

Christ is the Mystery no. 10

"Moving on"

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This morning I would like to continue reading from brother Branham's sermon Christ is the Mystery of God revealed, and we are still reading from his pre-sermon thoughts as we pick up at pp. 44 *Now, do 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 never clan among one another talk, make yourself clannish; we are one.** I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm mad at you; I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want it to stay right there, every little part of my body stay right there. And God wants us as a Body of believers to stay right exactly with one another, right it with one another.*

Spiritual Food in Due Season 65-0718E 66 *Now, He appeared here as a physical body, looked just exactly like Hofmann's Head of Christ at Thirty-three, and blood running out of His hand, and so forth, nail scars all over Him, I wouldn't accept it. No, no, no, no. When He comes, Himself, "Every eye shall see Him, every tongue shall confess Him; and as the lightning cometh from the east unto the west, so shall it be." See? We don't believe these cults and clans. **We believe God is the Word.** But He embodies Himself, taking your body and my body, and gives you gifts, gives me gifts, and through these gifts He makes Himself known. That's the secret Food. No matter how much He'd make Himself known by me, **you've got to believe it; you've got to have a gift of faith too to believe it.** You believe that? And now if He will manifest Himself in that manner, will you believe Him with all your heart?*

Now, last night I read this and also what the Apostle Paul had to say about the complete Body in 1 Corinthians 12. And I want you to know this, and those listening around the world, I want you to never get the idea that we have formed a circle around John 14:12. You know I have never been for making a camp around the parousia nor making a camp around the Doctrine of Christ. We call the website Message Doctrine because it deals with The doctrine Brother Branham taught, but I do not wish for anyone to make a circle around the Message Doctrine. Our circle should be around Christ if we are to have a circle. And brother Branham said in many places, that *anyone who believes that Jesus is the son of God, is my brother.*

Therefore I am going on record, to say that I do not wish for any of you listening to this sermon to make **John 14:12** an issue other than to believe it applies to all believers.

I never intended for it to be an issue, I simply pointed out that when we use Scripture we need to make sure we say it like it says it. We need to be honest in the way that we apply Scripture and make sure we do not try to cram a square peg down a round hole. What I was saying is that we must not try to use Scripture that doesn't fit our doctrine in a way that crams it or crops it to make it fit. If it doesn't fit it just doesn't fit.

And if there is Scripture that seems to say something different from what our doctrine teaches, if we are honest, we will take a second look at how we are presenting our doctrine.

Brother Vayle said in his sermon, **Lee Vayle Godhead Godhead #7 P:58** *You know, people don't understand about two lords. Well I'm going to tell you about two lords. Two Lords is actually a fallacy. It shouldn't be in the Bible; but it's there, so we use it. You see, the English people took the translation according to the English with the lords and the ladies and the high mucky-mucks and the brass and the so on. The actual translation of **Ps 110:1** is "Elohim" (or Jehovah) "said to my lord," (or the one in authority over me) "sit on my right hand." And it should be translated as Jehovah. It should not be called lord. It could be called God. "God said to the beloved servant," "God said to our Jesus, the elder brother." That's why It says in **Ephesians**, "one lord." But people, they can't think for themselves. They just don't know, when the word... "Oh, Vayle's preaching two Gods." You know, Paul said, "Stupidity only requires one answer-stay stupid." That's Lee Vayle. Paul said "ignorant."*

You know Br. Lee here is referring to when Paul said in **1 Corinthians 14:38** *But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.* In other words, "just let him remain ignorant".

And what brother Vayle said here concerning two Lords "that Two Lords it is a fallacy", and he said people use it because the translation is wrong there, but *though the King James may read that way it's still a fallacy to preach it* that way because the Bible doctrine tells us there is **One Lord**, never two.

And why would brother Vayle say that unless he was trying to straighten out the brethren that were still preaching it the wrong way. Now, the Apostle Paul said in **2 Corinthians 4:2** *"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."*

In other words our preaching is supposed to be pure and without hidden and deceitful motives. Straight forward and clear. And that is the way our lives should be as well.

In reading this warning from the Apostle Paul from the **The Message** version, it reads, *¹⁻²Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.*

³⁻⁴If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

⁵⁻⁶Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you.

