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SIGN.OF.HIS.COMING CLEVELAND.TN 62-0407

And if it's the Word of the Lord, then it's His premeditated thoughts. Amen. That's how we have Eternal Life, because we was spoken into existence by God, not joined into a church, but **born by the Word, the original Seed**, that God said, "Let there be," and there was. Amen. That's the way God borns His children today, **in the womb of their heart with His Word, and His Word takes root and grows.**

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Come from the Root

COLOSSIANS 2:7

see JEREMIAH 17:8

7 **Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith,** as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM JEFF.IN 58-1228

Christ said, "If ye abide in Me... I am the Vine and ye are the branches."

He's the Root of all Life.

ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME JEFF.IN 65-0725M

Now, **"He that abideth in Me, he that, him that was in My Root at the beginning..."** That's the reason Jesus was both the Root and Offspring of David. He was before David, in David, and after David, both Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star, the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley, Alpha and Omega, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In Him dwells the Fullness of the Godhead bodily, both Root and Offspring of David. **"He that is the elected Life, the predestinated Life that's in Me (and He is the Word from the beginning), when he comes forth he will bear My fruits."** St. John 14:12. But others will live by the same thing, call themselves Christians and believers. Not all that saith, "Lord, Lord," will enter in.

ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME JEFF.IN 65-0725M

No wonder they couldn't see Him. **"No man could come to Me except My Father draws him. And all the Father has given to Me (in the roots), will come to Me."** See?

ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME JEFF.IN 65-0725M

The church that believes in Jesus Christ will do the works of Jesus Christ; it'll have the Life of Jesus Christ. And if it isn't... No matter if the life is pouring into it, if it isn't predestinated from the roots, it'll bear grapefruit every time or something different. But **if it's the predestinated Life in the Roots**, it'll bear Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever, if it's **the Word coming up through the Root, which He is the Root, the beginning of time.**

IT.WASN'T.SO.FROM.THE.BEGINNING BLOOMINGTON.IL 61-0411

But **when they go back to the original Vine and COME FROM THE ROOT** (Hallelujah), **they'll come forth with the baptism of the Holy Ghost** like they did at the beginning.

What It Is

A Supernatural Birth

POSITION.IN.CHRIST JEFF.IN 60-0522M

And the NEW BIRTH and the CONVERSION ITSELF is the Holy Ghost. **You're not even converted till you get the Holy Ghost.** That's what the Scripture said.

GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING CHICAGO.IL 54-0719A

When Jesus died what came from Him--what did come out of His body? **Water, Blood, and Spirit.** Is that right. Now, **that's the things that makes up the SUPERNATURAL BIRTH.** The... When a man is BORNED AGAIN, he's--three elements that he has to go through: Water, Blood, Spirit: justification by faith, believing on the Lord; sanctification, that life being cleansed up; And the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Not three works of grace, ONE GRACE...

YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN JEFF.IN 61-1231M

Now, false teachers will bring false births. **True prophets will bring the Word, the birth of the Word, Christ.** False prophets will bring false birth, the birth of churches, the birth of creeds, the birth of denominations. And here you are, Pentecostal brother, false sent--or sensations, and tell a man he's got the Holy Ghost 'cause he speaks with tongues. I've seen devils speak with tongues, pencils lay down and write in unknown tongues. That don't mean a thing. See, **it's got to be a life:** by their fruit you shall know them.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 59-1223

If you're going to depend upon your--your intellectual's conceptions and so forth, you'll never be borned of the Spirit of God. **You've got to forget, like Paul did, all that he ever knowed, and know nothing among you except Christ Jesus,** borned anew, afresh. Oh, if... Here... If I could get it to you. See? It's a birth that makes a new generat--a new creation. The very Greek word here, as I was looking it up in the Greek Lexicon the other day, **the word "birth" means "creation."** **When it says, "You are a--new creatures in Christ Jesus,"** there's a word there, "creature" is the word "creation." You are a new creation, not in the world, but in Christ Jesus. You've been anew...

BE.NOT.AFRAID.IT.IS.I LAKEPORT.CA 60-0720

Be a son and daughter by the birth, the NEW BIRTH, the SUPERNATURAL, the HOLY GHOST BAPTISM in your heart. Then you're sons and daughters.

LAW.HAVING.A.SHADOW CHICAGO.IL 56-0621

That's what the evidence is, brother; you've passed from death unto Life. And all the things that you once done, passed away, because the Life of Jesus Christ has put **the Holy Spirit into, controlling you a new creature.** And once purged has no more desire of sin as long as you live on earth.

So if you're constantly weak and falling up-and-down, remember, you might have a mental acceptance of it, but never an experience of being borned again, when meekness, gentleness and patience takes the place of this mental theology... Oh, you say, "Listen here, Mr. Branham, I--I study the Bible. Our pastor and so forth, I--I took Bible lessons."

Yes, the devil has too. He knows--he knows more about it than you'll ever know. That's right. But there's one thing: he can't get the Holy Ghost. You can. That's right. So as long as--as he--as he can't get to you... For **you are dead, your life is hid in God and SEALED by the Holy Ghost.** Umm. How could he ever get you? The first thing, you're dead. Did you ever hear a dead man tell a lie? Did you ever hear a dead man fuss back at you? Stand at the casket and fuss at him all night, he will never say a word. Why? He's dead.

And **you reckon yourself dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost.** The only way the devil could ever get you, he'd have come through the same washings that you came through, and receive the same Spirit you did, and then he'd be your brother. See? So he can't get you. It's you that's never come to Christ right in the first place. You get to a place, say, "Well, I--I'm still... Brother Branham I--I... you know the Lord never did sanctify me from this."

If He sanctified you from one thing, He sanctified you from all of it. He takes your whole soul, body, and spirit. That's right. Don't be deceived, brother. "The man who despised Moses' law, died without mercy under one or two witnesses. How much more sorer punishment, though worthy, who's trod the Blood of Jesus Christ under His feet, and called the covenant wherewith he was sanctified with and unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace..." There you are.

The Bible said, it's impossible for that man to do that; said, "If a man once been enlightened and made partakers of the Holy Ghost and tasted of the powers of the world to come, it's impossible for him to fall away, to renew himself again unto repentance." **So if your constantly on the up-and-down, remember brother, you have never correctly ever come to Jesus Christ yet.** If...The Bible said, "Love not the world, and neither the things of the world." And if you love the world, the love of God's not even in you...?...

What It is

You're only emotionally, mentally worked up for some kind of a churchanity, some kind of a theology that's been taught you, and never in your life **have you ever come face to face, and met Jesus Christ, and been born again. For if you once fall in love with Christ, the world dies right then for eternity.** For you're sealed by the Holy Ghost until the day of your redemption, and you're dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed there by the Holy Ghost. Your destination is determined right then, when you're sealed by the Holy Ghost.

ROMANS 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit.**

GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.WORSHIP SHP.LA 65-1128M

... grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until your redemption. (till you're redeemed) **You're sealed in there; you're beneath the Blood.** You don't go out no more. And then what are you? **God's son in God's family, sealed in by the Holy Spirit.** The Devil couldn't get you if he had to; for you are dead; your old husband part is dead, and you are buried, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost. How's he going to get you? How you going to get out? You're there. Glory. Now, I'll leave that alone; just enough so you'll know what I'm talking about. Then **a new creation**, not to a denomination, but to the Word. **YOU'RE A CREATION OF THE WORD.** **Because the foundation stone was laid in you before the foundation of the world,** predestinated to be sons and daughters of God.

GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.WORSHIP SHP.LA 65-1128M

Now, then, **you are a son of God in the house of God; you are a part of God's economy.** Romans 8:1, "Then there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." For they are dead to the world, alive in Him, and living in this present day, making the Word that God has used them for, foreordained them, **placing their names in this Bride Book.** And **when the Waters comes upon that seed that's in the heart, raises it up to the Bride of Christ.**

TOKEN.THE DAL.TX 64-0308

A seal of promise! Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Ghost of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." Not till the next revival. "Until the day of your redemption!" Being baptized into It, according to I Corinthians 12. And in Him is the fulness, and no sin is recognized in Him. "He that's borned of God, does not commit sin. **The seed of God remains in him, and he cannot sin.**" How can he, when the Token is there? The Token is the sign he has been accepted.

TOKEN.THE BAKF.CA 64-0208

...when you accept His sacrificed Blood, then He gives us life the life of the Token, and it is a promised seal. Ephesians 4:30, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of your redemption." Then being baptized into Him, 1st Corinthians 12, we become part of His Body.

GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP LA.CA 65-0425E

"By one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body." We're baptized into the Body of Christ, by one Holy Spirit. We're not shook in, we're not joined in, we're not baptized with water in. **We are baptized with the Holy Ghost, into the Body of Jesus Christ.** How long does it last when you get in There, until you misbehave yourself? Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." Argue with Him, not me. That's what It says. I'm reading It. All right. **"You're sealed until the day of your redemption," until the day that Jesus comes for you.** Then think of it! You are then not yourself, you are a new creature, for the Greek there means "a new creation." **You've been recreated** again. The power of God comes upon you, and you become created, **a new creature; which brings the whole physical being, spiritual being and everything, in subject to the Word of God.** Not no other way!

