

# The Message

## Christ Is The Mystery of God Revealed

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Thank you, Brother. Just remain standing a moment while we bow our heads for prayer.

Gracious heavenly Father, we are approaching Thee again this morning for mercy and for guidance from the Holy Spirit today, as it's dawned upon us that we should meet together this morning, and to teach Thy Word, and that we might know how to live in this present day, and what is the time of day that we're living in. We ask Thy holy guidance to our thoughts and our hearts today, that You would direct us to every word that is necessary for us to know; that You would open our mouths freely and our hearts also to receive that which You would speak to us, and would close our mouths to the things that are not right, knowing that only You can reveal the Word of God.

And now, as I have to leave this little church right away for the other parts of the world, I'm committing them to Thee, Lord, for they are part of me, the apple of my heart, so to say. They are the ones that have been begotten to You by the Spirit and by the Word of Truth, and I pray that You'll bless them, Lord, and keep them closely knitted together by the bonds of the love of Christ.

Bless our dear beloved pastor, the shepherd. We pray that You'll anoint him with the Holy Spirit of Thy Word. Reveal to them and feed the flock.

There was once, just a while ago, when You showed the vision at the little tabernacle here about storing up the food; that there would come a time when this would all be needed. It was when we saw Brother Sothmann and Brother Woods ready to cross over into another country. But You said, "Store up this food here for the time." Lord, reverently I've tried to do that.

And now, this morning in this lesson that we have thought of, I pray that You'll cap it all off, Lord, to show that You're God, and that this is Your Word and Your Truth. Grant it, Lord, that the people might feed thereon and grow fat as it were in the grace of God, that they'd see that it's God's great mercy to us in this day. Bless all that are present and those who would like to be present, Father, and get glory to Thyself; for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The Lord bless each and every one of you, now. And I believe, just before we start, that we have a little baby here - a Collins. I met the father just a few moments ago, and he had a little baby he wanted dedicated; and we want to do that now, if Brother or Sister Collins, one of them, will bring the little one forward, so we can have the dedication service for this little fellow; believing, you know, since these are loyal members of the Body of Christ. You notice, I never said of the Tabernacle but of the Body of Christ, this Body here, part of His Body. And they've got a little fellow here they want dedicated. And this is always a job for which I think my wife envies me - to hold the babies. Brother Neville, please come forward, if you will.

(Brother Branham conducts the dedication service - Ed.)

Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring them in from the fields of sin;  
Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring the little ones to Jesus.

I like that. See, bring them to Christ before the devil even has a chance. They're already presented to Him then for a life of service.

Does anybody know whether the Dauch family, any of them, got down today or not? Sister Dauch? Brother Brown, are you here, Brother Brown? Yes, I'm glad. And Brother Dauch is still with us? Wonderful! Brother Dauch almost left us. See, we can't say too much or ask too much; he's already twenty-one years past the time that God told him to live (that's an ordinary lifetime), past the time that God told him he could live.

But, we had a call the other morning that he was dying, and we rushed up there, and the Lord God was really good to him and spared him. I think he's ready and just waiting for the coming of the Lord. But, you know, we all hold on to one another. The old fellow is like a dad to me here. I remember him sitting right down here in the old tabernacle (the old part). When that Light flashed across on the water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, right out of there he came (and about eighty-seven or eighty-eight years old) on a stick. He came right up here and said, "I want to go right in there and be baptised." Somebody went and got him some clothes. He couldn't wait till the next time; he had to come right then, right *then!* So, I like that. He said the other day (I was talking to him): "Do you think I'm all right now, Brother Branham?"

I said, "Did you ever go to a doctor for a physical check-up?"

He said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "The doctor will put a stethoscope in his ears, and put it on your heart to see if your heart's beating right, and then an electric cardiogram, and then blood pressure, urine test, and so forth, using instruments to find out whether you're physically sound. Now, he looks back on a book here where specialists on these different subjects have written down, 'If such-and-such takes place, this is what's wrong.'"

And I said, "Now, the only stethoscope that I have is the Bible (see?) - for the soul." And I said, "I'm going to give you the test." I said, "St. John 5:24 says, 'He that heareth My words...'" I said, "That isn't just sitting and listening to them; that's receiving them. You believe it. Something inside of you tells you it's right. You've accepted it; you believe it; it's yours. 'He that heareth (It's already yours) My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me ...' You believe that?"

He said, "I do."

I said, "Then I'll tell you what the Chief Doctor said: 'He's passed from death unto Life, and shall no more come into condemnation or judgement.'" I said, "As far as I know, according to the Book, you've passed the examination."

That old man, nearly a hundred years old, not a churchman at all, but just the first time that Light flashed across his path, he received It. See that predestinated Seed lying there? See, as soon as the Light strikes it, it comes to Life immediately.

Now, I know it's hot today, and it's hard for me to call you people together for a service where you sit jammed in like this, but yet I thought by the grace of God that I would have another service before I had to leave you all - for a short season, I trust.

And I've got to go now tomorrow night to Chicago to begin Wednesday. I thought I would get there a little early, if possible, and rest up a little before beginning a series of services. And I believe they've got it advertised up there. It's called the Marigold Arena, where it's to be held, beginning Wednesday night through Sunday. And the Full Gospel Business Men have a breakfast also on Saturday morning. And I don't know just exactly where they've got that advertised for. No. Then Saturday evening's at the Lane Tech. I see here it's advertised.

Now, if you're around in that area or up there, it's to be just a regular evangelistic service such as we have at any time; most of the Messages will be primarily on something that's been taught here, because here is where we make our tapes. You see? Out there they can fuss, but if they get tapes made from here, that's up to them if they want to listen to any tapes.

It comes right from here; this is our own pulpit. So out there, usually I try to pick around on something not very deep, because many of them are shallow in experience. But here, I feel I have a right to say whatever God puts upon my heart to say. So our tapes are all made from right here. See? And they're right in the room there now; you, can see their heads up over the clouded glass in there, where they're sitting with their recorders.

Now, if you want to come to the meeting, we'd be most happy to have you. If you get there, and don't know where to go, just contact any of the Full Gospel people or Brother Carlson, and he'll tell you. He or the Philadelphia Church, or any of them can tell you how to get to the place.

Then I come back next Monday evening some time, afternoon or evening. And Tuesday we go back to Arizona to put the children in school, and so forth. And then I don't know just exactly when to be back again,, because I want the Lord to lead me on exactly what to do.

A very strange thing happened. I know that this is taped, and I might as well place it on here. Right while visions and leadings of the Holy Spirit are moving, I like to strike just exactly while It's moving. Now, in the last year it's been one of the highest times for visions that I've ever had in all my ministry - has been this last year - of things that have taken place, that you people know that were foretold before they happened; and it happened just the way It said.

Now, we come back here to visit. The climate in this place I certainly don't like, because it just breaks me down as soon as I get here. I can cross the top of the knobs up there and come down into this valley, and then after I'm here about ten minutes I've got hives, get sick (weather), swimmy-headed; everything looks spooky, dark, and I just have to get out of it. See? The other day I was telling the wife.

But what brings me here is you people (see?) - this church. I tell you, of all the places I went to in my life, this is my favourite place to come and preach the Gospel. And it seems that when we can make a tape from here, it's ten times better than anywhere else. See, that's the reason I say, "Where God's doing something, then stay right with that." But I think the great reason is, my failing to go out the first time He called me; so therefore He makes it kind of rough on me when I come in. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

And then I'll be coming back and forth all the time, preaching in the Tabernacle. And you people who are from out of town, you'll be notified. Billy Paul will be here, right in the office, and I can be reached at any time through him. We'll be coming back here. And then the Seven Trumpets will be coming up right away, the Lord willing, the Seven Last Plagues and the Vials, and so forth, as we get a little cooler weather or something, how ever the Lord leads.

And now, as I came in the other day, there was a question brought up about something. Someone had given me a cheque and said personally it was just for me and me only, tax paid, free, everything else. Well, Billy knew that I kind of had need of that cheque, and he went and asked the attorney if we could cash it. He said, "Why, he's an American citizen; why can't he cash it?" See? "It says 'Tax paid and everything else - free.' Any citizen can do that."

So then, Billy couldn't be satisfied with that, so he goes to the public accountant. And he said, "Why certainly, he can cash that. He's a citizen of the United States." So well, he couldn't think good about that, so he called Merle Miller (that's the head of the tax association at Indianapolis that were our attorneys, Ice and Miller) - and so, "Sure, it's all right." (See?) "Sure he can have that cheque. It's made out to him and needs endorsing only." I am the only one that can endorse it and so forth, and it couldn't be stamped without endorsement.

See, I don't cash any cheques. That's what they got me for the other time. Somebody brought in a wad of cheques and said, "Here, Brother Branham..." I'd write, "*William Branham, William Branham ...*" Well, the government was taking care of all of that all the time. And I was signing them to myself and was paying the debts out there. But they said I owed delinquent taxes on all of it, anyhow - 300,000 dollars. So that's where the fuss came. So then, as soon as I put this cheque in, whammy! Here came the agent right back. He said, "We'll reopen the case for him now." So it made it kind of rough.

And Brother Lee Vayle sitting here (I suppose it is all right to say it) he'd come down, this fine scholared Baptist here (I baptised him in the Name of Jesus Christ here in the pool the other day), Brother Lee Vayle. He's a really fine man, a brother in Christ; he's preached for us here before, is highly intellectual, educated, and besides that, a Spirit-led man. When the Light flashed across him, he said he tried to get away, but just couldn't do it. So I baptised him right here the other morning. He couldn't stand it any longer, so we just came down here and put on our clothes and went in, and he was baptised in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Well, I thought, seeing he had taken that fine spiritual food, maybe to talk a little bit we would take some natural food. So we go over to the Blue Boar, sit down and were talking. And the subject came up, "How do you let people talk about you like that?" Now, Brother Vayle is one of the finest men I ever knew, but he's just a little too quick on the trigger, I always told him, you know. (I hope that's all right, Brother Vayle.) So I said, "Don't fly loose all at once; sit still. God's the One that's doing it."

He said, "Aw, it might be all right for you, but..." I believe he's so smart, because they're whom he's meeting (those smart intellectual people); so he just knows how to pour it in there, and they haven't got anywhere to stand. That's all.

So I said, "Look, Brother Vayle" (we were sitting at the Blue Boar), I said, "David, one day after being thrown off the throne by his own son (run off the throne, mutiny, Israel divided, and David put off the throne by his own son) was going out of the city, weeping. And a man that didn't like his last-day Message, you know, didn't care for him, a little old fellow, kind of crippled up, was going along there making fun of him. And he spat on David. And that guard drew his sword, and said, 'Should I let the head of that dog stay on him that spat on my king?' David said, 'Let him alone; the Lord told him to do that.' He spat on him; made fun of - him and then spat on him. And he said, 'The Lord told him to do that.'" Well, we know the story, how it returned back. Brother Vayle thought that took a whole lot of grace to do that.

So as soon as we came back and entered the office, the public accountant called Billy Paul and told him about this. So Brother Vayle went up to the house with me, and I walked in; I said to the wife some time in the afternoon (we went into a room), "I have something to tell you, Honey."

We had just been talking before I left. She said, "Bill, I know that God sent you out there; we all know that; but He never told you to come back. Now, that's what I'm worried about."

I said, "Well, I think it's for you and the children. It doesn't matter for me. I'm going to serve Him, the Lord willing, wherever I go." And so, I walked back, and told her about it like that. So, I just turned around, lay my hat up, and somebody said something about, "Oh, this tax collector..." (Just raved it out, as it were). Not thinking of what I had told Brother Vayle, I said, "Let him alone. Maybe the Lord told him to do that." I no more than said that, when a Light flashed on the wall and wrote across there (Brother Vayle and my wife sitting there), "COME ON 13ACK TO ARIZONA." With letters written across the wall, "COME ON BACK TO ARIZONA." That's right. So, here I go (Amen!), back to Arizona.

Now, this week has been a week of great blessings. We had private interviews this week with people who had been waiting since the Seven Seals. And I don't doubt that some of them of course were call ed in from out of the town, across the nation. But the morning before the interviews started, sitting in the room, the Holy Spirit, let me write out exactly everything they knew they wanted to ask, rotate the questions just the way they wanted to and tell them their dreams and interpretations before they ever told me.

Now, the people are in the room there. And I go ahead and let them talk, and say, "Well, Brother Branham, I come for such and such."

I said, "Now remember, we have assembled here not for fellowship; we haven't come here to fellowship with one another. There is a question on your mind and your heart that you've stumbled into, and you don't know what it is. And maybe I'll be able by the help of God to answer it." I said, "Remember, the Queen of the South had some questions too, when she came to Solomon. And the Bible said there was nothing revealed, or held back which Solomon couldn't answer." And I said, "A greater than Solomon is here." (See? That's right.) "The Lord Jesus promised, 'wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them. And whatsoever thing they can think of or desire and shall ask, it shall be given to them.' And now your question is something you don't know about, something you don't know how to approach me about, something you don't know what to do about."

And I said, "Again the Scripture said this, that the Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him. So, in another world, the five senses do not declare anything. The five senses only contact this world. If you had no feeling, you couldn't feel anything- Feeling wouldn't mean anything to you; that would be another world. If you had no sight, what you looked at would be another world to you; you would know nothing about it. So these five senses are the only thing that God let us loose to. Now there is another one called faith, but by faith you walk up a ladder, and finally you can get so high that you break into another world, which is, visions. There you can see; just as if you never knew what it was you were feeling with your sense of feeling and never saw it, then your eyes come open, you can see it. It would be all mystery to that person who could never see. It would be a mystery to him. But yet, that's it."

And in there the Lord - before we got there, to people from across the country, everywhere, from north, south, west, came in for these interviews, and as soon as they get through talking - had revealed just exactly the questions they would ask, the thing that they would ask about. I would say, "Watch here," reach over, and there was a piece of paper with every question, in rotation, just exactly the way they were going to ask it, with their answer down here to the question, just the way it was answered out. The Lord is great; He knows all things. But yet, it took me about three days to come out of that afternoon. How drained it left me!

And now, I thought to get it all done before we left. And that is the proper way, the real way for individuals. Now, these things can be said, but if the people here knew those secrets of the hearts that were revealed, that would be absolutely horrible; it would cause crime; it would cause somebody to shoot somebody else, or something, if that were to be revealed right here at the platform like this, in a public place before the public. It would cause penitentiary offences, and everything else, that would.

But when you're sitting just two of you together like that, the Holy Spirit reveals. But we understand this, that what they ask me is private. I say nothing about it. And what I say to them, it's up to them whether they want to tell it or not. See? But it would be known between us at the interview. That's taking persons one at a time and sitting there until everything is completely settled (see?) by the Holy Spirit.

And then, to think of the grace of the Holy, Spirit telling me all about it, to each one (a whole line of them) before they ever even got here (people coming across the country, I had never seen in my life), and write it out so that they would know, the questions in sequence according to the way they would ask them.

One brother had questions on the serpent's seed that I didn't get to answer just exactly, because their little half-hour was up. I hope that he got it all right - the answers to them on the paper. He had it written out, and he didn't get to all of his answers; so I just gave him the writing back, the answer on the paper. If he hasn't got it, Billy Paul has it. And I know the man is sitting here. I looked at him just a few moments ago. So if he wants to find out, it's written out on a piece of paper (your answers to your questions).

Now, oh how good the Lord is! I hope everybody is feeling good. And now, when I pray for these handkerchiefs, let us remember, Brother Dauch; he's a precious brother, and we want to remember him in prayer.

And I see Brother Ungren, but I can't see Sister Ungren anywhere. Yes, she's sitting right out from him, sure. I'm glad, because we were called out the other night, just an emergency case. She and her daughter, Sister Downing, ran off the road, and it was just the grace of God, or they would both have been crushed to pieces right there. And here they come right on to church, they got on a train and came on. I'll never forget you all. I love you. God knows that. I love you.

How you come across the country in difficult weather! When I look at some brothers here from Georgia and Alabama and different places, Tennessee and around, I know they ride their cars down icy roads, sliding back and forth like that, to come here for one service!

When I had that emergency call to Brother Dauch the other day, I didn't realise that Lima, Ohio was so far away. I thought that was a little skip, hop, and a jump. But my, I left here real early that morning, and never got there until I o'clock that afternoon, driving everything that the speed limit would allow and on dual highways. And I think how close that is compared to down in the South where these other people come from - or out in the North and West, from where others come.

I love you. And that's the reason I try to be deadly sincere here. And there are the old-timers. I see Brother Creech and those sitting back there now, and the ones that have been with me all these years, and how we came up together. I was looking at Mary Jo's picture (I believe it was a couple of nights ago) - just a tiny little thing when we first met, and now she's married, I suppose, and got children. Brother Creech and Sister Creech were young, black-headed and Meda and 1; and here we are grey and stooped over. See, there's something about people like that; it grips you. See? You want to stay with them. See? There's something or other that always makes your mind pull back. I just give them for examples to others who are here, young and old; we look forward to the coming of the Lord.

So God, I believe, put it in my heart to teach a Sunday school lesson here this morning, God willing, for a lengthy time, this being my last service for a little while, as far as I know. And I want you to remember that Brother Neville here is left in the church in the charge of this tabernacle under the Holy Spirit, and he believes this Message and teaches It just the same as I do. Right.

And any time that you'd want to and can see fit to come to hear Brother Neville, he certainly would do you good, I'm sure. He's a great servant of Jesus Christ. I've known Orman Neville since I was a little boy, and he hasn't changed one bit, only got closer to God. I remember when I first saw him I was invited to his Methodist platform. And when I came back here to the Tabernacle, I said, "Some day I'll baptise him in the Name of Jesus Christ." And here he is with the Message now, going on, a real gallant servant.

And Brother Neville goes through many strains and heartaches, though he doesn't show it here at the tabernacle. But seeing that the Lord lets me have a little insight into people's lives, I know what he goes through, a whole lot of it. See? And he certainly gets under a lot of labour and strains and things. And you people here hold him up, like Joshua and Caleb held up the hands of Moses, for he's bringing the Word.

**Love one another above everything. Love one another, no matter what the devil tries to say. Now, you're all one great, big, sweet group now, but remember my warning! See? Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, sit him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and so on, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of poison, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it! Don't you have anything to do with it! You stay right loving and sweet and kind to**

one another. Pray for that man that he'll be saved too, or that woman, whoever it is. Just pray for them and stick one with another and stay with your pastor. See? He's the shepherd and you give him respect. He'll lead you through, because he's ordained of God to do so.

Now, can you remember that? THE ENEMY WILL COME. And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all. Don't ever clan around anyone, talk, or make yourself clannish; we are one.

I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm angry with you; I'm going to take you away because you're not a right hand." It's my left hand. I want it to stay there; even the tip of my little finger, I want it to stay right there, every little part of my body to stay right exactly with one another, right with one another.

And now, you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourselves in the church of God, how we've got to come here together and sit together in heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can hardly wait for those doors to open out yonder to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying, because we're in the last days where the Bible exhorts us "much more as we see that day approaching," to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and love one another. "Thus will all men know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other."

