

Christ is the Mystery no 184

Resurrection Life

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This morning we will review from number 52 through number 57 in our series from Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and we will begin with **Christ is the mystery no 52** *The Revelation of Christ is the Life Expressed*.

We took for our text from paragraph 147 of brother Branham's sermon where he said, *"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. See? Not your theology; it's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "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. He 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.***

Notice what he is telling us here. It is not how well trained you are in the Gospel, that has nothing to do with it. It is not who you sat under for a minister or teacher, that has nothing to do with it.

Ok, so I hope he is making himself clear here because this message is rampant with people who think they have it because they knew this preacher or that preacher, or they went fishing with this one or hunting with that one. None of that stuff has anything to do with it at all. And God accepts none of that stuff.

He said Peter didn't know Him because he went fishing with him, and Paul never did meet Jesus in the flesh, and yet by revelation he knew him in a greater way than the twelve apostle did who spent a lot of time with him in the flesh. And we read Last night where Paul said we don't know him after the flesh any longer, although at one time we might have, so it is not the flesh experience we are talking about here. It is what brother Branham vindicated prophet of God said so clearly, so I am going to repeat it again.

He says you receive the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth, *and Christ injects His own Life in and through you, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences to the people that they don't see you or your life any longer, but you are so dead to yourself that they only life they see living in your vessel is the very same Life, and the very same works, and the very same signs and wonders that He (Jesus Christ) did and he is now doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.*

So what we are looking at here is a life so surrendered to him that He has full pre-eminence in your vessel to do as what pleases Him to do through you.

He said Christ Jesus, His very own Life has been injected into the believer and He, Christ is born into your vessel. And on top of all that, he says and your own life is gone. And how does he say we receive this injection of Christ -Life into our vessel in order for that injected Life to come to birth in our vessel? He says God injects it by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

So think in terms of the revelation of Jesus Christ as being an inoculation from God of His own Life. God takes His Word which is His Life blood, and since it is sharper than any two edged sword, he uses it to inject into your vessel, the His very own Life, the same Life He injected into His Son Jesus.

And when you've been injected with this God Life, it begins to manifest God-Life in you, and thus you receive the revelation of Jesus Christ. And remember we have shown you that the word "revelation" means "*manifestation of Divine will or truth*".

In other words "*revelation*" is not some intellectual affair, but rather it is a Divine truth in you that has manifested or expressed that God-Life in you. Therefore it must express itself in order for it to be revealed to you. So when you see the manifestation of the revelation, you know that you know. Or as Paul said, "*You know as you are known.*"

And brother Branham says, He (Christ's very own Life) born in there (in where? in you) and He injects His own Life (where?) In you, and when that happens your life is gone, it loses its old focus and interests, and you receive a new focus and new interests, which is the focus and interests that please God. Therefore your new life is not you and Jesus, it is Jesus alone.

Paul said in **Colossians 3:3** *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

Now, when Paul tells us that *our life is hid with Christ* the word "*hid*" was translated from a Greek word that means *to hide by covering, hidden as though covered.*

So Christ Jesus, His own Life expressed in you, hides your own life and all its expressions that were a result of being born in sin, and shaped in iniquity and that came to the world speaking lies. Then it is not just as though we join up with Jesus but it actually means this union with Christ takes you out of the way, and brings his life into the pre-eminent position and expression in your being.

And after all, he said "*For ye are dead*", and if you are dead then what kind of an expression does a dead man have? NONE!!! Dead men don't retaliate do they? Dead horses don't kick, and dead men don't fight back. Then if you want to know if you are truly dead to self and your life is covered over by the very Life of Jesus Christ, the give yourself the Word test.

3 Ye are dead, and your life is hid (covered) *with Christ in God.* And if your life is covered with Christ it is because you have put on Christ. And who is Christ? He is the Word.

