

Christ is the Mystery no 132
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The Life of the Word Expressed
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This evening I would like to speak again from paragraphs number 208 and 209, just a portion of each, and then bring these two thoughts together to show us what God has in store for each of us that were in Him before the foundations of the world.

208 Now, notice, God making Himself known. We're not suppose 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 in you. What God did in Christ, Christ does in you. What signs did God in Christ, Christ does in you.

Then let's go to paragraph 209 and let's read the first part as well. *"As (in the same way) Jesus was the Word of God, He vindicated the same. If He wasn't the Word, He wouldn't have made manifest the Word."*

Now, notice he says, *As (in the same way) Jesus was the Word of God, He vindicated the same.*

Now then, we've got to ask the question, how was Jesus the word? Because what Br. Branham's saying here is *"in the same way Jesus was the Word of God, he was vindicated the same"*. The same what? He was vindicated the same? What does he mean by that?

He says, *"As (or in the same way, or in the same manner that) Jesus was the Word of God, He vindicated the same.*

Now, let's first see how Jesus was the Word of God, because we know the Scripture tells us that God is the Word. And I know the Oneness believe since God is the Word and the Word became flesh, then God became flesh, so they say *"there really is no son"*, except they say, *"God is the Son Himself"*, and that's pure hogwash.

We read in **John 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Notice it can't be any plainer than that, right? then we read on in verse **2** *The same was in the beginning with God.*

So the Oneness believe that God and Jesus are one like you finger is one. But I want to show you the hypocritical nature of that teaching and we can do it simply by reading the simple prayer that Jesus prayed to His Father.

In **John 17:11** ¶ *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through **thine own name** those whom thou hast given me,...*

Ok, keep them through Thine own name. So what name is that name? It's Jesus! Jesus said, in **John 5:43** *I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

And the Apostle Paul told us that He received that name via his inheritance. **Hebrews 1:4** *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

Therefore in getting back to Jesus Prayer in **John 17** we read, " *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through **thine own name** those whom thou hast given me,...that **they may be one, as we are.***

So we see the purpose of this prayer is that we might be one with God as our *Father as* or (in the same way or manner that) Jesus and God were one. And how is it that we might be One as Jesus and His Father were One?

Jesus said, **John 17:14** *"I have given them thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Jesus tells us we become One with God through the same Word that He became One With God. In fact we also see in **John 17:21** "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

Therefore it is very apparent that we are made one in God and in Christ by receiving the same Glory which brings us into the same mind as the Father. *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

Now, from his sermon, **HARVEST TIME 641212 87 034** Brother Branham said, "Jesus said, *"That they might be one, Father, as You and I are one."* Not for some man to be over something, it never will work; one denomination wants to take over the other, and one man over the other. **But that you might be one with God, like Christ and God was one;** that's what the prayer is. That... **He was the Word,** and Jesus prayed that **we might be the Word, reflecting Him.** That's His prayer to be answered. See how Satan scruples it up in the carnal mind? But that wasn't Jesus' prayer, at all, that we might all congregate together and all have a certain creed and so forth. Every time they do it, they go further and further from God. **He wants us to be one with God, and God is the Word. Each individual in his heart must be that one with God.**

And notice he said it isn't being one by a certain creed which is a belief system, or doctrine, but to have the Word in it's entirety and as he said in **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed** paragraph 208 *We're not suppose 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 in you. What God did in Christ, Christ does in you. What signs did God in Christ, Christ does in you.*

Then he said in paragraph 209, . *"As (in the same way) Jesus was the Word of God, He vindicated the same. If He wasn't the Word, He wouldn't have made manifest the Word."*

And if you were not meant to be that One with God it will never happen, because it comes by a birth that man can not give himself. **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, (you didn't get this new birth because of your parents) nor of the will of the flesh, (You didn't get this new birth because of some effort on the part of others) nor of the will of man, (you didn't get this new birth because of any effort on your part) but of God.* (In other words, it was a sovereign act of God and we know according to the Scriptures, it was God's doing and planning even before the world was even framed.) **14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,**

And if you are a part of God's thinking you are a part of that Word which is God, as Jesus was a part of God's thinking, and if that Word became flesh, then the Word which you are is also to become flesh or manifested in flesh, your flesh.

Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:124 *The new birth is Christ, is a revelation.* And remember the definition of the word revelation means "manifested truth".

So if the new birth in you is a revelation or manifested truth, then it is not mental at all. It is experiential. In other words, Christ the anointing has anointed you, your inner man in such a way that your inner man has yielded to that anointing and the outer man is obeying your confession.