That's right. Stay right together. If there's a brother and you think he's a little wrong (or a sister), say, "Lord, don't let me ever have a root of bitterness springing up, because it will affect him, and it will take the Christ right out of my life." Those poisonous acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. They will shut Him out of the Tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt your pastor; it'll do everything. See? Take the buckle, as the brother (a minister) said who testified here the other night about having a buckle (seeing it in a vision). That buckles on the whole armour of God; just put it on, tighten it up, move right up close to one another. Love one another anyhow. Talk nicely about one another. Say nice things about one another, and then God will bless you.

Now this morning, the Lord willing, by His help and grace, I've got quite a list of Scriptures here. And now, before we approach it - I think I heard the recorders click on in there. We are going to bring the Message now, by God's grace. First, a word of prayer.

**Lord Jesus, in speaking to this body of the Church, that they should hold together with God's unchanging hand, their Absolute, the Word, I was warning them as Paul warned his flock that there'd be wolves enter in. You're the same God today as You were then, and that enemy is the same. May this fellowship and bonds of love always exist among these people in Christ Jesus.**

Help us this morning, Lord, as we read the Word. May the Holy Spirit reveal It to us that the Church might be fully established in the faith that was once delivered to the saints, to hold them. And, as You gave the vision some two years ago to store up the food - fine, healthy looking vegetables that I saw in the vision being stored here in this tabernacle - may we today receive a whole barrelful of that; grant it, Lord - or a tapeload - that it might reveal Jesus Christ to us in the hour in which we live, to give us sustaining strength and spiritual strength for the task that lies ahead. Grant it, Father.

Bless these Thy children. They're in here this morning from many different parts of the nation. It's a hot, sticky morning, but yet we feel the Presence of the Holy Spirit in all this. We think of John Wesley, and Calvin, and Sankey, and Knox, Finney, and many of those, when even without an electric fan, people sat in halls with perspiration running down their faces. The women, well covered and dressed, sat in the audiences and perspired until their clothing was soaking wet, listening to the Word of God, and feeding their souls. Now, we feel, Lord, that they are at rest somewhere yonder, waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Keep us together, Father. Let the Holy Spirit guide us and direct us. Give us long life of service for You. Give us this great Message this morning that we're expecting out of Thy Word, that It might go to each heart. Make the lips that speak, Lord, speak Truth. Make the heart that hears be fertile to receive Truth. And may it grow into great trees of Eternal Life, to be shining lights and epistles read of all men, that they might know that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and lives among us. Make us so full of love and the fruit of the Spirit, that other men and women, boys and girls, can see the result of the Life of Christ still living in us after two-thousand years from the great event. Grant it, Father, to honour Thee. We ask this in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Now, I want to read something out of the Scriptures. And I trust now, that you've got your pencils and paper and everything ready. Brother Neville, you're sitting still; I'm just going to take my coat off. Excuse me for taking off my coat, but it's awfully warm up here. I

Now, I want you to turn to the 1st chapter of Colossians. And then, having read this, beginning with Verse 15, I want you, when you go home, to read the entire chapter. But I want you to read this morning with me from the 15th verse to the 29th inclusive. And now, just be as patient as you can, for I feel that this, if God will help me, will reveal and bring into your minds all these other things that I have talked on all through the days at the Tabernacle; why I have said what I've said, and why I have done what I have done. This is why. Now, from the 15th verse:

*Who is the image of the invisible God the first born of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.*

*And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead that in all things he might have the pre-eminence.*

*For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;... (Let me put a little emphasis on that again - this 19th verse.)*

*For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell*

*And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (Watch where that reconciliation went.)*

*And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

*In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:*

*If ye continue in, the faith grounded and settled and not be moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye have heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

*Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church;*

*Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;*

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*  
(Now, I want to read that verse again.)

*Even the mystery which hath, been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:  
To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of mystery glory:*

*Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we might present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

*Whereunto I also labour, striving according to the working, which worketh in me mightily.*

Now I want to take out of there a text, basing it upon the entire Bible. I want to entitle this *Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed*, Christ being the mystery of God revealed. Now, I took it in order as a Sunday-school lesson, so that we could all read together and have this fellowship together.

Now, God's secret mystery He had determined before the world began. Now in the back of God's mind, there was something that He was attempting and was going to achieve, and He had a motive in doing it - in order to let Himself be expressed. Because first, there wasn't even a moon, star, atom, molecule, or anything; He was God. But He wasn't exactly God at that time, because God is an object of worship and there wasn't anything to worship Him. So, in His great mind He wanted these attributes to be expressed. And in Him was love; in Him was to be Father; in Him was to be Son: in Him was to be a Saviour; in Him was to be a Healer. And all these great attributes that we see expressed, they were already in God.

So in my opinion, the first thing that He made were the angels. And then they worshipped Him, and that made Him God. And He started from there (as in previous Messages I have tried to explain it, break it down). And now, then, when angels began to worship Him, that was before there was even a molecule in the earth. There was nothing. It was all darkness; there was no sun, no moon, no stars, nothing. Then He was God. As He asked Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world? (see?), when the morning stars sang together, the sons of God shouted for joy?" Now, where were you? See? That's right back before the earth was.

Now, God had a purpose and a hidden mystery. And that's what I want to speak on to the church this morning: the hidden mystery of God that He had in His mind before the world began, and how it's unfolded itself right down to this present hour that we're living in. See? And then you will understand clearly, I believe, *what is being done*.

God's great mystery *is how?* It's a secret. He kept it in secret. Nobody knew anything about it; even the angels didn't understand it. See? He didn't reveal it. That's the reason under His seventh mystery, when the seventh seal was opened, there was silence.

When Jesus was on earth, they wanted to know when He would come. He said, "It's not for you to know. Even the Son Himself doesn't know when it's going to happen." See, God has this all to Himself. It's a secret. And that's the reason there was silence in Heaven for the space of a half-hour. And Seven Thunders uttered their voices, and John was even forbidden to write it (see?), the coming of the Lord.

That's one thing He hasn't revealed yet, *how* He will come, and *when* He will come. It's a good thing that He hasn't. No. But He has shown or revealed it in every type that's in the Bible.

Therefore, the entire Bible is the revelation of God's mystery in Christ. See? The entire Bible is an expression of one goal that God had, one purpose He wanted to achieve, and all the acts of the believers in the Bible have been in type, expressing what God's great goal is. And now in this last day, He has revealed it and shows it to us. And with God's help, we'll see it right here this morning, what the Lord has had in His mind all along and how He has expressed it. Therefore, you can see the great meaning of what has been and know it, and then try to bring it to the people. See? For you haven't gone into details and tried to explain it as 'God has revealed it to me.

Now, if you want you can note this down, since I've got many places I want to read from. And now, in St. Luke, the 24th chapter, we find there were two disciples on the road to Emmaus. And Jesus stepped out after His resurrection, as they were going along the road, thinking and talking and weeping on account of His death, and how they had seen Him suffer for what they had thought was of no value at all. Men had taken their Lord and crucified Him. And they were going along there weeping, when He stepped out from the roadside and began to talk to them about Christ.

He said, "Oh fools, and slow to understand. Don't you know that all the prophets and the Psalms prophesied of Him?"

See? What was He doing? Identifying Himself with these prophecies, showing that all of the prophets, and all of the Psalms, and everything was **Himself expressed**. See?

And now the reason I didn't start to preach this morning, was because I thought by teaching we would understand it better than just to take a text and skip over it; so I am just teaching it.

Now, He was saying that all the Psalms and all the prophets spoke of Him. Well, therefore, that shows that all of the Old Testament, all of the New Testament, and all of the he Psalms, the singing, the songs that were sung, were sung about Him.

Take the 22nd Psalm and sing it, and compare it with the morning of the crucifixion. See? *'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken, me?'* "All My bones ... They stare at Me ... They pierced My hands and My feet." Yet, all those things are there. They sang that Psalm down there in the Temple and crucified the very One! See? See, those great religious leaders, those great men, those great teachers (and yet so blinded) that were reading the prophets and were singing the songs, yet doing the crime that these said they would do. The same thing is taking place this morning.

Now listen close, because I am not going to pay any attention to what that clock says. I want you to get this (see?), so that you can see here, basically in the beginning, the very thought that God had in His mind. He hid it from all of those scholars, so that just a number, a selected predestinated number, a predestinated people, were the only ones that heard it.

And now, search back in the Scriptures down through the age of the prophets and see if it wasn't the same thing. Jesus was here referring them to the prophets and the Psalms. He said they all spoke of Him. See? And here these Jewish teachers, rabbis, doctors of the law, professors, had done exactly as they had before.

Now, notice. Again He said, "Search the Scriptures, for they are they that testify of Me." Search the Scriptures, the entire Scriptures. What am I trying to do? I am showing you that this Bible is the thing that's right.

The other day, standing in a hospital room talking, a sister asked me to explain about denominations (why we are against denominations) to some denominational people. You see, it's got to come back to the Word, because the Word is God. See? And Jesus is declaring the same here, that the Word is He Himself. You can't make the Scripture contradict itself. *'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... And the Word was made flesh...'* See?

Now, here He says, "Search the Scriptures; for they testify of Me. In them you think you have Eternal Life (and that's true), and they are the ones that bear record of Me, and I'm bearing record of them. If I do not the works that are promised I would do, then don't hear Me. But if I do the works and you can't believe Me, believe the works" - because they testify that He is the Word.

Oh, it looks as if it couldn't be any plainer. See? All right. Now, search the Scriptures. He said that Moses and all the Law and so forth, and the Prophets, and Psalms spoke of Him, and again He said the Scriptures testify of Him.

**He is the principal theme of the entire Bible. If you read the Bible and don't see Christ in every verse of It, go back and read It again.** See? If you can't see Christ in every verse of the Bible, then you read It again, because you have missed something. The Bible is Christ. He is the Word. When you read, '*In the beginning God created...*' there's Christ. See? From that to the "Amen" in Revelation every Word is testifying of Jesus Christ.

That's why these added books that are called *II Book of Daniel* and the *Book of the Maccabees*, *Agges Purgatory* and stuff like that are not included. They are not spoken of in the Scriptures. See? It doesn't theme up with the rest of It. There's no place to place purgatory in there. There's no place to place intercession of saints, and things; there's no place in there for that. There's no place for a denomination. There's no place for creeds outside of the Bible. See? So when you see those things, remember they just don't come into the picture.

And that's why people have added them and got their jig-saw puzzle all mixed up. See? They can't make it right: "the same yesterday, today, and for ever." But, if the thing's put together correctly, there's the entire picture of the fall and regeneration, the whole picture of creation; and God's whole plan is revealed right there in Jesus Christ. Amen! That's the whole picture set together, every little crook and corner.-Now, I don't mean to be sacrilegious by this, but it's just like putting a jig-saw puzzle together. That's why we've got pictures today that look horrible. They say, "We are believers," and depict a cow picking up grass in the top of a tree. It doesn't work. That's when they say, "Aye, He's the same yesterday, today, and for ever, except for a certain thing." See? Then you ruin your picture. The Bible says He is the same.

In St. John 14:12, He said, "He (he is **anybody**) *"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.*"

"Well, that was for another age."

There you've got your picture wrong again. You've got a man fishing out in the desert for fish, in an ocean of hot sand where there are no fish. See? You've got to bring him back to where He's fishing at Galilee, where there are plenty of fish, you see? You've got to make the picture look right. It's God's great picture, and there's only one way you'll see it, that is, when you see Jesus Christ. There's the entire Bible. He's the principal theme in the Bible.

Now, you realise that from any of these places here you could take a text, and it's just hard for a preacher to hold his peace. He looks as if he wants to keep going with it, but you've got to get back to what we're teaching about.

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... in the history of the Bible. The Bible is a prophetic Book; It's a historical Book; It's a Book of love; It's a Book of songs; It's a Book of Life, and in there you find Christ. He was in the prophets; He was in the Psalms; He was in the history: and in the Bible He also is the things that are to come. So, He was from before until after. What does that make Him then? The same yesterday, today, and for ever!

And, you inject something in there that doesn't make Him the same yesterday, and for ever, Brother Lee, where do you go to? You've got an awful picture there. For He was the history (see?), and He is the Prophet; He is the Psalms; He is everything. And if you can't make Him everything and the same, what does your picture look like? Do you see it? All right!

He is the same. He was the prophets, He was in them; He was in the Psalms; He was in the history; and He is the things to come, the same yesterday, today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8, if you're writing it down). He should be then the principal theme, if that's what He is. And we believe it, don't we? Then, if He is that, He should be the principal theme of our talking, of our thinking, of our singing, of our walking. He should be the principal theme of everything that we do, say, or think, should Christ be. Is that right? All right.

Since we think this, since He's been made the Head of all things to us (Colossians says so here), He's the Head of all things, He was made it for us, since we are considered a part of all things. You say, "What about the sinner?" He was made to be the Judge of the sinner, if he **doesn't** accept it. He was made the Glory of the believer who **does** accept it. So, all things were made by Him and for Him.

And it takes the night to express the glory of the day. It takes the vessel of dishonour to express the love and care for the vessel of the honoured. It takes an evil woman that would wear immoral clothes and sell her morals to express the virtue of a decent genuine lady. See? It takes the crook and a thief in a man to express the genuineness of a real believer, of a real Christian. It takes the hypocrite to show up the believer, what he is.

So, all things were made by Him. And since He was made all things for all of us; all things were made by Him. Then since that is true, our identification should be with Him. We ourselves should be identified with Him, because He has identified Himself with us. We should be identified with Him. How? - by living for Him. Not just a confession.

So many people take a confession and say, "I say..." It's got to this place now: "Are you a Christian?"

"I'm a Methodist." Well, that's a long way from making yourself known as a Christian. Now, look what the Methodist does.

"I'm a Baptist." Look what the Baptist does.

"I'm a Catholic." Look what they do. See?

But the only way that you can actually be a Christian is for Christ to identify Himself in you. We've got a stinger there. I hope everybody on the tape gets that too! See, see?

You say, "I'm Pentecostal." That doesn't mean a thing. **It must be Christ identified in you; that's when He has recognised You.**

You say, "I spoke with tongues." Devils do too. "I shouted." The Mohammedans, Buddhists, and everything shout. The Indians scream at the snake dance. See? Certainly, they all do. Cults, clans and everything else scream and holler. They holler and shout at a baseball game. But when Christ is identified in you, identifying Himself, then you are Christlike; which the word *Christian* means, to be Christ-like. There is your identification. All right. And since He is our identification, we should be identified with Him by living for Him.

Notice, God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began, has got a threefold purpose in it. And now, what we want to go into this morning is: what is that threefold purpose? See? Now, I believe by the help of God, Who's present, it will be shown to us.

Now, if He had this threefold purpose, we want to find out what it is. The *first* thing was, that **God wanted to reveal Himself to the people.** He couldn't do it as the great Jehovah God Who fills all space, time, and eternity. He could not. He's too great ever to be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin, that after you went beyond the cycle of hundreds of billions and trillions of years of light and space, and on out into the infinite, into eternity, that was **all that, and still is,** be revealed?

But, what He wanted to do, was to show He loved Fatherhood, for He was a Father. And the only way that He could express it was to become a Son of man. That's the reason Jesus kept saying, "The Son of man." See, they didn't know what He was talking about, many of them. But now, you get it? He wanted to express Himself. That was one of His great threefold purposes **to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, and to reveal Himself in Christ.**

**Secondly: to have the pre-eminence in His body of believers, that is His Bride, that He might live in people.** Now, He could do that in Adam and Eve: but sin separated them, so that now there had to be some way to get them back again. Oh, my! Oh, now, this is rich to me, even to think of it! See? Do you see what God's purpose was?

Now, why didn't he just keep Adam and Eve like that? Then He would never have been able to express His fullness, His full attributes, because, though He could have been a Father there (that's true), He's also a Saviour. You say, "How do you know He is?" He is, because I've had the experience. See? See? He is a Saviour, and He had to express that, and how could He do it? Only through Christ. How could He be a Son? Only through Christ. How could He be a Healer? Only through Christ. See, all things are wound up in that one Person, Jesus Christ. Oh, my!

When I think of it, I just see denominations pass off the scene and everything else just going (see?), when I see God's great purpose in revealing Himself, and having first to reveal Himself in Christ, the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and then to bring that fullness of the Godhead bodily into a people in which He could have the pre-eminence, the oversight, the leading.

And I hope you got the tape that I preached here one night on *Paul, a Prisoner of Jesus Christ*. When God gets you to being His prisoner, then you can't do anything but what the Spirit says do.

Paul, with all his great intellect, was taught by Gamaliel to be a great rabbi some day. And he had high ambitions. He was intellectually a great authority, great man, in the nation. But he had to sacrifice every bit of it (see?) to become part of the Word, to express Jesus Christ. He had a notion to go to a certain place (some brethren had called him), but he was forbidden by the Spirit to do his own will. Oh, if people half as spiritual could pick that up! See? He was forbidden to do his own will. He could only say, "The Spirit forbade me." See? He was a prisoner to Christ.

Then, there was this little fortune-teller one day. Paul knew he had power to cast that devil out, but he could only do it as God willed it. Day after day she followed him, crying out after him, but one day the Spirit gave him permission. Then he rebuked the spirit that was in her. See? He knew what it was to be a prisoner.

Moses had to lose his intellectual ideas in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God had got all the world beaten out of him, the mighty man that he was, and he stood in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner, then. See? You won't succeed after your own thinking. Then God had to endure this man, endow him, with power enough to go down there. And he said, "Lord, I tola Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn't do it."

He said, "Then take this thy rod" (God speaking; that's God's Word), "go out there and point it toward the East and call for flies." And flies came into creation, because He had a prisoner that Pharaoh couldn't pay off with anything. Nobody else could turn him any way, He was a complete prisoner in the chains of God's Word, bound up wholly to THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Oh, if God can get His prisoners like that! Now, that's when He can express the pre-eminence. You see? He's got the man or the person so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? All right. That's secondly.

**First, to express Himself completely, God in Christ. Second, to have the pre-eminence by this in His Church** (which is His Body, Bride) so that He could have the pre-eminence to express Himself through them. All right.

And **third, to restore the kingdom to its rightful position that fell by the sin of the first Adam**, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening with His people, and talked with them, fellowshiped with them. And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? He desired before the foundation of the world to express all of His attributes, what He was.

Therefore, if any Trinitarian here would just let himself loose a minute, he could see that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not three gods; they are three attributes of the same God. See? It's the expression of Father. He wanted to be a Father. He was a Father, He was a Son, and He is the Holy Ghost. And the Father and the Holy Ghost are the same Spirit (Don't you see? Do you get it?), not three gods. The devil's told you these things to make an idolater out of you. See? It's One God expressed in three attributes. Being a Father, a Saviour, a Son, a Healer (see?) is His expression.

I want to coast just a little bit, so that even people listening to the tape will get the idea, that can see it. It would take me around that clock, each one of those subjects. But, I hope I'm making it clear enough that you can see what I'm coming to. See?

God was expressed in Jesus Christ, Who was Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Now, the complete fullness of the Godhead bodily dwells in His Church and has the pre-eminence. All that God was, He poured into Christ, and all that Christ was, is poured into the Church (the believers, not denominations). We'll get to that in a few minutes, and it'll take it out of your mind for ever. See? We'll show you what causes that by the help of God, if He'll just permit us to.

What's His purpose now? It is to express Himself as a Son (see?), and that in Him might dwell the fullness of the Godhead bodily. I've got Colossians lying here, right before me. See? All through the Scriptures, that's what God's purpose was.