Galatians 3:27 *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* Then Paul says, **Colossians 3:4** *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, (Shall phaneroo, which means to manifest in ones true identity) then shall ye also appear (phaneroo to manifest in your true identity) with him in glory.* With him in **doxa**, with him in the same opinions, with him in the same values, and with him in the same judgments. Then he says, *"Mortify therefore your members"* (See? That means 'kill off', or 'put to death', or even 'crucify'. What?) all these attributes of self, which are *fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.* Notice what he said about 'covetousness'-it's idolatry-"worshipping money, things". See?

And brother Vayle explained this verse by saying, *"What is that a sign of, brother/sister? It's a sign of when those things come against us, we're dead to them...let them come. We don't get mad anymore...why? Just take it and let it come. See? Get it out of the way. See?"*

So what is that? That's is the cross of Christ! Where Paul said *"I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I am living"*. That's not a man saying, *"Well, I'm going to get back at that guy, because he did me..."* no, no, no. *You are dead and your life is hid with Christ,* covered over by the life of Christ, and the life you are now living in this body is not your life, but Christ's life is now projecting itself out from your vessel. And that is what brother Branham said next...

"and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences 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.

Now, the word **"project"** that brother Branham uses here means **"to reproduce outwardly," or "to display outwardly"**.

So what we are looking at here is a life that covers over your own life and this new life projects itself out from your vessel like a projector projects what is on the film outwardly for all to see, and the whole purpose of the projecting of what is on the film is to make visible to all what is hidden within the projector.

And so this led us to speak in **Christ is the mystery no 53** where we spoke on *The Sermon on the Mount. And if you recall Jesus speaks of the attributes of God Life displayed outwardly for all the world to see.*

Now, we do not have time to go into all the blessings that Jesus said are ours in this sermon on the mount, but what he is talking about is our projecting God-life and in every facet of that projection we are blessed. And after all, it is so simple that you have to work at it to make it difficult. He said, *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* In other words, the less you have of self, the more room you have for Christ in you your hope of glory. So what Jesus is saying here is that *"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope and you have nothing left in yourself to show forth, for with less of you there can be more of God."*

In other words, when you have finally died to yourself, and your life is covered over by Christ, then if it is truly covered you can not see anything of self any longer.

For all you can now see is Christ. There is nothing left for you to show the world of yourself, and the only thing you have worth showing to the world is Christ Himself who gives you the victory.

Notice the second place to find ourselves blessed. Jesus says in verse 4 *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.* Let's read that this way... 4 *"You're blessed when you've finally come to the place where you've lost what you thought was most dear to you, and that is yourself, Only to find you now project the One most dear to you, God himself.* Did not God promise to turn your mourning into joy? Well that's how He does it.

Our third blessing came with these words, 5 *Blessed are the meek (that's the humble): for they shall inherit the earth.* In finding our place in God's word, we find our true humility, for brother Branham said, *"true humility is knowing your place in the Word"*, and if the Word is God, then it is knowing your place in God. And when we knowingly embrace our Sovereign God, it is then we realize how little we are, and when we enter into this true humility, is when we die to self and let Christ have the preeminence in our life. That is when we become truly rich and as he said, those who enter into this condition are those who will receive their inheritance.

The next blessing Jesus tells us 6 *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."* And that is the opposite of the Laodicean condition who feel they have need of nothing. No, brothers and sisters, when we hunger and thirst it is because we long to have more of Him and acknowledge that we do not have enough.

Number 7 he said *"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."* When you have come to the place where you are more concerned for others than you are for yourself, then you have come to the place where you have not only obtained mercy, but you are now projecting mercy. And that means you are projecting God-Life Himself.

8 *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* Pure in heart, pure meaning there in nothing in the way that would pollute what you see and what you hear. And when you look with the eyes of God and hear with the ears of God, then you shall see God. For you have become like God because you are projecting God. And you project the the blind servant who sees only what God wants him to see, and you hear only what God wants you to hear.

9 *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.* "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. That is when you have come to maturity as a Christ-Like person, a true Christian which means Christ-Like.