Eternal Life

WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED BEAUMONT.TX 64-0312

If you got Eternal Life you always was. See? You... If otherwise... You just can't say, "Well, I belong to church; I do this." No, sir. Eternal life never had a be... Anything that was eternal never did begin and cannot end. So you were only in His thinking: your name, who you are, and what you are. **That's the only way you could ever have Eternal Life, 'cause you always was.**

PROVING.HIS.WORD JEFF.IN 64-0816

Eternal Life, "you always was." See, you have Eternal Life, there's only one form of it; that's God. You were His attribute, He thought of you and knowed you before the foundation of the world in His mind. See?

FUTURE.HOME JEFF.IN 64-0802

There's your holy convocation, **not have anything to do with the literal thing;** it's beyond that. It's into the Kingdom of God with Eternal Life, with the predestinated that never did start. It never started on any day. You wasn't saved on any day. You was always saved. Amen. Jesus just come to redeem that, but **you was saved from the beginning because YOU HAD ETERNAL LIFE TO BEGIN WITH.**

What It is

A trout fish can never be a gar or a tadpole. He might be in the same water with him, but he was from the beginning a trout. The net only caught him (See?), but he was that from the beginning.

JOHN 15:27

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the BEGINNING.

WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS? PHOENIX.AZ 64-1227

If you ever was or ever will be in heaven, you was in heaven to start with. You're part of God. You were His thought. He knew your name. He knew who you were before there ever was a--a--a molecule, before there was a light. Before there was anything, He knew you and your name, and put it on the Lamb's Book of Life before the world was ever formed. See, you were His thought. And then a... Then you become a Word. And a word is a--a thought expressed. Then you're manifested.

GOD.RICH.IN.MERCY PHOENIX.AZ 65-0119

...one day, **you being part of God, you had to be part of the Word.** And when you heard the Word, you know where you come from, you knowed what was the Truth. You were always, the seed was in you always. **The Word seen the Word that was in you,** that was before the foundation of the world, **SAW THE WORD and YOU COME TO IT.**

JAMES 1:18

18 Of his own will **begat he us with the word** of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

JAMES 1:21

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness **the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, **being rooted and grounded** in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

MATTHEW 13:23

23 But **he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it**; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

LUKE 8:10-15

10 And he said, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God**: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God**.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and **these have no root**, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, **having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience**.

JOHN 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**.

The Token

DESPERATION JEFF.IN 63-0901E

No certain EVIDENCE. See? You say, "Brother Branham (I feel it in your minds. You see?), why will I know?" Look. **What were you? And what are you? There's how you know**. See? What was you before this Token was applied? What are you after it's applied? **What was your DESIRE before, and what is your desires after?** Then you know whether the Token's applied or not. And these other things just automatically go with that. See? It--it isn't... Like, talking about it and say, "Tongues is the evidence." Now, I will bare--**buy a pair of shoes; the tongue isn't the shoe. It just comes with the shoe**. See? It just comes with the shoe. See? Now, the same thing is the Token. The Token is Christ. But speaking in tongues, and casting out devils, and doing those things, and preaching, and whatever, is the evidence it's there, true; but it's--it's not it. See? It's a gift of It. If I told you that... You say, "I want you, Brother Branham," and I'll give you a gift (See?), well, that's not me, that's my gift. **Tongues is a gift of the Holy Ghost, not the Holy Ghost**, a gift of the Holy Ghost.

THIRST TUCSON.AZ 65-0919

By your DESIRE, you can tell who's on the throne of your heart. By what you love, that's what tells. You, you say, "Well, I think them things are all right, Brother Branham." Well, just remember now; in your heart you know what's there. Yes, sir. By what is feeding your soul, **what your soul is thirsting for**, and you can see it satisfies that; **if it isn't this Word, then there's something wrong**, because the Holy Spirit lives on the WORD only.

GOD'S.SERVANT.JOB PHOENIX.AZ 55-0223

The worshiper once purged by the Blood of Jesus has no more DESIRE to sin. **Don't say you won't sin, but you have NO DESIRE to do it.**

CHURCH.DEDICATION CLEVELAND.TN 59-0708M

And he that's **once purged by the Blood of Jesus Christ has no more DESIRE of SIN**. YOU PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN 57-0922

The Bible said, "Once purged by the Blood of Jesus, has no more desire of sin..." **If you have a DESIRE, your heart's not right with God.** Now, you will do wrong, but you don't do it willfully. See, you're--you're trapped, and anything you're trapped into, or do something that you don't mean to do it, it's not sin yet; you'll repent the minute you see that you're wrong. You'll turn quickly and say, "I didn't mean--didn't see that." You can say that all through life. A man don't want to be; that's the reason that we are so stupid and so in dark down here on earth, that **there's a BLOOD ATONEMENT for us ALL THE TIME to keep us covered...**

EPHESIANS 1:7

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace

SEAL.OF.GOD LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0216

You are either a **SINNER** or a **SAINT**; that's all. **And if you're in Christ, there is a BLOOD ATONEMENT offering ALL DAY LONG**, crying, "Father forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." Oh, then you can rest assure. Amen, I like that. So beautiful there, the Holy Spirit, how It seals us.

FIVE.IDENTIFICATIONS JEFF.IN 60-0911E

A church that's without spot or without wrinkle. How can we be that? By being dead in Christ, baptized by the Holy Ghost into His mystical Body, **and the BLOOD ATONEMENT of the Son of God laying there for us EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY**: found blameless, that's the church, without spot, or without wrinkle.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN 59-0628E

Who died for us? Christ. What did He die for? Our sins. He took my punishment. Is that right? And then how do I get into Him? By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. And when in this body, we're covered by the Blood and free from the judgments. He cannot sin, because **there's a BLOOD SACRIFICE laying for him DAY AND NIGHT**. Hallelujah. He can't sin. He has NO DESIRE to SIN. If he does it--if he does do something wrong, he don't mean to do it.

POSITION.IN.CHRIST JEFF.IN 60-0522M

How can you preach PREDESTINATION of God, foreordaining and setting, unless there's a sin atonement somewhere? Why is it each day you make a mistake, each day you do wrong? But **if you're BORNED AGAIN**, man or woman, **as soon as you make the mistake, God knows you're sorry for it**. You can stand in the Presence of--of President Roosevelt or anybody else and say, "I'm wrong; God forgive me for this thing." Why? And **there's where the BLOOD ATONEMENT**...

REMEMBERING.THE.LORD PHOENIX.AZ 63-0122

You look with your eyes, and see with your heart. That's right. **You'll remember YOU'RE LOOKING THROUGH THE BLOOD of the Lord Jesus, the way He would look through it.**

HEBREWS 10:17-19

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus

Who It Is for

Abraham's Seed

SEAL.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 54-0514

Those who are ordained to Life will see It and walk in It. Those who cannot see, walk in darkness. That's up to God. **GOD DOES IT**. He swore and promised Abraham He would save him and his Seed. Now, **if you got Abraham's Seed, you got Eternal Life** (That's all.), and you're heirs according to promise. And it's all **by grace and by election of God**.

Who It is for

WHAT.HOLY.GHOST.WAS.GIVEN.FOR JEFF.IN 59-1217

You must receive the Holy Ghost. **What is It? The Spirit of God. What was It for? To lead you, guide you, fill you, sanctify you, call you out into the church.** What is a church? What does the word "church" mean? "**Called out, separated** (oh, how I could take a sermon from that right now.), called out, separated," **aliens, away from the world, pilgrim and stranger**, professing that we have here no earthly city that we desire to live in. Oh, my.

As Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob sojourn, dwelling in tents in the land, they professing they were pilgrims and strangers, the seed of the heir, the heir back there; the father, the heir. We are their seed. And they was looking for a city whose Builder and Maker was God. Amen. They were searching. And **today their seed is still looking for a city that comes...**

HEBREWS 11:16

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

UNVEILING.OF.GOD JEFF.IN 64-0614M

We're inside of Christ. Now, as then, **all true believers see Him**, the Word of promise of this day openly manifested. That's a big word if you can get it. See, see? **All true believers that's in the Word see God openly**; the veil's rent, and God stands openly before you, manifested.

EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY JEFF.IN 65-0801E

But when the **true Bible believers see the Word so openly** vindicated for the age, they believe. There's no way to keep them from It, believe It. They even seal their testimony with their blood. They believe It. It's then **it's to them, the predestinated**, that for that certain age that sees and believes. **Others just can't see It, they're blinded.**

JOHN 10:26-27

26 But ye **believe not, because ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

PARADOX JEFF.IN 61-1210

The Word was invisible until It was made flesh, and then the Word become visible. And through His sacrificial death at Calvary and His resurrection, positionally placed His Church in that realm, that **the same invisible God could come into the individual and make the Word visible.**

Oh, my. I--I wish my church could get that.

