I wore that one. And the poor old book—I just thought, "Well, it's getting so old it deserves to be retired and I'll get a new copy." So now I have a new copy and I'm wearing the cover off of that one.

But the new copy—this is what I wanted to tell you—is exactly word for word, page for page, just like the one I had 40 years ago. Can you show me any book in this world on medical matters and health, written 40, 50 years ago, that would be up to date today.

Why, folks, do you know just a few years after I was there at the medical college taking that training, I was asked to teach a course in diet and foods and food chemistry, and do you know when I went to use my book I found that to be up to date I needed to get a new revised text, and it was only about five years afterward. But in five years, what I'd studied in that book written by a worldly scientist had gone out of date. It had to be revised. But *Ministry of Healing*, written by the Spirit of Prophecy, I was going to say, it's more up to date than ever now.

Let me give you just one example of it. This is wonderful. In the book *Ministry of Healing*, you'll find the plain statement of the Spirit of Prophecy that meat eating is one of the great causes of disease. And, as one example of it, it speaks about cancerous germs that are in meat, and that that's one of the causes of cancer. It's not the only cause, but it's one of the causes.

Why, do you know, 40 years ago, people laughed at that idea, but they don't laugh at it today because right up at the government Institutes of Health, the United States Government Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, they have actually proved that cancer in chickens is caused and can be caused by a virus, which is a tiny germ—so very, very tiny.

Well, if they've proved it can work that way in chickens, that's pretty close to proving that it can be in a human being, isn't it? And many doctors already believe that now—some of the best scientists in the nation—but they didn't 40 years ago.

You know what they told us 40 years ago—I remember reading it—the medical scientists of the country. They said two things, on cancer. They said we do not know what causes cancer, number one. Number two, we know it is not caused by a germ. Now, they were right on number one. They should have stopped right there. They didn't know. They didn't know. But they weren't right on number two.

But those—watch the point—those who believed the Spirit of Prophecy, *they* knew that, years and years and years before medical science had proved it. Some doctors don't think it's proved yet, but a lot of them do, because of the work the government itself is doing up there in Bethesda, Maryland.

Now, do you see what I mean when I say that it's more up to date now than ever? Now, take all this concern about high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries and coronary attacks, heart attacks. Why, our people were told years ago through the Spirit of Prophecy, reinforcing what the Bible says about not eating blood and fat. Is that what the Bible says? Yes.

We were told, to call our attention—you see, the purpose of the Spirit of Prophecy is to call our attention to the Bible—but people of other religions, except the Orthodox Jews, were eating blood and fat right and left.

You know, it wasn't very many years ago the fellow that was just so fat, that he was just rolling in wealth, he was looked upon as a prosperous man, wasn't he? Yes. But today, a fellow really has to apologize a bit if he has a bay window, doesn't he? Yes. And it's the fellow that's thin that's looked upon as really he's likely to live longer. The life insurance statistics have shown that.

And why? All because, friends, that excess weight, particularly when it's caused by using animal fat, is causing deposits in the blood vessels of the body that bring on high blood pressure and coronary attacks.

Well, my point is that through the Spirit of Prophecy our people were warned about animal fat years and years and years ago—nearly a hundred years ago—and as the result, right now, there are investigations going on among thousands of Seventh-Day Adventists comparing their heart attack rate with the people in general, and it's being found that Seventh-Day Adventists have a lower rate of heart attacks than people out in the general community that eat these other things.

Well, it's worth something to know that, isn't it? If it were your life that were extended 10 years, wouldn't you think you were rich to be able to add 10 years to your life? The people who have believed these books have added years to their life and life to their years.

Take another thing. The American Cancer Society has come out now just a few years ago and without any question declare that the use of cigarettes is a major factor in lung cancer. And lung cancer is increasing as the use of cigarettes has increased.

But that book, *Ministry of Healing*, 50 years ago told us tobacco is a slow, malignant poison, and the people that believed that—they *quit* tobacco. Some of them are alive today because they read that book that would have been dead if they hadn't.

Is it a mark of wealth to have something like that? Well, now, I've only touched on one book on just a few points. I could go on about every other book in that whole library of 50 books, dear friends, and every one of them make you rich, provided it's confirmed in you, provided you know that that's a message from heaven and have faith enough that you'll accept what it says.

But watch, suppose back there 50 years ago when that book came out, somebody had said, "Oh my, this book says that cancer is caused by germs and that one of the things that people get it from is meat eating, but science hasn't proved that and I don't think I'll believe it until science proves it." That person might wait 50 years and be dead from cancer that he'd got waiting to have it proved. Do you see what I mean, friends?

The same with tobacco. Suppose a person had said, Well, I know it's said here tobacco is a malignant poison, but then science hasn't proved any relation between tobacco and cancer. I like it. It gives me a lift. I think I'll use it until *science* brings out something about it. And there are thousands of people in the grave today from cancer brought on by tobacco.