10 *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution from others. Because God uses that persecution to drive you even deeper into His will and his mind and his reflection.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. In other words, count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit the reflection of Christ they are seeing in you. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and has made them uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens for though they don't like it, That is God they don't like that they are seeing in you! And all heaven is watching and applauding. And you must know that when this happens you are in good company. God's prophets and witnesses have always found themselves in this kind of opposition.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. In other words, instead of looking at the opposition, your focus should be on the reward.

Then Jesus says, *13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.* In other words, you are here to be a salt-seasoning to bring out the God-flavors in this earth, and if you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

And then Jesus says, *14 Ye are the light of the world.* You are here to be light, bringing out the God-spectrum in the world. As public as "*A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid, so your lives are to be open and on display for all to see*, for when they see you and your life is hid in Christ, they will see only Christ and Him crucified. *15 And if men do not light a candle, to put it under a bushel, why would you think I would do so? No, I've made you a candlestick; and your candlestick gives light unto all that are in the house to see.* *16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and that they through seeing your good works might glorify your Father which is in heaven, because when they see you, they will only see me.* *17 Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: No, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill the law, and my light in you and my Life working in you to will and to do will bring to fulfillment the Law of God written not with ink but written with my Spirit living and abiding in you.*

This brings us then to **Christ is the mystery no 54 Resurrection Life part 1** and **Christ is the Mystery no 55 Resurrection Life part 2** where we focused on the God-Life, which is the Resurrection Life in us, for He is the Resurrection and the Life, and if you are in Him and He is in you then you are already resurrected and setting together in heavenly places in Christ.

One of the last words of encouragement I received from brother Vayle before he passed over was he said, "*focus on the Life, Brian, not so much the doctrine, but the life*". And thus I have for the past few years, because I have seen enough people with a little doctrine and mean spirited enough to kill if they thought they could get away with it. We all need to spend more time on our knees and enter into the Holiest of Holies, and we will come forth with much more love for the brethren, because only perfect Love will enter into that dimension we are going.

Philippians 3:7 *But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own right-wise-ness, which is of the law, but that which is through the revelation of Christ, the right-wise-ness which is of God by revelation: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

And the Apostle Paul says in verse **11** what it is all about, *"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead"*.

In other words, I am willing to lay everything down, and call everything I ever held dear as though it is no more than dung, to attain to the out resurrection of the dead and to know Him in the power of His resurrection.

And then he tells us in verse *12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Notice it is all about **apprehending Christ Jesus**. growing up into Him, as Paul said in Ephesians 4.

It's not about what we can gain in this life for ourselves, it's all about gaining Him. And he says for those who are perfect, for those who are mature, you will understand what I am talking about. *I press for the high calling of God IN Christ Jesus*.

In other words, that life I saw in Christ Jesus, that High calling to where he died to self, and made himself a love prisoner to God His Father, that is the life I want as well.

Forget everything I have ever attained to in this world. Forget all the knowledge I ever processed through this mind of mine. I count everything that I ever attained outside of Christ as worthless and no more use than the dung our bodies pass through into the drought.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Notice he did not say they were the enemies of Christ but enemies of the cross of Christ. In other words, they are against the true suffering and will not come to Christ by means of the cross. And when we look at the cross and our own crucifixion of self, we must always realize that to crucify your own self and the lust's thereof is a very painful thing for any person.

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory (whose doxa, whose values, and opinions) is in their shame, (why? because) they mind earthly things.)
20 For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Notice he says for those of us who are actually looking for our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ, our citizenship and thus our behavior is molded to be like His own Glorious body. Now this word glorious is translated from the Greek word **Doxa** again showing that it is not the physical body but the **expression of the values and opinions and judgments** of God that are projected from our vessel just as Jesus own body projected the same values and opinions of God.

