

The Holy Spirit in Action in the Christian Part 2

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The Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, equipping us with everything we need to be complete, and we should yield to His will and allow Him to work in us.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the topic of suicide and offers guidance on what to do when feeling suicidal. He emphasizes the importance of seeking help and finding support rather than resorting to self-harm. The preacher then transitions to discussing the gifts of the Holy Spirit and refutes the idea that God withholds His gifts based on our actions. He explains that the Holy Spirit's role is to equip believers with everything they need to be complete. The sermon concludes with a reminder to watch for the coming of the Holy Spirit and to live according to the scriptures.

Transcript

Now, under your present outline, put number four. Now, just let me clue you in, in case you're upset. We are at number 14, the gifts of the Spirit.

Number one was the enumeration of the gifts. Two, the bestowing of the gifts. Three, the using of the gifts.

Four, the withholding of the gifts. The withholding of the gifts. Now, this is a term that's been created by men and is found nowhere in the scripture.

It's only human beings that will think in terms of if you are doing one thing or another, you'll find that God will withhold his gifts from you. Listen, the work of the Holy Spirit is to equip the organism with everything it requires to be complete. The work of the Holy Spirit is to equip the organism with everything it requires to be complete.

He is more willing to give than we are to receive. If we yield, someone said today, how do you yield? I'll give you one good way of learning very speedily. Get yourself onto the interchange at Los Angeles in a very fast car and try to get onto the lines of traffic at 90 miles an hour knowing that just as you get to the gap there's a great big semi, a juggernaut, just about at the same spot.

And there's a little triangle as you come down the slipway to take onto the motorway and it says on it, yield. I have watched Americans approach motorways. I have driven on your motorways.

And I can assure you I've never had any difficulty yielding. It's simple. You either put your foot on the brake or by by.

You give in. It's as simple as that. Giving in.

Giving in. So remember that. If we yield to God's will, He will give us by His Holy Spirit.

If we yield to God's will, He will give us by His Holy Spirit the gift or gifts which at His discretion He knows we need. He never gives you the gifts you don't need. Remember that.

He gives you the gifts He knows you need. Now then, number 15. The witness of the Holy Spirit.

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The law of the Old Testament declared that by the mouth of two witnesses would truth be established. Deuteronomy 19, verse 15. Deuteronomy 19, verse 15.

One witness shall not rise up against any man for any iniquity or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth. At the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established. Now the truth of our being a child of God is witnessed by two.

The truth of my being a Christian is witnessed by two. Number one, the Holy Spirit. Number two, our spirit.

The very fact that I am a Christian is witnessed to by two personages. One, the Holy Spirit. Two, my spirit.

Romans 8, 16. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. We know it.

Our own innermost being witnesses to the fact alongside the Holy Spirit that we are the children of God. Romans 8, 16. Number 16, the unction of the Spirit.

The unction, U-N-C-T-I-O-N. The unction of the Holy Spirit. The unction and the anointing of the Holy Spirit are the same.

The unction and the anointing of the Holy Spirit are the same. Anointing in both Testaments was always for some form of service. Anointing in both Testaments was always for some service.

Christ was anointed. Christ was anointed. Act 10, 38.

Act 10, 38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with Him. We are anointed.

We are anointed. 1 John 2, 20 and 27. 1 John 2, 20 and 27.

But ye have an unction from the Holy One and ye know all things. Verse 27. But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you.

And ye need not that any man teacheth you but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things and is truth and is no lie and even as it hath taught you you shall abide in Him. You have already been anointed.

Ye have the anointing.

You have Him within. You have the unction. Number 17.

Worship by the Holy Spirit. Worship by the Holy Spirit. We are to worship God in spirit and in truth.

We are to worship God in spirit and in truth. Now many believers never get around to doing that because they are so busy worshipping a system or carrying out a form of worship that will satisfy other people. And they are never real.