But there are some people that are alive and walking around today that would have been dead, and the reason they're alive is because they read these books and said, "That's a message from heaven. I believe it, whether science proves it or not." Do you see what I mean?

So the great value of the Spirit of Prophecy is not merely on this health question—I just used that to illustrate it—but every other subject that it deals with: child training, education, diet, dress, music, reading, life work, there are things even about the building of our homes, about our yards and gardens, and many other interesting and precious things.

And then, think of all the light on the Bible—on prophecy, on Bible history, and on coming events. That's where it's most valuable. That's why this *Great Controversy* is so wonderful, telling us about what's coming—the Sunday law, the labor union issue, the great union of the churches, these things that are taking place before our eyes—all here in this wonderful book, *Great Controversy* and the other books on this.

I say, folks, we're what? Rich. Rich. If it's confirmed in us. Do you know how to have it confirmed in us? Read it and accept it and let it work out in our lives and we find that it's so.

Margaret, do you like whole wheat bread? Do you ever eat it? How often? [Margaret: "Every day."] Every day. Well, apparently it's working. It's giving Margaret some good red blood, isn't it? That's right. She's eating it every day.

Is she sure that whole wheat bread's good food? Why, yes. She's proving it by experience. And if day by day, along with our Bible, we read the Spirit of Prophecy, we are having this gift confirmed in us. The longer we read it, the more we follow it, the more it is made certain. And just to the extent it's confirmed, to that extent we're what? Rich.

All right. Now, let's go back to our verse, then. Read 6, 7 and 8 together:

"Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:6-8.

Now, the people that follow this program, what are they going to be when Jesus comes? Blameless. Do you see, friends, what it means to come into a church with all these things to help you—all these gifts to help you. You've got the Bible, you've got preachers, apostles, evangelists and pastors and teachers to help you understand the Word. And coming down from heaven, we have a stream of light focused upon the church in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy, to help you to understand the Bible and to get ready for heaven.

I want to ask you something. If that big doctor would come out with his car once a week, drive many miles, open his black bag, get out his books, set up his

charts, what would you think if any of us here in the home that had *paid* for that would say, “Well, doctor, you know, we’re just so busy today, I’m afraid we’re not going to be able to get together for your study.” Wouldn’t that be a strange thing, especially if we’d paid him \$100 to come?

Do you see, folks, that one of the most important things we can do is to be sure to have time to read the Bible and these books of the Spirit of Prophecy? Not all in a day or week, but a little every day. Just keep it trickling into our souls. Just keep it trickling into our souls, and just as food every day enters into our bloodstream and becomes part of our bodies, so *truth* from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy entering into our minds and hearts makes us more and more like Jesus.

All right. So, that’s what it means to come into this church that has this wonderful gift of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Now, I want to show you why it is that God has brought you to this point, and why it is that God has called you into this church. Let us turn to Romans, the seventh chapter. You remember in our first class, we were studying the sixth chapter of Romans, which tells about baptism.

I think, perhaps, we’ll go to John 15. It may make it a little clearer, the point that I think the children will get this easier in John 15, and perhaps we older ones will see it clearer here, too. John, the 15th chapter, and I wish you’d put down in your notes verses 1 to 8, but it’s the eighth verse I want you to notice, especially.

The night that Jesus gave this story, children and older ones too, the full moon was shining, and as He was walking with His disciples, that moon showed up a beautiful grape vine—a large grape vine.

Now, what do people expect to find on grapevines? Grapes. That’s what they keep them for, isn’t it? All right. So Jesus took this picture of the grapevine and He used it to represent the lesson that He wanted to teach His disciples.

In the fifth verse, He said who was the vine? I—Jesus was the vine. What are we? The branches. All right. Now, let’s notice what the result of it is. All together:

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing” John 15:5.

Jesus wants us to bring forth what? Fruit. All right. Now, the eighth verse, again:

“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples” Ibid., verse 8.

Jesus has brought you into this message, dear ones, to help bring others in—to help bring others in. That’s bearing fruit. Each one of you has some people that you can help bring to Christ. I want you to be thinking of that tonight. If you haven’t

already started it, I want each one of you to start a little prayer list. One or two or three names that you're praying for, especially—the people that you want to see come to Christ and accept this message. Pray for them.

You've come to Jesus now. You want to get others to come, don't you. That's the way Andrew did when he found Jesus. He went and got his brother, Peter, and said, "Oh, Peter, we've found something. We've found *Jesus*. Come, come. Come and see."

And that's what Phillip did. He went and got his friend, Nathaniel. Found him under the fig tree. Oh, he said, "Nathaniel, we've found Jesus." Nathaniel said, "Well, I don't think any good thing would come out of Nazareth." Phillip didn't argue with him. He said, "Come and see." And Nathaniel came and he found Jesus and he accepted Him and he became one of His disciples.