2 Corinthians 4

And again from the **Amplified Version** *4 Therefore, since we do hold and engage in this ministry by the mercy of God [granting us favor, benefits, opportunities, and especially salvation], we do not get discouraged (spiritless and despondent with fear) or become faint with weariness and exhaustion. ² We have renounced disgraceful ways (secret thoughts, feelings, desires and underhandedness, the methods and arts that men hide through shame); we refuse to deal craftily (to practice trickery and cunning) or to adulterate or handle dishonestly the Word of God, but we state the truth openly (clearly and candidly). And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of God to every man's conscience. ³ But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing and obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying and veiled [only] to those who are lost. ⁴ For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves [merely] as your servants (slaves) for Jesus' sake.*

Therefore just watch any move of God and when the ministry God was using goes off the scene many of those who followed that ministry began to try to hold onto what had been taught them, but because they were following a man and not the pillar of fire, in trying to protect what they had received, they organized it, thinking they were protecting it. And let me tell you something, God doesn't need our protection, His Word is bigger than all of us. Brother Branham taught us the hour you stop moving forward is the hour you die. Brother Branham might have left us but God did not. Br. Vayle might have left us but God is still here leading. So let's continue to move with the Pillar of Fire.

From paragraph 233 Anointed Ones at the End-Time 65-0725M "*For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened and didn't move on with the Word as it come to pass... They're dead, gone*". And if fear causes you to stop, then it will also kill you spiritually.

Notice, that in **Genesis 19: 26** Lot's wife crystallized when she quit moving on with the Word of God. What happened? First her mind stopped, then her body stopped to turn around, and when she did she turned to a pillar of salt. First her mind crystallized then her body became transformed into her revelation.

In **paragraph 82 Israel in the Home Land 53-0329** brother Branham said, *And now, the first thing you know, the Pillar of Fire has begin to move again. But Pentecost is so organized, it can't go. It was so organized, crystallized until it can't go. That's right. That's true. But the Pillar of Fire is moving out, brother, and there's people that's going with It. Hallelujah. We're bound for the promised land. Yes, sir.*

Now, brother Branham warned us in the Church Age book, **Church Age Book Chapter 3 - The Ephesian Church Age P:64** *But as usual people don't heed God's warning. That revival fire built upon the sacred Word is so wonderful, and the manifestation of the Spirit so blessed, that a little fear creeps in and a whisper in the heart says, "How can we protect this truth we have? What can we do to see this revival goes on?" That is when the "antichrist spirit" comes in and whispers, "Look, you have the truth now, see that it doesn't get lost. Organize and set up your creed of what you believe. Put it all in a church manual." And they do it. They organize. They add to the Word. And they die just like Eve did for taking One wrong word. It's God's Word that brings life. And it's not what we say about the Word that counts, but it's what God said.*

Now, I have not been back to this pulpit since we buried Br. Vayle until last night because I left for Norway the very next day to go bury br. Petrus VanDergeest who was a good friend and translator of my sermons into Norwegian. Therefore, I have not had a chance yet to talk to the people here and those listening from around the world concerning these things, but we must be on guard to our own motives and objectives, and not try so hard to protect truths we were taught that we would allow ourselves to handle the Word of God deceitfully in doing so as the Apostle Paul warned.

I know brother Vayle was a controversial figure, not only because of his strong stand for the doctrine but also because the way he taught was pretty tough at times.

But some who have been burned by Br. Lee's preaching may wish to get back at him, now that he is not here to defend himself. Like that misguided brother who waited until brother Vayle was too old to defend himself and then wrote a book claiming Br. Vayle injected his own theology into the church age book. I fought that battle for him, and I don't have regrets for doing so, to clear the air since that brother seems fit to just make up whatever he wishes and then spread his lies to the gullible who will listen to such lies. But the Bible said they would listen to the lie and be damned by it. And that is their business.

That is why I have never felt I have to be a defender of the Bible and Jesus Christ. His life and this Word of God stands on it's own merit, and if they wish to be ignorant then let them stay ignorant. It's not for them anyway.

I've seen too many fights and ugly words spoken by brethren in this Message because they thought it was their duty to fight the good fight. Brethren who thought it was their job to protect our Prophet. And in trying to protect him, they find themselves anointed with a murderous spirit because brother Branham taught us that you can kill a person with more than a bullet or a knife, you can speak against them and kill their influence, and you might as well killed them because in destroying a persons reputation, you are breaking the commandment, "thou shalt not kill".

Therefore br. Vayle's ministry stands on it's own and needs no protection. As with any outstanding ministry, he had his share of admirers and critics. And since the devil is the accuser of the brethren, that's his role and he's good at it. Therefore since that's his role to accuse, then why be surprised when he accuses. And since brother Branham and Br. Vayle have both passed beyond the curtain of time, let them rest in peace. We don't need

to be part of any discussion with those trying to put him down, nor those trying to elevate him above a five fold minister, because that just brings his name into disrepute. He was our brother, an elder brother in this family of brethren. But always remember, Jesus is the eldest brother and it was He who died for our sins, who is our Redeemer and Saviour. And God is our father and God is also our protector, and God will stand for his own.