I had one girl last year, the daughter of a missionary family and she said to me one occasion in the lounge, you know, if I become real I am going to go home and head straight into trouble. And I said, why? She said, because I have always grown up in a missionary family and my brother and I know that every night mom and dad are going to gather us together and we are going to have a reading and a prayer. And ever since I can remember we have had to take it in turn.

And to be quite honest I have known every time I have done it that I was doing what they wanted done but I never meant it and it was never real. I never meant my prayers but I knew the kind of things to say to keep mom and dad off my back. And it is their faith but it had never really become mine.

And I would like it to be mine but it is not mine yet. She said, what do you do? I said, you be real. And if there is any worship it has to be between yourself and God in spirit and in truth.

And first of all you are going to have to tell God my prayers aren't real. And all this nonsense that I go through it just isn't real for me. God will understand.

But when you stop pretending he is prepared to start doing something about it. But as long as you go through with the act God is not very interested. And she said, but I will find it very difficult to turn around and say to mom and dad sorry mom, I am not praying tonight because you see I don't really believe that our prayers go any higher than your ceiling.

Somebody else has found that out too. And I said, well why not do that? When you get home and mom hands you the Bible just say mom, not tonight, thanks. Thus far in my experience prayer isn't real and until I can have a real prayer that I know God will answer and does answer I am not going to pretend anymore that I am praying.

She said, it will shock them. I said, no it won't, it will make them thankful they will change their prayer. Because I bet you thus far in your family all the prayers have been for the world.

It's lost. And if you turn around and be honest with your mom and dad they will start praying for you as well. And that will help you.

And no parent would ever be in the slightest bit upset at a kid being honest. It's far better to be honest, to be real. In your worship with God the Father and with your parents, your brothers and sisters of the church.

Now I know how difficult it is. Because even parents have got so bogged down on the business of never being honest with their kids. And very often I find people coming to me for instance saying I just can't live up to the standard they expect of me.

The pastor, the Sunday school teacher, the parents are always saying to me they don't do that. And I've gathered that kids seem to get the impression when parents say to them don't do that what they are trying to say is if you do it you will let God down, the Lord down, the pastor down, the church down, yourself down, the home down, us down. I say you have got it all wrong kids.

What dad and mom is really trying to say is kids don't do it because we did. And we are so hurt. We don't want to see you get hurt the same way.

But we just haven't been able to get around pulling down the spiritual facade to be honest enough to say kids your dad did do it. Your mom has done it. And we are paying the price.

But I think you will find that if they did come clean it would be a great relief. A great relief. Because we often think that the preacher, the minister, the Sunday school teacher and the parents have never got any problems.

How do these guys enjoy this victory with no sin? There is a simple answer. They don't. They sin just like you and I sin.

And they have an advocate and a merciful father that stands between to help just as you and I have. And if more parents were capable of saying to their kids son I've fallen and God pick me up He can pick you up. It would be a big help.

And we lose communication because there is no truth. I know what I want to say to him but if I say to him that he'll think this. So I better say that to him because he'll know I'm thinking this.

But then he'll know that I know he knows I know I think he thinks like that so I'll think the other thing. So I better say the first thing first but then he'll know that the first thing isn't what the second thing was before the first thing was said second. And boy don't we get ourselves messed up instead of truth.

Bringing a thing to the light absolutely destroys fear and produces reality. It's like a kid that came into the office and he said I've packed. I said have you? Yeah.

Why? Because you're going to throw me out. I said am I? He said why am I going to throw you out? You know what's going on. So I said tell me what's going on.

Well he said if you know what's going on why should I tell you what's going on? I said alright you know I know what's going on but still tell me. He said but why should I tell you if I know I know you know you know what's going on? I said well you know I know you know I know you know I know what's going on but still why don't you tell me? And I just kept at it until I could see the veins filling up in his neck and then he just hung his head down on his chest and he said I'm on drugs. A Christian on drugs.

I said great now you can unpack your bags. And he just looked up and he was in tears. First school in four years and didn't fling him out.