Now, we see this same theme all the way through this sermon, **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed 63-0728** as we see in **Paragraph:124** *The new birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, (God has expressed in 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 (the manifestation or expression) is perfectly in harmony, and God 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 go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.*

Again in **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed 63-0728 Paragraph:120** brother Branham says, "*Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation.*"

Now, what's he saying? Remember if the definition of revelation is a manifestation of Divine truth, then let's change the wording here just for our understand of what brother Branham is telling us, because too many people think of revelation as something that is brain power, or something that is mental when it is not. It is a living expression of something or some one that you know, Christ.

So he says here, "*Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the manifestation of Divine truth.* Notice, Christ in you, the Person of Christ, the Life of Christ being in you, makes him the very center, the very focus of the Life in manifestation within in expressing itself out from you.

I just wish we could get that, and express that, and that it would be our Focus, because if we ever come to this expression and the expression is the central focus of our Lives, we will be ready for the rapture.

"Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Now, listen how carefully brother Branham words this next.

"Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation, (of the expression of the Divine Life in you.)

In other words, if God is really Living in you as He did in Jesus, then you won't be thinking about who this body is, in fact you won't be giving too much thought to this body, but you will be thinking about God Himself who is living in you. That's when he has the preeminence in you.

As we read last Sunday from **Romans 8:9-11** *But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells, even though you still experience all the limitations of sin, you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's own body was with God Living in Him!*

"Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation, Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation (or expression) of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed (manifested or expressed) to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

Then we hear brother Branham say again in **Christ is the mystery of God Revealed 63-0728 P:147** *Notice, God holds this key alone. No theologian can tell you. It's not known; it's hid from them. They know nothing about it. So the schools... "Well," you say, "I got a Ph. LL.D." You only make... To me and I believe unto God and to any real, true believer, that means you're just that much farther away; you just backed off. God is not known by education; He's not known by how to explain it. God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person.*

Notice, he is not saying it is something that is revealed to you, but something that is revealed in you. Now, there's a big difference in that. It's not a passive faith, it's an active faith. Now, that doesn't do away with the fact you sat passively by as God expressed Himself in His prophet. But there comes a time when that expression must come internally and become expressed in you or you really have no part in this great imparting

of Life that began when God released the Divine Life that was in His Son Jesus and came down in this hour with a shout to manifest that God-Life in His prophet. But if it only remains a passive faith to you, then you are none of his.

Look, that's what Paul tells us in **Romans 8:9** *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

Now, listen to how Paul clarifies this. he says in verse **10** *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.* Because of what? because of Right-wise-ness. You have the mind of Christ, therefore your thoughts are all of Christ. He has the preeminence in you.

Now, verse **11** *"But if"* (and this is a big if here,) *"if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

So a quickening takes place and you can't get around it. He is Life and His KLife in your gives you Life, and when you have truly been made alive, you can't think of hardly any thing else but him.

12 *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit* (not your spirit but The Spirit, That's God's Spirit) *"Itself beareth witness with our spirit", that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

Now, how does God's Spirit in us bear witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God?

Well, the word bear witness means *"to corroborate via a joint witness, to bear evidence"*. In other words, "If God is working in you to will and to do", then their will be evidence in your life that God is working in you. So therefore the works of God will be in you, and outwardly expressed through you, or he's not in you working to will and to do.

The first witness or evidence will be your willing then your doing. I believe the Bride in understanding the doctrine has come up through the God is working in you to will. Because in accepting the doctrine you have turned over your will to His will. But now with John 14:12 in our sights, we are moving from the willing to the doing, and that is where the big fuss has come. Men not understanding that God is working in you, and it is not your working, but His working in you first, that gets you to will and then to do, which is the works manifested.

Oh, how can I make this more understood. Let me explain further, God is here, we all know that. Not only was He here with the prophet but He lived the Life for the prophet. I don't think anyone would disagree that the prophet was helpless until He (God) arrived.

He would say, "*You know who I'm waiting for, I'm helpless until He comes.* Then he would wait, until we heard him say, "*He's here*".

Then God would begin to operate that gift, and he would see visions and simply he would tell what God was showing him in the vision. The waiting was the willing, he was willing to wait on God. Then when God did something in the vision, and he performed outright what he saw in the vision, that was the working. But he had to learn to will and then to do. And until he learned that the hat had to be on the chair he made mistakes in his actions. He would pray and nothing would happen. Then when he learned to wait, that was learning to submit his will to God's will. God in him working to will first and then to do.

