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Manifested Life

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1 John 4:9 *In this was **manifested the love of God** toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through him**.*

1 John 3:5 *And ye know that **he was manifested to take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.*

John 17:6 *I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

Mark 4:22 *For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.*

This morning I would like to continue in our study of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and focus our thoughts on brother Branham's statement from PP. 199 where he said, *God manifested in Christ; **Christ manifested in the Church**; all together to bring back the original Adam and Eve again, man and woman, which are one, made out of the same Blood, and same Spirit, and everything else.*

Now, notice he said Christ was manifested and we saw in our text Scriptures this morning the reasons why Christ was manifested in the flesh.

- 1) He manifested the Father's name unto men
- 2) He was manifested to take away our sin which is our unbelief.
- 3) He came to manifest the Love of God to men.

In **1 John 1:1** we read, "*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life*"; Notice here that the Word is called the Word of Life. So John here is talking about the Word and notice how he describes the Word. He calls it the Word of Life, for so it is.

Jesus in the parables told us the Word was a seed and if it is a seed, then it contains Life, for that is the sole purpose of a seed is to contain life. And therefore if it is the Word of God, then the Life it contains is God-Life that lays in that seed.

Now, notice what John says next, verse **2** *For the life was manifested*, Notice those words, ***The Life was manifested**, and we have seen it and" He says "and we know". Why do we know?* Because of what we see coming forth via the manifestation.

Look, Life itself is not visible. It is Spirit. Yet the very essence and nature of what Life is, the many qualities and characteristics that make up that Life, the attributes, these are by their very nature supposed to become expressed or manifested. A rose without its beauty and fragrance would not be a rose.

Therefore every Life has attributes that are visibly and materially displayed to our senses in order that we might better understand the nature of that Life. That is why brother Branham spoke a message called "*God is identified by His characteristics.*" In it, he began by showing the difference between two birds that are both yellow but each has a different flying pattern. And the pattern distinguishes the difference between the two birds to the careful observer.

And John tells us in verse **2**, *For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father,*

So we understand by what John is telling us here that this Life that was manifested to us was first of all with the Father, for He is that Great Fountain of life) *and then it was manifested unto us;)*

Now, the Life is in the Father before it could come into the Son. That's **John 5:26** *For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*

And while it is in the Father it is in seed form. When God was truly revealed, is when He was manifested in the flesh. Did not Jesus say, "*He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.*"

Then that which was invisible became visible, it became manifested. what was manifested? The Life was manifested - How? **John 5: 26 which we just read and John 1:14 And the Word**, The Logos *was made flesh.*

Then notice what we read in verse **18** *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.* It is the son which declares the Father. And this word "*declare*" means: *to openly show and set forth into view.*

Then as it began by a seed it must also end in seed form. The Alpha has become Omega. The Life that was manifested in the original seed form in the beginning in the Son of God, Must also come up through seed in the end time and come into full manifestation as it did in the beginning.

Now, let me explain this, in 21st century terms. Today we have Hybrid and GMO seeds, which are seeds, and they contain life in them. However, when the Life in them manifests itself, the seeds or corn that comes from them can not be planted thus ending the life cycle. Thus this seed contains nothing. It has no life in itself. That is because man has put his hand to it. But the seed God made we are told in **Genesis 1:11** *that every seed will bring forth after it's own kind.*

So we see the Original Seed, when it came into full manifestation, it brought many sons to Life. Then if there is to be an Omega seed Life that comes to manifestation, it will also bring forth many sons to life.

How can I say this any plainer. Look. Seed by its definition is a carrier of life right? Then when seed is planted it will mature and manifest the life that is in the seed, right?

Then is the original Spoken Word seed manifested God Life, then the seed that came forth from that planting, must also come to manifestation of God-Life, right? But the question is, why do we have people in the churches, planted in the field so to speak but will not or perhaps can not manifest God-Life? Because they are a hybrid seed. They look the same, they are religious, they have a form of Godlikeness but deny the power thereof.

They are GMO seed sitting right in the Pews. Remember the parable of the two Sowers who went into the same field to sow their seed? One sowed good seed that could produce wheat, but the other sowed weeds, not wheat. The first sowed heritage seeds. the heritage of the Lord. The other sowed GMO seeds, with no ability to produce life within them.

GMO Genetically Modified Organizations. And they are organized unto death.

My wife and I knew a woman that was expecting a child and she went full term, that's nine full months, and then nothing. Just like some Christians. They say they are born again but to what. There's no manifested life. The woman saw a transformation within her self, but there was no seed in her. No Life in her, yet she could see herself being transformed, she thought. I think she was just eating too much and she got fat. But oh, how they were expecting life when there was none in her. And how many so called Christians are there today who have a form of Godliness but deny the power of that endless life. They come up to the baptism of the holy Ghost and then stop short of it. And just like that woman we knew, what a let down when they come to the birthing table and there is no baby. There is no sign of new Life. And how many people are going to be disappointed when the day of reckoning comes.