Then, it was through this Life of this Son, His cross (the Blood of His cross, it says here), that He might reconcile to Himself a Body, a Bride (which is Eve, the second Eve). And God gave it in a type as He did in Moses and all of them, the same thing as He did in Adam and Eve, giving a type, in which they typified Christ and the Bride. Christ is the second Adam, the Church is the second Eve. And as long as the second Eve compromises against the Word, isn't she doing the same thing the first Eve did? She is, if she says, "Well, it was for some other age." And we'll get to that in a few minutes, whether He said that it was for another age. **How can it be another age? - when He is the SAME yesterday, today, and for ever!** But, God purposed that and hid it from the eyes of the prudent and wise, and revealed it to the predestinated babes who were predestinated to receive it.

That's the reason. Watch down through the ages. Whenever that Light hit some, they turned it away and flashed it away, those great intellectuals and great priests, standing there. There were rabbis, great teachers with authority, different ones like Nicodemus and so on, men polished in scholarship, who couldn't even understand it. And there was those great priests, standing there, and rabbis, who were taught in that Word. My, they knew it intellectually! And He said, "You are of your father, the devil, and his works you'll do."

Think of it! - holy men. You couldn't put your finger anywhere on their lives, or their fathers' lives, or their grandfathers' or their great- great- great-great-great grandfathers' lives. If any could, they died in shame; they were stoned to death. But here stands Jesus calling that group an assembly of devils (religious people).

Oh, the great revelation, now! Now, to restore back His kinship, to bring it back, He had to let them get lost. You understand it? He had to let them sin, and then make them free. He could not make them sin and remain God, and then punish them for something He made them do, but He put man into partnership with Him, and let man act as a free moral agent (see?), the same as He lets you today. See? You act any way you want to; you're a free moral agent.

So therefore, if He placed the first like that, He had to place the second like that, He has to place everyone like that, or He acted wrongly in the first place. See? And everybody is on that same basis.

Now, notice Him. In bringing that back and letting man do that, and knowing that he would do it, what did it show? It displayed His attribute as Saviour. And the whole purpose then is left in God Himself to become Jesus Christ, to take the penalty of His Own Law (death), to die to redeem the wife that was lost by rejecting Him.

When Eve went away from the Word, she went away from her mate. And when the church goes away from the Word to a denomination, she rejects Him and commits fornication with the world of man's wisdom, rejecting the authority of God's

Word. Does that sound clear? The Bible speaks of committing spiritual fornication. **If any word in the Bible is rejected, or if any false interpretation is put upon It, it's absolutely rejecting and committing adultery against the God that is your Husband.** An adulteress never enters the Kingdom of Heaven, we know that. Now, see, that's what Eve did in the first place.

Now, notice again what is the threefold purpose of manifesting Himself in Jesus Christ and coming into a Body by Jesus Christ to have the pre-eminence? Pre-eminence to what? To restore back Eden, bring back that which was lost. That was the only thing out of order. All the rest of His things were in order.

But He had to let man be a free moral agency to fall, so that He might be a Saviour to display what's in Him (see?), His attribute of Saviour. Something had to be lost, and the very fact that man fell and became lost enabled Him to become the Saviour of the same, taking His Own law. And He could not do it as that great Jehovah Who pervades all space and time. See, He couldn't do it. He had to become a man. And He took kinship with the man that was lost (Amen!) and became a man - God made flesh! Hallelujah! You think I'm excited, but I'm not. It's something inside.

God became a Man from God and became me, to take my sin upon Him, that He might make me Him. Amen! He is back to His great purpose of having sons and daughters of God, for He is an Eternal Father. That attribute was in Him (see?), so that had to be displayed.

Now, see the whole threefold purpose? See? It's to express Himself. He wants to become a Saviour. Now, the world is lost. Now, He has to express Himself in a Man to become a Saviour through the reconciliation of the Blood from His cross. Now He had to become that and die, in order to save and to bring Himself back into the Church and have the pre-eminence in His Church.

Now remember, it cannot and will not, and never will be, and never has been a denomination. He has to have the pre-eminence and He is the Word. Amen! How can any creed be injected into it? It turns the church into a prostitute. If one is to take any man's words or any creed or any denomination, it is quickly marked in Revelations 17 as the whore and harlots, the Roman Catholic church being the whore and the Protestant churches the harlots. It's exactly as clear as any person can read it. We've come through the Church Ages, and you can see that in those tapes if you desire it. Exactly. And anything that joins itself with a creed outside of the Bible is a whore in the sight of God. She did the same thing Eve did, got away from the Word which is Christ. Oh, my! All right.

Now, we see His mystery which He had hidden in His mind before the foundation of the world. Now, would you just like to read a little of this? Let's just read it. Have you got plenty of time? We'll read it. Now, let's just all turn just for one reading, anyhow, to the Book of Ephesians, and let's begin at the 1st chapter of the Ephesians. And now, as the Sunday school lesson goes on in this threefold manifestation of Christ, let's read.

*Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ by - the will of God ... (Now watch, it's not addressed to the world, but) ... to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

How do you get into Christ Jesus? By joining a church? By birth! By one spirit (I Corinthians 12) we are all baptised into one Body. See? All right. They're the ones he is talking to; that isn't addressed to the outside world. We can't talk to the sinner about this, because he knows nothing about it. Paul didn't address it to sinners. He sent it to that group there that were in Christ Jesus.

*Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings ... (where?) ... in heavenly places in Christ:*

Heavenly places., Oh, how I wish I had time! Here I've got it marked right here in my Bible about heavenly places. What are heavenly places? Heavenly places (out for a moment) are the believers' position in Christ. See? It's where the believer stands in Christ, in heavenly places.

*According as he ... (listen close) ... hath chosen as in him before the foundation of the world, ... (When did He choose us? Before the foundation of the world, when He decided on His great hidden mystery, His great secret. He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world) ... that we should be holy and without blame before him in ... (what?) ... love:*

*Having ... (what?) ... predestinated as unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.*

Predestinated! There's the mystery. See? Before Christ or anything else was ever on earth, you see His great mystery, that He chose the Bride, knowing Eve would fall through disbelieving the Word. He knew that she would fall. But He would choose a Bride that would not fall, that would hold to that Word regardless of what all the rest of the world had to say about it; she would hold to that Word. She was predestinated to stand there. The adoption of children by Jesus Christ predestinated to stand there. The adoption of children by Jesus Christ predestinated the Church to that great glorious stand.

Now you see the secret? What is it to do? Restore fallen Eve since she was a free figure of the church. And now notice, as God opened up the side of Adam and took out Eve, his own flesh and blood, and divided his spirit, the masculine from the feminine and put the feminine part in Eve, took the rib from out of his side and made Eve out of it; so God did the same thing, taking out of the side of Christ the Blood and the water, (and Christ is the Word), and taking the Word and making up His Church, Eve (see?), brought back to Himself again, redeemed by the Blood that was drawn from His Body! You see it now? God's great mystery being unfolded that's been hidden since the foundation of the world, but prefigured all the way down through. Now, watch' we find that He did that. It's here in Ephesians and many other places. But that will give you enough to understand.

Now, down through the ages He has been slowly unfolding this mystery. Can you see now? What happened in the prefigure now? He opened Adam's side and took part of his flesh, which was Adam, to make Eve. The Bride has to be ' the Word, for He is the Word. She cannot stand on creeds; She cannot stand on denominations; She cannot stand on good behaviour; She has to stand alone on the Word, because She's part of It; She was taken from Christ. See?

And, to be sure, this is becoming the whole Rapture. Luther was a part; Wesley was a part; the prophets were a part, just as in the revelation they were making up the Body: feet, toes, arms and so forth, up to the Head (we'll get to that in a few minutes, see?). That makes the entire Rapture. It's the Body of the Word, which is Christ. Amen! Outside of that, you're lost. I don't care how good you are, or what your relationship is, or what your fellowship is or what your organisation is, you're lost unless that Word is in you!

"If ye abide in Me (the Word), and My Word abides in you, then you can ask what you will because you and the Word are the same. He has the pre-eminence. He's got the rulership. You're a prisoner to Him. The world is dead. You have nothing more. You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. You're a prisoner; you're

yoked with Him ("My yoke is easy"), yoked with Christ, with His Word. "I do that only which pleases the Father. And if you can't believe -that I am He, then believe the Word." It's so perfect.

Notice now, down through the ages, He's been gradually letting this out, slowly unfolding the mystery through the prophets and through the types (now we can just go on to that) and expressing Himself.

He expressed Himself in Moses. Look at Moses, born in a time of persecution of the children. He was born to be a deliverer. He was hidden in the bulrushes, just like Jesus was taken down into Egypt. He came out; he went up on the mountain, and came back with the Commandments. Jesus went up on the mountain - His first sermon (Sermon on the Mount) - and came back with the Commandments: "You've heard them say to them of old times, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery.' I say to you, whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery." He was Law-giver; Priest; King; Leader - just exactly.

He expressed Himself in Joseph - born within a denomination (his brethren). They hated him without a cause, because he was spiritual. He saw visions; God was with him; he could interpret dreams, and his brothers hated him. He was sold by his brothers for almost thirty pieces of silver, just exactly as Jesus was sold by Judas Iscariot, one of His brethren, for thirty pieces of silver.

He was thrown into a ditch and supposed to have been dead. That's right. Their father was told that he was dead. And he was thrown into this ditch, taken up, and went to the right hand of Pharaoh. In the dungeon (how he suffered there) there were two with him, the butler and the baker; one of them was lost and one of them saved, just as on the cross, when Jesus was in His prison house, attached to the cross for our sins (we become a prisoner), one thief was lost and one was saved. See? It was just exactly so.

Before he came to the right hand of Pharaoh, the king, he dreamed and had the vision that he would sit at the king's feet, and that all authority in Egypt was given to him. His vision had to come to pass. He might have pondered it many times while he was in that prison down there, his whiskers growing out, and so forth, but he knew that some day his vision had to come to pass.

Though it lingered, it had to happen (as I spoke Wednesday night here at the service). See? It has to happen. When God says so, it's got to happen. It's a vindicated prophet, and it has to come to pass, because it is God's Word, and the Word comes only to the prophet. The *word prophet means* a revealer of the divine written Word, the same as a forthteller (see?), a seer.

Notice, when the seer comes forth, he's divinely vindicated by what he foresees coming to pass. "When there be one who's a prophet that will speak to you and tell you a certain thing that's going to happen, if it doesn't happen, don't listen to him. But if it does happen, then I'm with Him. You'd better fear him, because I am with him." See? That's exactly right. There's the vindication. That's when you know whether it's the Truth or whether it isn't. God is speaking back His Word to His people through a person.

See, God only speaks through man. "I am the vine; ye are the branches." The vine doesn't bear fruit. The tops of the branches bear the fruit of the vine. Notice, it's always been that way.

Now we find that no man could touch or come to Pharaoh without first seeing Joseph. No man can come to the Father except by the Son. And when Joseph left the throne, they sounded the trumpets; every knee bowed! "Joseph is coming forth!" Glory! Some day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess, when He (Jesus) leaves the throne of His Father (see?) to come forth. Everybody will bear witness that He's the Son of God. It will be too late then; do it now.

Now, we see that through the types. We can, take even David (as I spoke of a while ago) going off his throne, rejected by his own people going up the same mountain (Mount of Olives) as he was going to his prison. He was going to his prison house because he was rejected of his brethren and of his own people. He went up weeping. That was the Spirit of Christ in him being rejected as He looked up over Jerusalem and wept and said, "Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered thee!" A rejected king. Eight hundred years later, the Son of David stood up there above Jerusalem, rejected, and wept over Jerusalem and said, "Now, your hour has come." That's right! See?

All those things typed Him Out in type), but yet the mystery was hid. Those men didn't know what they were doing. They only knew that they were led by the Spirit to do something. Now it was held back until the last days for the great revelation, but He was expressing it: expressing Himself in Moses, and David, and Joseph, and Elijah and on down through. We could take each one of those prophets and bring their lives out and show they expressed Jesus Christ perfectly, exactly, yet never giving His secret in full, waiting to make it known in the last days, as He promised, waiting for it to be fully comprehended (see?) before He could express it. He did not tell the whole thing, because the Bible's written in mysteries; Jesus thanked the Father for it (see?), that It was written in mysteries.

Now, the coming of the Lord is, in a mystery. We don't know when He's coming, or how He's coming, but we know He's coming. See? And so all the mysteries of God are waiting for this last day. After it's already been completed, then He reveals; He shows what He's done. Oh, my! He never gave His mystery in full.

It's just like comparing the Seven Seals. Now, when God used Martin Luther for the coming out, for that church age, and when He used John Wesley, He gradually brought them out and was revealing in them that church age. When we go back through the Bible now, we find out now in the last days.

The reason that was such a tremendous thing, is that He spoke of it here and showed those Seven Thunders: and *Look and Life* (my *Life* magazine there), carried that "circle of cloud and light" which they could not understand and don't know it yet. But I was told, "Go there and wait for these mysteries to be revealed," in here months before it happened; and then it happened exactly the way He said it would.

Did you notice in that picture that Angel on the right? When He was being materialised, he came down, with his wings back and his head set sideways. There it is right there in the picture, just exactly. Months before it happened, I was told here that He's going to bring the Body of believers together to reveal those loose ends.

Here comes Luther on through. He only preached justification, just pounded away in that age. He didn't know what the age was. Here comes Wesley on through. He pounded his age through. See? A lot of our false churches come from it, other churches rising up. And here comes Pentecost, pounding away. They organised and went right back into death again (we'll get to it in a few minutes) - right back into death.

And then, comes the revelation of the mysteries to reveal what it's all been about, where these little doctrines started, as when Luther brought out a catechism and everything else; and Wesley brought this, that and the other, and these other things; and Pentecost brought organisation the same way and "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" baptisms and things; not knowing any different. Then He comes back in the last days and picks up all these mysteries and clearly explains and reveals them. Why? It's in these last days that this great mystery that God had in His heart is being revealed.

Do you catch it? **If you fail, come back to this tape again. I don't know how much longer I'll be with you. Remember this is the Truth of THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's the Truth. It's the Scripture.**

It's thus with the seven mysteries of the Seven last Seals. The Seals have been broken, every age has happened, and they caused a lot of scattering. And God, not willing that His Truth should be scattered, comes back and picks up those things, those doctrines they started, and brings it out and reveals the whole thing, the same thing that He's doing now in

revealing the mystery of Christ, how He was God's threefold purpose for the Church. Oh my! He's letting it out, revealing it!

To reveal, Webster says, is to make known, especially in divine Truth that's what *revelation* means. Revelation is Christ's way of making Himself known to His Church.

Some are going to say, "Now, Brother Branham, you're just saying this." Now notice, He made Himself known to Peter. If you want to mark this down, and if you want to read it (we'll read it, if you want to) it's Matthew 16:15 and 17. I'll quote it. When He came from the Mount of Transfiguration, He said, "Whom do men say I the Son of man am?"

"Some say they think You're Elijah, and some say You're one of the prophets, Jeremiah or one of them."

But that wasn't what He asked. He said, "Whom do you think that I am?" Now there's the church He's talking to. See? "What do men think I am?"

Today it's "He's a philosopher." That's just social religion. "He's a good man. We believe His teaching's right. It's a subject to be lived by. I think it'd make us all better if we did. We ought to have our churches," and so forth. That's a Santa Claus story.

It's not an expression of some church that we should express. It's a LIFE that you don't live yourself, but He comes in you and lives by Himself, and you become a prisoner, but not to any human intellectual being at all. You're led by the Spirit. How do you know?

Now, you say, "I might know I was losing my mind. Maybe a man that loses his mind does that." But, if you have the mind of Christ, Christ expresses Himself through you, showing that it's He Himself and that you've not lost your mind. Some people under illusions of things go out and become insane. Well, we know that's wrong. That's the devil trying to impersonate the real thing before it gets here. There's always a bogus. See? But a real man is to lose his own thoughts and his own thinking, but not to come up blindly like that. No, sir. You come up with your right senses, and Christ takes you over and expresses Himself. And now to the world you're an insane person. Now, if you're insane, you're actually insane, then the devil can take you in complete control. He'll make you do everything contrary to this Word. But when Christ takes you over, He'll express that Word right through, because it's He Himself. He is the Word! Then you can see the expression of Christ, not an illusion of some sort, but the real genuine Christ, expressing Himself right through you. How beautiful!

Now, watch. He said, "Whom do you say I am?" He's asking the Church, His twelve. Out of the millions of that day, He asked twelve, His Church.

Of the millions in the days of Noah, He asked eight. See? And He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man (see?), wherein eight souls were saved." I don't say there are going to be eight saved now. Don't get that all 'wrong. I never said that. I don't know how many are going to be saved in that last moment to rapture that little group. It'll be a small group, I'll tell you that. "For strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that find it."

But when the great ransomed Body through all ages comes up then it's going to be a great throng there! Revelation 7 expresses it as "a great number which no man could number." It's from all the ages that have come up, those that have walked in the Light of the Bible as far as It was revealed to them. And now, we know that Wesley had more Light than Luther did. We know Pentecost outshone Wesley. See? Certainly it does, because it was gradually unveiled through the prophets and so forth till it was perfectly made known: the godhead bodily in Christ.

And now, the **Christ in the Church** is just being made known. The whole thing is the revelation of God to take Eve back to her right position again with her husband (notice), and Christ is the Husband of the Church, and the Church is His Bride.

Now Peter, when he was asked, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Now watch! "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona" (which means son of Jona, see?), "blessed art thou, for flesh and blood never revealed this to you (you never learned it from some school), but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed it to you." Notice what He said to Peter, the predestinated Seed of God that had received this Light and the keys to the Kingdom: "Upon this rock" (of **revelation** of Who Jesus Christ is -He's the full, manifested God), 11 upon this rock" (not of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and of His being the second person), "upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell will never prevail against it." (See?) "I'll build My Church upon this rock," **the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Look, Christ in you makes Him the centre of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the centre 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 when you joined a church, you shook a hand, you did 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 concerning what takes place - it's Christ. No matter what your pastor, priest or whoever it might be says, it's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church is built upon.

You say "Well, I'm a Lutheran," "I'm a Baptist," "I'm Presbyterian." That doesn't mean (Brother Branham snaps his fingers -- Ed.) that to God, not a thing, not a snap of your fingers. What is it? It's Christ being revealed, and He is the Word. And when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself. See? God's purpose for Jesus Christ was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, and fulfil His laws by death. Christ was God in flesh and died in the flesh in order to condemn sin in the flesh, that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man. You see it?

That's Christ's idea. That's God's idea. The new birth reveals this. And if a man says he's born again and tries to place these promises of Christ for these last days in some other age - making Him Christ yesterday, but not today - then that man or that person has been in a delusion of Satan. And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him, Jesus said in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe ... into all the world and to every age," casting out devils and speaking with tongues and all of these great manifestation of gifts that would follow; that "they **shall**" - not that they may, they ought to - **they will follow!** The heavens and the earth will pass away, but His Word won't!

So it's Christ expressing Himself in the individual, whether he's intellectual or whether he doesn't know his, A-B-C's. Half the apostles didn't know them. But they knew Christ! Men never took heed of Peter and John because they had come out of some seminary. They said they took heed and noticed that they had been with Jesus when He healed the lame man (see?) at the gate. They knew they had been with Christ.