Who It is for

CHURCH.DEDICATION CLEVELAND.TN 59-0708M

What I was trying to say last night about **people who's borned of the Spirit of God, no wonder they don't see the things of the world, because they're from another world.** Their Spirit comes from above where holiness and righteousness dwells, where the Blood of Jesus on His bloody garment, hangs before God daily. The Angels bow before It. Everything in the heaven bows to It

The Elected

UNCERTAIN.SOUND SPOKANE.WA 62-0714

The Bible said in **Acts 2:38, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."** Not you may, YOU SHALL: nothing uncertain about that, not a bit uncertain. He said you shall receive it. **"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall CALL."** He promised to do it. There's no uncertainty. You SHALL receive it; nothing uncertain.

I.AM.THE.RESURRECTION.AND.LIFE CHICAGO.IL 52-0810A

Then today, **if God's still CALLING**, every man or woman that comes to the fountain filled with Blood drawn from Emmanuel veins, and becomes a priest, or a child, a born child of God, in the Kingdom of God, **has a right to the ORIGINAL BAPTISM of the Holy Ghost**, not a mouthful, but **a whole soul full of the same power that fell on the day of Pentecost.**

RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY JEFF.IN 64-0726M

I can hear my Saviour calling, (Sincerely friend, it may be your last time. Can you hear that little Voice?)... **calling**,
I can (What's He... **What's CALLING you if your Saviour is? THE WORD.**)

27-3 REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

If you have been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, God will fill you with HIS SPIRIT. That is THE WORD.

Acts 19:6 which we read was the fulfilling of **Acts 2:38,**

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." See, Paul, by the Holy Ghost, said exactly what Peter said by the Holy Ghost. And what was said CANNOT be changed. It has to be the same from Pentecost until the very last **ELECTED** one has been baptized.

GREAT.WARRIOR.DAVID CHICAGO.IL 55-0118

Notice, **David was called by ELECTION.** He was **elected, called,** anointed, and placed (See?) elected by God, called from sheep herding to be the king, anointed, and positionally placed. Look. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph; Abraham: election, Isaac: justification, and Jacob: grace, and Joseph: perfection, nothing against Joseph. All right, there you are, called. **ARE YOU A DAVID? CALLED, elected first by God...**

How many Christians here, raise up your hand. **You're not a Christian by your desire; you're a Christian by GOD'S DESIRE.** Amen. "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first." You was elected by God before the foundation of the world to be a Christian. That's Scripture. **Jesus said, "No man can come except My Father CALLS him."** First thing you was ELECTED, CALLED. Then when God elected you, then He called you, and you heeded to His call. Then He poured the anointing oil on you, the Holy Ghost. When the cruse of oil... What does the oil represent in the Bible? Holy Spirit. When he poured the oil upon him, he baptized him with the Holy Spirit in a symbol form. Amen. I hope you get that. That just come fresh. **He poured the oil upon him, just went all over him, a whole horn full of it (Amen.), not sparingly. And that's the way God pours the Holy Ghost on a man, not sparingly, just baptizes him into it,** anointing him with the Spirit. Notice, he right then, when that anointing struck him, he was positionally placed as king. Amen. **You are placed positionally in Christ Jesus as kings and priests.** Is that right? **The moment you receive the Holy Spirit, GOD PLACES YOU in the Kingdom,** an heir. What a beautiful picture. There you are.

When you receive It

Face to Face

FROM.THAT.TIME SPOKANE.WA 62-0713

There is something that can happen in a human life that can never change, that is eternal. **That's when a man meets God.** That is eternally settled, when a man meets God, and's borned again of the Spirit of God, **he has Eternal Life.**

COMFORTER.THE JEFF.IN 61-1001E

There is an insight, that we can see what the ordinary person never sees. When we're borned again, we see Him. See? "You know Him. You have seen Him. He will abide with you forever." Oh, He's a good Father.

When you receive It

ASHAMED.OF.HIM JEFF.IN 65-0711

When God made the promise of **the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you receive It, there's something that settles within you**, that there's nothing takes its place. When a man ever meets God; not in some emotional work up, some enthusiasm, or some religious doctrine, some catechism, or creed, or a dogma that he has accepted for a--a comfort for himself... But when he really comes to the place **like Moses** did on the back side of the desert, walk up **face to face** with Almighty God, and **you SEE the VOICE speaking to YOU exactly with the Word** and the promise of the hour, there's something it does to you. See, you're not ashamed of It; It does something to you.

49-4 PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

Revelation 1:12, "And **I turned to see the voice** that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks."

John does not say that he turned to see the one whose voice he heard, but he turned to see the voice. Oh, I like that. **He turned to SEE the VOICE. The VOICE and the PERSON are one and the same. Jesus is the WORD.**

John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

If you can ever get to really SEE the WORD you will be seeing Jesus.

SEED.SHALL.NOT.BE.HEIR LA.CA 65-0429B

Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father has drawed him. And all that My Father hath given Me, they will come. **My sheep, My doves, hear MY VOICE**. A stranger they will not follow." **And what is the Voice of God? Is the WORD of God**. What's any man's voice but his word? It's the Word of God; they'll hear the Word of God.

VOICE.OF.GOD PHOENIX.AZ 63-0120M

You do not hear with your ears, you hear with your heart. Many times your ears hears the true Voice of God, and It falls off of you like water off of a duck's back. But when you really hear, you hear with your heart. And **all the theology that Moses had, he hadn't heard the VOICE of God**. But one day **God called** this eighty-year-old shepherd over to one side and **spoke to him, and he caught it**.

WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR TUCSON.AZ 63-1216

No man even has the right to preach the Gospel until he's come face to face with God. That's right. No man should be in the pulpit without receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Jesus commissioned His disciples not to preach anymore, but "wait in the city of Jerusalem until you're endued with power from

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on high." Watch what the Holy Ghost did when It come. And the Holy Ghost is God... And **when the Holy Ghost comes and reveals the Word, and makes It live just exact, then It's a revelation to you, you see It**; It's unfolded, His promised for the hour.

MAN.RUNNING.FROM.PRESENCE JEFF.IN 65-0217

Even many times we find--this is hard to say, but it's true--that **ministers many time shirk a responsibility for standing for the true Word of God when they're confronted with It**. They'll shirk that responsibility. **WHEN TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD IS BROUGHT FACE TO FACE with we human beings, we have--we're prone to shirk back...**

PERSEVERANCE JEFF.IN 62-0218

And when a hand of faith can pick up God's Word, it'll do the same thing Jesus did. "The works that I do shall you do also." Maybe you can cut just a little, maybe you got a weak hand of faith, you can cut enough off to say, "Well, I can see enough daylight to see I'm saved." But what about the other promises? If you got a strong hand of faith, **PICK UP THE FULL WORD OF GOD** and cut right on through every darkness (Amen.), **until the Light of God shines in, and look face to face with God, standing on His Word**. Amen.

A Witness

WITNESSES PHOENIX.AZ 54-0303

A WITNESS must be someone with an EXPERIENCE, must know something. In the courts of our land you can't come up and say, "Miss So-and-so told me so-and-so about so-and-so." They'll throw the case out right then. You've got to be either an eye or an ear witness. You've got to know something before you can be a witness. And you've got to know something before you can be a witness of God. And **all God-called WITNESSES are people with EXPERIENCE of knowing what they're speaking about**. And we have an experience of the witnesses of God in Phoenix, tonight and all over the world are those who have experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And you can only experience it by the witness of the Holy Spirit. Say, "How long was it to last?" In **Acts 2:38**, Peter tells us that this experience was for you and to your children and to them that's far off and even as many as the Lord our God shall call. That's how far the witness should be. And **as long as God calls, God-called witnesses must have the experience**.

Now, He didn't say, "I want you to go now and be my witnesses." He said, "You shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and then you shall be witnesses." See, you must be... **You must have a FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE**. If I go down here to the--the worst roadhouse or whiskey place that there is in Phoenix tonight (a gambling devicities), and every person in

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there that would be drinking, I'd walk up to him and say, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Say, "The Son of God." That doesn't make him saved. Then I'd say this, "How do you know He's the Son of God?" "Well, my mother said so." "Well, maybe mother was right, but what about you?" See? If I went out here to a church member, and I said, "What do you think of Jesus Christ? Who was He?" "Why, He was the Son of God." "Well, how do you know?" "My pastor said so." "Your pastor's right, but what do you know about it?" See, see? Mother's right and the pastor's right. But before you know He is the Son of God... The Bible said no man can say Jesus is the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost. **The Holy Ghost has to WITNESS it to YOU: must be a PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.** I hope you see that.

MARK.OF.CHRIST LA.CA 55-0312

Spiritual revealed truth of Jesus Christ. If you're just all worked up and emotional, that won't work. **It's got to be a direct WITNESS, that God Himself by election has called you and revealed Christ to YOU.** Amen.

A Revelation

MATTHEW 16:17-18

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee**, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

14-1 REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1

It was a REVELATION FROM GOD that made the difference and gave Abel eternal life. Now you might take what the pastor says, or what the seminary teaches, and though it might be taught to you with eloquence, **UNTIL GOD REVEALS TO YOU** that Jesus is the Christ, and that it is the blood that cleanses you, and that God is your Saviour, **you will never have eternal life.** It is the Spiritual revelation that does it.

WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED SHREVEPORT.LA 65-1126

Jesus said that "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first. And all that the Father has given Me, will come to Me." **No man can understand Who He is, or how It is, except it be REVEALED TO YOU by the revelation of God.**

EPHESIANS 2:8

8 For by **grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is **the gift of God:**

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MARK.OF.CHRIST LA.CA 55-0312

But when God **calls** a man, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first." And all that comes I will give him Everlasting Life, raise him up at the last day." **Oh, I hope you see it. Brother, it's the work of the Holy Spirit REVEALING TO THE INDIVIDUAL**, not upon some emotion, not upon something you should do, or shouldn't do, or this, that, or the other. All those things are all right, the moves and works, and shouting and dancing, and speaking in tongues; all those things are all right. But the first thing, **it has to be a SPIRITUAL REVELATION that God has give the individual**, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, **calling**. That's right.

WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED SHREVEPORT.LA 65-1126

You notice, "No man, no man can come except My Father draws him first. And all the Father has given Me, they will come." **They'll RECOGNIZE IT**. No other man can do it, no other person, no matter how good, who you are; **IT'S GOT TO BE REVEALED TO YOU**. Then you see Who Jesus Christ is.

IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR JEFF.IN 62-1230E

All these mysteries. **THE MYSTERY of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost WITHOUT SENSATION**, but the Person of Christ performing in you the same works that He did.

154-1 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

WHAT IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is **the new birth**. It is **the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have REPENTED**, (having heard His Word) **and been BAPTIZED IN WATER** as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY JEFF.IN 63-0728

Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See what God's trying to do? **What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you**. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... **HE IS THE WORD THAT WAS REVEALED TO YOU**. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... **It's Christ in you**. That is a--the revelation that the Church was built upon.

Quickened from death to Life

EPHESIANS 2:4-6

- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved;
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

EASTER.SEAL PHOENIX.AZ 65-0410

See, but **he that understandeth, he that knoweth his place in this hour...** "He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath (present tense) Eternal Life, shall not come into the judgment, but's already passed from death unto Life." Then when this new Eternal Life dwells in you, it is the potential or the earnest of you being quickened from mortal to immortality. Let me say that again. **When this Spirit has found you, the individual**, and has come upon you, **it is the potential of your eternal inheritance** that God thought of you and made for you before the foundation of the world.

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Now, the promise of in this last days what would take place, **if you become part of that Word, you are redeemed with Him**; because the same Spirit that dwelt in Christ is dwelling in you, quickening your life to this age. And it will also in the end time quicken your mortal bodies, resurrect them, bring them up again. That takes the gloom away when we look at it in that, and that's the truth. See? Romans here, Paul has proved it to us. See? "If the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, It will also quicken your mortal bodies." This is the same Spirit that raised Him up that quickened the true believer to Eternal Life. **The Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells into the believer, quickens the believer to Eternal Life.** There's only one life, one Eternal Spirit, one Eternal Life, and that's God. God alone is the Eternal. And then we, being His children, are part of Him; that is, the attributes of His thinking. And the thought is expressed, and becomes a word. Then **each individual in here that possesses this Eternal Life was before the foundation of the world in God's thinking.** That's the only way it could be, cause **you are a attribute. That's an expression of a thought has been come a word, and a word has taken life**, and it's eternal. That's the reason we have Eternal Life. In the same principle that the great Son of God, the Redeemer... We become sons and daughters of God through that same Spirit, by the same foreknowledge of God. **Look at the millions on earth that didn't receive it when Jesus was here.** But how thankful that we should be this morning to know that we have the direct evidence and the Bible proofs that we are included in that great resurrection morning coming, that great Easter.

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We have the earnest of it right now in our mortal bodies. **The predestinated ones are the first, of course, to be quickened, when the Holy Spirit comes to claim its own.** Now, there is a great statement; and I want my minister brothers to try to understand this. See?

EPHESIANS 1:4

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

RISING.OF.THE.SUN JEFF.IN 65-0418M

Now, notice this Quickening Power, Zoe, bringing the Word, the mind that was in Christ was in you then. I'm trying to show you that you, when you raised-- **when God raised Jesus from the dead, He raised up you also, and also quickened to Life with Him (you are now quickened to Life),** although then you were but an attribute in His thoughts, but **God had saw all in Him at the finish.** See?

Changes you

DEEP.CALLETH.TO.DEEP WASHINGTON.DC 54-0624

Now, before there--when **the deep calls to the deep**, before there can be a deep call, there has to be a deep to respond to it. And then as sure... As you people a few years ago, who probably was sinners, maybe you were in some formal church that did not believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but you heard the message. There was something in there called out for more of God. **You might've been living in a JUSTIFIED STATE before God, but you wanted the baptism of the Spirit, and you hungered for It.** Now, the very reason that there is a Holy Spirit is because you were hungering for It. **You would never hunger for It unless there was something in here to call for It out there.** See what I mean?

SECONDHANDED.ROBE BROOKLYN.NY 56-1206

If you desire the baptism of the Holy Ghost in your heart, **there's got to be something out there creating that desire.** When the deep calleth to the deep, there's got to be a deep to respond to it.

LAMB.AND.THE.DOVE OAKLAND.CA 57-0325

It's not you rejoicing in the Spirit; neither is it the baptism of the Holy Ghost that's poured on the congregation. **It is a NEW BIRTH and a CHANGE OF HEART that changes a man** from a dying being to a resurrected, immortal Son of God taking His place on the seat of the believer's heart. **It's a nature change.**

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MARK.OF.CHRIST LA.CA 55-0312

And you cannot believe unless God **CALLS you first. And then it's revealed to you by the Holy Spirit in your heart saying, "**Change.**" Then you're a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things is passed away, and you--all things have become new.**

PROOF.OF.HIS.RESURRECTION JEFF.IN 55-0410M

And before man can be raised up in the resurrection with Christ, he has to die out to himself, die out to all of his worldly associates, die out to all of his worldly habits, **die out to everything that's ungodly, and be resurrected anew.**

Then the emptying up of the Holy Spirit, **the emptying out of himself, and the coming in, rather, of the Holy Spirit, fills that place.** Then he's a subject to believe God. Then he sees as God sees. He doesn't see as teachers see. He doesn't see as church members see. He sees as God sees. Then he sees that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

MY.REDEEMER.LIVETH JEFF.IN 55-0410S

Die with Him, buried with Him, and risen with Him, raised with Christ in the resurrection. This new hope that God has placed into our hearts today, this new assurance, it's a hope to those who are looking forward to the time. But **when a man or woman has ever been RESURRECTED ANEW, it's a "know so" now. " I know my Redeemer liveth." Why? "He lives within my heart."**

Isn't it marvelous today that all shadows has passed away? All the, "Well, I hope that I'll come in the resurrection." No more "hope." We have the assurance. That's all. We know it. **No more "hope so,"** because something happened in our lives that took all shadows away. When Christ the resurrected One came to our sinful conditions that we were in, and the old things died out in the crucifixion with Him at the altar, and we rose anew again with Him, and live with Him and reign with Him, and seated now in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. **We're already raised with Him. The resurrection's already passed as far as we are concerned, because we are now risen with Christ (Amen.), seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.** No more guessing about it, it's all over. Amen. I just love that. No more "hopes," no more "wishing," no more. Oh, it's over. We are now risen with Him, setting in heavenly places.

HEBREWS 12:22-24, (*through 28 inclusive*)

22 But ye are come **unto** mount Sion, and **unto** the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and **to** an innumerable company of angels,

23 **To** the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and **to** God the Judge of all, and **to** the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 And **to** Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and **to** the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

ROMANS 2:29

29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and*** not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1 GRASS.VALLEY.CA 62-0705

And if He has never circumcised you yet by the Holy Ghost, He hasn't received your faith yet. That's right. **That is the circumcision of the heart and spirit. God gives the Holy Ghost as a confirmation He's received your faith.** Now, if you stop believing, and scrumbling around, and just believe God, **God will circumcise that heart. And that cuts off all unbelief, circumcises the world and all unbelief away from you; and then you stand, the Word alone,** Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you; then ask what you will; it'll be given to you." That's what's the matter with the church today. It's under emotion; it's under education; it's under creed. No wonder, it's smothered down. See? So we need a circumcision to cut the whole thing away.

TOKEN.THE JEFF.IN 63-0901M

You say, "I believe, yes. I go... Yeah, I believe the message." That's all right, but... That--that's good. But you must have the Token. Do you hear, Branham Tabernacle? **You must have the Token displayed. Without it, all your believing's in vain.** See? You'll live a good life; you listen to what the Word says; you go to church; you try to live right; that's fine, but that's not it.

"When I see the Blood," that's the Token, and the Token here is not... 'cause what did... He had to see the actual chemistry, because the life had gone, he--had gone from it. It was an animal. But here it's His Own Life that was in the Blood, and the chemistry was only a signal, or sign of sanctification. But the Life Itself is the Token. For **without the circumcision, without the Token, you're not even in the covenant.** The whole thing works together. **If you say you're circumcised to the Word, and it only, then you'll believe the Word.** If you believe the Word, then the Token's got to come. For He said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." There you are. Oh, my.

JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1 GRASS.VALLEY.CA 62-0705

We thank You, Lord, for bringing the people, and for **Your Word.** And **It's sharp like a two-edged sword,** but It discerns the thoughts of the heart. It makes sure. **It circumcises the world, the flesh, the worldly things away from the people, and makes them new creatures in Christ.**

COLOSSIANS 2:10-11, *(through 13 inclusive)*

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 **IN WHOM** also ye are **circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

UNCERTAIN.SOUND SPOKANE.WA 62-0714

Bless us tonight. We come to fellowship around **Your Word**, Lord. Help us now, and anoint the Word. May It go forth **like a Sword**, and circumcise all the world away from us. For we know the children of God are circumcised of the heart and ears by the Holy Spirit. We pray that **He will circumcise my heart and ears tonight, circumcise every heart and ear here tonight, that we might in hearing, hear, in seeing, see, and understanding, perceive, and be saved** and healed for the Kingdom of God. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THY.SEED.SHALL.POSSESS.GATE PHOENIX.AZ 62-0121M

Don't you love Him? That sweet feeling of the Holy Spirit... **THE WORD IS A CLEANSING PROCESS, just scours you out, makes you a new creature**, takes away all... The Word is sharper than a two-edged sword, **circumcising, cutting away all the things of the world**. See? Then we feel clean, scoured out, accepting and believing Him. That's how we can sing, "I love Him, I love Him, Because He first loved me..."

ROMANS 8:21

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Evidence

Comes by the Word

GALATIANS 6:15

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND JEFF.IN 65-0418E

People sometimes won't receive the Holy Ghost unless they speak with tongues. I believe in speaking in tongues. Certainly. He's a good God; He'll give you the desire of your heart. But no matter how much you speak in tongues and deny this Word, you're wrong anyhow. See, see? **You don't go in by speaking in tongues; YOU GO IN BY KEEPING EVERY WORD. That's the evidence of the Holy Ghost: when you believe the Word of God. See?**

The Evidence

PATRIARCH.ABRAHAM.THE BAKF.CA 64-0207

Now, if you are ready to take the test, of God's acid test and follow that prescription, I'm telling you, you'll find out that God keeps His Word if you'll believe it. That's right. But you've got to go through that, because that's the seal. **When you can receive it, then you'll receive the promise.** Because it's God's prescription, the way we should do it, and that's the way we've got to follow it, just what He said. Now, not just to some, but to whosoever, whosoever believeth, whosoever repenteth, whosoever believeth. It's to all generations, to all people, whosoever wants to believe it. And faith in God's Word brings you to this promise. Then and then only can you have power to possess the seal of the promise. And **the promise that we receive, the seal is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** That's right, for **that is God in form of Spirit.** You being... **HIS WORD IN YOU, then He comes in. If you receive the Word.** The Holy Spirit is the only thing that can make that live. And then you have the promise of possessing the gate of every enemy that tries to attack you. God promised it, and it's so.

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS CHICAGO.IL 56-0407

If you believe His Word, He said, "He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life. And no man can come except the Father draws him first," **God's invitation to you to Christ.**

EVERLASTING.LIFE JEFF.IN 54-1231

Now, Jesus said, Saint **John 5:24**, "He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life." Now, if Everlasting Life... what does the word "**EVERLASTING**" mean? That means, "**WITHOUT END.**" If he--if he... "**He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Life without end.**"

164-3 PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

The WORD is God. The SPIRIT is God. They are all ONE. One cannot work apart from the other. **If one truly has the SPIRIT of God, he will have the WORD of God.**

PALMERWORM.LOCUST.CATERPILLAR JEFF.IN 59-0823

But, brother, you've got to be **borned again by the genuine Holy Ghost that only comes by the WORD of God.** And the true Word of God, when It comes into you, It'll manifest the Truth. "He, the Holy Ghost, when He'll come, He'll testify of Me; He'll manifest Truth. He'll take the things that I have showed you-- I've showed, took things that I have said, and will show them to you. The Holy Ghost will.

169-2 PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

And there it is. **You CAN'T claim that manifestation is the evidence of being Spirit-born, Spirit-filled. No sir.** I will admit that true manifestation is the evidence of the Holy Spirit doing mighty acts, but it is NOT the evidence of the individual being Spirit-filled, even though that individual has an abundance of those manifestations. **The evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost today is just the same as it was back in the day of our Lord. IT IS RECEIVING THE WORD OF TRUTH for the day in which you live.** Jesus never did stress the importance of the Works as He did the Word. He knew that if the people got the WORD the works would follow. That is Bible.

1 PETER 1:25

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And **this is the word** which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1 PETER 1:23

23 Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word** of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Believe unto receiving the Spirit

An Inside Teacher

JOHN 14:17-18

17 Even the **Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, **and shall be in you.**

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

see 1 JOHN 4:4

THINKING.MAN'S.FILTER JEFF.IN 65-0822E

Israel was all outwardly spiritually, all filled with God's goodness, and how they revered God and so forth, but that didn't work. **THE INSIDE OF THEM COULDN'T RECOGNIZE THE WORD** itself. But **when you're born of the Spirit of God**, then you've got a--**you are a son of God, and you always was a son of God**, and you always will be a son of God. There's no way to separate it, **because it's--you have ETERNAL LIFE.** And eternal never did begin; neither will it ever end. **Oh, for the grace of God that He'd give us understanding of such great MYSTERIES.**

143-1 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Now when God is silent we had better be silent. But where He has spoken we had better speak, too, and say what He has already said. **He told us the evidence, or what would happen after being baptized with the Holy Ghost was that we would have the Teacher come and teach all truth.** But that Teacher was an INSIDE teacher, not an outside teacher. **If the Spirit wasn't INSIDE, you wouldn't hear the truth and receive it by REVELATION** if you heard it every moment of the day. That was the sign of the indwelling Spirit in the days of Paul. Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost heard the Word, received it and lived by it. Those who did not have the Spirit heard it only as carnal men, put a wrong interpretation on it and went into sin.

In every age, (and every age is the age of the Holy Ghost for the true believer)-- I say, **in every age the evidence was the same.** **Those who had the Spirit, the Teacher, heard the Word, and that Spirit in them took the Word and taught it (revealed it) to them;** and they were of the group that heard the messenger and his message and took it and lived it. I know it is a great temptation to refer back to the day of Pentecost and also to the day when the Holy Ghost fell in the house of Cornelius and then set those two identical experiences as the evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. But on each occasion the tongues were understood by the listeners. This is a far cry from the modern babel of confusion of Pentecostal meetings. And if this were not enough to persuade us to leave off such reasoning, what will we do when we are confronted with the fact that people who have never spoken in tongues have some of the other eight manifestations in their lives, such as word of wisdom, the discerning of spirits, a word of knowledge, faith, healing and even miracles? And this observation is even more interesting in the light that tongues is the least of the nine gifts; so when we see people who do not, nor ever have spoken in tongues, use greater gifts than those who do speak in tongues, we must discount such a doctrine even more completely than before. So you can see now, that we cannot afford to say what the Bible has not said. When Scripture teaches us that the work of the Holy Spirit, and **the manifestation of that Blessed Person is to bring the truth of each age to the true seed of that age, then we know that the Spirit has to be abiding in the person or he cannot receive the truth for that time.** Amen. That is exactly correct. And if these ages bring out anything, they surely bring and bear out this truth.

Now before we leave this subject I want to make myself very clear on **WHAT the Baptism with the Holy Ghost IS according to THE WORD.** It is not according to ME, and it is not according to YOU. It has to be according to "Thus saith the Lord," or we are falsely led. Amen.

To begin with you will notice that in my meetings when I have finished preaching an evangelistic service, or some teaching message, I cast the net and invite a response from the people. I ask them to come forward and receive the Holy Spirit. My Pentecostal friends, upon hearing me say this believe that I am inviting people to come forward to be baptized with the Holy Ghost because they are already born again. So when I invite those who are Spirit-filled to come and deal with those who have answered the invitation to receive the Spirit, these dear ones surge forward and deal with the people in such manner as to encourage them to yield to God and believe to speak in tongues. This has caused a great deal of confusion and I want to tell you exactly what I mean. I mean for the sinner to come forward and be born again, which is to be baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost which is exactly what took place at Pentecost when the church was launched. In other words, **to be Born of the Spirit is to be truly Baptized with the Holy Ghost. IT IS ONE AND THE SAME.**

Now I realize that it is going to be confusing for a moment here, as most people know that I was ordained a Baptist preacher and I have steadfastly declared that the Baptists have missed it for saying you receive the Holy Ghost WHEN you believe, for that is not so. You receive Him "SINCE you believed."

Acts 19:2-6.