You see, that is why Paul died to self, allowing Christ to live His Life through Paul. Br. Branham said in paragraph (pp. 312 book) *"Paul, this great intellectual man, (1) never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people. (2) He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and (3) he lived the Word so that it (his life) expressed It (God's Word, God's Will and God's Life). (4) He lived so godly (Godly means God-like) until they seen Jesus Christ in him so much, till they wanted his handkerchief to take it and lay it upon the sick. (5) There's the Life of Christ. Not what some... "Oh, you see, Elijah done that a long time ago, laid his stick, but oh, that was the days of Elijah." Now, the world thought that. The intellectual priest and things, and churches of that day thought that, but to them believers, they knew different. They seen the revelation of Christ that was in Elijah: same thing was in Paul, expressed the same kind of Life, 'cause he was a prophet. See? He foretold things that happened exactly the way it was, and they knew that was God's identification of a prophet. And they knew that he was God's prophet. You couldn't shake them from it at all.*

From **God's only provided place of worship 65-1128M P:20** he said, *"I believe the church is begin to hear the message, and beginning to understand.* So by this time they had already begun to hear, but they were still in the process of beginning to understand what they heard. *But, friends, listen, we've got to lay in the Presence of the Son; we've got to be ripened. Our faith isn't ripe.*

In other words, *our faith has not yet matured, it has not yet developed* to where it is supposed to be. And of course if the fruit or faith is not yet ripe it is not yet ready for harvest. So he is talking about the condition that will help us to come to this maturity, and that is *to lay in the presence of the Son of God*, just as the fruit must hang on the vine and gather in sunlight to make the fruit better and ready for harvest, so we must lay in the presence of the Light of the Son of God to do the same thing.

So you see you could not come to this place of being harvest-ready, rapture-ready, without the Doctrine being taught as a relationship, so that your understanding might develop in that light. And brother Branham said, *"Intellectually we're hearing the message that God has give us, and seeing the signs that He showed us, and proving it by the Bible as that; but,...*

Now, he wouldn't say *but* if those three things was the all of it, but they aren't. So he says, you've heard it, you are beginning to even understand it, and you are now able to take it back to the Scriptures, *BUT* that's not enough... Notice he says those things are alright, but there is something that you still need, and that is) *BUT oh, how the church needs to lay in His Presence till it tenders up, you know, and gets sweet in the Spirit so that it can bathe down. Sometimes in speaking the message, you get harsh, have to break it in like that, because you've got to clinch a nail to make it hold. But when the church once gets it, the Elected is called out and separated then in the Presence of God, I know it'll be something like the people was there when it takes its rapture.*

And that brings us to **Christ is the Mystery no 56** *Humbly accepting God's word and Will* where we brought out about the humility and what Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:1** *And I, brethren, when I came to you, I never came with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. I never tried to impress you with how much I know, but rather 2 I determined not to know any thing among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

In other words what I looked for in you is what I want you to see in me, Christ only and my life crucified. A life that has died to self, and is now being lived by the same life that lived in the body of Jesus, in other words, the Holy Spirit.

Paul continues, *3 And therefore when I was among you, when I was in your presence, I was there in weakness, and not only that but I was also in fear, and not only fear, but I actually trembled lest you not see in me what I wanted to see in you, and that is Christ Jesus and not only Christ Jesus, but to see Him crucified in me. 4 And it affected my speech for my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, No, not at all. But it was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, not by my own ability, but by my death to self, and my giving over my body to God the author and finisher of my faith, for Him to live in me as He lived in Christ Jesus. 5 And my motive was that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Because words are nothing more than the sounding of a gong or cymbal, and can have the wrong affect upon you if their source and motive and objective are wrong. That is why I feared, that is why I trembled in your presence. Not fear of you, nor trembling at your presence, but I feared myself and my own humanity. I trembled at the thought of Paul getting in the way. Because words, mere words, are powerless unless they have their source in God who is the author and finisher of your faith.*

What beautiful words to describe a surrendered life vessel to God. What humility to admit that we are completely helpless and hopeless without *God in us working both to will and to do.*

Now, listen to these words of Paul, a teacher to the Gentiles, and an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, not selected by man, but by God. All you have to do is read Paul's writings, and he saw something that none of the other Apostles saw. As brother Branham said, *they all fished with him, and ate with him, and walked the dusty trails with Jesus, but Paul saw something none of them saw*, except later on John too saw it, and then Peter.