And he'd been living since the day he got here in fear. What would they do if they ever found out? So he thought he'd better beard the lie and pack his case come and get it over with. I said you can unpack your bags.

That's where life begins. When you live by the truth. When it comes right out.

This is the start kid. We're not running a school for good people. It's for sinners.

And if you're good get out. You're in bad company. And he stayed and he's doing well and I get correspondence from him and he's doing very well.

And the Lord's really being real to him. But that was the start. Being real.

Coming out into the open. Bringing it out into the light. Then you can help.

Then you can do it. And he says well if this is the beginning what's the first thing I can do? I said stop being the first to pray in the prayer meetings in the morning. I said I've noticed that every morning even when the principal's taking them in he says let's turn to prayer.

You're the first to pray and boy is it beautiful. And thoroughly evangelical. But I said you are fooling yourself.

It's all a big facade to cover what you are. You can't go on fooling God like that. Worship him in spirit and truth.

Say good morning Father. Here's your Christian drug addict. And he'll say yes I know.

Now let's get to work on it. But if you come in prayer thinking that God doesn't know. And we just brainwash ourselves into thinking he doesn't really know about us you know.

As long as we keep up the evangelical stuff it's the only thing God's tuned into hearing. So he's as fooled as everybody else. He isn't kid.

And he just waits. Because the minute you're going to worship him in spirit and truth. Go fetch thy husband.

I have no husband. Thou hast well truly said thou hast no husband because thou hast had five husbands and the one you've got now isn't even your husband. Oh.

And then she said but I know that when the Messiah comes he's going to put it all right. That's my hope that when the Messiah comes and he says I that speak unto thee I am he. Let's begin.

And isn't it interesting that that lass left the well ran right into Syker and the scripture tells us that she went to the main of the city. Every man that had ever used her. Hey.

Come and see a man that told me everything I've ever done. Ah ha. The whole town went to hear him.

On that testimony that sermon that was the most unevangelical thing recorded in scripture. No theology attached. Didn't even mention the blood.

No repentance. No cross. Calvin was left out of it.

No mention of the gift. She just went straight up to all the men that had used her and said hey. Come see a man that told me everything I've ever done.

And what was evangelical about it? Nothing. But boy she was right out in the open. She didn't care anymore.

And the town came to hear him and many believed. Worship. Half of us have no idea what worship is.

Worship is to be in the spirit and in truth. And we worship by the spirit of God. The only worship acceptable to God is that worship which is inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

Philippians 3.3 For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh. Even worship is something that's to be Holy Spirit inspired. And I wonder how many Christians come into church on a Sunday morning, sit down and when they bow their head and scratch their eyebrow or play with the end of their nose or touch their earlobe and call it praying, I wonder if they ever really say in their prayer Now, indwelling teacher, raise me up in an attitude of worship today.

I love sitting in pulpits watching them come in. Because I love watching people. That's something I do all the time.

You learn a lot just by watching people. And I very seldom miss a thing. And it's great.

But worship is something even the Holy Spirit has to inspire in. And it's not a matter of You know, you see them in meetings. You can easily tell if you're touching their doctor and they sit there going And then if you say something they don't believe in it.

Oh yeah. They're all with you as long as it suits. And it's not worship.

Number eighteen. The communion of the Holy Spirit. The communion of the Holy Spirit.

Hold on to your chair, dear. The noise we don't like, but the eggs we can use. I'm supposed to be sitting.

Alright. The communion of the Holy Spirit. Communion is better translated fellowship.

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2 Corinthians 13 verse 14. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

Number 19. Praying in the Spirit. Praying in the Holy Spirit.

Number 19. Praying in the Holy Spirit. Romans 8 verses 26 and 27.

Romans 8 26 and 27. So praying in the Holy Spirit is when the Holy Spirit is laying upon your heart the things you ought to pray for. Now it's one of the most difficult lessons you'll learn, especially if you become a preacher.