And every one of you—you children, you older ones—every one of you has some people that Jesus will help you reach. I know He will. No question about it. And the way to begin is to start praying for them. And God is bringing you into His church so that you can reach out and help bring others in.

Now, there are various ways you can do that. You can do that by speaking a word for Jesus, telling others what Jesus and this message means to you. You can give them tracts and papers. You can hand out to them these Signs of the Times. You can lend them or give them some of these wonderful books.

Now, there's another way that Jesus has enabled us to work for others. The *church* is working, not merely here in Georgia and Tennessee. This church is working like Jesus told it to all over the world. This church is working in Africa, in India, in South America, in the South Sea Islands, all over this world. Even behind the Iron Curtain, there are thousands of Seventh-Day Adventists. Every once in a while, you'll see in the newspaper where they're being persecuted in some of those countries. But all over this world, this message is being given.

And through the system of tithes and offerings, you and I as members of the church have the chance to win souls all over the world. When we pay our tithe, that goes to support the ministry and the preaching of the Gospel, both here at home and in various other parts of the world.

And when we bring our offerings, our Sabbath School offerings, when we gather ingathering, when we give the different offerings that come once a year, like the midsummer offering and the annual offering of the week of sacrifice that comes in November, and other special offerings, that goes to help give this message in India, in South America, in Africa, all over the world, as well as here at home.

So there's another wonderful reason to be glad that we're a part of a church. Just think. Suppose, I was all alone. Why, I couldn't reach out very far, could I? I might speak to my next-door neighbor, and I should, but, oh, what could I do in Africa or Australia or India? I couldn't do anything.

But, oh, this wonderful church that God has established, as I witness myself in the neighborhood where I am, I also bring my tithes and offerings to help carry that work of God all over the world. Isn't that wonderful? Oh, it's a wonderful thing to have a part in God's *church*—God's true church that's helping to make ready a people for the coming of Jesus.

Well, now, dear friends, there's one thing that I always like to tell people before they're baptized—two things, in fact. And these are two things I want to leave with you tonight, especially. The first thing is this. You're coming into a perfect church but there are a lot of imperfect people in it.

What do I mean by a perfect church? I don't mean the people are perfect. I mean the Head of the church is perfect, and the message that He sends from heaven is perfect. The truth that God gives to and through this people is a beautiful chain of truth. But the people in it—they're imperfect.

Now, suppose, you were to go to school. Would all the students get a hundred every day in spelling or arithmetic? No. Well, apparently, then, they might make some mistakes, mightn't they?

Wouldn't it be a strange thing for a student to leave school because all the other students weren't getting a hundred every day? And if you see some brother or sister in the church make mistakes—and you may, you probably will—remember, they're students in the school. Jesus is the teacher. He doesn't make any mistakes.

And you're not being baptized in the name of Jones or Smith or Brown or Green. You're being baptized in the name of whom? Jesus. He's the head of the church. He's the leader. And no matter what mistakes anybody might make, they might even hurt *you*, let not that come between your soul and Christ. Let it not come between you and the church because the thing you're being tied to is the great Head of the church, Jesus.

All right. Now, the other thing is this. This life that you begin with Jesus and that you've already begun as you've given your heart to Him, that baptism is a sign of—that life must be fed and taken care of every day to keep alive.

You remember that Brother and Sister Boykin had a lovely little baby the other day. But that baby has to be fed—once a week? I wonder how long, Myrna, we'd have the baby if it only got fed once a week. About a week, Myrna thinks. Yes. And Myrna's a nurse. She's taken care of a lot of them, haven't you? Yes.

No. That baby gets fed every day, several times a day. Is that right? Yes. And that's absolutely necessary for it to keep alive and growing. Is that right? Is it possible for a child to be born alive and yet a week, a month, a year, two years afterward, die? Oh, yes. I've preached more than one baby's funeral.

Now, I want to ask you something. Because a baby died after a week or a month or a year, does that prove it never did live? Why, no. It just shows that something happened and it *quit* living. That's all.

Now, as you accept Jesus and are baptized into the family of God, your name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. You're alive. You're a member of God's family. You've been born. But do you think that you will need to keep feeding?

All right. Turn over, now, to what Peter says about it. Oh, I do want every one of you to grow up to come along to be good—I was going to say fat babies, not too fat, just, you know, good healthy babies, and then, just keep growing up until you come to the full stature of men and women in Christ.

1 Peter, the second chapter, and the second verse. 1 Peter 2:2. And here's the way to do it. 1 Peter 2:2:

What does it say, Margaret?

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby” 1 Peter 2:2.

Now, let's read this verse together:

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby” Ibid.

What's the milk? The Word. Why, here it is. Here it is. Now, do you think that a baby can eat enough in one day to last it? Why, we decided here a little while ago it couldn't get enough in a day to last it even a week hardly, could it? No. It eats several times a day.