But Paul did not receive this by schooling, but by dying to self. And when Paul learned to die to self, then God took over, and Paul saw God in action in Himself. And that is what happened with brother Branham, and that is what will happen to you if you learn to die to self, and let God's Life have the preeminence in you.

God-Life expressed. God life manifested. God life projected. And it can come only when you get yourself out of the way and let him live your life for you. In fact brother Branham said the greatest gift is to get yourself out of the way. So if you pray for anything pray to make yourself little that God might project Himself big as life in you.

Therefore, after his conversion Paul was never proud. He was never arrogant. He was never boastful, but he was always fearful that his position given him by God would not be understood by the men in which he was called to bring to Christ. And he knew had it not been for the grace of God he would not have come to the knowledge of the truth himself.

Paul was very aware of his own humanity, and he knew in his own abilities had brought him to be at war with the God he desired to serve. And in his own abilities, he missed God altogether and had become the enemy of the God he thought he was serving. He knew that were it not for God finding him and knocking him off his high horse and blinding him, he would have never known he was already blind.

That is why William Branham said, "*Paul, this great intellectual man, (1) never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people.*"

He never tried to put one over on the people. he never tried to use his education to impress the people.

You know, I like the way brother Branham approached the Word because it shows the reality of who actually has the right Word or not. Now, you might say, well, what do you mean preacher? Well, brother Branham said if God be God like Elijah said, then the God who is God will manifest what he said to be true, and if he is not God then nothing will manifest, right? So the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, isn't that right?

The chef that won't eat their own cooking aren't much of a chef. And that's the problem with being a very good chef, because you look like you've been sampling a lot of your own stuff. These chefs on television that are thin, those are hired entertainer's and not real chefs. The good ones like Paula Dean are a little plump because they're good at what they do, and what they do is cook really good stuff, and since it is so good they sample a bit here and a bit there. And a chef that won't eat his own cooking is a fake.

Even Moses ate the same food Israel ate. He didn't give them food and eat something else. He ate what they ate, and if it was good enough for him it was good enough for them. That's why brother Branham would always say, "*don't preach me a sermon, live me one*". then I'll believe you. Why should I believe a man who says "*say what I say but don't do what I do*". Didn't Jesus tell the people, *The priests give you orders to do from the Scriptures, and so you must do it, but don't do what they do. Don't let them be your example, because they are hypocrites who do not do what they tell you to do.*

The Scripture is God's Word and it matters not who is quoting it, but look at the lives of the one who is quoting it and if their life doesn't live that Word themselves, then forget it, you're looking at a hypocrite. and why would you believe a hypocrite?

That's what brother Branham said, **Be not afraid 60-0717 P:86** Now, if you want to say, "I've got the Holy Ghost standing on my head," amen, go on. I don't care what you got. You say, "I got a, I seen a big light." Go ahead and see the big light. Amen. **If you live the life, I believe you got it.** You say, "I got it speaking in tongues." Amen. **If you live the life, I believe you got it. If you don't live the life, you didn't get it.** That's all. See? You've got to have that Life behind there. **"By their fruit, you shall know them."** That's right. I believe in speaking in tongues, and believe in shouting, and believe in all the Pentecostal experiences. Yes. But if that isn't tied together with love, it'll never work. Love is what puts it over.

Unpardonable sin 54-1024 P:47 You might do this, that, or the other, whatever it is. **But your life will tally to your testimony. Your life testifies so loud, till... No matter what you say, people don't believe it if you don't live it.** They ain't going to believe you. **And you don't believe it yourself, and the public don't believe it; so you're just making yourself miserable.** Why don't you come with a true heart, and say, "God, I confess my wrongs, and I believe on Jesus Christ with all my heart. Now, God, give me the Holy Ghost." **He will do it. That's right. He will do it.**