"He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him Which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

There it is. Paul asked, **"Have you received SINCE, NOT WHEN you believed." And there is a great difference there, for it is AFTER we believe that we receive.**

Ephesians 1:13 is an exact word repeat of what happened in Ephesus according to Acts 19,

"In Whom ye also trusted, AFTER that ye heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation; in Whom also AFTER that ye believed (not when ye believed), ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

Now here is my point. Too many of our modernists and even our fundamentalists (so-called) believe unto salvation at a certain specific time which in many cases is called "making a decision," and that has been called

receiving Christ or being born again. **Now to receive Christ is to receive His Spirit. To receive His Spirit is to be born again.**

To receive His Spirit is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Amen. These folks believe. That is wonderful. But they stop there. **You receive the Holy Ghost AFTER you believe. It has always been that way and always will be.** The very first word of direction to the people was by Peter at Pentecost and he said,

"Repent and be baptized everyone of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

These directions came as a direct answer from Peter relative to what had actually happened at Pentecost. What came to pass was that God according to Joel was pouring out the promised Holy Spirit upon all flesh. He was not poured out before that time or given before that time. This was it. But **THIS was to come FROM NOW ON by repenting, being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ**, and then God was duty bound to fill the ones who came. **Peter**, or any of the apostles **never said**, **"Ye must be born again, AND THEN filled with the Spirit.** That this is the pattern of experience relative to receiving the Holy Spirit, note carefully the very next time that the Spirit fell upon a people.

Acts 8:5-17,

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which before-time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet He was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

According to verse 12, THEY BELIEVED THE WORD. They were then baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. But according to verse 16, in spite of all that, they had STILL NOT RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT. **It was only AFTER believing and being baptized correctly that they received the Holy Ghost.** That is the exact pattern as set forth by Peter in **Acts 2:38-39**.

Another Scripture that casts wondrous light on this is found in Galatians 3:13-14,

"Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that (in order that) we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Now by no means can it be said that the "blessing of Abraham" is the rebirth, and that the "promise of the Spirit" is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost as two separate events. For the Scripture reads thus: "Jesus died on the cross, and by means of that death and resurrection, the blessing of Abraham came on the Gentiles, leaving the Jews. This transpired in order that the Spirit might become available to the Gentiles."

To understand what I have just said is to clear up why students have **never ever found Paul saying at any time, "Be born again AND THEN be Spirit-filled."** They have inferred it is there, and they have put their own meanings to make it say it, BUT SCRIPTURE DOES NOT SAY THAT. Jesus never said it either.

Look at John 7:37-39, and read it now with understanding.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the SPIRIT, Which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Now it says here distinctly and emphatically that the believer upon drinking by coming unto Jesus in faith would have rivers of living waters pouring out of him. And it places this experience at Pentecost.

Now keeping this thought in mind we read John 4:10 & 14,

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

This same living water is mentioned, but this time it is not called a river; it is called an artesian well. There is where the people make their mistake. Because it is called a well and a river, they think that in one place it is eternal life given by the Spirit and in the next place where it is called a river (implying a great dynamism) it has to be the Spirit now given as an enduement of power. Not so.

It is one and the same. It is the Spirit that gives life and power, and that came at Pentecost.

What is it that caused this misunderstanding? The answer is, "EXPERIENCE". **We have gone by experience and not the Word.** AWAY WITH EXPERIENCE AS YOUR MEASURING LINE. There is only one plumb line, only one rod, and that is the WORD. Now watch carefully and get this. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Paul said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE ye believed?" This is the whole of our problem right here. People repent of their sins, they get baptized in water, BUT THEY DON'T GO ON AND RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST. YOU BELIEVE UNTO RECEIVING THE SPIRIT. Believing on Jesus is the step in the right direction which is toward the Holy Ghost. But the people stop there. They go as far as water and then stop. They believe, and then stop. The Bible does not say that you receive WHEN you believe. It is, "**Have you received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed?**" The exact and literal translation is: "Did ye, having previously believed, receive the Holy Ghost?" The people believe and then stop. You don't receive the Holy Ghost when you believe UNTO Him, having repented. You go on and receive the Holy Ghost. Do you see it? That is what is wrong with our fundamentalists. They have no power for they stop short of Pentecost.

They are like the children of Israel who came out of Egypt and stopped short of the Promised Land. Now those children of Israel left Egypt about two million strong. They all journeyed together, all saw the same miracles of God, all partook of the same manna and water from the smitten rock, all followed the same cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night but ONLY TWO reached the Promised Land. ONLY TWO WERE TRUE OR REAL BELIEVERS. That is correct because the Word tells us that the rest died because of unbelief; and because of unbelief they could not enter in (Hebrews 3:19).

Then since that is so, and only TWO ENTERED, then the rest were not true believers. What made the difference? Two stayed with the Word. When the hearts of the ten spies failed at Kadesh Barnea, Joshua and Caleb did not stagger for they believed the Word and said, "We are more than able to take the land." They knew they could because God had said, "I have given you the land." After all those Israelites saw of the power and goodness and deliverance of God they did not enter into rest, which is a type of the Holy Ghost. So you can see right now that **very few will ever believe all the way to receiving the Spirit of God.**

All right, we have come this far. Now I want to go further, and when I do I know I am going to cause some emotions to rise. But that is something I am not responsible for. I am responsible to God and His Word and the people God has sent me to. I have to be faithful in all He gives me to say.

In John 6:37 & 44 it says,

"All that the Father giveth Me shall come to me; and him that cometh to Me I shall in no wise cast out. No man can come to Me except the Father draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 1:12-13,

"But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD."

Ephesians 1:4-5,

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him. In love having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

Now without getting too involved in the subject of the sovereignty of God (for that would take a book in itself) let me point out here that according to these verses, Jesus Christ is choosing His own bride just the same as men choose their brides today. The bride today does not simply decide she is going to take a certain man for a husband. No sir. It is the groom who decides and chooses a certain woman for his bride.

(John 15:16,

"Ye have not chosen Me; but I have chosen you.")

Now according to the Word of God, the bride was chosen before the foundation of the world. This choosing of the bride was purposed in Himself. Ephesians 1:9.

And in Romans 9:11 it says

"That the purpose of God according to election might stand."

You can't read it any other way. The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing, and that purpose was in Himself, and being eternal was decreed before the foundation of the world.

Then what is wrong with these people of the last day? THEY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY FROM THE WORD. THEY ARE NO LONGER FERVENT ABOUT IT. THEY ARE LUKEWARM ABOUT IT. I am going to prove that right now.

The Baptists have their creeds and dogmas based on the Word and you can't shake them. They say the apostolic days of miracles are over and there is no Baptism with the Holy Ghost, subsequent to believing. The Methodists say (based on the Word) there is no water baptism (sprinkling is not baptism) and that sanctification is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. The Church of Christ majors in regenerational baptism and in all too many cases they go down dry sinners and come up wet ones. Yet they claim their doctrine is Word-based. Go right down the line and come to the Pentecostals. Do they have the Word? Give them the Word test and see. **They will sell out THE WORD for a SENSATION just about every time.**

If you can produce a manifestation like oil and blood and tongues and other signs, whether in the Word or not, or whether properly interpreted from the Word, the majority will fall for it. But what has happened to the Word? **THE WORD has been put aside**, so God says, "I am going against you all. I will spue you out of My mouth. This is the end. For seven out of seven ages, I have seen nothing but men esteeming their own word above Mine. So at the end of this age I am spuing you out of My mouth.

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Galatians 4:4-7,

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

There it is. Jesus Christ came forth, died upon the cross, and accomplished Redemption (restoring to original owner by means of purchase, or paying the price) and thereby PLACED US AS SONS. He did not make us sons, for **we were already His sons**, but He placed us as sons; for as long as we were in the world, in the flesh, we could not be recognized as His sons. We were held captive by the devil. But we were sons, nonetheless.

And hear this: AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS WHEREBY YOU CRY, FATHER, FATHER." Upon whom did the Spirit fall at Pentecost? Sons. At Corinth? Upon Sons **while they HEARD THE WORD**.

Three Testimonies

A businessman

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A man sat on my porch, and he said, "Brother Branham, I was once a businessman. And **I've spent years trying to get saved.**" And telling me all of his troubles. Said his wife went down and got the Spirit. And she couldn't... He couldn't get the Spirit.

I said, "What do you mean, brother?" And he told me where he was from, and expressed himself. He said... I said, "You're trying to get saved?"

He said, "Yes. I'm trying to get saved."

And I said, "The Lord wants..."

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Said, "I believe I've crossed the line, Brother Branham, where you can't get saved."

I said, "Oh, I don't know."

He said, "Look, **I went to Billy Graham's meetings**, a great, famous preacher." And he is a wonderful man of God, doing a great work for God. And he said, "I went to his meetings, and he told, 'All that wants to be saved, raise up your hands.'" And said, "I raised my hand up, and went into an inquiry room." Said, "Then they told me, back there, I had to accept Jesus."

And said, "I got down and prayed. And he told me, 'Now, do you believe in Jesus Christ?' I said, 'Yes,' said, 'I accept Him as personal Saviour.' Said, he said, 'Now, you're saved.'" Said, "Nothing happened to me."

Said, "**I went then for a couple of years, and I found the Free Methodist people**, who said I had to get happy enough to shout." And he said, "They prayed over me, and everything, till I got happy enough to shout." Said, "They said, 'Now you got It. You got sanctification.'" Said, "I went out." And said, "I was searching for all I could." Said, "I still didn't have It."