The new birth is Christ, it's a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's the new birth. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony and God is expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? **Oh, if the Church only knew its position! It will one day. Then, the Rapture will happen, when it knows what it is.**

Now notice! You say, "Brother Branham, but that isn't..." Oh yes, it is. It is the Truth.

Did you notice? Paul never knew Jesus physically. Paul never knew HIM. The only way that Paul knew Him was by a revelation by a vision. Is that right? Paul only knew Jesus by the revelation, just as Peter did.

Peter had seen Him in flesh, but he didn't know Him by the flesh, because Jesus said so. "Flesh and blood didn't reveal it to you. Even My Own Life didn't reveal it to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed the thing to you" (that He is the Word of God). "And upon this rock I'll build My Church." Peter didn't know Him by the flesh.

Man walked and handled Him and everything else. Paul had something greater than any of the apostles had. See? They said, "Well, I've got more of a revelation than you, Paul, because, you know, I walked with Him. I went fishing with Him one day. I heard Him talk. He sat in a boat with me and actually He told me, 'Let's go over here and fish in this place, and we'll get more fish.' And we did. See? See, we saw Him do things."

But, Paul saw Him after He was dead, buried, risen again, and had expressed Himself in the Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel! Paul, being a Jew, would have never called that "LORD" unless he had seen the expression that He was returned, the same yesterday, today, and for ever. He said, in other words, "I'm the same God today that I was yesterday. Here I am in the same Light, the Pillar of Fire, that Moses talked to in the burning bush." No wonder he could separate the Law from grace over in the Book of Hebrews. He met that same Pillar of Fire. He said, "I'm Jesus, Whom you persecute."

And here He is today in the same manner! For the same Pillar of Fire is expressing Himself and vindicating Himself the same, revealing the mystery of God that's been hidden since the foundation of the world! Do you see it?

Paul only knew Him by revelation. Peter knew Him by revelation. He walked with Him, talked with Him. Now, I've just said that He was the Word. A scholar can sit down and read that Word till he can just tie your mind up any way (see?) he wants to; because he's smart, brilliant. Get a Catholic priest, or so much as a really well trained theologian in the Bible, a Baptist, or a Presbyterian, or something; he'll make you think that you don't know anything (see?) when it comes to talk. Why? Because he has known Him, the Word, in the flesh.

**But the only way that you're saved is to know Him by revelation!** I can take the Presbyterian doctrine and tie you Pentecostals up till you won't answer. I can take the Baptist doctrine and show you Pentecostals a million things that you know nothing of. That's right. But that's not it! That's not His Church. **His Church is Himself revealed!** Amen! Do you see it? **And it is expressed by the Word Itself that He is God.**

How can you say, "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" to be baptized in it? Heathens. Right. How can you say you know Jesus Christ (He is the Word), when there's not a Scripture in the Bible, there's not a place where anybody was ever baptised in the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

And you "Jesus Only" people, just using the name "Jesus" for baptism I'm personally acquainted with four or five Jesuses, myself. So, you see what your denominations lead you into? That's the darkness, the expression of Cain, who brought fruits instead of blood. But the revelation came through the Blood, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Blood of God - created Blood in the womb of Mary.

And Paul knew Him by revelation. That's how we know Him today, the only way you could know it. Do not say, "I'm Methodist." That means nothing. But by the revelation that God has revealed the Word to you, He is the Word. How do you know It's revealed? It lives Itself and expresses Itself through you. Oh!

Churches have long forgotten that great revelation. That's right. That revelation of the Truth, they have forgotten it. Now, when Luther rose up, he was a great man. He had the revelation of that day. But what happened? A collection of "Rickies" got in with flat-top haircuts (as we call them today), and Rickettas and all of them, they got in there, and the first thing you know, it's corrupted.

That expression, if you only knew the numerology of the Bible and knew what "Elvis" or "Ricky" means in the Scripture! You say, "There's nothing to that" (in your name). That name could only come in these last days for this last-days people. Why did Jesus change Abram's name to Abraham, then? Sarai to Sarah? Why did He change Saul to Paul? Why did He change Simon to Peter, and so forth? You see? Certainly it means something. That name could not be spoken till this day. That's the reason we've got this hellish thing we've got in the earth today, because of such things. The whole human race is corrupted. It's gone. See? And that's why it is.

Notice now. He was all right, Luther was in his day. And he had the revelation, but as soon as he left, look what they did. Wesley had a message; look what it did. The old early Pentecostals had one, look what they did. They got a collection of men together just like those that spied out the promised land. It was exactly the same thing as when God, by grace, sent Israel a Pillar of Fire, a prophet, a sacrifice, and showed Himself among them and brought them out of Egypt across the Red Sea. But they wanted a law so that they could have great dignitaries, could have something to do in it. And what did they do? They were left in the wilderness for forty years to wander, and not one of their organisations ever went over.

Caleb and Joshua were the only two that stood out and said, "We're able to take it." Look at the Word of God! Every one of them died in the wilderness; and Jesus said they were eternally gone. Right. That was after He had shown His blessings and power in their ages, as He later did in those of Luther and Wesley and so forth. Didn't He?

They said, "Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness"

And He said, "And they're every one dead" - that's eternally separated from God! Their carcasses perished in the wilderness. See? They're dead. "I'm the Bread of Life that came from God out of Heaven." They couldn't see it. They just couldn't see it.

All right, churches have long forgotten it. They accepted intellectuals, membership, knowledge, instead of the revelation of the Truth of the Word.

Now look here. They say today, if you ask, "Do you believe that God commissioned us to go into all the world, heal the sick and preach the Gospel and cast out devils?"

"Oh, oh, yes, I suppose that's right. **BUT...**" You see?

A lady talking to me the other day said, "But, all the churches are in harmony."

I said, "There isn't one of them in harmony with the other." There was a Catholic standing there. I said, "How about you? You're a Methodist and that's a Catholic. Are you in harmony with one another?" I said, "This pope's, attempt to unite them together, that's a good thing for all that kind of people. But the Church of God has nothing to do with it, not a thing." It's out and away from the whole lot. Yes, sir. You wouldn't unite that together. And one believes in something or the other. The Methodist takes sprinkling; the Baptist takes immersion: and both of them are denying the Holy Ghost in Its fullness of power.

They said', "We received the Holy Ghost when we believed." The Bible said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" There's the difference. See? That's right. See? And they say, "We're the Catholic church. We started early; we did this." The Methodists say, "We are based upon the Bible." Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Now, where are they? "The works that I do shall you do also" - every creature, every person that believes in Him. Now, where are they? Those are His Words. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail." Now, where is the fulfilment? See?

Oh, it just shows what it is. It's a hybrid condition. Now, look. You take a big fine grain of corn - it's hybrid - and you take that hybrid corn, it's a pretty corn. But you plant it. What do you get? - a little stalk comes up like this, and turns yellow and wilts down. That's the way every denomination is when it's a hybrid of man's words mixed with God's Word. It'll come up to the signs and wonders, and what Jesus said about believing the Word, and it **turns yellow and** says, "We can't accept it," and goes back.

That's just what all those other spies did that went over and looked at Canaan. They came there and said, "Oh, we look like grasshoppers in their sight! We can't take them, the Amalekites, and all these. What are we going to do!" And they went back. And Caleb and Joshua, being thoroughbreds (Amen!) by the Word of God, knew God had said, "**I give you that land.**" They said, "**We're more than able to take it.**" I

It depends on where you're born from. If you're born of the Word of God, God's Word has the pre-eminence in His Church. That's what He died for. That's His purpose, that He might be able to achieve, to have His pre-eminence working in His Church. Let the Word of God shine forth first, no matter what anything else looks like. I don't care if the intellectuals say this, that or the other. That has nothing to do with it. God's Word said so, and we're more than able to take it!

"If I preached that in my church," a minister told me. "I'd be preaching to four posts in the church."

I said, "I'd preach according to that." God's Word said so. We can do it. God said do it. Amen!

Oh, here they excuse themselves for this. See? That's why they're blind to the Message of the end time, those last days when God is proving Himself. They try to class it as some kind of a spiritist, or (what would I call it?) as some mental illusion or something of that order. See, they try to make it something that it isn't, just as they did when Jesus was here. They called Him Beelzebub, a fortune-teller. Now, they say it's something like mental telepathy (see?), when they know that He can stand there and look upon the people and discern the very thoughts that are in their hearts! The Bible said so. Does not Hebrews the 4th chapter say, "The Word of God is quicker and sharper than a two-edged sword and can discern the very thoughts of the mind?" And He was that Word. And when that Word has pre-eminence in the man, the same thing takes place again, for it is the Word. Amen. See how you can stumble over this from now on. There it's so perfectly plain. See? All right!

That's why they're blind, the same as it was in the days Christ was on earth. Oh my! They stagger the same way. They said, "He's Beelzebub." They saw He could do it, so they said, "He was born an illegitimate child, and is a kind of an odd fellow. He's just possessed with some devil. He's a Samaritan, and he's got a devil in him. That's how he does that."

Jesus said, "I'll forgive you for that." (See, they were calling the works of God the works of an evil spirit.) He said, "I forgive you for that; but some day the Holy Ghost will come, and one word against It will never be forgiven, neither in this world nor in the world that is to come (or that great day); it will not be forgiven." So you see, that's written plainly in the Scripture. So when people come to that day, no matter how intellectual they are, how big a denomination they belong to, they're condemned. They have to be! They've blasphemed the Holy Ghost, calling it "holy roller" or something or other that has an unsavoury name, or something like that. And God's Church has to bear it all the time.

Even Paul before Agrippa said, "In the way that's called heresy" (which means false doctrine), "that's the way I worship the God of our Father."

(Gap in the text at the turn of the tape - Ed.)

... What the great Truth of Christ was. And today people say, "It's in some denomination." It's Jesus Christ, the new birth revealed in you showing that He has the pre-eminence, that He might express His Words. And anything that He's promised in this last day He can bring to pass through His Body in which He's working. Amen. It's just exactly the Word of God made manifest.

Notice. All right, it's the same as in the days of Christ. God holds the key to this revelation of Christ Himself. Do you believe that? Schools of theology can never find it. Jesus said so (if you want to read it now) in St. Matthew 11: 25 and 27. "I thank Thee, o Father God of heaven, that Thou hast hid this from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and revealed it to babes such as would learn." See, see?

Look at those scholars of that day, those Jews, very fine men, their organisations of Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians, and whatever they might be (see?) - all of their great organisations, concerning which Jesus said, "You're blind, and you lead the blind; well did Isaiah speak of you: 'You have ears that can't hear, and eyes that can't see.' Because Isaiah said this in the Spirit, therefore the God of Heaven has blinded your eyes. You're doing just as Eve did, accepting the intellectual side and knowing nothing of the Spirit of God. Therefore, won't you all fall into the ditch, both the leaders and the blind, too?" The leader will fall with the blind, because he's blind also. It is blind leading the blind. They both fall into the ditch. And God alone holds this key.

He expressed the same thing in a previous Scripture a while ago when I read it, where He said, "Whom do men say I the Son of man am?" And Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." He said, "Blessed art thou Simon, the son of Jonas. Flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven. Upon this revelation here alone, I'll build My Church. The gates of hell will never prevail against it." See?

Now, you see. So therefore, there's no school, there are no theologians, no teachings in the Bible, among any school that knows anything about it. They cannot know anything about it. It's impossible for them to know anything about it. God has hidden the senses of knowing it from the very elected teachers and everybody else. It's a personal, individual affair with the person to whom Christ is revealed. And if you say, "He has been revealed to me," and then the Life that Christ produced here in the Bible (that same Life is in Him) does not reproduce Itself in you, then you've got the wrong revelation!

If I put the life of a pumpkin into the life of a pear tree, it would bear pumpkins. "By their fruits you shall know them." It's exactly right. And if you plant a tree (a grape vine), and the first shoot it put out brought grapes, the next one brought lemons, the next one brought out pears, and the next one brought out apples, it follows that there's some kind of a grafted affair in there that's bearing its own life.

Every denomination will bear a life of itself. But if that original vine ever puts out another shoot, it will bear grapes just as it did the first time. And if the Life of Jesus Christ ever puts out another body of believers, It'll bear the fruit that the first one did; they'll write a Book of Acts behind it, because it'll be the same Life. Do you see what I mean? You just can't get away from it. It's the Life of Christ in you, having been injected into you by the Holy Spirit Itself, living Its Life through you.

There are blind leaders of the blind. Notice, God holds this key alone. No theologian can tell you. It's not known; it's hidden from them. They don't know anything about it, nor do the schools. "Well," you say, "I've got a Ph.D., LL.D." You only make it worse to me. And I believe unto God and to any real, true believer, that means you're just that much further away. God is not known by education; He's not known by human explanations.

**God is known by simplicity of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person** (see?), not by your theology. It's revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church. No other rocks are accepted; no other things; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; nothing else; but exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth. He is born in there and injects His Own Life, and your life is gone; and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminence to the people, that they see the very Life and works and signs and wonders that He did, the same thing being done through you! Outside of that, the rest of them are not even called at all.

Watch God's great revelation unfolding. The lack of this revelation is why we have so many different divisions among us and so much mockery. So much division among us is because the people lack that revelation. See, the teachers lack that revelation.

Paul, after his great revelation of Christ, said in I Corinthians, the 2nd Chapter (be sure to read that as you write it down), "I never came to you with men's wisdom." Look at that man who did have the wisdom. Look at that man who had the scholarship. "I never came to you with those kinds of words" (I Corinthians, the 2nd chapter). Can you stand a minute, while we read just a verse or two? I'd like to read it so that it would even get the people on the tape to turn back to it; anyhow, it will give them the chance. Listen to this great apostle here, Paul, the intellectual servant of God:

*I (Paul), when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. (I never said, "I'm Dr. So-and-so.")*

*For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

*And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.*

*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*

There, see there's the Gospel. See? Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." He didn't say, "Go and teach", He said, "Go and preach." In other words, demonstrate the power, and these signs shall follow. Just teaching doesn't do it. It takes the actual Spirit Itself demonstrating these signs. See? Listen to this:

*That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

Oh my! See, that changes the man. It's not what he can explain away, saying, "He's not the same," when He is the same. If a man tells me that, it would show me he doesn't have the revelation, the threefold revelation of God. See? And now:

*Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world that come to nought:*

*But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery (See, the threefold mystery of God), even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.*

*Which none of the princes of this world knew (None of the priests, rabbis, or anyone knew anything about it): for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory:*

You say: "You're wrong about rabbis and preachers there." Who crucified Him? Oh, on and on and on we could go, reading it. But we must save time, because we have plenty here to say, if the Lord will help us.

Now Paul, this great intellectual man, never tried to express his great theological terminology upon the people. He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and he lived the Word so that he expressed It. He lived so godly, that they saw Jesus Christ in him to such an extent, that they wanted his handkerchief to take it and lay it upon the sick. There's the Life of Christ. It contrasts with the thinking of some. "Oh, you see, Elisha did that a long time ago - laid his staff - but oh, those were the days of Elisha!"

Now, the world thought that. The intellectual priests and so on, and churches of that day, thought that; but those believers knew differently. They saw the revelation of Christ that was in Elisha as the same thing that was in Paul expressing the same kind of Life, because he was a prophet. See? He foretold things that were to happen exactly the way they did, and they knew that was God's identification of a prophet. And they knew that he was God's prophet. You couldn't shake them from it at all.

Even when they heard Peter foretell those things that came to pass, they said, "Just let his shadow pass over me." Amen! That's the church. They're the ones that believe it. Yes, sir.

What did Paul say? "Because I've got a Ph.D., LL.D., and so forth, they believe me"? No! He said, "I forgot all those things. The wisdom of man had to die. And I know Him in the power of His resurrection. That's the manner in which I came to you, with the demonstration of God's power." What was it? Making Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

The same works that Jesus did, Paul did also. And they saw God., the great Father, that had demonstrated Himself in the burning bush, that had demonstrated Himself to Paul. And here the Life was being demonstrated; and He is the same in every age. God's threefold manner - yesterday, today, and for ever. What? Redeemer in His Church; pre-eminence in the coming Kingdom. Amen! You see it? It's just as perfect as it can be.

Oh, notice. The Holy Ghost is the only Revealer of the divine revelation of Christ. There's no school can do it; no scholar can do it, no man, however well educated, however godly or anything else; there is no man can do it. I could sting hard here. How many are Christians, born again (raise up your hands), filled with the Holy Ghost? All right.

**Notice, He will only do it to the predestinated. "All that the Father has given Me will come, and no man can come except the Father give him to Me first."**

Look at those priests saying, "This man's Beelzebub. He's a fortune-teller. He's a devil".

And that little woman walking around there living with six husbands. She had lived with five and had the sixth one then, and Jesus said, "Go and get your husband and come here."

She said, "Sir, -" What? That Light struck that Seed.

When it struck those priests, they said, "This man is a *fortuneteller*." See? There was no Life there. They *were* hybrid. You come up as far as organisations, but die from there on. But this woman was not a hybrid.

I can see her big pretty eyes shine up like that, tears running down her cheeks. She said, "Sir, I perceive that you're a prophet. I'm looking for a Messiah, and when that Messiah comes, He'll do this very same thing. He'll tell us these things."

He said, "I am He."

"Oh, Lord!" She left her pot. "Here He is! Come and see a Man who has told me all things I ever did." What was it? That Light had struck that Seed. That Life was there. It came forth.

It's the same thing today. But the theologians say, "Now, wait just a minute. I'll find out what Pastor Moody said." What has Pastor Moody got to do with this, in this day? Pastor Moody lived in his day, but not now. Certainly. Luther lived in his day, not in the day of Pentecost. Pentecost lived in their day, but not in the day of *Wesley*. *Wesley* lived in his day, not in the day of Pentecost. Pentecost lived in their day, but they're a long way from this, in this hour. We're in the last hour. Yes. Their organisations and scruples prove that they're not there. The Word has never been correctly vindicated solely according to It's strength. They make the denominations and then put those old darnel weed seeds in with that genuine wheat. The crop was ruined and went to darnel. That's right. It went back to green briars and nettles (see?); it died right out. Then they broke the field up and started over again, planting some real seeds. And some of them came up and it choked them out.

But then, God said that in those last days He 'Would bring out a people washed in His Blood. And they were predestinated to be there; they've got to be there. God said so. And It would reveal the very sign - Malachi 4, a prophet and

what he would do -restore back again, bring back in the last days these great things that He promised. This prophet would bring the revelation. What is he to do (Malachi 4)? He was to bring back the faith of the fathers to the children. See? That's right, to bring that same thing, the same Pillar of Fire in on the scene, the same signs, the same wonders, the same Jesus: making Him the same, preaching Him the same, vindicating Him the same yesterday, today, and for ever. "I will restore," saith the Lord, "all the years that the Methodist worm, and caterpillar worm, and the Baptist, and the Catholic, and all those worms have eaten, eaten that faith down to become a denominational stump in which there are no seeds left. But I will restore again," saith the Lord, "all the years" (what?), "all the signs and wonders that they have forsaken. I'll take everything right back to that original Tree again, and I will restore It," saith the Lord. That prophet was a vindicated prophet. His words have to come to pass. Amen.