Now, the Alpha must become Omega. The first and the last are not only supposed to be the same, but they must be the same. The same life manifested in the beginning is the same life that is to be manifested at the end.

So I would like to ask the question, "*when you see the son who were you actually seeing?*" Were you seeing the Son? Or were you actually seeing the Father's Life manifesting itself in the body of the Son?

Who was revealed to the people when Jesus Spoke to them? Was it the Son or was it the Father? You need to know what happened in that hour if you are to understand what is supposed to happen in this hour.

Romans 1: 1 - 4 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,² (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) ³ Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; ⁴ And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

The Entire Bible points to this relationship of God to His people and how this relationship will be brought together by the instrumentality of His Own Son.

1 Timothy 3: 16 *And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness:** (that's God-Likeness) **for God was manifest in the flesh,** (whose flesh? The flesh of His Son) **justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.***

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 tells us *"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become **the firstfruits** of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, **even so in Christ shall all be made alive.** 23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**(his Parousia. well, that is this hour, so what's he saying?*

Therefore, as Christ manifested God-Life as the first fruit off the tree, thus **they that are Christ's Parousia** will also manifest the same God-Life off the same Tree of Life. And we are talking about the apple not falling far from the tree as the expression goes. In other words, God's seed will reflect God-Life just the same way as Jesus the eldest son reflected God-Life, so in the same way shall those sons at His Parousia reflect the same God-Life.

24 *Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, **it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.** 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, **then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.***

Romans 6: 4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life.*** So the whole point is that we might walk in newness of Life. What Life? God-Life!

Did not Jesus tell us in **John 4:14** *But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but **the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*** And that well is a well of Life.

Once you have been sparked off as Brother Branham called it, that Word just doesn't get you excited once or even once in a while. ***It starts something in you moving just as a living water moves continually.*** It just continues to push up and out and there is nothing you can do about it. You can no more help what is going on inside of you than nothing. It is life that is ever moving and building cell upon cell until you reach the stature of a perfect man.

And we know that the Life form in which God brings forth His own Life is in His Word. The Apostle Paul called it the word of Life in **Philippians 2: 16** *Holding forth the **word of life;** that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.*

So in **1 John 1**, what was manifested? He said "*the Life was manifested.*" So how was the God-Life manifested? In the body of God's Only begotten son, that's how.) And yet this same apostle John wrote in **John 1:14** that *the Word was manifested.* So we see the Word is Life, which is **John 6:63** *the Words which I speak unto you are Spirit and Life.*

And so back to **1 John 1:3** "*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*"

So we see the Word is Life, It is God-Life, and every seed must bring forth after its kind, or nature. When that Word of God, or God-Life manifests itself, it manifests the God-Life that is in it. And remember, it takes Light to make manifest. So we are born with the seed gene of God in us, when we come into this world. But that seed needs light upon it to manifest what lays within that seed Gene. And when the light strikes the seed the life that is in that seed by predestination, must respond to the Light of the Word and when it does it quickens the Life in the gene Seed, and starts its journey to becoming what it is ordained to become. In other words, the Life in the Seed Gene can not possibly manifest it's characteristics until it has been quickened and once quickened it begins journey through Life and each step of the way it manifests the nature that is in the seed to begin with.

Brother Branham said, "*Nothing outside the revealed word can come to life.*" So in this hour how can you expect any God Life to come to manifestation outside this Message?

Notice he told us *that truly our fellowship is with the Father* and it comes via the declaration that we hear. Then without the Spoken Word we would never manifest in our true character and without that we would never know who we are either.

In **Titus 3:4** we read, "*But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared.*" Here we are told that the very fact that God sent Jesus to appear, is that this act of manifested Life opened up a way for us to be redeemed from our corruptible nature. I hope you see how important then the appearing of Christ is to us.

In **Luke 1: 79** we read, "*To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.*" This is spoken in prophecy concerning John the Baptist. Notice what the Light does. It is to give knowledge of salvation, to bring us out from the shadow of death into Light and Life. And remember, brother Branham said in, **There is a Man that can Turn on the Light pp. 96** "*Life can only come by Light*" and just before this he said, **pp. 95** "*There's nothing can give you Life but the spoken Word of God.*"

Again in **1 John 1:3** "*That which we have seen and heard, declare we unto you, that you may have fellowship with us.*" John tells us that the only way we can have true fellowship is to receive the declaration of God's Presence and the Manifested Life (through vindication) which has come down into our midst. God's very personal Presence among His people. I believe the reason people miss this, has to do with expectations. Why did the people miss Messiah at His first coming?