Because it used to delight me knowing to think that people thought I was such a tremendous giant of prayer. Because at the end of meetings people would come up and say, Brother Billy and that used to tickle me for a start. Would you pray for my son John? And I used to be so thrilled that they would commit to me the art of interceding on their behalf between them and God.

But I used to say certainly I shall remember him daily in prayer and I never did. I was an utter hypocrite. You would be aghast at the people that have stopped and asked me to pray for people and I've always said I would and I didn't.

Until I learned this one thing there's one person that has my prayer list. That's the Holy Spirit. And I now say to people when they come up and flood me with their magazines to pray for this missionary need, that missionary need, this missionary cause, that missionary cause, pray for all these things I always say I do exactly what my Master tells me and if he brings to my remembrance at a time of prayer your work I'll pray for it.

I can remember Dr. Lionel Germany coming to Northwestern College in Minneapolis when I was a student there and someone tipped him off that there was a British person in the school. And so he gave his talk and he's from the Red Sea Mission that deals with the Muslims in Ethiopia and the Yemen and things like that. And so he singled me out after one of his talks in the corridor and came up to me and he said, Are you Bill Strachan? And I said, Yes.

He says, Bill, what about the Muslims? And he was renowned and still is renowned for cornering people about their obligations to full time service you see. He says, What about the Muslims? And I looked at him and said, I don't care two hoots about the Muslims. Oh and he was taken aback.

Don't you care? I said, No, God does. My worry is the British people. The pagans in Britain.

He's laid them in my heart. So you go to Africa, you deal with the Muslims, I'll be in Britain. And if he ever lays it in my heart to pray for the Muslims I will but up until he does I don't care toppings about them.

I'm too busy fulfilling that which he has laid in my heart. That's enough. I've discovered my heart isn't big enough to take on the whole world.

It would bust. There's only one that can do that and that's the Lord. But if you lay in your heart the things you ought to pray for, pray for them.

And anything that comes to memory that's the thing I'll pray for. Very often I find there are people I say to myself, that I've met them at a conference or something, I must remember that fellow, that girl in prayer and I never do. And yet there's somebody else you had a casual brush with and suddenly they're coming up in your prayer all the time.

And so every time you remember them you pray for them and then suddenly you'll discover that, you know for days we haven't prayed for somebody. But that's because the need's been met. And they disappear from the list.

His list. So be careful and watch what you're doing in praying. Praying in the Holy Spirit means he's teaching you what to pray for.

Now note this statement. Never pray to the Spirit but to God. Never pray to the Holy Spirit but to the entire Godhead, to God.

Number 20. The warfare of the Spirit. The warfare of the Spirit.

Galatians 5, 17. Galatians 5, 17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that you cannot do the things that you would.

Within your life and mind every day there is a war going on. A war of your own nature and the Holy Spirit. Fighting for supremacy.

And that's why it is on the map for the Christian experience that he cannot have perfection. He cannot have perfection. And we ought not to look for perfection because you won't get it till you're in the presence of the Lord.

Because the minute you think you're maturing he suddenly reveals to you how much there is yet to be done. And you have a long way to go. You see I have found that my life was like a house.

And before I was converted my problem was I knew that I had a life but I couldn't get on the doorstep. I just couldn't get on the doorstep of my life for bottles. And there weren't milk bottles.

And so it was nearly killing me and dragging me down into despair and I turned to Christ to get delivered from this impossibility in my life that I couldn't even get on to the doorstep of my life. And he saved me. And the first thing he did was break the dominion of the bottle and clean up the doorstep.

Boy did I really think I was somebody. I was walking about the doorstep of my house. Isn't this tremendous to be this clean? This reinstated into society.

This marvel. This wonder how wonderful it is to be able to walk about healthy, sober and be Christian. And I thought boy I'm ready to be a bishop.

Oh yes that's what I thought 24 hours after my conversion. And suddenly it's as though the Spirit of God said in my heart, look over your shoulder. And I looked over and I saw the door.