**The Holy Ghost alone is the Revealer of the divine revelation of Christ and has been in all ages. Remember, all ages! To whom did the Word of the Lord come? To the prophet alone. That's right. Is that right? And the prophet had to be vindicated first. Not because he said he was a prophet, but because he was born a prophet, and proved to be a prophet, and everything he said was exactly on the Word and came to pass. Then everything else fell away. See? The Word of the Lord came only by the Holy Ghost. The Bible says, "Men of old, moved by the Holy Ghost" (see?), "wrote the Word."**

Look, John the Baptist would never have known Jesus n it hadn't been for the Holy Ghost pointing Him out. Is that right? John the Baptist was that great prophet that came forth and said, "There's One standing among you right now. There's an ordinary man standing here somewhere, that's the Lamb of God." John said then, "I bare record that I saw the Spirit of God (the Holy Ghost) descending from Heaven like a Dove, and It went upon Him, and a Voice said, 'This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased.'" What at was it? The Holy Ghost said, "I'll point Him out."

That's the only way you'll know Him today. The only way you'll get the threefold revelation of God is through the Holy Ghost. And the only way it can ever be, is that you're predestinated to see it. If you're not, you'll never see it. If you're not predestinated to see it, you'll never see it, because that Light can flash and you'll go away and make fun of it and explain it away by some intellectual conception, when the very God Himself is manifesting Himself and proving it. See? But, if it isn't upon you to see it, you won't see it.

God didn't just say, "I'll choose this one choose that one," but He knew by His foreknowledge. The reason He could predestinate is because He's infinite; so therefore He knew everything. He knew the end from the beginning. He's God. If He can't do that, He's not God. Yes, sir. He's infinite. All right.

John would have never known Him (no, sir) had the Holy Ghost not pointed Him out. See how God hides His mystery to the highly educated and so on? Look, God in simplicity reveals it to whom He has predestinated to see it. Look there. Others were standing by and never even saw the Dove. They never heard any Voice. For it was only sent to that predestinated Seed. "Predestinated?" Certainly it was predestinated. For Isaiah, 712 years before He was born, in the Spirit was raised up out of these human senses and said, "There's a Voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight.'" Then, if Isaiah could see it, couldn't Malachi see the same thing? Did not God predestinate that last prophet to seal off all the prophets standing there at the end of the age? See? He's saying, "It's predestinated?" Certainly he was. Malachi saw him, too.

Jesus said, "If you can receive it, this is he of whom it was spoken, 'I will send My messenger before My face to prepare the way before me...' (Malachi 3). See? Certainly he was predestinated to see that Message. No wonder he could look yonder and see that Dove coming down, that Light that was in the wilderness with Israel, coming, moving down, the great God Himself saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." It was God and man becoming One. "I bare witness," John said, "I beheld Him, the only begotten of the Father. I'm witness of it." Amen!

There you are. Simplicity! That old preacher, his father was a great theologian, you know. He came out of a school. It looked if he would have gone back to his father's denomination. That wouldn't have been in the will of God.

God touched him at his birth back there, and he received the Holy Ghost three months before he was born. Yes, sir. Mary went up there when John was six months old in his mother's womb and those little muscles had never moved yet, and Elizabeth was afraid. The little muscles were growing, but Elizabeth, his mother, couldn't feel any life. And Mary came up and grabbed her and hugged her, laid hands on her. That's it! "God has spoken to me, and I'm going to have a baby, too."

"Are you and Joseph married?"

"No"

"Mary, how can this be?"

"The Holy Ghost shall overshadow me, and now He'll be created in me, and I shall call His name Jesus. He'll be the Son of God."

And as soon as that, word Jesus was spoken, little John began leap and shout, jumping around in his mother's womb. She said, "Blessed be the Lord God, for whence comes the mother of my Lord to me?" The mother of my Lord! Oh my! "Whence comes the mother of my Lord to me? For as soon as your salutation came into my ears, my baby leaped in the womb for joy."

No wonder he didn't need a seminary, something to indoctrinate him with something or other! He had an important job. He was a man of the wilderness. He went out into the wilderness and waited. God spoke to him out there, and revealed it to him (Oh, there's your revelation again!): "And I'll tell you Who He is. You're a prophet. The Word's to you. You know who you are. You've got to come." That answers the question from last Sunday. See? "You know who you are, John. Keep yourself quiet. Don't say anything. Go on out there, and when you see this One, there'll be a sign coming from Heaven like a Light; a Dove will come down. That'll be He when you see Him."

That's the reason, when Jesus walked out into the water, and John looked over and saw that Dove coming down, he said, Behold the Lamb of God! There He is! He's the One that'll take away the sin of the world!"

Jesus walked right straight out into the water to him. Those two eyes of John met the two eyes of Jesus. (They were second cousins in the flesh. Mary and Elizabeth were first cousins.) Their eyes met one another. There was God and His prophet (Amen) standing there. John said, "I have need to be baptised of Thee. Why comest Thou to me?"

Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now, but remember, thus it behoveth us to fulfil all righteousness."

Why did John do it? Because He was the Sacrifice (John was a prophet; he knew), and the sacrifice has got to be washed before it's presented. Oh, and he suffered Him; and John baptised Him. And when he had, lo, the heavens opened. Oh my! And that Dove came down upon Him, and a Voice said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." The King James Bible puts it "in whom I am well pleased" so any way you want to turn it around, it's the same thing, *dwell in Him*. "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell" (or to dwell in, either way you want to put it, it's the same thing). All right. We see then it was revealed to him. Others standing there didn't know anything about it. The Holy Ghost alone reveals it.

It was the same when He revealed Himself to Paul, another predestinated Seed. There was Paul going around. He might have said, "If I can get a hold of that crowd, I'll tear them to pieces, because I'm Dr. Saul. I came up under Gamaliel. ("I come from the Moody Bible College", or some other one. See?) I'm a scholar. I know what I'm talking about. I'll tear

that collection of holy rollers to pieces. And I tell you, great holy father, you just give me the permission to go down there, and I'll arrest every one of those noise-makers down there. All this divine healing stuff, we'll stop it." He put it in his pocket and said, "I'm on my road down." And that day (my!), about 11 o'clock in the day, a Light shone in his face, and he fell to the earth.

Why? He was a predestinated Seed. God said, "I have chosen him. And I'm going to show him what great things he'll suffer for My Name's sake. I'll send him to the Gentiles and disgrace him in every way that he can be disgraced, but yet he'll bear My Name."

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Paul went down there till he got all of his ecclesiastical stuff taken out of him (down at the back of the desert for three years and a half, down there in Arabia), until he learned the Word and the Word became he, and he became a prisoner. Then he came back in chains of love. "All my seminary experience is gone! I'm a prisoner to Jesus Christ. Amen! Philemon, my brother, I'm a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I can only speak and say what He tells me."

God needs prisoners today that will become prisoners to His will, to His Word. That's what Paul was. No matter how much intellectual learning he had learned, he had known God by revelation. Yes, sir. The intellectual went all the way out of the business then, when the revelation came; upon which, the rock, the Church is built. Yes, sir.

Notice, he was a predestinated Seed. The Holy Ghost alone shows you Who He is. Man will make Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and everything else out of it. See? But the Holy Ghost will reveal Him as the Lord God of Heaven made manifest, that that is He (oh!).

Now notice: not prophets, not kings, not anything else, but here, for the first time, God was revealed in Christ in the fullness of the godhead bodily in human flesh. That's the revelation. Oh my! I'm going to sing you a verse, now.

Nations are breaking; Israel's awakening (Are they?);  
The signs that the prophets foretold;  
The Gentile (church in its denomination) their days are numbered,  
With horrors encumbered,  
Return, o dispersed to your own (You're kicked out of them).

The day of redemption is near;  
Men's hearts are failing for fear (All of their Hollywood jokes aren't covering it up. Like a little boy whistling, going by the grave yard at night.)  
Be filled with the Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear;  
Look up, your redemption is near.

False prophets are lying; God's Word they're denying,  
That Jesus the Christ is our God (That's right);  
This generation spurns God's revelation,  
But we're walking where the apostles have trod.

The day of redemption is near;  
Men's hearts are failing for fear;  
Be filled with the Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear;  
Look up, your redemption is near.

Get the revelation, my brother. This generation's spurning God's revelation. See? False prophets are doing that. By their fruits you shall know them. They're hybrid. They're bred into an organisation instead of the Word of God, the revelation of God revealing Himself through Christ, Who is the Word.

Oh my! We could stop here, and get to it again when I come back, if you want to. Do you want to go ahead? That's up to you. Just a little more? I'll hurry. You've got some time to rest after this? All right.

Notice that predestinated Seed. The Holy Ghost alone shows you Who He is. No prophets, or kings. And here God is manifested in flesh. Here is the fullness. He is completely revealed and made known to the world. Oh my!

Look on the Mount of Transfiguration, when the testimony of God Himself said, "This is My beloved Son. Hear ye Him." There stood Elijah representing the prophets. But they passed away, and He said, "This is My beloved Son; hear Him." There were three represented there: the Law, the Prophets, and Christ. And He said, "This is He." God was not manifested in the Prophets, not manifested by Law, **but fully manifested in Christ.**

Christ has mercy. The law put you in jail, but couldn't get you out. The prophets are God's justice to condemn you and kill you for it. That's right. But Jesus is God's love and revelation; to let you know as a predestinated Seed that He had called you. "This is He; hear Him." No, the fullness of Godhead is made known. This secret or mystery is now revealed, that God is manifested. God and man become One in the Anointed Man, Christ. What does Christ mean? The anointed One! The Anointed, that was anointed with the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Oh my! How can people doubt it?

Where once partly Moses had Him; partly David had Him (oh my!), here He is manifested in the fullness; Deity Himself, standing on earth - God in His fullness to die for the sin of the people, that He might bring to His Church a sanctified Life, that He might have the pre-eminence in fullness in His Church, to manifest every promise in these last days that He promised for the last days. See? Listen now. Just teach yourself a little now.

Watch. What was Jesus manifested for? To show God! He was God; He had to be. No man could die. No prophet could die. He was God. He was the God of the prophets. He was the prophets. He was the kings. He was the history. He was He that was to come; He that was, He that is, and He that's to be in this day. The same yesterday, today, and for ever. He was manifested for that purpose. And through that purpose He achieved a Church, that He, the fullness of God, might bring to pass every promised Word of God in these last days when He gets the pre-eminence (pre-eminence in the Church), the position, His rightful place in the Church. Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. Even more than this shall he do, for I go to My Father." See? That was His purpose. There was the manifestation.

And now today, He wants to get somebody that can so see it, that they can let the Word express Him. See, Jesus so saw it, was so perfectly born for the day, that God expressed every move that He made. He was God's revelation, God revealed. Now He sanctified with His Spirit and Blood a Church, that He might cause every promise in this last day to be revealed.

Now, it's easy to go back and pick up what these other fellows have left off here in the last days, and by His Holy Spirit reveal all the mystery of the Seven Seals. See? He's expressing Himself. That's His purpose. That's why He died. That's the second part of His threefold manifestation. First, to express Himself in Christ; and then He expressed Himself through the Church the same thing -- Christ was the Word. And the church becomes the Word when they let the Word go through them. But when they accept the hybrid denomination, how can the Word go through them? It's grounded, then it causes a short and blows a fuse. See? But when the current is flowing freely (the Word of God), It expresses Itself. "The works that I

do shall you do also." And in the last days it shall come to pass, "Behold I send to you Elijah, the prophet, and he shall turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers."

And in there, there will be a time come forth when He can express Himself in the fullness of His godhead (Deity) through His Church, have the preeminence in this Church. Oh my! What? The anointed Man, now the anointed people (oh my) to bring back the anointed Bride and the Bridegroom. Anointed by what? Accepting what Eve turned down (and Adam), coming back 'with the anointing of the Word, because He said, "My Word is Spirit." (See? Anointed with the Word.) What Eve turned down, He comes back with and we accept. See, how that hybrid condition ends, just exactly what he did for Eve.

He told Eve, "Don't you do *this*, and don't you do *that*: you can't do *this* and *that*."

Satan said, "Oh, you know..." And she turned around and listened to him. But the Eve in the last day's not going to do it, because she's predestinated not to do it. Yes, sir. God's going to do it. He knows. He said His Church will be there without spot or wrinkle. She's going to stand there in the splendour of His Word made manifest. She'll be a token to the world. She'll be something to the world that the world can look at and say, "Well!" The rest say, "Ah, she's a holy roller. She's the second cousin. She doesn't belong to our group." I know. That's a good thing. She belongs to this group up here.

A man said the other day to me (standing and talking), "Well, what denomination do you belong to?"

I said, "None."

"What?"

"None," I said, "I belong to a Kingdom."

"Well, how do you join that?"

"You don't join it; you are born into it."

"What kingdom is that?"

I said, "The mystical Body of Jesus Christ. By one Spirit we're baptised into this Body, born of His Spirit. Then we belong to a Kingdom. And our lives are not American; we're not Germans; we're not anything; we're Christians. We are settled and walk in the Spirit of love, slaves (from the things of the world). And our rights to the world we sold, and we bought this Pearl of Great Price; and we walk and let the Holy Spirit manifest Itself. That's what His real Church is. That's what you are, or what I am, if we'll let ourselves go and serve God by His Word and not by what some creed says."

Notice, the anointed Man, the Christ Himself here (oh God) is made known. But now look. Why? He has the pre-eminence. God is fully manifested in Jesus Christ. God's great secret of His revelation, this great Light of revelation, has always blinded the wisdom of this world.

In the days of Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth, it had blinded them. They said, "Why, you even make yourself equal with God!" He was not only *equal to God, He was God Himself*. See, they didn't grasp it.

And by the way, I've heard infidels tell me that Jesus never did say that He was the Son of God. He certainly did. You just don't know your Bible.

What did He say to the woman at the well? What did He tell her?

"I know Messiah cometh, and when He comes He'll do these things."

He said, "I am He that speaks to you," and to Paul also, and to different ones.

But notice. Now the Church has the pre-eminence. God's great secret has always blinded the wisdom of the world. They can't grasp it. They just don't understand it. Satan doesn't understand it. None of the rest of them understands it, but just those who are predestinated to understand it, how God and Christ are One. They'll make Him three every time. See? They certainly will.

Notice, secondly: the manifested Christ in- you, the hope of glory. That great manifested God in Christ, now Christ manifested in you. (We'll hurry.)

Look! What was once God's great secret, the great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the believer, which is the Body of Christ. What was once God's great secret in His mind before the foundation of the world is now made manifest. Think of it! Oh, I'm sure we don't comprehend it. Well, I can't see it the way I ought to, and I'm sure you don't. See?

But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, and then was given out to His Church. What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ, Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her. You know how you tell your wife things, the little girl you're going to marry. You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you and love her and everything. You know how it is. That's what Christ is doing to the Church. See? He's letting her know His secrets, just the secrets (not these flirts; I mean His wife). See? All right.

The revelation of His secret is made known to them by His grace. People, I know it. I hope you don't think this sounds as if it's personal to a group of people, but God is sharing the secret with the whole Church, if they would just receive it. See? It doesn't mean just me Or just you-, it means the Church, that He's trying to bring into it. And you say, "Well, why don't they receive it?" They can't receive it. He said these things. And how could they? Because Isaiah said they can't see it. See?

The prophet Paul said, "In the last days the people would be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good." Heady, high-minded (see?), having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For this is the kind that go from house to house and lead silly women captive, laden with divers lusts, with shorts and bobbed hair, and everything else. And they say, "It's all right. Ah, they're crazy out there. Don't pay any attention." See? They are never able to come to a knowledge of the Truth.

And these men resisted it as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses. They're able to produce a church and produce a group of people, **but their folly will be made manifest when Jesus takes His Bride and sets Her up here and says, "This is She," and away He goes With her.** That's right. Their folly will be made known.

Look! They have the revelation of this secret made known to them by His grace. Look, when this great revelation, revealed mystery, is made known to you, then you renounce all the things of the world.

Now, I'm going to come back once again. I was not going to say it; I'm pointing to it, the tapes say it. This tape goes across the world. See? You women that claim you've got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and yet have not the courage to let your hair grow, when the Bible condemns cutting it and says a man's got a right to put away his wife in divorce if she bobs her hair, and be honoured before God to do so! The Bible says if she cuts her hair, she dishonours her head; and it's an improper thing for a woman even to pray with bobbed hair. See? They wear shorts and these slacks and things. The Bible says that any woman that'll ("Oh you say) put on a garment that pertains to a man is an abomination to God - filthy, dirty, like an old stinking bathroom somewhere. See? Oh my! The filth in God's nostrils! And then you try to pray or offer up prayers in such a thing as that! God refuses it and turns it away. That's right.

"Well," you say, "now wait a minute, Brother Branham, you're talking about the Old Testament." He's the same yesterday, today, and for ever. It's the full revelation of God. If God ever says anything, He can never change it. He always magnifies it, never changes it. The law was magnified, not changed - magnified.

"Whosoever commits adultery shall be guilty of death, but whosoever (now magnified) looketh upon a woman to lust after her ..." He never changed the commandment, He magnified it. "Remember the Sabbath day, keep it holy," one day in the week - now He magnified it.

The rest comes from keeping the Spirit of God. "Precept upon precept, and line upon line, here a little and there a little; hold fast to that which is good, for with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people." And that is the rest, that's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord. And yet they would not hear it and wagged their heads and walked away to their denominations. This is the refreshing (see?) - magnifying the Sabbath day to you Sabbatarians and so forth. Oh my! He doesn't change; He magnifies it. Hell has spread her gates to receive them.

Now, you can see now, the end-time Message, why It's rejected. Can you? Now, it's no denomination, but the *revelation* of His mystery. See? No denomination, but revelation. God's not known by denomination. He's known by revelation.

Look, God in His Body - Christ; and Christ in His Body - the Bride. Oh my! God made manifest in Christ; Christ made manifest in the Bride. And as God took from the body of Adam the woman and she fell, so God has taken from the Body of Christ, His flesh, His Body, which is His Word, and is bringing a Bride out that won't fall by denominational creed. No, sir. But she's coming back to the pure unadulterated Word of God being made manifest. I hope every man that hears this tape and every woman will understand that. See? **She's the second Eve, but she's not breaking and spoiling her skirts of purity and holiness to her Husband. She'll stay with this Word regardless of what anybody says. You can have all the ecumenical moves you want to and all the affiliations.**

**And they're going to bring a persecution on pretty soon and shut up all the churches. You see that. And churches like this which are not in denominations, they'll use them for storehouses then. And if any man goes and offers a prayer for anybody else that doesn't belong to the ecumenical movement, he will be shot on the spot. It's already planned. That Lutheran minister, the head of it, said so. You can read it right here in your magazine. It's right.**

**It doesn't make any difference what they say. That Church'll stand true in this Light. She's already proved it back yonder, and she'll do it again in the face of everything. It's the Word of God. And all ecumenical movements and everything else will be gone. She's going to 'be there without spot or wrinkle. Right. She'll stand there.**

Notice, God manifested Himself in His Body - Christ. Now, you see the threefold beautiful thing? Christ in His Body, the Church, vindicating His promised Word as God did through Christ. "Who can condemn Me of sin? If I do not the works of the Father, then where have I failed? Now you fellows say that you are doing it (you denominations), now show Me where I've failed to be the Messiah. Show where I've failed on one sign, that God said the Messiah would do, that I haven't fulfilled." See? God in His Body.

