

**Christ is the Mystery no 191**  
*As a man thinks in his heart - review*  
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This evening we will review **Christ is the Mystery No 82, 83, 84** *As a Man thinks in his heart no 1, 2, 3*

**Luke 8:4-15** 4 ¶ *And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: 5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. 8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. 11 Now **the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.** 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved 13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of [this] life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*

Now notice that the seed that was sown is the Word of God, and yet we see that unless this Word or Seed is sown in the proper place it will not produce Life.

**1 Peter 1:23** *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Notice again the Word is called a seed, and yet we see here that there are two types of seed, or Word which are sown. A corruptible word and an incorruptible word. The evidence we have received an incorruptible Word, is that we shall live and abide forever. Now let's take this thought one step further. If Peter tells us there are 2 different types of seeds, one which is corruptible and another which is not corruptible, and if one is called the Word of God, then the other must be words of one who is not God. Therefore, if a seed must manifest, then one life will manifest attributes which are eternal while the other will manifest attributes which will perish.

In the message **Blasphemous Names 62, 22-1** brother Branham said, *"The biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word it brings us to a **mental recognition** of God. But if this coming from above, oh, brother, if it ever strikes this, there is a godly, spiritual faith. Then what does that faith do? That **faith recognizes only the Word**. No matter what anything else says, it only recognizes the Word, because **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** (And the Word's still God.) And the*

*Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." And when the word Itself is pouring into our faith, our mental faith becomes a spiritual revelation. "And upon this foundation I'll build My Church," (See?), not upon a mental conception of church joining, a mental conception of that, but upon the revelation. When them streams of grace has poured into that mental faith that you've got, then upon this, a spiritual revelation, "I'll build My Church and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." See?"*

The life within the seed must come forth in a manifestation and bring forth an expression of the Life that lays within it, and it can not express anything outside of what life is within it. Therefore, **every seed must bring forth after it's kind**. And that is what this series **Christ is the Mystery of God** is all about. Brother Branham is speaking mostly of the second fold purpose of God which is that as **God manifested Himself in the body of His Son, He is now manifesting Himself in the Body of Christ**.

**E-39 God Revealing Himself to His People 50-0813E.** *The Word is a Seed (Is that right?) that a Sower sowed in the ground. And every Seed will bring forth of its kind. If you need salvation, the Seed's here. If you need healing, here's the Seed in the Word. The Word of God is a Seed. Put it in your heart. Don't dig it up every morning to see if it's sprouted, put it in there and leave it there. It's God's business to bring forth the harvest. You just leave it there; water it by faith and praise every day thanking God for it. All right.*

**E-50 At Thy Word 53-1204** *I don't know how I'm going to do it, but "at Thy Word, Lord." That's it. Take God at His Word, and God's spoken Word must, will materialize and produce just exactly what It says It will. Listen. The right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass. I don't care what it is. If you want corn, you plant corn, water corn, leave corn alone. It'll produce corn. Is that right? Wheat will produce wheat. The promise of salvation will produce a Christian. The promise of the Holy Ghost will bring It to you. The promise of Divine healing will make you well. Any Divine promise of God... And the Bible said that **the Word of God is a Seed**. Is that right?*

**E-8 What Think Ye of Christ 53-1213M** *And if the right mental attitude, you just take the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise, watch it materialize. See? No matter how it looks, if it looks impossible, if God said so He makes it possible.*

**175 Word Became Flesh India Trip 54-1003M** *Every Word in the Bible is God's thoughts laid in seed form, that if received into the human being, and spoke by the same thought that materialized the Bible, brings the thing to pass. See what I mean? How powerful could the Church be? The Bible said, "**Let this mind that was in Christ be in you. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.**" Now, your thoughts, if they become expression... Like, God said, "**Let there be a world.**" Before it could be a word, it had to be a thought. So God in the creation, created the world by His thought first, then spoke it, and the thought, expressed became material. See what I mean? 180 Now, you can express it by mental conception, but if it becomes a real revelation of God, that you see it before it happened, and express it in word form, that word takes a hold and becomes material: a thought expressed. Oh, my, how God could... See? If your heart and your mind is so, and infilled with God's Spirit, until your thoughts become His thoughts...*