Said, "**I went to Brother Roberts' meetings, Oral Roberts.**" He said, "They went into the room and told me I had to receive the Holy Ghost, and I had to speak with tongues or I didn't have It." Said, "I went back in there, and they got... prayed over me, and--and told me to talk to the Lord." And--and said, "I--I spoke with tongues."

He said, "**Brother Branham, I still ain't got It.**" He said, "**I don't know what to do.**"

I said, "Now, my brother..."

He said, "I've been down to Shreveport, 'The Voice Of Healing,' and they told me that you was a prophet, to come up here and you'd be able to reveal to me, when the Spirit come on you, what was my trouble."

I said, "Brother, you don't have to be a prophet to do that. The Word of God settles that." I said, "It don't need prophecy."

I said, "My brother, the only thing, you're just confused." I said, "I want to ask you something. Did you always love the Lord Jesus?"

He said, "Well, I--I belonged to the Presbyterian church," but said, "I just went there."

I said, "Well, I want to ask you. What happened, what taken place, that you changed your mind all at once?"

He said, "Well, my wife, she went down to the Pentecostals," and said, "she got the Spirit." And said, "Then she come back up, and," said, "she was happy." And said...

I said, "What did you think about that? Did you criticize It?"

He said, "No." He said, "I just thought, 'Well, I will see how it lasts.'" And said, "It went on." Said, "She seemed to have It."

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And he said, "One day, I was coming in from making a sale out in the yard, and I happened to reach in my pocket, and somebody had give me a little old tract." And said, "I sit down in the office and begin to read this tract."

And said, "The awfulest feeling come over me, that I ought to get right with God." He said, "I've been searching ever since."

I said, "I want to ask you something? When this feeling come over you, you've never been able to get out of it?"

He said, "No, sir, I haven't."

I said, "Well, that's when you received Christ." I said, "It doesn't mean raising up your hands. That's all right. Speaking in tongues, that's all right." And I said, "Shouting, that's all right. But that's the attributes of Christ after He come in." I said, "To receive Christ is to receive the Person, Christ Jesus, to receive Him is Life." I said, "Shouting, speaking in tongues, and all demonstrations," I said, "that is attributes that follows This. But first, is to receive Christ."

He said, **"Then, Brother Branham, I've been saved all the time?"**

I said, "Sure. Look," I said, "Do you love Him?"

He said, "With all my heart."

I said, "One time you didn't love Him."

He said, "That's right."

"And now you love Him?"

He said, "Well, that's the truth."

"Well, you had Him all the time."

And he jumped off the porch, and begin crying, and holding me in his arms, and said, "O God, I've been a Christian all these years."

You see, the thing of it was, he wasn't straightened out in the beginning. Hallelujah. What? You couldn't make a lamb out of a pig, if you had to. He's a pig to begin with; he tends to his own business, and tell the lamb to take care of his own business. The only way that you could make that pig believe that it's wrong to be in the pig pen, would put a lamb spirit in him. If he ever gets a lamb's soul in him... Or, a lamb ain't got no soul. But if he ever gets a lamb's spirit in him, the very nature of the thing... That's the reason you can't make, convert a pig; you can't convert a lamb, because he ain't got no soul. What he is in his spirit, he's got that same nature forever. See?

But a human being can be changed from a pig to a lamb, because he's got a soul made in the image of God. Amen. Well, his thoughts changed. Something does it for him. Hallelujah. "As a man thinketh in his heart." See? **CHRIST THE CREATOR COME TO HIM IN A STILL FORM, and created. His Own Spirit took the man's nature away,** to love dancing, and the world, and carrying on, and from that time he just laid it aside and was hungering after God. **And God was in him all the time.** It was God in the beginning. See? There you are. Amen. "As a man thinketh..." It has to become a thought before it can become a word. And a word expressed, materializes.

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I believe in my heart that I am a Christian, because I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ; if I don't cry, if I don't move, if I don't do a thing. In my heart first, I believe that Christ died for me in my stead. Amen. I accept it as a Christian; I believe it as a Christian; then it's in my heart. Then I express it in a word, "I am a Christian." Hallelujah. Then I start walking as a Christian, talking as a Christian, living as a Christian, being as a Christian. And by my fruits I'm recognized by the world as a Christian. Hallelujah. Say, I didn't aim to get that loud. But I... But there it is, God's Word. Jesus said... Here it is. Oh, just tell me when I'm long enough. But well, Jesus said this. Look, "In the beginning..." Notice. See, "A man, as he thinketh in his heart." Now, listen what Jesus said. We won't get...

Oh, if you'd only travel around and see the religions; and one has to do this, and one has to do that, and one has to do that. But, brethren, let's let this old tabernacle, one time, **LET'S GET STRAIGHTENED OUT FOREVER.** We are Christians by the faith. Through grace of God, we are Christians. See? God in His infinite mercy, **CALLED us** to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Christ Jesus. Settles it.

Not what we done, what HE did; He changed my soul from the things of the world unto the things of God, from horse races, and gambling, and adultery, and lying, and stealing. He changed my soul, changed my thoughts; and then my thoughts become so real till they become words in my lips; and they materialize, and now I am a Christian. **IT MADE ME A DIFFERENT PERSON.** That's what made you. See?

Now, if you got a dull mind, and you don't believe it, "Yeah," you say, "well, I just wonder." You better watch out!

You say, "Well, brother, I--I had a good time." I don't care how much good time you had. Say, "Well, I have shouted." That's good, but that still don't mean it. Say, "I've spoke with tongues." That's good, but that--that still don't mean it. You say, "I've healed the sick." That still don't mean it.

Jesus said, "Many will come to me in that day, and say, Haven't I cast out devils in Your Name, done might things? He will say, Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I don't even know you." Yes, sir.

Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue, and men and angels, though I have faith to move mountains, though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, I am nothing." **It's got to be a change** (HERE IT IS.), **A CHANGE OF THE HEART**, not of this physical thing, but the heart of your soul. In **something anchors**, till your thoughts that way is dull; you don't see that no more. **You just see the Lord Jesus.** You see righteousness, and holiness, and purity, and love, and grace. That's when you've been changed. What is a convert? "**Convert**" means "**to change something over.**" And your thoughts, your habits, your being, has been **changed from a SINNER to a CHRISTIAN.**

A good old man

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Now, the Pentecostal, United Pentecostal church baptizes in the Name of Jesus Christ for regeneration. I don't believe that. They can do it if they want to. But I believe that Peter said repent first. Water don't remit sins. The Church of Christ preaches it that way. But I believe that repentance, godly sorrow... "Repent" means "turn around, go back, you missed the mark, start over again." Do that first. And your baptism in water is only an outward profession of something that's been done inside of you, that you have accepted Christ as your Saviour.

I guess it's just the church here tonight, as far as I know, I'm not here enough to know who does come or not. **I got a little criticism here not long ago on baptizing a man here in the pool, an old fellow.** And I went to him; **he was a good old man.** I had the privilege of leading all of his family to Christ, all of them Christians. This old man was a nice old man, and I liked him, so I went to him and I said to him, "Papa, why don't you become a Christian?" He loves me. He said, "Brother Branham, I would become a Christian when I can get good enough."

I said, "Tell you what you do, papa. You look all around till you find where you can get good enough, then tell me where that place is, I want to go too." I said, "Christ never come to save good men. He come to save bad men." When you think you're good, then He didn't come to save you. He come to save them that He knows are bad. See? Christ died to save sinners. See? And I said, "Papa, there's a line right here."

He said, "Well, I smoke these cigarettes."

I said, "I ain't going to even talk about them."

He said, "I've tried to give them up, Brother Branham."

I said, "I--we ain't going to talk about cigarettes."

He said, "Well, when I can..."

I said, "Don't--don't say no more about them; let them go. I want to ask you a question."

He said, "All right, what is it?"

I said, "Do you believe there is a God?"

Said, "Certainly, I believe it." Said, "I believe that as strong as you do, I would guess, Brother Branham."

I said, "Do you believe that that same God crossed His strain and was made flesh and dwelt among us in the Person of Jesus Christ in order to save man?"

He said, "Yes, I believe that."

"And He died to save sinners like you are and like I?" See?

"Yes, I believe that."

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I said, "Now, it's just like this. We're all in one big building over here, and we're in jail, and I can't stand over in this corner and say this will help me get out of jail; if I stand over in that corner and say that will help me get out of jail; we're all in the same fix. And every man that was born in this world was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. He's a renegade to begin with."

Someone asked the other day, he said, "Brother Branham, if--would there be any difference between Adam and Eve and their children today, if they were all naked, walking in the... Would--would they're bodies be the same?"

I said, "No, sir." We was coming home from squirrel hunting, Brother Fred and I, and a bunch of them. I said, "No, they wouldn't be the same."

Said, "You mean Eve wouldn't be a woman like her daughters, and Adam wouldn't be a man like his sons?"

I said, "In many respects, but not in all physical respects."

He said, "What would be the difference?"

I said, "They wouldn't have any navel. They were created. Right. They wasn't attached to nothing." As long as that bears out on everything that's born in this world, shows it's a renegade to begin with. That's right. I said, "Sure, there's a difference. They would have no navel. They wasn't connected to any female to come here." See, God created them.