Now Christ promised, "The works that I do shall you do also." See, see, the same God. See? "The works that I do shall you do also, more than this for I go unto My Father." The Church will be a little longer in Light (see?), vindicating His promised Word as God did His promises in Christ's Body. Christ is doing His same works in Christ's Body, the Church. See? He is now, making His mystery known to, His Bride Tree here in the last days, bringing forth the fruits that were in the Tree at the beginning.

Watch, the tree put forth a branch, a Lutheran. What did it do? When the tree started coming up, here appeared the fruit coming up with it. What happened? They denominated. So the Pruner came by (the Father, Husbandman) and cut it off, saying, "It's dead." Up came the Wesleyan; it did fine coming up. What did it do? The fruit went right back into the tree again, so He cut the vine off - it was dead.

Show me one church that didn't die. I want to know. I've got thirty-three years of church history. Show me one time or one place where any church ever organised that didn't die on the spot. Show me one place they ever rose again, outside of just numbers and things - not a revival. See? It's not there. Not till she's all gone.

So what did her Husbandman do? He came by and pruned it. See? It brought forth denominational fruit (lemons on an orange tree), so He pruned it off (see?). But where is the heart of the tree? It's right in the middle. And He's pruned them all down, right from the top. He's got a Seed down here in the root. Like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water (he takes God's laws and love in his heart) - and he shall be like a tree (Psalm 1) planted by the rivers of water; his leaves shall not wither; in his season he'll bear his fruit. And where does the fruit ripen quickly? At the top of the tree. Why? The light's on it. Amen! That's right. And right at the top of the tree in: these last days, He's bringing forth a Bride Tree.

Now remember, He is that Tree of Life contrary to the serpent's seed. You see? He's that Seed, the woman's Seed, the Tree of Life in the garden. And if they put forth their hands and touch this Tree, they'd eat that Tree and live for ever. And He's the only Tree that can be taken that would enable you to live for ever. His Word is Life. And if that be the Word (the Word of God, which Eve turned down in the Garden of Eden), then here's Christ the Word,, made manifest. And when He came on earth, He was the Tree of Life. Do you believe that? And Rome - what did they do? He had to be chopped down. And He was put on a tree of disgrace ("cursed is he that hangs on a tree"), became a curse for the human race. And now through that, He brings forth a Bride Tree, which will be the Tree of Life restored back to Him as Husband and Wife in the Garden of Eden. Oh, glory to God! It's by the same Word and the same God made manifest as Husband and Wife, the same Bride Tree back again (notice), making itself known.

Now, my, there's so much here, we could just keep on going. Notice, the Tree of Christ, the Body in the Garden, making His mystery known to this Bride Tree (watch), redeemed by Christ, the second Adam (you believe He was?), going back home to Eden with His fallen wife - redeemed back home again. That's Christ and the church today - taking His wife back. Do you see the threefold mystery now? It's God manifested in Christ; Christ manifested in the Church; all in order to bring back the original Adam and Eve again, man and woman, which are one, made out of the same Blood and the same Spirit, and everything else.

The Church is the Blood of Christ by the Spirit, because the Life is in the Blood. That's the baptism in the Holy Ghost that baptises us into His Body, that recognises only His Body, His flesh, His Word. Denominations won't ever touch that; it's a revelation. The Church knows it. So did Eve know it, but she fell; but this Bride knows it and won't fall. She's ordained! She's ordained not to fall. She won't fail. She's predestinated to it. "Blessed is the man to whom God will not impute sin." You ministers know what I'm speaking of. There are a couple of dozen of you sitting here. See? "Blessed is the man to whom God will not impute sin" (Rom. 4:8).

Notice, we're being redeemed back to Him; going home, back to Eternal Life in a human body, eating, drinking, living for ever. Isaiah said, "They build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat the fruit. They'll not build, and another take it." The children won't take it, but they'll be there with their offspring. He'll build it and stay there. Amen. He won't sow, and another eat; He builds and eats for himself. Amen! What is it? His Bride going back with Him, redeemed back to the original Adam and Eve again. For the old life is left behind. They look back at the cross and see that death has been paid. And now by faith we are resurrected with Him, sitting in heavenly places right now, looking back to what redeemed us, waiting for the Husband to come, to march on home with Him.

The threefold purpose of God is manifested in Adam and Eve, and every prophet, and down through the ages, and He that was, He that is, and He that is to come. It's the whole manifestation, the revelation of the Word of God: Adam and Eve going back home again, redeemed; God making Himself known.

There He'll sit upon the Throne of David (is that right?), and shall rule all nations with a rod of iron. There'll be a tree on each side, and their leaves will be for the healing of the nations. The kings shall bring their honour unto it. There'll be nothing that can defile ever enter in. **And Mount Zion will have a Light on her all day and night, and the Redeemed shall walk in that Light!** Oh, hallelujah!

To think it's not a mythical story; it's not some theological conception; **it's a revelation of Jesus Christ by His Word, which has shone out and been true in all ages! And it's true in this age! It's true here now. It's true with me. It's true with you, and with every man and woman that holds this revelation.** Amen.

And see God Himself making Himself known and pulsating Himself through the Life by which you're a prisoner to Him now. You are His love prisoner. The world can laugh, make fun and say, "Come on out." You could go, but you're a prisoner. There, the women can act like Hollywood, but not you; you're a prisoner. Amen. See, you're a prisoner to Christ. Other men can smoke and drink and carry on if they want to, and call themselves Christians, deacons, and even preachers, but not you; you're a prisoner. You're prisoner to the Word. Yes, sir!

He's making His mystery known to His Bride Tree, redeemed by Christ, the second Adam; going back home to be restored back to the original Eden; free from death, sickness, sorrow, shame; going back with Eternal Life. Then - Listen. So many people have got the wrong conception. To convert people to Christianity and to its government is not God's thought at all.

You say, "We make converts to Christianity by His government."

That's not it.

"Well, they're not supposed to drink; they're not supposed to lie."

Do you know the Mohammedans can outshine that? Do you know the heathens in Africa (those black men) have got laws among their tribes that'll outshine anything you can produce in Christianity?

Why, I went to that tribe of Shungai there. If a young girl isn't married by a certain age, she has to leave the tribe, take off her tribal paint. She goes into the city; she's just a roustabout. Before she's married, she has to be tested for her virginity. If she be found guilty of committing adultery with some man, she has to tell who it is, and they're both killed together.

Oh, they can outshine these so-called Christians. What if you did that among so-called Christians? Ninety-nine per cent of them would die before daylight. That's right. Both men and women. You know that's right.

What if you say, "Well, I'm pure!"

"Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her in his heart already." Now what about that? What about you, Sister, that presented yourself before that man like that? You're just as guilty as if you did it.

"Oh, but it's all right." Pastors are afraid to say that, because 'Why? His denominational headquarters will kick him out if he gets straight on that. They're hybrid. They don't take the Word. The Word says that's true. Jesus said that it's true, and He's the Head.

Now notice, God is making Himself known. We're not supposed to make converts to Christianity by a government, but by the *revelation* of Christ in you as God was in Christ. As God was in Christ, Christ is in you. What God did in Christ, Christ does in you. What signs God did in Christ, Christ does in you. Oh, isn't that beautiful? Oh my! I like that.

Jesus said at that day (that's this day, when this revelation is made known) you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me - when the revelation is made manifest. At that day, ye shall know that I and the Father are One. I'm in the Father, and the Father's in Me. Then, when the revelation comes forth, it's I in you and you in Me.

There you are. Do you see the manifested threefold purpose? What for? To bring it back! We've got to be living manifestations.

As Jesus was the Word of God, He vindicated the same. If He weren't the Word, He wouldn't have made manifest the Word. He'd have been some great theologian. That would've been the real Messiah the world was looking for. See? Yes, sir. That would have been He. That's what they're looking for today, somebody who can exceed Billy Graham, or somebody who can smother down by their organisation, come up and show those Baptists they know where they're standing. Certainly. They're looking for that. But the Church is looking for the humility and the signs of the Living God, Christ.

Jesus wasn't a great theologian. He was a common peasant, a carpenter's son (so-called). See? He walked around, but He said, "Some of you show Me what the Bible says that I will do that I haven't manifested."

So the Church can do the same thing today. What Christ did, so does the Church do now. "In that day you'll know that I am in the Father and the Father's in Me, I in you and you in Me." See? There you go, marching on to Zion. Where? To the Kingdom. "At that day, you will know that I'm in you."

And watch here. Here's the beautiful thing. I don't want you to miss this. Now everybody, and you people with the tape, out in the jungles and wherever you hear it, now listen. "And as the Father has sent Me, so send I you," Jesus said. See? Now watch. The Father that sent Him went in Him to vindicate Himself right, for He was the Word. And the same Jesus that sends you, goes with you and in you to vindicate the same God. "As the Father has sent Me (and I live by the Father), so I'll send you and you'll live by Me." What is He? He's the Word. You live by the Word. Oh, how I would like to take a text on that and preach about a couple of hours on it (see?).

Notice. And the "Father that sent Me" went with Him. The Jesus that sends us goes with us. "A little while and the world won't see Me any more, yet ye shall see Me, for I" (personal pronoun: I, the Person, Jesus) "will be with you, even in you to the end of the world. The works that I do shall you do also." Now, go back and see what He did; then see what you do, and then compare yourself

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. And as it was in the days of Lot ..." A modern Billy Graham and Oral Roberts went down into Sodom and preached to those Sodomites and blinded their eyes (see?) with the Gospel. One Angel stayed back (a Messenger) with Abraham and the Elected group. And what kind of a Sign did He do? See? And what did Abraham call Him? *Elohim*, God manifested in flesh. Jesus, showing that He Himself (God in Him) will be manifested in His Bride in the last days! Oh my! There is just no end to it. It's a revelation of God. It's Eternal. It just keeps moving on and on and on.

Notice. Then one like the first Adam and Eve (before sin separated them in death), now Christ, the second Adam, in Life redeems His Bride from death; and He's now on His way back to the original Eden, restoring back His Bride into fellowship with God, as Husband and Wife in the Garden of Eden, Christ and His Bride.

At that day, the Kingdom be given over to the Father, that He might be All in all. "While he's yet speaking, I'll hear" (David and Christ; David sitting on the Throne, the King over the whole human race). "And while they're yet thinking, I'll know what they're thinking about: before they speak, I'll answer. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together. The lion shall eat straw like a bullock. They shall feed together and lie down. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy Mountain." It's

right back exactly to Eden again as hard as it can go. There's your threefold purpose. Oh God, help us to know it; help us to know it!

Listen closely now again as we go on, going back to the original Eden. Then when we are born of Him, we are filled with Him. See, His Life is in you. Then all of our actions should declare Him. It's like taking life out of one tree, and putting it into another. Take life out of a pear tree and put it in an apple tree, it'll bear pears. It's got to, because the sap, the life in it, the germ, is a pear tree. All right. Then all of our actions should declare Him.

We have His Name. Is that right? We should bear His Name.

And remember, we are, now as His Bride pregnated with His Spirit. Oh my! The Church bearing children (see?), pregnated by His Spirit with His Name, bearing His Name, bearing His Life, bringing forth the signs of His Life, evident with the pre-eminence, evidence of His Resurrection, showing that He is not dead, but alive for evermore! This is Eternal Life! And it vindicates to the world that we are alive in Him. Whew!

How do you know? (Because you're a church member?) Because Christ is living through you; you're so pregnated with His Spirit that you're a prisoner to nothing else. You're confined (oh my!) to the Gospel, confined to the Word. And all the children that you can bring forth are that, because you're a prisoner.

You can't commit adultery, you're already pregnated. Glory! The womb of life is closed to anything else. You're already His by predestination. That Seed has come to Life. No world can get in. Oh, how we'd like to stay on this for about an hour! I'm sure you understand. You're Christ's and His alone, already finished; the Seed was there. The Seed was already there. When was it put there? Before the foundation of the world. It has predestinated us unto Eternal Life. And as soon as the Life-giving flow appears, that Seed lying there, germinates. Other seeds that wanted to come in wouldn't take hold, just couldn't do it. But when that Seed came in, quickly it stopped up the womb; all the rest of the seed was driven out (see? like that), and you became a prisoner surrounded in Christ - Christ in you, His Life bringing forth His evidence, His signs. Oh my! my! my! Look, it's bringing His signs of Life as evidence of His Resurrection, proving to the world that Eternal Life vindicates that we're alive in Him, and (think of it!) alive with God our Redeemer, Who created us for the very same purpose (the Church) with His creative Life in us. That is, Moses could say by the Word of God, "Let there come flies," and there came flies. A God that can make flies can make squirrels. See? He can do whatever He wants to, because He's God.

The very same God (that creative Life, you see?) that's in you can create. You're a prisoner-, you can't speak it till He says, "Speak it;" but when it is spoken, it's God's Word. He's vindicated it to be so; everything else is right, and He knows when that's spoken, it's got to be so. See? Moses took his rod and said, "Let there come frogs" because God said, "Let there come frogs." He just transmitted it on out. That's right. And frogs were in everything-, everywhere were frogs. Where did they come from? Nobody knows; they weren't there before. But the Creator-God working through a man created things, a living species. The very God that made the first frog can make the second frog. He makes all frogs. Oh my! You see what I mean? He made the first squirrel, makes the second squirrel, makes any squirrel; He can make squirrels where there is no squirrel. He can do anything He wants to! **He's God!** He's God; He has Life. Oh my!

Now to think of it makes me shiver. Oh, to live with Him, going home with Him to live with Him, going home with Him to live with Him for ever, having Eternal Life!

This is God's great mystery of love expressed, that God and man became one. See? The whole thing is God and man one. God and man were one there, and God and man are one here. See? What is it? Being filled with His Spirit, He having the pre-eminence. That was God's achievement. That's God's purpose to do that, that He might be in Christ and Christ in us, and all of us together one in the Holy Spirit. The same thing that revealed it to Christ reveals it here, the supernatural creative power. Oh my!

The same God that could say to Moses, "Let there come frogs," the same One can stand up there and say, "Let this water be turned to wine." See? Amen. Is that right? He's the same God, the same One; He just doesn't change. It's God in man. That's His manifestation. That's what He's revealing. That's what He's trying to do. And God's Own Word reveals and shows that man cannot create (God's the Creator), and it isn't man any more, it's God the Creator in man, which is His Church now (Amen!), going home to Heaven, to live with Him. God ever expresses Eternal love to the Church.

Listen! Listen close now. I don't want you to fall to grasp this. No other church, no other sign, no other fellowship, no other government, no other testimony, no other creed, no denomination is accepted outside of this. It's the only thing that God recognises. Outside of it there's no fellowship, no church, no creed, no denomination, nothing-, everything else is dead. They are fragments that have to be cut off, pruned away from the thing, that Christ might live with pre-eminence in you. I'm not referring back, I've got one lying here that says, "It's my organisation..." That's got to be cut off too. "I've got my so-and-so here; it says this." "My mother will tell me I'm a holy roller." That's got to be cut off too. "Well, I know my husband wants me to wear these shorts." That's got to be cut off too. See? It's got to be cut off and pruned till there's just you and Christ alone. See? Yes! Think!

It's got to be cut off by the Living Presence of the Living Christ, by the Living Word (oh!), the Living Christ, the Living Presence, the Living Word. Watch! **It's His Own personal vindication that proves it is His Church**, not the members. He never did it in the days of Moses. He never did it in the days of anybody else at the end of the world, when it came to the, place where it was the destruction. In the days of Lot it wasn't membership. It was personal vindication, God in flesh (see?), personal vindication.

Remember! **Think of it, that people are being born of His Spirit in a day like this (in this great denominational age in which we live), and that the Living God takes His Living Word and vindicates it personally. This Life that's in the Word, the germ that's in the Seed (for the Word is the Seed that a sower went forth to sow), is the Life of Christ in the Word personally in you vindicating something that you cannot do, proving that it's not you, but it's He Himself. And you become one, a love slave to Him, to be a Bride.**

Thanks be to the Living God, Who created the heavens and the earth and all that's in the midst. No wonder He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, He that was, which is, and shall come, the root and offspring of David, the bright and the Morning Star. He's All in all.

**His Presence in the individual with a personal vindication of Himself expressing Himself, the Living Word that's promised for the day expressing Itself through you, a vindication of the great revelation of God. Look, it's only in an individual, never in a group - an individual, not in a group. His identification is with the individual.** You grasp that? Not with the Methodist, not with the Baptist, not the Presbyterian, not the Lutheran, not the Pentecostals, but with an individual. "I'll take one and leave one. I'll separate them." That's right. "There'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one." It's not a group. **It is a personal vindication of a pregnated child of God filled with the Holy Ghost, so surrendered to God that he doesn't care about anything else, for the Holy Spirit is living Its Life, pulsating through him, showing the personal vindication of the Word Itself expressing Itself to the people and to the world.**

How can the world blindly walk by something like that? It's just the same as when the Catholics walked by St. Patrick and didn't recognise him till after he was dead. It's the same thing as they did to St. Martin (they didn't recognise it), the same thing as they did in all ages. It's the same thing as they did to Joan of Arc. The Catholic church burned her, for a

witch, because she was spiritual. About a hundred- and-fifty years later they dug up the bodies of those priests and threw them in to do penance.

It goes right by them, and they don't recognise it till it's gone. It only picks up the predestinated Seed that God predestinated before the foundation of the earth. The same thing came through in the days of Noah. The same thing came through in the days of Moses, the days of Elijah, the days of the prophets, the days of Jesus, on down through unto this very hour! The person's pregnated with the Seed of God, the Word in there manifesting Itself, he being so surrendered to the will of God that the Word and the Word alone manifests Itself in this person - to the prisoner, to an individual.

No one can say, "My church did it." "My church" has nothing to do with it. It's an individual, one person. All hell is against THIS teaching. All hell's against this Truth, but it is the Truth. Jesus never said, "Now Peter, you and John and all the rest of the disciples, you've got the revelation now; the whole church is saved." It was to him personally. "I say unto **thee**" - **thee**, not to them, to **thee** - "thou art Peter, and upon this rock I'll build My Church." And the word *Peter*, means a stone; *stone* means the confessed -one, or the separated one.

It's upon a certain stone, upon a certain thing (see?), something called out (the Church is called out), upon this stone, upon this revelation. "Flesh and blood never revealed it to you, but upon **this revelation** (called out group) I'll build My Church in them, and all the gates of hell will never be able to withstand it. Not one hair of your head shall perish. You're Mine; I'll raise you up in the last day, give you Eternal Life and raise you up at the last day." There it is, the revelation. Not *them*, but an individual; not a group, an individual. All hell's against it.

**But His mystery is only revealed to His beloved Bride. That's the only one could see it.** He said, "Well did Isaiah speak of you, you hypocrites, you snakes in the grass. You go out here and say, 'Oh, the great holy prophets, we marked their tombs; we polished them.'" He said, "You're the ones that put them in there." Did He say it?

It's the same thing that He would say to the Catholic churches in their days, when they were sent prophets before they had Nicaea, Rome, and they let those old prophets come out of there eating grubs and things out of the ground, not even with clothes on, with sheepskins wrapped around them, when the prophets tried to stand for that Truth of the Bible.