And I thought oh, how long's that been there? All your life. Well how come I never knew there was a door there? Because you couldn't see it for bottles. Now open it and go in.

Now I opened the porchway of my life and boy did I belt in there and shut that door quick. I never saw a room so cluttered up with the next thing in my life that he wanted to deal with. I said Father, how long have I been like that? How long have I been here? I was doing things like that in my life.

No, you were too drunk to notice. Now we're going to clean up this porch. And boy by the Spirit of God he got to work in my life and we cleaned up the entryway so that I was not afraid to leave the front door open anymore.

People could see in the entryway. Tidy house. I'm really getting somewhere.

So the Holy Spirit says, hey look over your shoulder. And there was another door. And you know something kids? You know what the Holy Spirit said to me about two and a half months ago? After 18 years? Hey, look over your shoulder.

There's another door. I'm getting used to it. I must have the most gigantic house in the world.

Because I can assure you that to me it's a marvel when he reveals to me another thing in my life that's got to come under the domination of the Holy Spirit and that has to come under his control so that he can change me in the process through life into the image of Christ. It staggers me that with all that there must be yet to be cleaned up he's used me. And yet I find people that are sitting around waiting for perfection in order to be used.

And they're so busy getting themselves... You'll never get perfect till you're in his presence. And the person that pleads perfection is in great danger. Let him that think he's standing take heed lest he fall.

Oh yes. We don't know half of what's in there waiting to come out. And so get used to it.

There's a daily warfare of the Spirit in your life. Constantly warring to take over areas that you don't even believe are there yet. And that's the gracious thing about the Spirit of God.

When he takes over a life, he sees the whole mess. And he never says, let's show that person what the whole mess is like tonight. It would kill us.

Only Christians do that. That's why one of the worst things I find I have to do is to turn a new convert over to Christians. They murder the poor things in the night.

It's like getting a mouse under a teacup. Cut! So... you got converted, did you? Now then, before you come out tomorrow morning, haircut, new suit, bath... No swearing. None of these bad habits.

And boy, we just take the new baby and we show it all the dirt at once. All the dirt at once and expect it overnight to be like a bishop. And the thing is that we only legislate.

We just say to them, don't do that, it's not Christian. Don't do that, it's not Christian. Don't do that, it's not Christian.

But the Holy Spirit looks at the mess and he says, now, this next two or three years, we'll work on this thing. The character's a liar. Let's work on his lying life.

That'll take us about three years, but we'll just work on that. And he never says to a believer, stop lying. He says, hey, stop lying and by the way, here's the power to stop it.

Christians just say, don't! And give no power. The Holy Spirit, when he says it's time to have that dealt with, he says, my child, not anymore and here's the power not to. Here's the power not to.

So learn to have as much patience with yourself as the Holy Spirit's going to have with you. And let him get on with the battle of conquering and putting under control the life that he's cleaning up and conforming to the image of Christ. 21.

The teaching of the Spirit. The teaching of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2 10.

1 Corinthians 2 10. That God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all the things, yea, all the deep things of God. The Holy Spirit's there to teach us the things that are in the mind of God for us.

Now then. E in your outline. A big E. The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures.

The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures. Number one. Inspiration.

Inspiration. Now we've looked at many of these verses already in our way through this, so just put them down and you can look at them again later yourself. 2 Timothy 3 16 2 Timothy 3 16 1 1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians 2 12 and 13 1 Corinthians 2 12 and 13 1 Corinthians 10 11 1 Corinthians 10 11 Romans 4 20 to 25 Romans 4 20 to 25 and Romans 15 4 Number two.

Enlightenment. Enlightenment. And put down 1 Corinthians 2 9 to 14.

The Holy Spirit's business is to enlighten us as to the truth of the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 2 9 to 14. F in your outline.

F. The Holy Spirit and sins. The Holy Spirit and sins. S-I-N-S sins.

Number one. Grieving the Holy Spirit. Grieving the Holy Spirit.