Now, I said, "I want to say something. Every man in this prison house, who's holy? Who is the one that wasn't born by sex? Who's one can help the other, no matter what he is? We're all in this same prison. But God made Hissself one of His creations and come beyond sex, through the holy Blood that He created Himself, and through that Blood He redeemed us." I said, "You believe that, papa?"

He said, "I believe that."

I said, "Christ died for bad men like you. Now, there's only one way to do. **There's nothing you can do. He offers it to you. You can't merit it.** Nothing you can do to get it. He just gives it to you. Will you accept what He did for you to keep you from hell?"

He said, "I'll do that." He said, "But if I could just get rid of these cigarettes."

I said, "The cigarettes will take care of theirself. (See?) You just... I ain't asking you... I'm not a legalist; I believe in grace, 'And all the Father has given Me will come to Me.' I said, "If you believe that with all your heart..."

He said, "With all my heart, I believe it."

"Then will you accept it on those basis, that you're not worthy of it, but He's the One that's worthy. **Don't look at yourself; look at Him, 'cause you can't do nothing for yourself.** Look at the One that did something for you. What about Him?"

"Oh," he said, "He's worthy."

I said, "That's it, then accept what He gives you."

He said, "I do."

And I baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. And him go out of here and light up a cigarette.

A few weeks ago I was down to his homeplace. I saw a vision one night of an evergreen tree being cut down, turned upside down. I seen boards nailed on it. Right next to the last board was a notable board. And down below that board, right down towards the end, running out like this, the tree broke right there. And a Voice said, "It should have been you," or, "It would have been you." And Papa Cox fell, mashed his back in here. And **so the next morning they brought his cigarettes to him** when he was in the bed, **the desire had done left him**. Weeks ago... He's never tasted one, don't even want one or nothing else. See? And I seen him awhile ago, when his hands was just brown all over, a few weeks ago, with cigarettes, and now he can't even stand for one to be around him. **Put first things first. Don't try to get good; you're bad to begin with, and nothing you can do.** There's a separating line; all human beings is on that side.

Now, **when I was born in this world**, it was between a--a holy wedlock, between my father and mother; in her womb was an egg; in my father's glands was a blood cells. My life consists of that blood cell, not of my mother's egg, of my father's blood cell. And when that blood cell went into its proper place to meet the egg, when it did, nature was commanded to God to give me a body. And then that I was then born into the human race, I was given a opportunity to--to become a intelligent person like human beings are, where I could drive an automobile, or I could do things like human beings do, walk, talk, drive an automobile, and so forth. I was given that, because I was borned into the human family, and given power of intelligence to be a human being.

Now, **when I was borned into the family of God**, I came by the Blood; the Blood give me Life. And then after I become alive in Christ, He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and power to be a son of God. Now, just like I could walk, talk like a human being, drive my car like human being. Now, when I receive the Holy Ghost, I receive power to cast out devils, to speak with new tongues, preach the Gospel, heal the sick. I am baptized, not born; but baptized.

They were gathered in the upper room,

All praying in His Name;

They were baptized with the Holy Ghost,

And power for service came. (Amen.)

You believe unto Eternal Life, and are born again by your faith. Jesus said in **St. John 5:24**, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting life," not the Holy Ghost, just has Everlasting Life. He's born into the family of God, and then baptized into the Holy Ghost, with power of the intelligence of faith to believe the Gospel and to put It to work and make It

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act right. Amen. Then he acts like a son of God. Then he can cast out devils. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them (See?):

In My Name they shall cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, drink deadly things." See, he receives power by the Holy Ghost to do these things.

Now, when He went away, He said, "It's expedient for Me that I go away. For, if I go not away, the Holy Ghost will not come." See? Then when He comes, He will reprove the world of sin, and teach righteousness, and show you things to come; that's visions. "He'll take the things that I've taught to you, and REVEAL THEM to you." The very Words that He's come... **No man can understand the Word outside the baptism of the Holy Ghost**. And when a man says he's got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and disputes the Word being right, there's something wrong.

Interview with Sister Bruce

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[The following is a personal interview Brother Branham had with Sister Bruce during the song service preceding the Message, "Masterpiece." He refers to this interview (while preaching), in paragraph 57 of "The Masterpiece"--Ed.]

...I prayed constantly God wouldn't let you die, 'cause you're a value to the church. Now, I know you. I know you're going to be all right, Sister Bruce. I believe that with all my heart.

[Sister Bruce says, "Brother Branham, most of all, I want the experience that I been sealed in the Holy Ghost. And if God will reveal it to your heart..."]

I believe, with all my heart that you are a real borned again believer, Sister Bruce. How could that Spirit be...?... when you get sick you get weary. And you're a nervous-type person.

[Sister Bruce says, "Yes."]

And--and you get things on your mind (See?), little bitty things. It just keeps building up both ways. You'll get somebody on your heart you want to pray for them, get up and pray for them. You can't rest till you get that person prayed for. That's you. Then take it on the other side. Satan maybe might present something that you... And not this way. See? That you... The--the God... You--you're a nature. And God works. And Satan works. Then when Satan tries to make you believe that you're not... See? You keep building this, "Maybe this might..." See? Don't look at yourself, Sister Bruce. Remember.

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I'm fixing to pray for you. I'm not worthy of that. I think, "What would I do if Jesus Christ was setting here now?" and, well, "what would He do if He was setting here?" He'd lay His hands upon you and with His great faith (See?), you'd get well. Well now, I think, "Well, I'm a sinner; I'm not Him." But I come to represent Him. Must, remember, me being a sinner and **before God, I'm not a sinner, neither are you; we got a Blood Sacrifice laying there. God don't even see us. He hears our voice, but He sees the Blood of Christ. That's it. See? He sees the Blood of His Own Son. It's our voice, Christ's Blood, and it's Christ that's talking through us to God; so therefore, we're not sinners no more.** We are Christians. I believe you to be a genuine Christian woman. I remember the thing...

[Sister Bruce says, "I make so many mistakes, and I fail so many times."--Ed.]

That's why Christ had to die, so that you with your mistakes wouldn't be 'lotted to you. See? He took your mistakes. Your desire in your heart is to serve Him.

[Sister Bruce says, "Yes."]

All right. That's what He died for, so that you could serve Him. See? Not... **Your mistakes are not looked--not allotted to you. See? He is your Propitiation.** See? He is your Sin-offering. Your sins are not known. You're not a sinner before God. Christ took your sins and became you, 'cause your desire is to serve Him.

[Sister Bruce says, "But I've never had an experience that I have been filled with the Holy Ghost, that I could put my foot on."]

All right. Notice this. Ordinarily, a human being is born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. That's the nature of a human being.

[Sister Bruce says, "Yes."]

That was your nature. It change once. But what changed it?

[Sister Bruce says, "Christ."] There you are, sister. See? **That's it.**

"He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life, and shall not come to the judgment; but hath (past tense) passed from death to Life." Saint John 5:24, Jesus speaking. See? So you--you're--you're a Christian, Sister Bruce. I've watched your life. I've watched you under vision, and I know you're a Christian. See? Not one speck of... See, I am your shepherd, as it was...

[Sister Bruce says, "Yes."]

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Somebody's got to be. See? If there was any doubt in my mind, if I thought you was--something was wrong, I'd tell you, Sister Bruce.

[Sister Bruce says, "I believe that."]

But if there's anything wrong in your experience, anything wrong between you and God, as far as I know anything about it, Sister Bruce (See?) there's not one. We're going to pray.

[Sister Bruce says, "'Course, I'm going to die unless God undertakes for my heart."]

You're not going to die, I don't think, Sister Bruce. If it is, it's hid from me. Dear God, this little woman has constantly, constantly done good. She has tried, like Dorcas of old. And now, she's getting to this time of her heart's very bad. But did not Your Word that we put our whole soul and life in, say, that all things will work together for good to them that loves You? Then it must be that You're working something that we know nothing about. It's all for the good, for she loves You. Now, to the great Shepherd over all of us, the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His Name, I lay my hands upon my sister. May the God Who made her and brought her to this earth, **may His Spirit that SEALED her*** away from the things of the world to be Your servant, may It heal her sick body and make her completely well, for we need her in the service, Lord. I commit her to You with this prayer of faith, my hands laying upon her to identify myself with the prayer, and to say to this mountain, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, be moved," that our sister may live to the Kingdom of God and for the glory of God.

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On the interview a few moments ago I was speaking to a person in the room that's present now, who said, "But Brother Branham, I have so many things that I--I know that's wrong." (And a--a godly little woman.) I said, "But--but look, sister, you--you **don't look at yourself; it--it's just what your desire is and what you try to do.** And if you really love the Lord, you try to serve Him with all your heart. And **then all your mistakes is hid in the Blood of the Lord Jesus.** (See, see?) He made a way."

see TITUS 3:5-7

**Editor's note:*

*Notice that Brother Branham identified Sister Bruce **already Sealed** by the Holy Spirit, even though she did not experience a specific dynamic manifestation as an evidence in her life. She had been born by the Word and Sealed into the Body of Christ, as Brother Branham indicated to her by quoting: "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Eternal Life..." *The mystery of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost "without sensation."* (see quote p.17)*