So too we have learned to subject our wills to God's will as we sat under a teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit that he placed in the church. We sat and learned to let our thinking go and accept "thus saith the Lord". And the will portion is the passive portion. Brother Vayle preached passive faith a lot, because we were in the will portion of God working in us. But now, we have turned a corner and we are learning that all passive faith eventually must become active faith, or it wasn't true faith to begin with. And as we are having our eyes opened to John 14:12 we are entering into the passive faith portion of John 14:12 first. Then that will, will yield to the doing.

God is in us working to will and to do. But notice it is not us doing but God who is working in us to will and it is God working in us to do. So it is God working period. And the doing is also him, but the doing is as Jesus said, "The son can do nothing, but what he sees the Father do, that doeth the son likewise. So God works into us His will and then His actions, and works which is the doing of what He shows us to do.

Then brother Branham makes this plain by saying, "*See? **Not your theology; it's a revelation of Jesus Christ.*** (It's the manifestation of The Life of Jesus Christ in you). "*Upon this rock, I'll build My Church.*" *No other rock's accepted; no other thing's accepted; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; no other nothing; but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth.*

Now, notice how specific brother Branham's wording is, and how plain it is. He says,

"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 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.

Outside of that what else is there. Listen do you know what he is trying to tell the people here. It's time to die to self, it's time we get our focus off everything and every one and get them on what God is working in you to will and to do. Then you will see the expression of God life in the people as never on that scale before.

Notice the next time we see this theme in **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:142** brother Branham says, "*Even Paul before Agrippa said, "In the way that's called heresy (which means crazy), that's the way I worship the God of our Father."* That great intellectual

scholar had to come to that place in the way that's called heresy. Why? It was revealed to him. That Pillar of Fire hanging before said, "I'm Jesus, the great God that was in the wilderness yonder with Moses; I am He. And it's hard for you to kick against the pricks." Then Paul standing there know that the life was laying at stake, he said, "The way that's called heresy, that's the way I worship the God of our fathers." It was called that, because to him what the great truth of Christ was. And today people say, "It's a denomination." It's Jesus Christ, the new birth revealed in you that He has the preeminences, that He might express His Words. And anything that He's promised in this last days, He can bring it to pass through His Body as He's working. Amen. It's just exactly the Word of God made manifest.

There you go. he's saying exactly here what I've been trying to get across. Now, let's go to **Christ is the mystery of God Revealed 63-0728 P:122** 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 try to place these promises of Christ in this last day to some other age, making Him Christ yesterday, but not today, then that man or that person has been in a delusion by 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 manifestations of gifts that would follow, that they shall, not that they maybe, they ought to; they will. And heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word won't.*

So what if we have brothers placing all this in another age? He said that's no good, you're missing it yourself. So what if we have brothers placing all this in just one man? That's no good, they are missing it. But brother Branham said, "And if that man says that he believes that, and it doesn't manifest itself through him...then he shows us Mark 16 and names specifically certain manifestations of the supernatural.

What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:48 *So Jesus knewed that there'd be a great intellectual move just like there was in His days, intellect--washing of pots and pans, and wearing of clothes, and turned-around collars, and everything as they did, all these different things that they would do. He knowed they'd do that. So He said, "Now, just wait a minute. I'm going to not leave you comfortless; I'm coming again to be with you. Therefore," He said, "the works that I do, you'll do also." The purpose of sending the Holy Ghost was for God to continue through a bunch of people, to continually manifest God to the world (That's exactly.), not by a creed, not by a denomination, but by the power of His resurrection, by making His Word real, by taking His promise and standing on the side of the minority and believing God; and watch the black skies move back and the power of God move in and take over. Amen. That's what He wants. That's what the Holy Ghost was sent for. That's what purpose He sent It for. We know what It is now. And that's why He sent It.*

What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:42 *Now, notice, Here's another thing I'd like to say right here. "As" Jesus said, "as the Father has sent Me... As (Now, watch.)--as the Father has sent Me, so send I you." As the Father... How did the Father send Him? The*

*Father that sent Him come down from heaven and dwelt in Him. He went forth; He said, "I always do that which pleases My Father." See? He went about doing the things that the Father was showing Him to do. "I do nothing except My Father shows Me first." The God that sent Him, was on the inside of Him. "And as the Father sent Me (the same way the Father sent Me), so I send you." What is it? God in you. Carrying on what? The same works, the same... Jesus said, "**He that believeth (He that has Me on the inside of him, the Holy Spirit)--he that believeth** (that's already witnessed My resurrection), and know that I'm in him... He that's in Me; if ye abide in Me, My words abide in you..."*

Notice he's speaking of both **Mark 16** and **John 14:12** here as a sign that the God Life is in you and you are bearing the fruits, he says the works and fruits of the spirit are the same thing.

