

## Christ is the Mystery no 175

*Love them anyhow*

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**2 John 1:5** *And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.*

**1 John 4:12** *No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.*

His Love is perfected in us, wheeew!!! Let us pray.

Dear Gracious and loving Father, we hear these words, that your Love is to be perfected in us, and we find these words to be so far above our understanding and what we have been able to accomplish in our own lives so far, that we humbly ask you father tonight to help us to get a better hold on what your servant John is talking about here. help us this evening to begin to understand our relationship with you and the flow of your Divine and Self sacrificial Love, and how it might be perfected in and through us Lord. We know how you expressed your love to us through your Son Jesus, and we know that we are to be conformed to His image in this late hour, so we ask you father to help us in our Spirit and in our soul, to somehow make this a reality in this flesh as well, for we ask it in the lovely name of Your Son Jesus, who gave Himself for us that we might live. Amen.

You may be seated.

**1 John 4:12** *No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.*

I guess in order to understand what the Apostle John said under the anointing of the Holy Ghost here, we should first begin by knowing what this word perfected in us means?

This word "**perfected**" was translated from the Greek word "**teleio**" which means "**completed**", but it also means, "**accomplished**", "**consummated**", or "**consecrated**". And I think this word consecrated perhaps will help us best to understand what John is telling us here.

First of all John tells us, *No man hath seen God at any time...* And that is true. Because God is a Spirit, and man can not see Spirit. But we find that Jesus once told us the same thing, but then added that there is a way to see God, and that is in the flesh of His son.

This same Apostle John quotes Jesus the son of God in **John 1:18** as saying, *"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him."*

*"he hath positively lead Him forth into View."* In other words, God used the veil of His son's flesh to openly manifest through that veil of flesh, all the Divine attributes and nature of Himself, God.

Jesus declared God, *"He clearly showed forth the opinions, the values, and the judgments of His Father who is God."*

And being that we are told in our Scriptural text this evening, that *"No man hath seen God at any time.* But we are also promised that *If we love one another, God Himself will dwell in us, and His love will be perfected in us.*

His Love, the love of the unseen God, will be consummated, completed, in us, and through us, which can only come through a vessel that has consecrated itself to God as Jesus the son of God did.

Now, this evening I would like to continue in our study of brother Branham's sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and this will be number 175 in our study.

And we will read from paragraph **300** where brother Branham said, *"Amen. Glory to God. How we love Him. Just worship Him in your heart now. Just adore Him. Just think how beautiful He's done. Look what He's done for us. All these years of the visions, not one has ever failed. Everything that He said would come to pass, come 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, 'cause God loved the sinner. And the nature of God is in...*

*301 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 heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.*

Notice what brother Branham is telling us here. Love everybody whether they are right or whether they are wrong. Whether they are still a sinner or whether they are a sainted one; He said, *love them anyhow.* And if you don't, then you had better pray God to help you, 'cause God loved the sinner. And that's the nature of God that's supposed to be in you.

Now, we know this is the hour for the bride *to be conformed to the image of the first born son.*

That is **Romans 8:28** *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>li</sup> have been called according to his purpose.*

And how do all things work together for your good? Paul gives us our answer in verse. **29** *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

And this same Apostle Paul who told us that *we are predestinated to be conformed to the very image of God's first born son*, in the very next verse he tells us how this is to come about. *"And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified."*

Notice the order of events, he calls us, then justifies us, and then glorifies us.

Now, when he called us vs when we heard and respond to the call are not the same. He called us before the 4 foundations of the world. But when you heard it all depends on when you were ordained to be here to hear that call.

From his Message, **Resurrection of Jairus Daughter 54-0302 4** brother Branham said, *"For those that He has called, He has chosen. And those who He called, He justified. And those who He justified, He hath glorified (already). And "when this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Amen. Right in the presence of His being tonight, in His sight we are already glorified: "Those who He justified, He hath (past tense) glorified." And what makes you a Christian, and long for that perfection, is because the perfection's laying right out there, that other glorified body. When this one is moved out of, you move into that one. Isn't that marvelous? What are we scared about then? We just believe, and then the Master of all of it said, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Nothing can harm us. Just as peaceful as little children playing around. Just... We got a heavenly Father Who watches over us. And whatever He sees that we have need of, He just presents it to us.*

And from his message **Explaining Healing and Jairus 54-0216 37** Brother Branham said, *"What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified." Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else. So if your deeds are evil, you know where it comes from. You know where your other body's a waiting.*

Now, if it is already in progress, then there is nothing you can do but just let god and let God. Let go and just let it happen. The problem is that we aren't will yet to just let go.