There will be temptations among his followers to create a shell of protection around his ministry, and let me tell you something, his ministry doesn't need protection. It stands on it's own accord and the Word of God is his protection. Either we preach what the Word of God says or we do not. And brother Vayle's ministry stood on the Word of God and taught us to take the Message back to the Word and teach it from this Bible.

When men fear is when they begin to surround the wagons looking to protect themselves from the unknown enemy. And sometimes men and ministries will make up an enemy just to get the people to close the circle. And when they do that and try to protect a ministry, or a doctrine, that is when they fall into organization. We all know the history of the Church ages, therefore, there will no doubt be persons, ministers or laity who will do so, but don't you fall into that trap.

But instead of preaching the Life that comes forth from this Word, the sermons will become focused on the past, or dress and conduct, and pretty soon the people will be eyeing one another and looking for fault in one another and then they will begin to separate into clicks and clans, and once that has happened that work is about gone spiritually. Oh, they may end up with more people than the ministry that stays with the Word, but that is no surprise since the Apostle Paul said in **Galatians 4:27** "*many more are the children of the desolate than she which has a husband*". And she which has a husband is a Bride.

And so in moving ahead we read next from pp **45** of **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed** where brother Branham says, *And now, you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe.*

And in other places he says, *say what the tapes say and what the visions say.* So just as Moses commanded the people to not add to or take away from what he said, and as Paul commanded us to not add to or take away from what he said, so too Br. Branham commanded us to say only what he said on those tapes. And to say all that is on those tapes because you can take a statement here and there and make a wrong judgment based on what you do not hear.

We found that with John 14:12. I never intended to make an issue out of it, but they did. All I wanted to do was show that there are things brother Branham taught us that we were not open to, and when I was attacked for my concern that we say all that the prophet said, I put together the study, not to make a circle around it, but to show the brethren that it is not right to hold back quotes that don't fit, because when we do that we show that our doctrine is not solid on it's own, but we must resort to handling the Word of God deceitfully when we try to shove a square peg into a round hole. So stay with the tapes, say what is on the tapes and all that is on the tapes.

When I asked brother Vayle concerning John 14:12 he said, I hardly talked about that in John, and I never tried to say William Branham was the only one, I was just using him as a 20th century example of John 14:12. And then he said, concerning the greater works, that a five pound pail and a ten pound pail are both greater than. And when we have men like brother Bosworth who had lived such an impeccable life before God that his ministry received over 225,000 letters from people who had been healed, then how can we be so simple and narrow minded as to say the works of Christ were only in one man. And even in the Church Age book which brother Vayle wrote, taking brother Branham's words and using his own to say what he said. Here br. Vayle wrote,

Church Age Book Chapter 2 - The Patmos Vision P:32 *31 In John 15, Jesus said, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." He is the main Vine, that which comes out of the original root from the original seed that has the life in it. Now the vine does not bear fruit; it is the branches that do that. Now watch this: You can take a citrus tree such as an orange tree, and graft into it a grapefruit limb, a lemon limb, a tangelo limb, and other kinds of that variety, and all those limbs will grow. But those grafted limbs will not bear oranges. No sir. The lemon limb will bear lemons, and the grapefruit limb will bear grapefruit and so on. Yet those limbs will be thriving off the life in the tree. But if that tree ever puts forth another branch of itself it will be an orange branch and bear oranges. Why? Because the life in the limb and the life in the trunk are identical whereas it wasn't so with the grafted limbs. Those grafted branches had their sources in other kinds of life from other trees, from other roots, from other seeds. Oh, they will bear fruit all right, but they won't bear oranges. They cannot because they are not the original.*

32 That's the way the church is. The vine has been split and limbs have been grafted in. They have grafted in Baptist limbs, Methodist limbs, Presbyterian limbs, and Pentecostal limbs. And those limbs are bearing Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, and Presbyterian fruit. (Denominational seeds from which they produce their fruit.) But if the vine ever brings forth another branch of itself, that branch will be exactly like the vine itself. It will be the same kind of a branch that was brought forth at Pentecost. It will speak in tongues, prophesy, and have the power and signs of the resurrected Jesus Christ in it. Why? Because it's thriving on the natural resources of the vine itself. You see, it wasn't grafted into the vine; it was BORN in the vine. When those other branches were grafted in, all they could do was bear their own fruit for they were not born of that vine. They don't know about that original life and original fruit. They cannot know for they were not born of it. But if they had been born of it, that same life that was in the original stem (Jesus) would have come through them and manifested through them. John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father."