Listen, every morning, you need a little milk, folks. Don't forget it. Get at least one text from the Bible every morning. Maybe it's the morning watch text; maybe it's from the Sabbath School lesson; or maybe it's one that God leads you to otherwise. But be *sure* you get your drink of milk every morning.

As newborn babes what? *Desire* the sincere milk of the Word. What'll a baby do if it doesn't get fed? [Class member: It'll die.] Yes, but what does it do, long before it dies. It cries. That's right. That's right. And you should cry—cry for the milk of the Word. Want it. Encourage in yourself a wanting of it. And that means, dear friends, avoid things that *keep* you from wanting it. If you fill up too much on the daily newspaper and radio and television and the popular magazines and all that, pretty soon you'll lose your desire for it.

Now, don't misunderstand me. I'm not trying to say we should never look at the newspaper or hear the news. That isn't what I'm talking about. I just say too much of that will spoil your appetite for this. Do you know what I mean? Ask God to help you. Get your milk first. Get your Word from heaven *first*. Make that the first thing every day, and then, in the evening.

Now, have we gotten a blessing here this hour as we've been together? Yes. Well, we won't always be together in this little class, but you'll always have Jesus as your Teacher, and you'll always have His Word, at least until we come to the times of persecution, and you can have every evening a little milk. A little milk.

And it might be a good plan to take a little bottle to work with you or to school. You know what I mean? Just have a verse copied out on a card and put it in your pocket. Or maybe you've got a little pocket Bible to carry along. Or maybe you have a little copy of *Steps to Christ* to put in your pocket or your purse. Or maybe you have a little tract with some Bible texts.

Some way or another, take a lunch with you—a spiritual lunch. Feed on the Word. Dear ones, if you'll do that and pray to Jesus every day, I'll see you in the kingdom. If you don't, God knows, God knows, somewhere along the line, you'll die spiritually.

A baby can have the best heredity in the world, it can start out just a lovely child abounding in health, but if it isn't trained, it'll get weak, malnourished and, finally, it'll die, die, die. It's happening all over the world.

But, oh, if you'll just eat every day and breathe, cry to God in prayer, then remember that other thing I said about witnessing for Christ. That's our exercise. And any child that'll eat and breathe and exercise is going to grow up for God.

All right. I thank God for His wonderful love. Now, before we close tonight, in this little time we have left, I'd like to hear from you folks. This is the last class of this series and I'd like to hear from you as to what God puts in your heart tonight.

It's a wonderful thing to stand up and bear witness for Jesus, to confess Him before men, and as you think of what to say, don't think of what somebody else has said or is going to say. Just say, "Jesus, what do you want me to say?" Tell what Jesus means to you. Tell what His Word means to you. Tell what baptism means to you. Thank Him for whatever you'd like to thank Him for.

Put yourself on record before men and angels that you're on God's side, that you've given your heart to Him, that you love Him, that you want to be with Him and His church all the way till Jesus comes. Any of those things or something else that God impresses on your heart, in your own words, in your own way, you witness as Jesus impresses you.

[Testimony service follows. Then Elder Frazee and the class sing.]

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He will stay,
Close beside me all the way,
If I love Him by and by,

He will take me home on high.

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

Each one. You're all very, very precious to Jesus, very precious to Jesus. He would have come all the way from heaven to this world if you'd been the only one. Don't forget that. There was one of you in this class that I was thinking of in that way today. It's true of each one of you. I was thinking Jesus would have come all the way from heaven just for that one, just for that one.

That makes you very precious, very valuable. God would rather have just *one* of you than all the money in this world, all the property, houses and lands, and all the stars that shine in the sky. That's how much each one of you is worth.

Now, is there another one to say something tonight?

Now, I'd just like to make an announcement or two. This is the last one of our classes of this series, but we'll be having other classes from time to time. This is a work that never stops, never stops, and there may be those here tonight that haven't made your full decision, but you'd like to get ready for another baptism in the future. I'd be glad for you to talk with me about it. We love every one. We want to help every one to get ready.

The baptism next Sabbath will be at a quarter to three, in the pool down near the Sanitarium. I think you all know where it is and if you don't somebody will tell you, and we'll all look forward—everybody, you can invite your friends, everybody—there'll be plenty of room, it's outdoors, and we'll have a wonderful time.

Let's all be praying that God will come very near us in this service.

Our Dear Father in Heaven, we thank Thee with all our hearts that Thou hast been with us tonight, as we asked you to do. We thank Thee Thou hast talked with us through thy Word and by Thy Spirit. And we pray that Thou will bless every one of these candidates, help them to be ready, and help them in simple faith to believe as they give themselves to Jesus, Thou dost accept them. Make everyone of us a soul winner. We ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

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