That is why I love what brother Branham told us concerning Hebrews 6.

In his message **Hebrews Chapter 6 57-0908E P:27** brother Branham said, *"Paul said, "Let's go on to perfection now." We're talking about perfected, and if we'll run this down, you'll find out the perfected is the elected. I'll prove it to you in a few minutes by the Bible. It's the elected who God, before the foundation of the world seen every one of them. And He sent Jesus to redeem that people, not the whole world. He wanted to, but He had to make a way for those. And the only way He could do, was to send Christ, that He might come the propitiation of our sins, that those who've been elected, He could bring to Him in glory. Could you imagine God running His office so loosely, as to say, "Well, maybe somebody will think real sad about Me, and maybe they'll come and get saved." God don't have to beg you to do nothing. Any begging, you need to do the begging, not God.*

And I think it is sad that the bride has not yet come to the place where she can say, *"if God said it, I believe it, and that settles it for me".*

Notice he said, *only the elected is perfected*. And our perfection comes via the way Jesus and Paul told us it would come, by being glorified together with Christ.

That brings us to John 17, the prayer of Jesus that is so beautiful to me because Jesus tells us how we are to receive our glorification.

**John 17:1** *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

Notice to this point Jesus is asking the Father to glorify him with the glory he had with God before the foundations of the world. Now, notice he uses the word glorify me with the glory I had with you. The word glory as you already know was translated from the Greek word "**doxa**" which means "*the opinions, the estimation or (values), and the judgments*". And this word "**glorify**" was translated from the Greek word "**doxazo**", which is made up from this word "**doxa**" and the Greek word "**Zoe**" which means life. In other words, Jesus is asking God, His Father to magnify in His life, the very "**opinions, values, and judgments**" that are God's.

Then Jesus prays in the next verse,

**6** *I have manifested thy name unto the men (That word there is **phaneroo**, to reveal or manifest in ones true character. I have manifested the true character of thy name unto men) which thou gave to me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gave them to me; and they also have kept thy word.*

And remember, Jesus had already told us "**no man hath seen God at any time, but He the son hath declared him.**" Because God is Spirit, and can not be seen, but a body that reflects that Spirit in every attribute and characteristic is a reflection of that Spirit, so what the body does reflects what the Spirit does.

**7** *Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gave to me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*

**10** *And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.*

now notice that Jesus says to his Father. "**And I am glorified in them.**"

Now, what does he mean here? What Jesus is saying here when he says, "**I am glorified in them**". This Glory, which is the same "**doxa**," or "**the opinions, values, and judgments**" has come full circle in them that Jesus reflected God's Glory to. From Him the glory, God's opinions, His values, and judgments were reflected from God through Jesus unto the elect, and they received the same opinions, values, and judgments and

reflected it back to him again. Why? because these people are "**echoing**" what Jesus taught them, and it shows in the lives they are living. They are reflecting in their lives, the very opinions Jesus spoke in their own speech, and they are reflecting the values they learned from Jesus in their own lives, etc.

Notice in **1 John 5:12** we read, *He that **hath** the Son **hath** life; and he that **hath** not the Son of God **hath** not life.*

And of course this Word **hath** was translated from the Greek word **echo**, which means the same thing as does the English Word **echo**.

So let's read this verse again to get a better meaning of what John is telling us here. **1 John 5:12** we read, *He that **echos** the Son **echos** life; and he that **echos** not the Son of God **echos** not life.*

And of course we know according to **John 5:26** that the life the Son echos is the same life that came from the father who is the fountain of life. *"For as the Father **hath** (**echos**) life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to **have** (**echo**) life in himself;"*

And what is the life except the very Divine nature that becomes expressed by echoing God's "**opinions, values, and judgments.**"

Now back to **John 17** and we will pick up at verse **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, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gave to me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and **these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.***

Now, we know the word fulfilled means manifested or completed in them. And what are these things he has given us that will bring fulfillment or completion in us?

He says in verse **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. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

And how are we to be kept from the evil that is in this world?

*He says, 17 Sanctify them through **thy truth: thy word is truth.***

So the very Word that we believe which is filled with the very glory of God, His opinions, his values, and his judgments is what keeps us from the evils that are in this world. That is why I say always, get into those tapes and listen to the voice of God to this generation, and you will be kept safe from the evil that is in this world.

Then Jesus says, **18** *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes **I sanctify myself, that** (for the purpose that) *they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

So we see it is not just talking this word, but he actually went out of his way to live such a life that the way He lived might also affect the way we live. he didn't sanctify himself to put on a show so we could see what he could do. No, he set his life in order, and consecrated his very life that it might benefit you and I.