Now we already looked when we were going through his personality, that he could be grieved. So just put down the verse again. 4 30.

Ephesians 4 30. Grieve not the Holy Spirit a promise whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4 30.

Number two. Lying to the Holy Spirit. Lying to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5 3. Acts 5 3. Number three. Quenching the Holy Spirit. Quenching the Holy Spirit.

Q-U-E-N-C-H-I-N-G One can quench the Spirit within one's own life. One can quench the Spirit within one's own life. You don't put him out of your life, you just quench him so that he's no longer operable in your life, but he's there.

1 Thessalonians 5 19. Quench not the Spirit. And one can quench the Spirit within another, which is very important to remember.

One can quench the Spirit within another. Numbers 11, 28, and 29. Numbers 11, 28, and 29.

And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men answered and said, My Lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Envious thou for my sake, would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them. Joshua wanted to quench the Spirit within others, and Moses forbade him.

So that means that it's possible to hold other people back. It is possible to hold other people back in their Christian walk. Number 4. Resisting the Holy Spirit.

Resisting the Holy Spirit. Act 7 51. Resisting the Holy Spirit.

Stephen said in his apology to the Jews, You do resist the Holy Ghost as did your father. Number 5. Insulting the Holy Spirit. Insulting the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 10, 29. Hebrews 10, 29. Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.

You can insult the Holy Spirit. 6. Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit. Blaspheming against the Holy Spirit.

This is the so-called unpardonable sin. The so-called unpardonable sin. Now if you will turn in your Bible to Matthew chapter 12 verses 31 and 32.

Matthew 12, 31 and 32. Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men. So blasphemers can be forgiven.

All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men, but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him. But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Mark's Gospel chapter 3 verse 29. Mark 3 29. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiven us, but is in danger of eternal damnation because they said he hath an unclean spirit.

Now, if the grace of God will pardon all manner of sins, but not this one, it must be an unusual sin. If the grace of God will pardon all manner of sins, but not this one, it must be an unusual sin. Murder is not the unpardonable sin.

Unbelief is not the unpardonable sin. Many think that it is the rejection of Jesus Christ that's the unpardonable sin. However, this is not true.

Although a person who refuses to receive Christ is a person who is unpardoned, but not unpardonable. Alright? Did you get that last one? Many think that it is the rejection of Jesus Christ that is the unpardonable sin. However, that's not true.

Although a person who refuses to receive Christ is a person who is unpardoned, but not unpardonable. In other words, the forgiveness was there for them through Christ's work in the cross. They said no thank you, so they didn't participate in the benefits of the cross, and they remain unpardoned, but not because they were unpardonable, because they've refused to pardon.

Therefore, we must distinguish between 1. Unpardoned and unpardonable. Unpardoned and unpardonable. 2. Unforgiven and unforgivable.

Unforgiven and unforgivable. Number 3. Unsaved and unsavable. Unsaved and unsavable.

It would appear from Scripture to be a sin that could only be committed during the 33 years of the presence of Christ here on the earth prior to his passion. It appears from Scripture to be a sin that can only be committed during the 33 years of the presence of Christ here on the earth prior to his passion. The Apostle Paul confesses to having been a blasphemer and that his forgiveness is an example to everyone that God can and does forgive blasphemers.

And the reference for that is 1 Timothy 13 and 16. 1 Timothy 13 and 16. 1 Timothy 1. 1 Timothy 1 13 and 16.

Who was before a blasphemer, speaking of himself. Look at verse 12. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry who was before a blasphemer and a persecutor and injurious.

But I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. Verse 16. How be it for this reason I obtained mercy that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

He says this was to be used as an example from now on. That the Lord Jesus Christ could come into the life of one who was murdering people that believed in Jesus Christ. Hailing them into prison, chaining them, consenting to their death through the casting vote for Stephen's death.

Blaspheme Jesus Christ. But he says I am an everlasting example that you could go that far in your religious mania and doing it for God's sake. And Jesus Christ could forgive you, pick you up and put you in the ministry.