But the Catholic church wanted their intellectual conception. Then they brought out St. Irenaeus, Polycarp, Martin, all the rest of them. And what did they do? They put them in the tomb: Joan of Arc, St. Patrick and the rest of them. They put them in there, but now come back and whiten the walls, as they did in the case of Joan of Arc. What did they do? They put them in there!

Now, I say as His Spirit calls to you, "whited walls, you hypocrites, calling yourselves something, when you take the intellectual conception of man and let the Word go, instead of becoming pregnated with the Seed of God, the Word in you. You've taken every other hybrid seed."

No wonder she sits as a whore, because she commits spiritual fornications, teaching the people things of man and not things of God. But, He said, "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's will to give you the Kingdom." That's right. Certainly. There we have it.

The Bible in Revelation says this great city reigned over all the kings of the earth, says that she was a whore. What is that? A woman that claims to be a lady and commits fornication. She had in her hand a cup of toast to the world filled with the filthiness of the abominations of her fornications. And she had daughters: the Protestant churches. And every one came out of her with her same false doctrines (see?), baptisms; shaking hands instead of the baptism of the Holy Ghost; and their false doctrine of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and all of that, instead of taking the Name of the Bridegroom; and so forth. You say, "It doesn't make any difference." It does.

If instead of my name on a cheque I put "the Reverend," "the Minister," or so forth, that won't cash anything. That's right. It's turned down at the bank.

All right. But all this mystery is revealed only as He promised to His Bride. Hell is against this Truth of the revelation of this mystery. But the Bride is standing on it. That's Her stand.

**Why do you hunger, Church? Why do you thirst? It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you, but you let so many things get it out of you. You let your job, you let your wife, you let your husband, you let your children, you let your cares of the world, you let some pastor, you let somebody else get that out of you, when you know that right down in your heart you're thirsting, hungry. It's God trying to reveal it to you (see?), the revelation. The last day is here.**

Notice, now. Let's look back again; I can't pass all of this. See? I want you to look here just a minute now; and we'll close in just a few minutes if you'll just give me your undivided attention for a minute.

Notice, in the Book of Colossians, 18th verse:

*And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,- that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

He is the Head of the Church which is His Body, and He wants the preeminence. Listen now. Listen close while we're going.

Watch. He is to be the Head of the Body, His Bride's Body, which is taken from Him, flesh and bone as in Adam (see?), the Bride, born from the dead (see?), that's born from the dead, the sin of unbelief. What killed Eve? Unbelief! Is that right? Unbelief in what? Her unbelief in God? No, she had faith in God. Certainly. Did she say, "There is no God"? No, sir, she wasn't an infidel. Well, did she say, "You know, I don't believe His Word at all"? Oh no, she believed all **but one little thing**. See?

Now didn't the Bible say over in the Book of Revelation, Jesus Himself, "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify of these things unto you. Whosoever shall take one word from It, or add one word to It..."? And if all this heartache and sorrow had come because a woman doubted one Word of God; will He let you back doubting one Word? He would be unjust. See, that wouldn't be right, but condemned. Here's one man standing; he caused all of his heartache because of one word doubted, then he goes ahead and takes years of experience and everything in the Bible and so forth, while the others have given their lives for It; and then for him to be told, "Oh, you can go ahead and eat it. That's all right. I'll let you back anyhow." Indeed, God is no respecter of persons. But is that all?

Now look. He is the Head of the Body that's born from the sin of unbelief in God's Word. That excuses every denomination, every creed (see?), for their unbelief in the Word, which is He Himself, the Word of Life. See? The Word alone has Life. Any other word is a hybrid. No matter how much it looks like it, it isn't the Word. The Word produces Its Own Life, that which Eve swapped for personal knowledge (see how the church has done that today through some man's understanding?). Moses had a great understanding of God till he met the burning bush, then he saw his failure. The burning bush had what Moses lacked. The Word's got what the denomination lacks.

He, the Head, is the first fruits of the resurrection. (We'll go off this revelation after just a little while longer, if you say so. All right; just a little bit now.) He is the first fruits of the resurrection. Is that right? Then what is He? He's the Head of the Body, which is His Church, Bride. Then the Bride body must follow the Head, for it is part of His Resurrection and part

of the mystery. It's impossible for it not to do so and go. Oh my! It's part of God's mystery. As God revealed Himself here and raised it up by the Word, so He reveals the Church and- raises it up by the same Word. It's a part of His threefold mystery.

As the Head was taken from the grave, so must the Body follow Him back 'to Eden. Where the Head of the family, the Man, the Bridegroom goes, the Bride, being the Body of the Bridegroom, must follow, because He's the Head. And the Head's revealed and come back with Eternal Life; and the Body must follow that, because it is Husband and Wife again. Amen! And as long as you're pregnated with the same Word, which is His Body, you took His Body, became in Him when you took the Word - not the creed, the Word. (Oh, my! Wouldn't that make a text for this afternoon? My, wouldn't that be wonderful? See? Just think of it now, what it is.) **Therefore, the Body cannot recognise (don't you fail to catch this) - the Body, therefore, cannot recognise any other headship but the Word, because the Head is connected with the Body. And the Head is the Word, and it's the same Word - one Headship.** Therefore, denominations and holy fathers and everything else are dead to It. There's one Headship, that's Christ. The Body only recognises one thing: the Word.

Now, show me where somebody was baptised into the Body in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? And what have you recognised? See, I realise I'm talking to thousands on tape, as you know. We've got a tape ministry around the world. In what name are you baptised? For there's not another name given under Heaven (says the Word) whereby man can be saved. And if you're baptised to show your belief in Christ and then take on a creed name, you're a hybrid.

If you're not exactly like that church and exactly like their teaching, then, you Catholic people (see"), how can you go under the jurisdiction of a pope now, saying that he is a successor in an apostolic succession from Peter; while this pope and this church teaches so contrary to this first Word, which God recognised by signs and wonders to be His Church? If you see that same Word being brought forth today in its purity, showing the same resurrection that He had there, God living among His people doing the same things, then how can you recognise the headship in *Rome*? Our Headship is in Heaven. I'm not going to Rome; I'm going to Heaven when I die. See, see? The Headship is in Heaven.

And the Body must follow the Head, as the wife follows the husband. Adam was not deceived; he walked out with Eve. Eve was deceived. She was in the transgression, or the entire resurrection of the whole body would have come forth at the day of the Lord Jesus, when He came forth from the grave. But He had to redeem Her, which is His Body. She has to be redeemed in order to come to Him. Do you see it? Oh my! See? It couldn't happen then. The redemption is going on.

Now you see the Seals. Then He was in His mediatorial work back there redeeming. But some day He comes forth to get this Book that He's redeemed, and all that are in this Book will be He Himself, for that's the believer. The Word's in the Book, and the Word is He, and all that are in It. He come forth for this Book of Redemption, whose names are written in the Book from before the foundation of the world when He was slain as a Lamb. And here He is today in His Word, manifesting the same thing He did there. His Church can't recognise another headship. No, sir. No bishop, nobody. She recognises one Headship, which is Christ, and Christ is the Word. Oh my! Whew! I love that! Yes sir!

As the Head was taken up from the grave, so must His Body follow Him into Eden. Therefore, the Body cannot recognise any other headship, but the Headship of the Word. No denomination can add anything to it. For whosoever shall take one word away from It or add one word to It is taken away from It: you're dead, hybrid, right there. She's back here with this testimony in her hands, the filthiness of her fornications, committing spiritual adultery against the very Word that she claims to believe. See? Therefore, it's the Word or nothing. That's right.

How do you know it's right? He, the Word, is vindicated. See? He, the Word properly vindicated, is the Headship, the Head of the Church. He is the Word, the Headship. He's properly identified, vindicated by His Own Spirit being in the Church itself (the individual). Showing forth Himself in vindication is the direct proof to the entire Body. You don't need creeds then. Denominations have perished, but the Headship Itself, recognised in the Body by personal identifications (see? identifying Himself), proves the Headship to the Body. Then we are united under One vindicated Headship, that is Christ, the Word of God, not under any church. Then our Headship is a Kingdom.

"The Kingdom of God is within you," says the Bible (Jesus). We're not a denomination. We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life, bringing to pass every promise in this day as it did in that day, when the Word and God were One. And the Word and God are One in His Church today, making It the Headship of the Body that is redeemed to bring the Message in the last days and be taken up from the dead in the resurrection, and go back and be restored again as Adam and Eve in the beginning of the Garden of Eden. Here's the threefold mystery of God and His Body. Oh my!

Notice closely, now. It's like, in types, Israel of old. (Am I taking too much time here? Now, we haven't got but about twenty more pages. See? But just a little bit now, and then I'll let you all go till next summer or some time, if the Lord is willing. See?)

Now look. We're united together under one Headship in a like manner of type to Israel of old. Now, are you getting it? As to Israel of old, one God, vindicated by a Pillar of Fire, revealed Himself through a prophet to be the Word. It's the same God, same Pillar of Fire, same way. He cannot change His way. It's just as perfect as it can be, isn't it? See? One God.

How many gods did Israel have? (Congregation replies "One" - Ed.) How many has the Bride got? (Congregation replies "One" - Ed.) How many will there ever be? (Congregation replies "One" - Ed.) Of course! See? They were under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, which was the Pillar of Fire in the days of Moses, the great prophet. He was directed by a Pillar of Fire. Is that right? All right. They were going to a promised land.

And in the Christian age there was one God which appeared in the form of a Pillar of Fire to a prophet called Paul, who was sent to the Gentiles to take a people out for His Name's sake. Is that right?

And in the last days He has come down in like manner vindicating Himself (see?) in the same signs, same wonders, same Pillar of Fire, same Gospel, same Word, same manifestations. His Body will do the works that He promised, as in Mark 16, and so forth.

His body was not held in the grave, but was recognised with Him in the Resurrection. Do you get it? Then the Body of His believing children will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognised with Him, because He died for the purpose of resurrecting His Bride, the Body: recognised, because it is His Body, because it's the Word. It's so completely yielded from denominations and things to Him: and He is the Word. See? And it's recognised with Him, because now we have the firstfruit of our resurrection (to know that we have passed from death unto Life), become prisoners of His, and God is proving to us by His personal Headship that He is the same yesterday, today, and for ever, by doing the same things through the Church that He did then. He in me, and I in Him (and you know it), and so forth. That's right. His body was not held in the grave. It was recognised with Him in the Resurrection, the same as He is now.

Listen, it means this: His Word (which He is) has begun to be resurrected. The Word that was down through the ages of Luther and Wesley (see?) has begun to rise up in its power. There It began to move. Then It moved a little more. Now It's coming up to identification. See? Watch. Now the Life in the Body is a vindication that the Rapture is at hand. When you see the Headship and the Body becoming One and the fullness of the measure of His Manifestation, it shows that the Body is about ready to be received to the Headship.

"Nations are breaking, Israel's awakening..." Do you see what I mean? He has begun to give Life to His Body (why?), the one that He has redeemed. The mediatorial work is done. He's bringing His Life to the Body in the vindication for the Rapture. Remember, now, it's the last day.

If you'll just bear with me on this just a little bit now, it'll be all right. I don't want you to miss it. I've got to make this tape now, seeing I've gone this far.

One more great remark I want to make, if I have to postpone a little of it. Now notice. Listen to this. Now is the great thing. Now is where we want to watch. Remember, the last days will exactly go back and vindicate the first day. See? Adam and Eve, husband and wife, no sin, Life! Then came the fall. Notice closely. She got twisted up.

Notice. What caused it? Lucifer. Lucifer is doing now as he did the first time. Just as the kingdom of the Gentiles was brought in, with King Nebuchadnezzar, God vindicated to the Gentile races a prophet who could interpret unknown tongues, visions, dreams. And it's come, down through the Gentiles without anything proving wrong, just Medo-Persians, and iron and so forth; and in the feet it goes out the same way again (the Gentile kingdom).

Notice, Lucifer in the last days is doing as he did at the first. What did Lucifer do? The first thing that Lucifer did was to separate the fellowship of God and man. He wanted to build him a united kingdom with greater splendour and seemingly more cultured, a greater kingdom than Michael (Christ) had. You catch it? Now, if you miss it, just hold up your hand, and I'll say it again. You see? See, Lucifer ` at the beginning, his purpose in heart was to achieve a brighter and greater thing in Heaven than Christ had (is that right?), by seemingly a more cultured, more beautiful kingdom with more splendour than the Kingdom of Christ. Do you think we'll have automobiles in the Millennium? And airplanes? See? See what Lucifer's doing?

Now, the big fancy intellectual denominations are doing the very same thing, gathering themselves together to do the same thing. See? They are gathering and denominating themselves, each one trying to beat the other. And now they've got so much splendour they don't know what to do but to unite it with the Catholic church. See? Lucifer is again building a bigger kingdom, to push out people that don't believe in denominations, and even take their church buildings and make storerooms, over which the pastors of such have no rights at all. And a man that is a God-sent man would never stay in a denomination after hearing this or seeing it, if he's got enough light to go out and look at it. Certainly. See? I don't say that critically. I say that truthfully (see?), to see that revealed.

**Notice, in these last days, Lucifer is doing the same thing. Can you see it? The devil is doing the same thing, building up a hybrid church - a hybrid, by hybrid members, hybrid by knowledge instead of the Word, by intellectual men instead of born-again men, building an intellectual kingdom that will outshine Christ's little flock. See? What is it that is doing that? FALLEN ANGELS! The Bible said it was fallen angels who -listened to Lucifer instead of Christ, whom they once belonged to. Is that right?**

**Now listen close. Fallen angels! What kind of angels? Lutherans, Wesleyans, Catholics, Pentecostals, who kept not their first estate like the angels did and have fallen into organisations like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea. And what have they done? Organised a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image unto the beast (as the Bible said) and are building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work?** I'm trying to bring you the threefold revelation, a mystery of God. What did they do? They sold out to reasonings of wisdom and education as Eve did, as fallen angels did.

Wesley was a man of God, but what followed him? **Fallen angels got into it.** What were the angels at first? Created beings of God. But they fell for Lucifer's wisdom, fell for Lucifer's wisdom. And you see what they became? Fallen angels. **And the organisations were from men of God who had gone forth to establish truths in the earth. But before that truth could go along and be proclaimed and get on to the real revelation of Christ, fallen angels came in and took it over and made denominations out of it.**

**That's the reason the revelation of the Seven Seal mystery had to be unfolded. Now do you see it?** However they left off. If Luther had gone on, it would have been here. If Wesley had gone on, if Pentecost had gone on, what would they have done?

Now, there's only one thing can happen. There has to be a Message at the end time when there is nothing else that can follow it. And now the ecumenical world has set up such a regime, that there can be no denomination or anything else to follow it. You're either in it or you're not in it. The fruit is in the top of the tree, and the Light is shining on that predestinated fruit, and she's ripening into Christ-like fruit, bringing forth the same mellowness and sweetness and the same Spirit that He had in Him. I hope you see it! See, I try to put too much into one day. I wear you out.

So look, they sold out to reasonings, sold out to reasonings of denominations, "If I can just belong to this. The mayor goes to this church." See? "If I can be a Methodist or a Presbyterian." Just look where they have gone. Now, I , ve just explained that those limbs are pruned off. They're dead. They're not connected with Christ any more; they would be bringing the same life. They're not connected with it, but they're like a citrus fruit. Any citrus fruit will live on a citrus tree, but it'll bring its own fruit. You put a grapefruit in an orange tree, it'll live by the orange tree, but it'll bring forth grapefruit. You put a lemon in there (it's a citrus fruit), it'll bring forth an old sour lemon, but it's living off of the life. And that's what denominations are doing under the name of the Church. It's the Bride that's the original Tree, the original Spirit. The revelation comes from Christ, not the denomination, from Christ.

Notice. What's the denomination trying to do? Exalt itself like Lucifer. They call themselves the church, the bride, which they are (in Revelation 17, which we spoke of), the false bride, above Christ's little flock, the Bride. Lucifer thinks and exalts himself above the humble Word of God's Truth by the knowledge of the revelation, and has placed himself by seminary education and theology until they have got themselves exalted. And if you don't belong in their group, then you are an outcast.

(Blank space on tape - Ed.) ... Like Lucifer did in the beginning, saying to the people just exactly what Lucifer said to Eve: "Surely God will receive us; we feed the poor (that's good). Surely. He will receive us; we are a great denomination; we are a beautiful church. Why, look at our great buildings. Look at our great membership. We stand in the millions. Surely God will not turn that group down." It's the same thing that Cain did. He brought in the pretty fruits from the ground that he had tilled; he toiled, and worked, and brought in the fruits, and rejected the humble blood of the lamb.

God have mercy that men and women will not think I'm saying this to exalt some personal revelation or something. I'm only telling you the Truth. Can't you see what they're doing? I speak it loud and harsh, but you've got to drive home a nail till it clinches if it's going to do any good (see?). Then you will see it. See?

Now, the people are saying, "Surely! Do you mean to tell me that our great Catholic church that's stood all this time, our great Methodist church, and all of them did that? Look at our forefathers." See? But they broke the Word of the Lord. And Eve was God's, one of His. She was a by-product of Adam. And because she doubted one word of God's Word, it did it.

And here is Lucifer at his job again today. And remember, the antichrist is not communism. The antichrist is so close to the real thing, that it'd deceive the very Elected if it were possible, Jesus said (Matthew 24). Lucifer again is breaking God's unity in man by his limiting the Word of God to his reasonings, to what he thinks is right; but in what he thinks he breaks the Word of God. And the same thing he did in the days of Jesus. And Jesus said, "You by your traditions have

made the Word of God of none effect." And the denominations by their organised intellectual reasonings have made God's Word of none effect to the people. That's right. They just can't see it. And then they say, "Where is the God of the Bible?" He's right here. He's the Bible, that's what He is.

Notice now, Lucifer comes in cunningly and breaks the unity of God to man just as he did in Eden by great temptations of promises of self-power and exaltation. "Why, you might become a bishop if you will just stay with us. You might become a district presbyter. Why would you go to something like that?" See? That's the Pentecostals, the Catholics, and so forth. See? A great false promise to man to receive power outside of the Word and promise of God. You receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you, not when you become a bishop or a deacon, or whatever else. See? But Lucifer's at his job again.

Does this church understand that? Raise your hand so that I'll see it. All right, I won't stay with it any longer then.

He is breaking apart from the Word of God. See? He did the same at Nicaea, Rome. You know what Constantine gave them? You went through the Church Ages. They didn't have anything, but just Christ. And they sat in little old buildings anywhere they could, on hard rock floors. You know that, if you have taken the *Nicaean Council* and the *Pre-Nicaean Council* and the *Nicaean Fathers* and so forth, and the history of the church. They had nothing. But when they had this council and introduced some of the Roman paganism into Christianity, and put in "holy men" and bishops and so forth, and popes, and all of this kind of nonsense, what did Constantine give them? I ask any theologian to tell me! He gave them property. He gave them freedom and all that they wanted. And they swapped the Word of God for the wisdom and culture of man! And that's the same thing Lucifer did then, as he did in the Garden of Eden. And they died right there. The Pentecostal church died at Nicaea, Rome, but to be resurrected in the Bride Tree in the last days.