They didn't expect Him to come the way He did. And today, not many people see that the very same God-Life that was in Jesus was in William Branham and must come into the Elect before the harvest can be completed.

I am a new farmer, but this year I am growing my first crop of corn. And the thing of it is, is that if it is too green, then there is too much moisture in it. and if harvested in that condition, it could sit in the granary and mold. So what they do is come out to your field, and sample the corn. And they check the moisture content. And when the moisture content is just perfect, in other words, when the plant is fully mature, and no longer green which is a sign of immaturity, then they will say, let the harvest begin.

So we see the same Life condition that is in the first fruit will be in the harvest itself. And if William Branham was our first fruit in this hour, and God took him in, then how much over due is our harvest? Fortunately a thousand year with man is a day with God. So what would 48 years of our time be to God's? about an hour and a half. And that is about how long it takes to take the sampling from the field, and run it back to the grainery and run the test on it to see if it is ready to be harvested.

Oh, praise the Lord, we are right on time, brothers and sisters, let us be glad and rejoice for the marriage of the lamb has come.

But, as we see in **1 John 1:1-3**, The Fountain of Life Himself has once again returned to earth in the same way He was Present in the first Church Age.

In the first church age the people who had been with Jesus were called Christians, because they were like Christ. So this morning we are looking at what it means to be a Christian. What it means to manifest Christ Life.

First of all when does a person become a Christian? That is what we must first know. Because we have a whole nation of people who call themselves Christian but haven't any clue as to the nature of Christ much less his attributes and characteristics.

So we find a vindicated prophet of God who told us how a person becomes a Christian in his sermon, **"Abraham And His Seed After Him"- 61-0423** *"How do we become Christians? When we are filled with the Spirit of Christ, then our life is governed by the Life of Christ, which is in us."*

So that is very important for us to know, since we are not really entitled to the name Christian unless we are truly born again and filled with his Spirit.

54-0515 - "Questions And Answers" *There's only one way to be a Christian. The word "Christian" means "Christ-like." And you can't do it; you can't work it in yourself; there's no way at all you can do it. You have to forget yourself, die out to yourself, and let Christ come in and live the Life of Christ in you.*

And from, **"But It Wasn't So From The Beginning" - 61-0411** *And if the Life of Christ is in you, It'll do the same thing. That was God's example church, was Pentecost.*

And again from the same sermon, "**But It Wasn't So From The Beginning - 61-0411** So what we got to fear about? The thing of it is... You say, "Well, we'll just live loose." That shows your name isn't on the Book. That's exactly right. That proves that you wasn't when you try to live any kind of life and that you want to live. **That's shows you haven't got it.** If you're a real Christian, **you'll live the real life, because the Life in Christ is in you and you can do nothing else but live the Life of Christ.**

Now, from **Christ is the mystery - 63-0728 pp. 136** 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 Methodist say, "We are based upon the Bible." Jesus said, "*These signs shall follow them that believe.*" Now, where's it at? Uh-huh, see, right. "*The works that I do shall you do also,*" **every creature, every person that believes in Him.** Now, where's it at? That's His Words. "Heavens and earths will pass away, but **My Word shall never fail.**" Now, where's it at? See? 137. Oh, it just shows... What is it? It's a hybrid condition.

GMO genetically modified organizations instead of taking the original Seed with the original Life.

In the Message, **The Token 63-09-01 par 345** brother Branham said, "*Let me live the example of what Christ said a man should be. Let me be a brother to a brother, a brother to a sister. Let me be a - a minister to the ministers. Let me be an example of examples. Let me show to the world that this Word is Christ. The only way I can do it is come into Him. Cause, I can't do it myself, you can't do it. But **Let the Word and you become One, then It lives Itself out.** You are a walking epistle of Jesus Christ, when He's got complete control, control of you, to make every Word."*

Philippians 2:13 *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

Hebrews 13:20 *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 **Make you perfect** (that means equipped and fully mature) **in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

Ephesians 4:11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up **into him** in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

The Voice 4:15 *Instead, by truth spoken in love, we are to grow in every way into Him—the Anointed One,*

NIV 15 *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

The Token 63-09-01 par 224 " Don't you rely upon no speaking in tongues, no nothing else. but let the Token Itself be there, the Person of Jesus Christ, **His Own Life in you.** Circumcise not just this, that: but **circumcise your whole being, till you and Christ are One. Christ is in you, and His Life lives out through you.**"