Note the word speaketh in the following references. Mark 3:30. Because they said they said he had a demon.

Matthew 12:32 Matthew 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Holy Spirit this unforgivable unpardonable unsavable person is a person who said something. Not who did something but said something. And what was it that said? Well you see the Old Testament scriptures from Genesis 3:15 all the way through the Old Testament period had prophesied the Messiah was coming.

Not only that, the prophecies were so indicative that you couldn't miss them when he came. For instance if I said to you tonight, at midnight tonight it will be dark and someone is going to come into your room and you hear Now what chances are that of happening? You say 100 to 1. Why? It could be my mate just nipped out to put his rollers in and he's come back It could be my mate, yes but I haven't finished This person will have one green eye and one red eye What chances are there of it happening?

Well let me think of a fellow's marriage Ah, yes One other piece of information Two heads Oh What chances are that of happening? It's getting quite difficult really You get the idea, the more information I build you up about the character that's going to come in the less likelihood there is of that happening by accident and it's thus speaketh the Holy Ghost throughout the Old Testament scriptures He's coming, watch for him He's coming, watch for him, I'll tell you what he's like, I'll tell you how to watch his life, so that you'll know that he'll do everything according to the scriptures He'll be named a boy before he's even born That's a new one It would have been shocking if it had been a girl wouldn't it?

Named a boy before his birth Not only that you'll find that every detail will be outlined of his life even from riding into the town on a donkey to being crucified between two thieves to being betrayed by a friend, the exact price noted, and what the friend would do with the money, outlined in detail Do you know Isaiah for instance, Isaiah 55, and that's one chapter of 12 verses out of all the Old Testament 39 books and in that chapter alone there are no less than 27 direct indications and utterances of prophecy that were fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ That's in 12 verses They had overwhelming evidence of this man that would be the Son of God the Messiah and he came on the scene and they could see it unfolding before them They could see the Holy Spirit so busy making sure that

every little detail of what was prophesied was coming to pass in Christ and they said to Jesus you better run for it, Herod's after you, go and tell that fox I ain't scared not running, I'll walk today and tomorrow plenty time and they picked up stones and would have stoned him and he just passed by and went on his way and they couldn't let the stone go no panic everything will be fulfilled everything and boy when you hear the people making up excuses about Jesus just did it by chance he was a great prankster, if what you've said true that the Holy Spirit outlined in detail what would happen to Christ when he came Jesus as a Jewish boy could have read all these scriptures and said hey let's really fool them that it's me well he did a tremendous job for the first thing was that within his

mother's womb he managed to shout hey mum shift, you're in the wrong town fifty miles north mum, if we're going to fool them, I've got to be born in Bethlehem and your shop's in Nazareth, get going, quick he did very well and I mean can you imagine him saying to Judas hey fellas, I've just found another one of them scriptures and it says that it was my friend, my sweet acquaintance that took fellowship with me and counselled with me and walked with me into the house of God that betrayed me, I've got to be betrayed by a friend hey Judas, come here how about this, you know we've got to keep this up and make them believe that I'm the one that God's called to be the Messiah and the Son I need a friend to betray me and Judas says I'll go for that, when do we do it, just a minute now when you

go to see the priest you have to ask for some money five hundred, thousand, no no cheap, thirty pieces of silver so we're getting thirty, yeah thirty it says it here, the weight for my price thirty pieces of silver, oh okay just a minute, just a minute, you've not to keep it you mean we don't even keep it just think of the food we could buy with it no no, you see I've found another scripture that says and you have to throw it at the feet of the priest in the house of the Lord, so you know go in get it from them, fling it back because we've got to make sure this whole thing fits yeah just a minute, I've got that, go in to the priest, pick up the money pick it up and throw it back, yeah, and by the way tip them the wink to buy the potter's field with it will you, because it says here