Notice, Lucifer comes in (cunningly as he did then) and by temptations and false promises of power apart from the Word of God. He did the same at Nicaea, Rome. He's doing the same today in the World Council of Ecumenical Churches.

"Let's all unite together," the pope says. "I want all my ecumenical brethren out there to unite with me. We're one." That's right. In organisations you are one. But that has nothing to do with the Bride of Christ, not a thing, brother. You'll never wash Her in anything like that.

Now, it is promised in the last days that the original faith is the same as is to be restored to the children of God at the time of the Bride Tree (Malachi 4). God said, "Before the world burns up with fire, behold I send to you Elijah the prophet, and he will restore the faith of the children." Now that wasn't the first Elijah that came. No, no. Now, we don't teach here Elijah's mantle and Elijah's blankets and all those things like that. We just teach the Word of God. See? That's what He said. See, we've got all kinds of Elijah this and Elijah that, which is nonsense. We know that. I'm not talking about that. And you that are spiritually minded understand., See as the hour's getting late, we can't put it all on this tape, of course.

Now, the promise is for the last days, Jesus said in Matthew, the 11th chapter, the 7th verse, when John sent his disciples to see if He really was the One, "Whom did you go out to see? A reed shaken by the wind? Did you go out to see such- and-such?" He said, "Or did you go out to see a prophet?" He said, "More than a prophet." John was more than a prophet; he was the Messenger of the Covenant. And He said, "If you can receive it, this is he who is spoken of by the prophets, 'I'll send My Messenger before My face.'" Now that's in Malachi 3, not Malachi 4. Because with the Elijah that was to come in Malachi 4, the earth was to be burnt with a fervent heat and the righteous were to walk out in the Millennium upon the ashes of the wicked. So it is not that one. See?

Now we see the promise being fulfilled. Christ, the true Headship coming in His Bride, doing the same works that He did at the beginning, and making ready and fulfilling His Word as He did at first in John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Then the Head and the Body are becoming One in works and in sign and in Life, vindicated by God Himself through His promised Word for the last days. He promised this in the last days. Now' if you're spiritual, you'll catch it.

Then we can see that the Marriage Supper is at hand. **Now, if I never see you again, remember, the Marriage Supper is at hand!** And then the Kingdom according to the promise is ready to be ushered in, the great Millennium, the taking up of the Church, and the destroying of the wicked. And the world under the Sixth Seal is to be purified by volcanic action to take all the corruption and sin from the world and to mould her out again, and to bring forth a bright new Millennium for the age that is to come. When we see all these great threefold revelations: God in Christ, Christ in the Church, the Kingdom coming, Adam and Eve redeemed back to the Garden of Eden, and the representation of Christ and His Bride, then the Kingdom is going to be restored according to His promise. Praise be to God! Now, it's by the revelation of the threefold mystery (the secret) and by the personally vindicated Word, by His original Headship.

It's not by saying, "Well, glory to God, we shout; hallelujah, we sing." That's not it. I'm a missionary. I've been seven times practically over the world. See? I've seen heathens, devils and everything else dance and shout. I've seen all kinds of fleshly manifestations. That's carnal. But I'm talking about the Headship of Christ.

I Notice, being personally identified by the original Headship, we have the answer to the devil's questions. Amen! Glory! We have the answer to the devil's question. He, Christ, is risen and has paid the price and is raising up the Body. The devil can't stand it.

That's the reason these ecumenical kingdoms are setting themselves up. That's the reason they're all coming into what they are doing now. The devil, that's the reason he's howling the way he is. His wickedness, his scheme has been uncovered by the risen resurrected Christ in the Headship over His Body! Glory!

You think I'm beside myself; I'm not. We've got the answer to the devil. "It's not I, but a bit of the Christ, the Word, living in me." It's not my idea; it's His power. It's not my idea; it's His Word. He promised it, and here it is. He said it would be here, and here it is. We've got His answer.

**Christ is risen and has paid the price for our redemption. That which God manifested in Christ, He provided with flesh and Blood, in order that in the Blood might come the Life, and the flesh (of man) be redeemed; in order that the God in this redeemed flesh could manifest His Word for the day (our day) as He did in that day.** Whew! Glory! You see it? Oh my! When can I stop!

Notice it. And we stand justified in the Presence of God as a drop of ink dropping into a tub full of bleach. You'll never find the stain of the ink any more. It went somewhere. It'll never come back again. And when a man is truly redeemed (that predestinated Seed that sees it and accepts it), his sins are demolished. They're gone! They're separated! **They're dropped into the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ and are never to be remembered! God forgets it. And that one stands as a son or a daughter of God in the Presence of God.** Amen and amen!

Now are we the sons of God. Not we will be, we are. Now we're redeemed. We have the answer to Satan. God's vindicated Himself. God's proved Himself true to His promise in this day. Hallelujah! The Headship is here (Amen!) - Christ, the risen Lord! He's here in the same power of His resurrection that He ever was, manifesting Himself. There's the devil's answer.

That's the reason, when this man sitting here now dropped dead the other day, we could say: "Come back, life!" - because the Holy Spirit said so. That's why He could do the same to that little baby yonder in Mexico that had been dead for about fifteen hours. When the vision came, He said, "Call her back to life," so I said, "Let the little baby live." And the baby, that the doctors certified died at 9 o'clock that morning, at 11 o'clock that night came back to life, and is living today.

What is it? Not those people; the Headship and the Body have become One unit. It's God manifested in His people. That's the reason the husband and wife are no longer twain; they're one. God and His Church are One Christ in you! This is God's great revelation. Glory to God! Even to bearing His Name - His Name is Jesus, the Anointed. The reason He's called Jesus is that He is the Anointed. And it is the Anointed Body of Christ proving, manifesting God as that Body did. And that Body redeemed every one of these bodies.

And through there God works His threefold manifestation. We're going to the Kingdom: risen He paid the price. We're redeemed. God's proved it, vindicated it. See? And we stand justified in Christ before Him, because He cannot pass judgement, for He's already judged that Body of which I am a part. How am I a part of it? Here it is; it's in me. "If ye abide in Me and My words in you, then what you say, if you ask the Father anything in My Name, it'll be done" - because it's there. Justified! Glory to God!

Oh, if I could get the world to see that. Why? There you are, and there's the Body of Christ living, standing redeemed -- redeemed! Oh my, justified in His sight. Why are we justified? We are His victory. The Church is His victory. We came forth in these last days with this glorious Gospel showing His victory. He died for this purpose, and we are proof of His victory. Amen! When we see Him coming down and living among the Church, that's His victory. It shows that He couldn't be kept in the grave, neither can we be kept there. And we are already potentially risen, because we're raised from death - unbelief in His Word - from denominational creeds to the Eternal Word of the Eternal God, Who is He Himself working through us, manifesting Himself that He is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

And then the Word moves on down into the Body from the Head. What is it? This same Word. Nothing can be added or taken from It. So that same Word moves from the Head as the day comes close, down into the Body, vindicating that they are One. They're Husband and Wife. They're flesh of His flesh, Word of His Word, Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit. See? Amen! How do you know? It bears the same record, same fruit, same Word (see?), manifests Christ. It's the same Life, same God, same Spirit, same Word, same Book (Amen!), same signs. "The things that I do shall you do also." Oh hallelujah! My!

Notice, the vindicated Word in His Body is His very victory and the reason for His death. See, it was not in the Spirit that He died; He only died in the flesh. His Spirit went to hell and preached to the souls in prison. Is that right? Only His flesh died. Then He raised it up again and quickened it (*quicken* means make alive), His flesh, which was His Body (and that's the Word). It had been lying dead for years, but It gradually began to come alive in the reformation, and now the Bride's standing upon Her feet.

Oh, how I wish I had time to go back into Ezekiel and pull out those dry bones and show you! He said, "Can these bones live again?" He said, "Prophecy." How can prophecy come? Only through the prophet. It's the Word of the Lord. "Hear ye, ye dry bones, the Word of the Lord." And sinews, skin came upon them and they stood up a mighty army and they began to march toward Zion. Glory to God! That's He: that's the victory.

The ransomed of the Lord shall come to Zion with joy.  
All His holy Mountains, nothing hurt or shall destroy.

He proves His resurrected Life then after He vindicates Himself.

She, the Bride, is independent of all other. She's an independent woman, a great speckled bird that's different from all others. You remember the Bible on that? The great speckled bird? But she had His Name. She had His Life.

How did they speckle the bird? They were both white, and then they pulled the head off of one bird and drained the blood out upon the other bird. And the other bird was speckled with the red blood, and it flapped its wings like this; and the blood cried, "Holy, holy, holy" as it bathed the ground. So Christ, the dead Mate, put His Blood (His Blood from His Life) into us, spread out wings carrying His Blood crying, "Holy, holy, holy" unto the Lord. It's an odd looking bird. Certainly it is. But She, the Bride, is identified by Him, and She's independent of all others. "Keep thee only unto her as long as you both live." Keep thee only to Him, the Word. No adultery, not one sign of denomination, not one sign of creed, no adultery at all, the Word and Christ alone. "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand," said Eddie Pruitt.

That's in Christ, the Word. He was the Word; He is the Word. And the Church becomes the Word by His making Her a part of Him, and that's the Word again. She's personally identified by Him as His property alone. His property alone. She is redeemed **by Him, through Him, for Him** and for Him alone. That's right.

Then, what the devil is howling about is, that it's being revealed. We're in a dangerous time. Remember, the Scripture says that when these things begin to happen, time is no more; it's fading away. And when we see the manifestations: earthquakes - see those thousands killed the other day? earthquakes in divers places; He spoke of fearful sights in the skies - like pillars of fire floating around like flying saucers. They don't know what it is. See? They don't have any idea.

Did you notice the angels that came down and investigated Sodom before. Sodom was destroyed? You remember that? There was a group of them that came down, three of them. One of them stayed with Abraham. You remember that? They were Lights from Heaven that came down in investigating judgement. Look where they're all found. Around the Pentagon and things they find them. That's the world judgement, Sodom. And there's One Who will be represented amongst the churches, Christ Himself, vindicating Himself. See? Sights in the heavens above and signs on the earth below. Certainly. They're identified.

Oh, the devil's howling about this. The manifested Truth of the promise of the Word in Her alone. They don't have the answer. When Jesus came, why didn't those Pharisees recognise the Truth? He said, "If I cast out devils by the finger of God, whom do you cast them out by?" He stood alone, and His Church stands alone. She's not hooked with anything. But He was identified by God, being the Body that God dwelt in, and the Church is identified by His Body doing the same thing. She is His Body, the manifested Truth of His promised Word for the last days. And She and She alone stands by it. That's why the devil is howling through these great organisations to set up something to close her up. They'll never do it. **She'll be taken up, not closed up!**

She is now risen and by the power of the vindicated Word promised to Her. Amen! How a bride holds that promise! "He told me He would return for me. I believe it." See? Yes, sir. She's to meet Her Headship, Her Redeemer, Her Husband, Her King, Her Lord, Her Lover, Her Saviour in the provided meeting place. He's got a place to meet Her. You know the Bridegroom doesn't leave out anything. He's got the ring, the identification. He's got the robe that She wears, Her clothing. See? And He's got the provided place to meet Her; that's in the air. Everything has been all provided. He's got the Wedding Supper already set. The guests are already invited, already chosen. All the angels are standing around in service at attention. Oh-h-h!

Oh, there's going to be a meeting in the air,  
In the sweet, sweet by and by;  
I'm going to meet you, meet you over there,  
In that home beyond the sky.

Such singing you will hear, never heard by mortal ear,  
'Twill be glorious, I do declare.  
And God's Own Son will be the leading  
One (Full manifestation of God),  
At that meeting in the air (Oh my, watch His vindications now).

(The congregation continues singing - Ed.)

Don't you love that? Now, the threefold purpose of His great mystery of revelation has been revealed. He is the main One. That's the One. Oh my! Let's sing it. I just can't preach any more, I feel so good. See?

Have you heard of little Moses in the bulrush?  
You have heard of fearless David and his sling (They're all types);  
You have heard the story told of dreaming Joseph,  
And of Daniel and the lions we often sing.  
Oh, there's many, many others in the Bible (Which is He),  
And I long to meet them all, I do declare!  
By and by the Lord will surely let us meet them,  
At that meeting in ... (But there is one main One).

Oh, there's going to be a meeting in the air,  
In the sweet, sweet by and by;  
I'm going to meet you, and greet you over there,  
In that home beyond the sky.  
Such singing you will hear, never heard by mortal ear,  
'Twill be glorious I do declare!  
And God's Own Son will be the leading One At that meeting in the air.

Now, we're going to meet one another over there. Let all the Methodists, and Baptists, and whatever you are, that are born again of the Spirit of God, shake one another's hands as we sing it.

Oh, there's going to be a meeting in the air,  
In the sweet, sweet by and by;  
I'm going to meet you, and greet you over there,  
In that home beyond the sky.  
Such singing you will hear, never heard by mortal ear,  
'Twill be glorious, I do declare!  
For God's Own Son will be the leading  
One at that meeting in the air.

That's wonderful. See? See what He will be? Now look. We've just got to close, friends. It's nearly 2 o'clock. See? Wait till you get supper. I've just got page after page of this yet. See? You know, we're just going to have to close on this. There's no end to it. It's a revelation. It's Eternal as God's Word is Eternal.

Look. The threefold purpose of God's great mystery is revealed: God manifested in Christ, Christ manifested in the Church in order to redeem the lost Eve back to the original condition again. Oh my! Oh, there's going to be some great times on that day! It's right soon. We believe it. Don't you believe it?

I just think of that song every time I think about it, He vindicated Himself in Daniel, and in Moses, and in Jeremiah. What were they? The prophets that the Word came to (see?), those great men. See? "You've heard the story told of dreaming Joseph" (you see?), Daniel in the lions' den, and all these other ones. You know? What were they? I Prophets. See?

But the main One was the One Whom God was just temporarily typing in them. He typed Himself in Adam knowing what was right but walked out to redeem his wife because she was wrong. Christ didn't have to be sin, but He walked out and took sin to redeem His lost child. See, see? He typed Himself.

... And Moses in the bulrush,  
And you've heard of fearless David and his sling;  
You've heard the story told of dreaming Joseph (the prophet),  
And of Daniel and the lions we often sing.  
Oh, there are many, many others in the Bible,  
And I ... (They are in the Bible.) And I ... (They're all manifested in Him, though. See? Without Him they're all gone. See?)  
And I have to become part of that to be He. Amen! See?).  
How I long to meet them all, I do declare (That's right)!  
But God's Own Son will be that leading  
One at that meeting in the air.

Hebrews 11 says, "They could not be made perfect without us." Hands and feet cannot be perfect without the brains, the knowledge, the head, and so forth. See? And we're all perfected in Him. So by one Spirit we're all baptised into one Body, free from judgement; passed from death. Amen! God's Own Son will be the leading One, at that meeting in the air. Do you love Him?

I love Him, I love Him,  
Because He...

(The congregation continues singing while Brother Branham, prays over handkerchiefs - Ed.)

Lord Jesus, let the anointing of the Holy Spirit come upon these handkerchiefs, Lord, and heal the sick, right now in ... (The prayer is incomplete on the tape - Ed.)

How was He revealed? In that He first loved me. What did He do?

And purchased my salvation  
On Calvary's tree.

That great Angel of the Covenant, that One Who was with Moses in the wilderness, that One Who came to Paul on the road to Damascus, that same One permitted His picture to be taken with us; the same One was in the picture in the Life magazine the other day, the same Word by the same God, through the same channels, by the same way, by the same promise. "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there in their midst." Then He's here. "The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him," that hang only on His Word. No man can respect that Word without fearing God. See?

Then here He is in here this morning with us as we worship Him in the Spirit. Oh, after a hard Message like this, I think we just ought to worship Him a little bit in the Spirit. See? Just close your eyes and let's sing that to Him again, "I love Him, I love Him." You raise your hands to Him.

I love Him, I love Him,  
Because He first loved me,  
And purchased my salvation  
On Calvary's tree.

Oh my, how we love Him!

Faith in the Father, faith in the Son,  
Faith in the Holy Ghost, these three are One;  
Demons will tremble, and sinners awake.  
Faith in Jehovah makes anything shake.

Amen! Glory to God! How we love Him! Just worship Him in your heart now. Just adore Him. Just think how beautifully He's wrought. Look what He's done for us. In all these years of the visions, not one has ever failed. Everything that He said would come to pass, came just exactly the way He said it. I love you. **Don't forget the commandments of God to you, little children: love one another. Love everybody right or wrong, sinner or saint; love them anyhow. If you don't, then pray God to help you, because God loves the sinner.**

**And the nature of God is in that. If the man's wrong, love him anyhow. Don't partake of his sins. See? Don't partake of his sins, but in sweetness - not in sourness and rebuke - in sweetness tell him of the hope of Life that rests within you through Jesus Christ being revealed to you by the Holy Ghost.**

Take the name of Jesus with you,  
Child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you,  
Oh, take it ... (Don't forget now) ... everywhere you go.

Oh, Precious name ... (That Name; we have His Name. We're called by His Name)!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

Now, I'm going to give you a little secret before I meet you again. Remember this, as we stand. Remember this:

At the name of Jesus bowing,  
Falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in Heav'n we'll crown Him (We'll crown Him),  
When our journey is complete.

Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of ... (What's the threefold revelation? - the hope and joy of Heaven revealed in Him);  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

What? The hope of earth and joy of Heaven; everything is manifested in Christ: God, the Church, everything else is manifested in Christ. The Bible is Christ. The Bible is the written Word, and He is the Word. Its manifestation is the evidence of the Life coming into the flesh of the Word to manifest It. Oh, isn't it wonderful?

Take the name of Jesus with ... (Now, listen close now),  
As a shield (Don't forget that now) from every snare;  
When temptations round you gather (What must you do?),  
Just breathe that holy name in prayer.

Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

Not knowing (of course, being spiritual, you watch spiritual things) not knowing this (God knows it), **but if you'll turn and look at the clock, it's on the dot 2 o'clock - the end of the Second Pull; the Third Pull is at hand!**

At the name of Jesus bowing,  
Falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in Heav'n we'll crown Him,  
When our journey is complete.

Precious name ... (The Second Pull has been made manifested!),

Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

Did you notice the Spirit took the same song and picked it up an octave higher like that? **The next Pull is at hand.**  
Amen!

Take the name of Jesus with you. (It's later than you think!)  
... Sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you,  
Oh take it everywhere you go.

Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

(Now if temptations come, what do you do?)  
Take the name of Jesus with you,  
As a shield from every snare;  
When temptations round you (Don't let it make you disbelieve now) gather,  
(Just remember)  
Breathe that holy name in prayer.

Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n;  
Precious name, o how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heav'n.

Let us bow our heads now, everybody, reverently.

At the name of Jesus bowing...

(Somebody gives a message in an unknown language followed by an interpretation - Ed.)

Now if you understand, the Spirit of the Lord dropped in the meeting in unknown languages (speaking it to a man not knowing, interpreting it by another man not knowing), the Word of the Lord. You remember when the enemy was coming up and they didn't know what they would do? The Spirit of the Lord fell upon a man and revealed what was to be done. Oh my!

Just bow our heads now, humbly. God bless you.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Until we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.