What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:11 *You know, in the same chapter of John 14 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and it will satisfy us." Jesus said, "I've been so long with you, Philip, and you don't know Me. When you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. And why sayest thou unto Me, 'Show us the Father'?" God was made flesh. Now, here it is. **The Father was God over you.** We're saying... We've been since Adam, God the Father was over Moses and the children of Israel in a Pillar of Fire, **then God with us in Christ, walked with us, talked with us, eat with us, slept with us. God over us, God with us, and now, it's God in us.** All God was, come into Christ; all Christ was, come into the church. What is it? **God working in you.** Anywhere in the world, if He'd want to call on you, you're right there: **working in you to do His good will.** How we ought to thank God for that. **God the Holy Spirit is sent for the purpose of God living in His church, moving through each age, working out His Divine will.***

Notice when it was God in us he said, he walked with us, he talked with us, he eat with us, he lived with us. So what is it now? God in us, God eating, God sleeping, God walking and talking, where? In us. we are written epistles known and read of all men.

That's what he said in **What Holy Ghost was given for 59-1217 P:16** *And in the cool of the evening He'd come down and commune with them. And there He lost that fellowship, because sin would not let Him do it. And then He was made flesh and dwelt among us in order that He could come back again to man, and live in man, and restore man to a state of communion with Him again, and give him back his God given right. That's what He did. That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost: It's the Father again, **God the Father dwelling in you, working out His plans to finish His plan of redemption, working through you, making you a co-worker with Him, giving you a place, giving you a part for your fallen lost brother and sister, giving you His Spirit and His love to go hunt the lost as He did in the garden of Eden.** "Adam, Adam, where art thou?" That's what the Holy Spirit does to a man or a woman. **When It strikes into their heart and takes Its abode, there's a thirst and a hungering for lost souls. That's what's the matter with the meetings today; there's not enough Spirit touch in it to go for the souls of the lost and the dying. It's more to make a name, or a church, or a building, or a denomination, instead of a soul winning program.** How pitiful.*

In closing let me read the last paragraph in Christ is the Mystery of God where brother Branham speaks of this theme. **Christ is the mystery of God Revealed 63-0728 P:233** (503-504) *"Notice, All right. But all this mystery is revealed only as He promised to His Bride"*. (it's only revealed to His bride, no one else is privy to this great revelation). *"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."*

Now, he's saying that our focus is so wrong. We have this great mystery revealed to us, and God is waiting for us to catch on and let go and let God working in us to will and to do, but he says we let so many things get in our way. So this is a warning to us. *"It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you, but you let so many things get it out of you"*.

And what are those things we let get in the way? Now, listen, he's going to tell su what is getting in our way of this great revelation expressing itself from us.

He says, *"You let your job"*, He lists your job as first. So many people compromise that Life of Christ because of demands on their job. And when you consider the job demand before what God is working in you to do, right their you let slip your portion in this great unfolding. Will that keep you from being saved? I couldn't tell you, but it will keep you from being a manifested son. It will keep you from manifesting God life, because you have placed your job ahead of His Word of Life expressing itself in you.

Then he says, *"you let your wife, you let your husband, you let your children,"* So we see here he is telling us that we let our relationships with others get between us ad our relationship with God. You know, brother Branham warned us about our anger and our holding grudges. he said they could keep you from making it. They could be what keeps you out of the rapture. So you better think about that before you pop off your moth the next time. It's all being recorded and you will have to give an account one day. I would just hate to see that as a reason we do not receive a body change, because we couldn't die to self when family members are pressing you to react. Don't we realize that God allows those things to see how we will react? Don't you think God knew what he was doing when He brought Moses to Zephora? Brother Branham said she had a temper like a buzz saw, and God used that to humble down the big man Moses who wouldn't take it from the guard and killed him with one blow, but he couldn't kill his wife like tat, and she knew it and she needled him until he went out with the herds of sheep.

Next brother Branham says, *you let the cares of the world*, and I am afraid that is where so many have lost a sense of the priorities of a Christian life. They don't come to church when they should. They go shopping, or do other things, and place other things as priorities ahead of their life coming into conformity to God's Word. And that is the danger of having good jobs. Sometimes I wonder if the bride were all poor and out of work if they would put God first. Maybe that is why there will be such a financial squeeze that will place the people in a position financially that they will have to be

dependant on God to provide their daily bread. Because they were not focused when the had opportunity to stay focused.

And then he goes up the food chain so to speak and says, "*you let some pastor, you let somebody else get that out of you, when you know that way down in your heart you're a-thirsting, hungry. It's God trying to reveal it to you (See?), the revelation. The last day is here.*" Now, we could get more into this but I hope by now you are understanding what brother Branham is trying to tell us.

Let us pray...