Hebrews Chapter 4 57-0901E P:79 Listen. Watch: **Neither is there any creature that is not manifested in his sight: but all things are naked and open before His eye to him... who we have to do with. Seeing then that we have a great high priest that has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confessions."** **Hold fast,** that don't mean just keep testifying. **If you don't live the life, you don't hold it fast.** You're living a hypocritical thing. You'd better be on out and just say you're a sinner and forget about it. **Don't profess a Christian and live something else; you're the biggest stumbling block the world's ever had.** If you're a sinner, admit it and go on, get right with God. **If you're a Christian, hold fast your confession; stay there.**

Jezebel religion 61-0319 P:4 You want to live just what you talk about. **If you don't live it yourself, how could you expect somebody else to live it.** See? So you are written epistles read of all men; **so always be honest, just, true. Tell the truth, no matter how bad it hurts something.** Tell the truth anyhow, 'cause you can always tell it the same way each time. And if you tell a lie, you'd have to go a million miles around, and still you have to come back to that lie again; and you just made an awful thing. Just be honest, and you can always tell it the same way because it's the truth.

Believing God 52-0224 P:55 And I know this, that some of us has more faith than others, and those who have abundance of faith are supposed to pray for those. **But if you don't live the right kind of life, you better leave away from it; the devil will laugh at your prayer.** But when you live right, and do right, and act right, and have faith in God, Satan will tremble when you speak, 'cause God swore under obligation He'd take care of that prayer. That's true.

That is why Paul tells us in **Romans 3:3** *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? 4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; ...*

Amplified: *What if some did not believe and were without faith? Does their lack of faith and their faithlessness nullify and make ineffective and void the faithfulness of God and His fidelity [to His Word]? 4 By no means! Let God be found true though every human being is false and a liar,*

The Message Romans 3:3 *Do you think their faithlessness cancels out his faithfulness? Not on your life! Depend on it: God keeps his word even when the whole world is lying through its teeth. Scripture says the same: **Your words stand fast and true**; Rejection doesn't faze you. But if our wrongdoing only underlines and confirms God's right doing, shouldn't we be commended for helping out? Since our bad words don't even make a dent in his good words, isn't it wrong of God to back us to the wall and hold us to our word? These questions come up. The answer to such questions is no, a most emphatic No! How else would things ever get straightened out if God didn't do the straightening?*

So what we see is that God wants for our words to match our lives, which is **the some of our actions**, and if it doesn't, then why should anyone believe what you have to say.

And that led us into **Christ is the Mystery no 57** *The Word will bear its own fruit* where we continued to speak on your life and your testimony are one and the same.

In paragraph **312** brother Branham said in speaking of the apostle Paul and said, *(3) he lived the Word so that it expressed It*. Now I want you to catch his words very carefully here. Notice he did not say, he lived the Word so that he expressed It. No, that's not what he said. He said, *"he lived the Word so that IT expressed IT."* Let me reword this for you in my own words so that you can better see what he is saying here. He is saying, *"Paul so lived the Word that The Word expressed Itself in Paul*. Now He is not saying here Paul lived the Word so much until Paul expressed the Word. That is not what the Apostle Paul said of himself. That's not his own testimony.

In **Romans 7** to find out what Paul said about himself. **Romans 7:14** *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin*. Here is the first point I want you to understand. The Apostle Paul said that the *"Law is spiritual"* Therefore ***if the Law is spiritual then it can not be satisfied with anything that your flesh*** or any flesh can produce. That's why I always tell those who say *"I just can't live it"*, I tell them ***of course not, no one can***. And they say ***well, then what is the use of trying?*** And right there they miss the whole picture, because you are saying what is the use for ***ME to try***. And ***it's not about you, it's about Him***. No man can live it, but only one man did live it, and that man when he lived it, he set the standard so high no man can live up to that standard. But **He can!** And how do I know that? Because He already did.

So Paul tells us ***the Law is spiritual but I am carnal***, and not only am I carnal but I am sold under sin which is missing the mark or basically not believing. He says, I sowed that way to begin with, we are all ***born in sin, shaped in iniquity, and come into this world speaking lies***, so how do you expect to live it, when you were not made to live it.