they've got to buy a potter's field and make it into a common grave oh, why who, we're burying you now I know this is going to be a tough assignment you know, but you see we're really pulling the wool over the whole world and we've got to convince the whole world that I'm the Messiah see, and one of the things it says here is that you're going to commit suicide you're going to kill yourself so, and, I'll tell you what to do by the way, you know it's got to be quite light, take a rope and you'll find a tree in one of the hills Judith, Judith! no, no you couldn't do that you couldn't do that, and then there he is, they've whipped his back they've crowned the thorns on his head they've nailed him to a cross and he's hanging from that cross and boy after not having eaten for nearly two days

and two nights emaciated in character whipped back, blood running down his face, thorns on his head fastened by his hands and his feet, he suddenly still has the presence of mind to keep the game up oh, oh there was that scripture about the they offered me wine mingled with, hey missus, miss love, missus nip home and get a sponge with vinegar on it love will you, I'll hang on till you get back and she goes and she comes back and she dips the sponge in vinegar, holds it up to his lips and he says, can't have it I know it was a long walk dear but you see we've got to keep this up we've got to fulfil everything, it says that I refused it sorry for the long walk but no thanks well that's that, oh hey soldier get the clothes and get the dice out you've got to gamble for my clothes hurry up, I

can't hang on much longer, I'm going soon get the gambling done that's good, no don't tear it no no it mustn't be torn that's fine, I think I've got everything done now, oh no oh no there's another thing oh no what was it, oh I hope I'll ask till I get this, oh yes I've got to shout to the disciples a wee word I hope that this isn't the end but the beginning and I have to quote Sam 20, oh I should have done my memory work this morning Sam 22 verse 1 Peter, Peter, John my God, my God, why have you forsaken me oh boy I'm glad I got that done say have you got a thief around a rich man, I need two, one at one side and one at the other thanks, it's impossible he couldn't have been a demon inspired person fulfilling the messiahship and for such outright evidence of his person and that he was

the divine son of God being made manifest and declared by the Holy Spirit according to the word and for anyone in those 33 years to look him straight in the eye and say this is the demons at work that is the

unpardonable sin that is the unforgivable sin that is the unsavable sin attributing the fulfillment of the messianic promises in the person of Jesus to being a work of the devil and not of God now you can't commit that today you can't commit that today you are totally incapable of saying that the messiah you've seen as a fulfillment of the holy scriptures of the Old Testament manifestly declared in the flesh before you is the work of the devil because you've never seen Jesus manifest before you yeah you can't commit this sin today because you have never seen Jesus put it that way, you

have never seen Jesus manifest before you and this sin was a declaration that the fulfillment of the messiahship and all these intricate details laid down by the Holy Spirit fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth was a work of the devil you can't do that because you've never seen the manifestation of Christ fulfilling those things before you you had to see him you've never seen him you cannot commit that sin today so always bear that in mind and G in your outline the emblems of the Holy Spirit the emblems of the Holy Spirit and I'm going to give you six and then we'll stop, that'll be it and if there's any questions in the remaining part you may ask them number one the dove the dove the dove in scripture is a picture or an emblem of the Holy Spirit a gentle clean bird and particular about its

food we never read of the wrath of the Holy Spirit only about the wrath of the Son of God in other words everything about the Holy Spirit is gentle you never read in the bible of the wrath of the Holy Ghost only of the wrath of the Son put down John 1.32 in Matthew 10.16 John 1.32 in Matthew 10.16 we shan't look at them number two, water water water is an emblem of the Holy Spirit Isaiah 44 3 Isaiah 44 3 the horn of oil 1 Samuel 16.13 Isaiah 61.1 Isaiah 61.1 and Acts 10.38 oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit 1 Samuel 16.13 Isaiah 61.1 Acts 10.38 number four, wind wind Ezekiel 37 verses 9 and 14 Ezekiel 37, 9 and 14 number five, fire is an emblem of the Holy Spirit Acts 2.3 Acts 2.3 and lastly number 6 clothing clothing is a picture an emblem of the Holy Spirit Judges 6.34 Judges 6.34 now

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