Amen. There you are. **When your mind, and your leading, and your guiding, becomes a direct place, or a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit that's moving your mortal being...**  
Oh, my. What kind of people should we be? **If the very Holy Spirit has you so embodied or empowered, that you don't use your own thoughts, you don't use your own mind, you don't use your own opinion; but the Holy Spirit has you so built, until your thoughts and your being is God's Spirit expressing Itself through you,** what kind of a church would we be? What kind of a people would it be, this morning, if this Branham Tabernacle, this morning, was so filled with the Presence of God, why, when you **didn't even use your own mind, didn't even use your own thoughts, didn't even have no alternative of your own, but just to be led by the Spirit...**? 212 "**As a man thinketh...**" It has to become a thought before it can become a word. And a word expressed, **materializes.** I believe in my heart that I am a Christian, because I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ; if I don't cry, if I don't move, if I don't do a thing. In my heart first, I believe that Christ died for me in my stead. Amen. I accept it as a Christian; I believe it as a Christian; then **it's in my heart. Then I express it in a word, "I am a Christian."** Hallelujah. Then **I start walking as a Christian, talking as a Christian, living as a Christian, being as a Christian. And by my fruits I'm recognized by the world as a Christian.** Hallelujah.

Now in looking at these thoughts we see that first of all...

Every seed is a carrier of Life, That's **2 Peter 1:3-4** *According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: (and what is a promise? it's giving your word.*

And Who gives us His Word? God does, and what did the Sower sow? The Word, the Word seed.) *That by these (Word Seed promises) ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

**The same Life that was sown in the Original Seed,** which is the very Life that was in Christ Jesus, must **return in this hour,** and enter into people it's ordained to enter. That's **Colossians 3:4** *"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."*

And, so we see that the Word is a Seed carrier of Eternal Life. Now, this evening I would like to look at the Word being a Seed. And what we are looking at is this thought that your mind is like a Garden and is full of word seed thoughts **"the garden of your mind."**

**Genesis 1:11** *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

Now, we have a promise that this is the hour we are to be conformed to the Image of the first born son. That's **Romans 8:29-30.** That is a Word Seed of God that was planted in His mind before the foundations of the world. And there must be a time and season for this seed to bring forth as He thought and then spoke it.

Now, here is the promise. **Romans 8:29** *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn*

*among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them **he also glorified**.*

Now, if we are to be *conformed to the image of the first born son* in this hour, we must have his same mind in order to think his same thoughts, in order to say what he says, in order to do what he does. Otherwise we are not conformed to His image, but we are doing and saying and acting according to our own mind, and our own thoughts.

And God said in **Isaiah 55: 8** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

So men back then could not be conformed to the image of the first born son, because it takes being filled with the same spirit that was in the first born son in order to think like him and talk like him and act like him. That's **1 Corinthians 2**.

**1 Corinthians 2:9** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* So if it is not in his heart, then it is not in his mind. Then how could he see it, or hear of it, because man by himself has not the right makeup to see and hear and understand. But then Paul tells us how we can see and we can hear. He says in verse **10** *But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

Notice here that God's Spirit knows, but man doesn't know. So God had to make a way for man to receive His Spirit. **11** *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows.*

Now, again Paul let's us know that God's Spirit knows the things of God, but man's spirit doesn't have a clue. **12** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

Notice that God gives us His Spirit in order for us to understand. That's the whole purpose of our receiving His Spirit, because He wants us to know and understand Him, His thoughts, His Word, His Life.