33 Denominations which are man directed cannot be born of God; for it is the Spirit, NOT MAN, that gives life.

34 How thrilling it is to think of those seven lamps drawing life and light from the resources of that main bowl because they had their wicks dipped therein. Each church age messenger is depicted here. His life is on fire with the Holy Ghost. His wick (life) has

been immersed in Christ. Through that wick he is drawing the very life of Christ, and by it gives out light to the church. What kind of a light is he giving? The very same light that was in the first lamp that was lit. And right on down the ages to the present time of the last day messenger the same life and the same light is manifested by a life that is hid with Christ in God.

35 Not only can we speak thus of the messengers, but every true believer is dramatically depicted here. They are all drawing from the same source. They have all been dipped into the same bowl. They are dead to themselves and their lives are hid with Christ in God. They are sealed in by the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." No man can pluck them out of His hand. Their lives cannot be tampered with. The visible life is burning and shining, giving light and manifestations of the Holy Ghost. The inner, invisible life is hidden in God and fed by the Lord's Word. Satan cannot touch them. Not even death can touch them, for death has lost its sting; the grave has lost its victory. Thanks be unto God, they have this victory in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.

So we must say all that was said, not just an isolated quote from here or there. And even the Apostle Paul wrote of himself, that if he were to say anything different than what he said at the first he said let me or any angel from heaven be cursed. So I do not think brother Vayle changed what he believed, I believe as he told me he just used brother Branham as a modern day example of **John 14:12**. He also told us that he regretted leaving off praying for the sick, because he wanted so much for the people to be healed in their seats. And a couple people were healed right their in their seats, and that is not Mark 16, because Mark 16 is not praying for the sick, Mark 16 is laying hands on the sick. And being healed in your seat is not laying hands on them.

From his sermon, **Trying to do God a service 65-0718M P:94** brother Branham said, *This was Moses speaking to Israel after he had been a-vindicated by God by a Pillar of Fire and knowed he was proven to be God's servant to lead them out. And before they went into the land, before they entered, Moses said, "Now, the words that I have spoken to you, I call heaven and earth to witness against you. If you add one thing to it or take one word from it, you'll not stay in the land where the Lord God gives you." So say I in the Name of Jesus Christ. Don't you add one thing. Don't put your own ideas in. You just say what is said on those tapes. You just do exactly what the Lord God has commanded to do. Don't add to It.*

And here in **Christ is the mystery of God Revealed** brother Branham says, *"You got tapes on discipline in the church: how we behave ourselves in the church of God, how we got to come here together and set together in heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them 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, 'cause we're in the last days where the Bible exhorted us to **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--in Christ Jesus*

and love one another. "This will all men know you're My disciples when you have love one for the other."

There are 31 quotes where brother Branham says, "don't stay home", so if you do not like the church you attend, then find one you do and become an active member in it, and if it is impossible to find one then get hooked up and listen live. Don't just sit home with your family, get together with others of like minded faith and become part of a local unit. We have brothers and sisters around the world who don't have a church home because they have been cast out, and don't have a pastor. And they convinced me to broadcast our services live so they could feel a part. They get together and play music and sing before we begin, and then join in when we go live, and sing right along with us, and in this day and age of technology, there is really no excuse to just stay home and get yourself all wound up with complexes because you were turned out of fellowship by a narrow minded church.

Enoch's walk with God was not a onetime experience, it was a life long walk that took him closer and closer to God until he just walked right up into God's presence.

Notice brother Branham is quoting the apostle Paul here from **Hebrews 10:25** *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

And this hour is just too late for people to be trying to make it on their own, and when they get that idea that they are just going to stay home, then they open themselves up to most any kind of spiritual influence. And pretty soon they begin to drift like the did toward the end of the Ephesian church age when they left their first love.

Church Age Book Chapter 3 - The Ephesian Church Age P:61 *The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel. They demanded a king to be like the other nations. When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behavior. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.*

Now, in getting back to our text, let's continue to read brother Branham's pre text thoughts from paragraph 46 *That's right. Stay right together. If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me ever have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life." That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that'll just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It'll run Him from the Tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God or drive it away from here, hurt your pastor; it'll do everything. See? Don't you do that. You just*

*wax that much closer together. Draw up the... Take the buckle, as the brother testified (a minister here the other night) about having a buckle (seeing it in a vision). Just... That buckles on the whole armor of God; just put it on, tighten up, move right up close to one another. Love one another anyhow. **Talk nice about one another. Say nice things about one another, and then God will bless you.***

Notice the mindset that the Apostle Paul tells us that we must have concerning the way we interact with one another. No root of bitterness, not attitudes, they will only affect you and your walk with Christ. And notice the mindset he tells us we must have concerning our focus on Christ and God's Word.

Philippians 4:5 *Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 **Be anxious for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, (there's that word "hagnos" again) whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both (learned, and received), and (heard, and seen) in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

Let us pray.