But He was and he did live it. Because He was born from above, and He was not born by a sexual act of the flesh, but he was born from above. Therefore, I want for you to get that out of your thinking right now, and don't let that thought hold you down. When the devil whispers in your ear that you can't live it, you tell him, *you are absolutely right devil, but I know one who did*. And that one who did wants to live it in me as well, so stand back satan, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ because *"I am crucified with Christ, and nevertheless, I know that I am still living, yet it is no longer me that is living, but Christ Himself is living in me", and the Life I am now living in this flesh I am living by the Faith, by the revelation of the son of God, His Faith, His Revelation, because it is Him that is alive in me."*

Then Paul goes on to explain how that since the law is spiritual, and he is carnal, how that he is not able to live out the Law Himself. *15 For that which I do I allow not: In other words, the things I seem to do in this flesh, I really didn't plan to do them, they just happen because of my flesh*. I mean I don't even have to think to do them, they just happen. It's just my human nature to do them. That is why I don't have to allow them, they just happen. And then he says, *"for what I would like to do, that do I not do;*

In other words the things I allow for, those I don't seem to do, and those things I make no allowance for, that is what I seem to be doing. Notice his language here, *"but what I hate, that I seem to find myself doing"*. Now, why would the apostle Paul make such a statement as that? Because he is telling us that it has nothing to do with what I can or can not do in this flesh, because it has nothing to do with this flesh because the law is spiritual. He is saying, *"I know that all God's commands are spiritual, but I myself am not"*.

Paul is saying, *"What I don't understand about myself is that I decide to go one way, but then I act another way, which seems just the opposite of the way I intended to act, doing things I absolutely despise doing. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for my own self and then do it, it becomes very obvious that God's command is necessary"*. *16 If then I do that which I really don't want to do, or if I find myself doing those things that I never intentionally thought about doing, and I despise the doing of them, then in reality I am agreeing within me that the law that God set up is good for me. 17 Now then if my desire is to do what God has shown to be holy and righteous, but my body doesn't do what I wish it to do concerning what is holy and righteous, then it is not really me doing those things, but sin which is unbelief that dwells in me that causes me to do those things. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would do, I do not do: but the evil which I would not do, that I find myself doing. 20 Now if I do what I would not do, then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then this law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin*

Now, what Paul is saying in this is that there is a law called *the law of reproduction*, or *the law of life*, and it operates in our body. And when I delight in the Law of God inwardly, I know that the Law of God is spiritual, because even though I long to do God's will and obey His law, yet my body is not spiritual, and was sown in sin, shaped in iniquity and come to the world speaking lies.

So when we look at the body of flesh, it has a law operating in our body that makes the body manifest itself according to the nature of the seed that gave birth to that body. But he says *there is also another law within me which is spiritual*, and this nature as it grows up within me, seems to war against the nature of my flesh. And *this nature is spiritual*, because it's the nature of the inner man by a new birth. And the two natures war against each other. But since both are tied directly to whatever seed was sown, then hence when I would to do good, there is another nature so in effect the nature of the flesh wars against the nature of the spirit.

So here is the problem, I desire to live a life like Christ but my body is not capable of going along with my desire. So what do I do in this case? Am I held accountable for every act that's done in this flesh? Absolutely you are held accountable.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

So we see that man can not get away from the fact that he is held responsible for every work he does in the flesh, and yet we know the flesh is not capable of doing that which pleases God.

Now it doesn't look good for man his ultimate sentencing because even if he wishes to do good, there is a law in the flesh that will not permit him to do that which is good. So now, that we have set forth the case against our bodies being capable of living a sinless life, let's read again what brother Branham said in paragraph 312. In **paragraph 312** brother Branham said in speaking of the apostle Paul (3) *he lived the Word so that it expressed It*. Let me reword this for you in my own words so that you can better see what he is saying here. He is saying, *"Paul so lived the Word so that The Word expressed The Word*.

Notice, as Paul said in **Galatians 2:16** *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ is living in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*