From his message **Lamb and dove 60-0805 P:49** brother Branham said, *While you're listening, the most outstanding Scriptures, one of them, that I can think of, when Jesus said, "Father (think of it), Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." Think of it. "Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." What was He doing? Setting the example; He was a Lamb. What did He do? **He had a right to a home; He was a Man. He had a right to be married; He was a Man. He had a right to good clothes; He was a Man. But He sanctified Himself; He forfeited.** He could've come down the corridors of glory, a full stuated man, with an Angelic band. Sure. But He sanctified Himself. He could've at least been born in a nice clean bed somewhere, but He was born in a manger over a manure pile, in a borrowed manger. But **He sanctified Himself.** Why? He was the Lamb. See, friends, we got assembly line religions and so forth, and all these things and we're getting away from the real things. Humble yourself. Keep humble: "**Lord, sanctify me.**"*

**God's wrapped gift 60-1225 P:56** *There's another pathetic thing. I think one of the most pathetic Words that Jesus ever said, was when He said, "**Father, I sanctify Myself, that they might be sanctified.**" In other words, **He had a right; He was a man. He had a right to a home; He had a right to a family. He was man, as much man as you are or I am, as much human in His manhood as we were. He had a right to it. But He was training twelve men that was going to take the Gospel to all the world, so He sanctified Himself for their sake. "I sanctify Myself for their sake": a Gift of God, keeping Himself sanctified. Oh, gifts of God, you people who claim that you've received His Spirit, keep yourself sanctified (Yes, sir.); keep away from the things of the world; be sanctified. Oh.***

And then Jesus prayed, **20 Neither pray I for these alone,** (and I am not praying just for these twelve) *but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 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.*

So how does the world see that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever?* How does the world see that Jesus is not dead, but that he liveth? when they see that very same life living itself out through your life. Notice Jesus prayer here. he is asking the Father that we, you and I, might be one with Him and the father the same way he was one with the Father. And how does he say we are to become that same one with God as he was one with God?

**22 And the glory** (the opinions, the values, and the judgments) *which thou has given to me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

And that is exactly the way brother Branham said we are to become one with God our Father as Jesus himself was one with God His Father. And remember this glory is the doxa of God which is his opinion, His assessment, and his judgment, which is His very mind, or way of thinking. And in **1 Corinthians** we are told that *no man can know the*

*things of God unless the Spirit of God is in Him.* So we have the assurance that *by One spirit we have been baptized into one body.*

So we see that Jesus and God were one because Jesus received God's Word which contained the *doxa* of God, his *values, opinions* etc. And Jesus said Himself that because we have received the Word which the Father gave Him, that would also make us one with the Father as he was One with the Father.

From **HARVEST TIME 641212 87 34** 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. *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* (kind of) *one with God.*

And in the spoken word is the original Seed brother Branham explains how that oneness with God is manifested through us. **Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:175** Notice, what harmony. *Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first: (Harmony between God and Christ. See? **John 5:19**) So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life (He shows Her), and she receives It.* She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") *Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name.* She has **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. *They do only His will.* (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. *They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God.* For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here, He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.

Notice Jesus words, *23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

Remember, brothers and sisters, we have a promise in **Philippians 2:13** *For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

And just as Jesus said in **John 4:34** *"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."* So to as brother Branham said, *They do only His will.* (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. *They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God.* For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day.

Then if we are to be fulfilled in Him, and His Glory reflected in us and through us, then the completion will be when we reflect the same love he reflected.

**1 Peter 1:22** *Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, **see that ye love one another** with a pure heart fervently:*

**John 13:34** *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; **as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.***

**John 4:7** *Beloved, **let us love one another:** for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:9** *But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.*

**Romans 13:8** *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

**1 John 4:11** *Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

**1 John 3:23** *And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

**1 John 3:11** *For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

**John 15:17** *These things I command you, that ye love one another.*

**John 15:12** *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

In **1 Corinthians 12:31** the Apostle Paul said "**I show you a more excellent way**", and then he moves us into Love and what Love is all about.

**1 Corinthians 13: 1** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does **not envy**, it does **not boast**, it is **not proud**. 5 It is **not rude**, it is **not self-seeking**, it is **not easily angered**, it **keeps no record of wrongs**. 6 Love **does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth**. 7 It **always protects**, **always trusts**, **always hopes**, **always perseveres**. 8 Love **never fails**.*

Let us bow our heads in a word of prayer as the brothers bring forth the elements for the communion and foot washing.