We would see Jesus 57-0226 P:21 *But now, while He's here working with His Church in the form of the Spirit... Then if His Spirit is with us, He will act just exactly like He act when He was here on earth. It'll make you act the same way, because it's not your spirit any more; it's His Spirit in you, Christ's Spirit in you." **The things that I do... He that believeth on Me (Saint John 14:12.), the works that I do, shall ye do also.**" See? **We'll do the same works, think the same thoughts, live the same type of life. If the Spirit of God is in you, it makes you live like Christ, Christ-like.** Then you become a written epistle, read of all men, **Christ in you, reflecting His Light out of you,** as God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and reflecting God from His own body. No man has seen God at any time, but the only begotten of the Father has declared Him. God was in Christ. And **what Christ's attitude was, was God's attitude,** 'cause the two work together, the Spirit and flesh united together. Got a sermon on that: "The Dove And The Lamb." Want to get on it one night, one of these weeks.*

What shall I do with Jesus 63-1124M P:95 *As I said, if the life of Beethoven was in you, you'd live like Beethoven. If the life of Hitler was in you, you'd live like Hitler. And when the Life of Christ is in you, **you'll live like Christ.** And **the works of Christ you do.** And that'll be... If Christ lived today He'd do exactly what the Word said He'd do today. And if the Word said that, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever," why can't this blind ecclesiastical world see the time that they're living. See?*

Christ is the mystery - 63-0728 *So that same Word moves from the Head as the day comes close, down into the Body, 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: **same Life, same God, same Spirit, same Word, same Book (Amen!), same signs, "Things that I do shall you also."** Oh hallelujah. My... 285. Notice the vindicated Word in His Body is His very victory and the reason of His death. See, the death, not in the Spirit... When He died, He only died in the flesh;*

63-0728 - "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed" *And Paul, this great intellectual man, never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people. He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and **he lived the Word so that It expressed through him. He lived so godly until they seen Jesus Christ in him,** so much, till they wanted his handkerchief, to take it and lay it upon the sick. There is the Life of Christ.*

No theologian can know this Life. They can know about it, but they will never know it by study. It comes by a surrendering your own life and dying to your own self. It is not and can not be gotten from theology, nor from educating yourself to it, nor from any mental effort on your part. It comes when God Himself injects you with His own Life, when your life has died and His Life comes in to live itself out in you.

Romans 9:16 *So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

63-0728 - "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed" 147 *God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ to the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology. It's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church." No other rocks accepted, no other things accepted, no other Roman rock, no other Protestant rock, no other school, no other nothing, but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ through the new Birth. He borns in there, and **He injects His Own Life**, and **your life is gone**. And the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you, with the preeminences, to the people; that they see the very Life, and works, and signs, and wonders, that He did, is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to, at all. Watch God's great revelation unfolding. By 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, they lack that revelation, the teachers.*

63-0728 - "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed" *And if the Life—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, 'cause It'll be the same, **same Life**. See what I mean? You just can't get away from it. It's the Life of Christ in you, been injected in you, by the Holy Spirit Itself living Its Life through you.*

63-0630E - "Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel?" *A Christian is to be Christ-like. And a Christian cannot be a Christian until Christ comes into the man, the Life of Christ in him. Then it produces the Life that Christ lived, and you do the things that Christ did.*

63-0120E - "Just One More Time, Lord" *And then if He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, you touch His garment, and His Holy Spirit will operate through us. If you've got the right channel, the Spirit to believe by, the same channel that's here, it'll operate the same way. It's got to, it's God! You put the life of an apple tree in a peach tree, it won't bear peaches no more, it'll bear apples. And you put the Life of Christ in a—in a man that's a mortal being, he'll bear the fruit of the Spirit. He'll bear the fruits of the resurrection.*

Ephesians 2:4-6 Amplified Bible (AMP) ⁴ But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and **intense** love with which He loved us,⁵ Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace His favor and mercy which you did not deserve that you are saved delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation.⁶ And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together with Him in the heavenly sphere by virtue of our being in Christ Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed One.

57-0226 Sirs we Would See Jesus E-21 But now, while He's here working with His Church in the form of the Spirit... Then if His Spirit is with us, He will act just exactly like He act when He was here on earth. It'll make you act the same way, because it's not your spirit any more; it's His Spirit in you, Christ's Spirit in you. "The things that I do... He that believeth on Me (Saint John 14:12.), the works that I do, shall ye do also." See? We'll do the same works, think the same thoughts, live the same type of life. If the Spirit of God is in you, it makes you live like Christ, Christ-like.

Questions and answers COD - 59-1223 And "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you..." See? We become a part of His Word, part of His Life, for we are flesh of his flesh, and bone of His bone, and life of His Life. Then we can no more perish than God Himself could perish. That's what the Holy Ghost is.

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