**13** *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Now to further understand how our mind is like a garden, turn to **Proverbs 23:7**. "*For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.*" And so we see that **a man is what he thinks in his heart**. And we have already shown that our thoughts are likened to the life that is in a seed. Therefore, we can conclude that a man is literally what he thinks, and therefore "**his character is the sum of all of his thoughts.**"

As every plant springs forth from a seed that was hidden in the earth, and could not have began without a seed, so too *every action that we do*, springs forth from a seed that was planted in our minds as a thought.

Therefore our actions can only manifest what thoughts are planted in our heart.

**Luke 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

Now, notice, Jesus tells us that the words we speak come forth from the abundance of our heart. And the word heart as we know, means the understanding which is the compilation of all of our thoughts. Therefore our actions and speech are only the fruitage which comes forth to manifest the seed-life that is within our hearts.

In **Genesis 1:11** we read "*every seed will bring forth after it's kind*", This is the law of Life or law of reproduction, and we see that every seed must bring forth after it's own kind or nature. If the nature is in the seed it will manifest that same nature in its fruits.

Therefore, the life that is in the seed must become manifest. And therefore, whatsoever life is in the seed will come forth in an outward manifestation in due season. And that is what **Romans 8:15** is all about, *the manifestation of the sons of God*. Or shall we say, the manifestation of the seeds of God.

In **Psalms 1** we read that "*a righteous man will bring forth His fruit in His season*", then he would have to know what fruit must come in what season, right? So what fruit is supposed to be produced in the Elect or righteous in this season?

What season are we living in and what are the promises given for this season? That's what we want to know.

And we know that this is the hour of **Romans 8:15** the day when the *sons of God will manifest* as sons of God.

And this is the hour for **Romans 8:29** the hour when we are *ordained to be conformed to the Image of the first born son*, and the only way we can be conformed to the Image of the first born son is if we are born of the same Spirit He was born with. Then that same Life will bear record in our bodies the very same Life that bore record in His body. And this is the hour for **Ephesians 1:5**, the hour of our being *adopted and positionally placed* in the family of God.

That is why **Psalms 1:3** tells us that *a righteous man will bring forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he does will prosper*.

Therefore as I said, if we are righteous, Rightly-wise then we will bring forth the right fruit for the hour in which we live. We can see then that our thoughts are just seeds that produce our actions. Therefore a man that's righteous, does what is righteous. His thoughts are righteous before his actions are righteous. **1 John 3: 7** *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He (God) is righteous.*

So the righteous thought produces righteous actions.

You can not do what is righteous unless your thoughts are righteous first. That is why Solomon said in, **Proverbs 12:5** "*The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.*"

Therefore, what distinguishes a righteous man from a wicked man? ***His thoughts first and then his actions that follow.*** **Psalms 10:4** *The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. 5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight:*

Brother Branham taught us the principle that before you can actually do the act of sin in your flesh, you must first think it in your mind. Therefore the Greatest battle ever fought is in the mind.

Since we know that God created man in his own image, then we must consider that as God brings forth into manifestation His thoughts and desires of His heart, so does man do the same.

**Jeremiah 23:20** *The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.*

Therefore, your mind is likened to a garden which will grow fruit, whether good or bad and it just depends on what we do with it. In a natural garden we plant the seeds that we want to bring to harvest. We cultivate our garden so that no weeds will grow in it. It takes work, but if we sow we shall also reap. The problem is that there is another who also wishes to sow in our minds as well. Jesus tells the parable of the two Sowers who went forth sowing seeds. The First was the Son of Man and the other was the devil. The Son of Man sowed forth good seed which was the Word of God and it brought forth fruit, wheat. But the devil sowed his own word seed which brought forth tares or weeds.

We are likened to the husbandmen who are responsible for our own garden. We are supposed to act as good stewards of the good seed which is the Word of God. But if we are not really interested in what kind of harvest we shall reap, then we do not cultivate the good seed. We just let whatever grows, grow. And this will result in the weeds overtaking the seeds every time.

Weeds will always outgrow the True planting of the Lord because after all they are wild. And we know that "***many more are the children of the harlot than she which has a husband.***"

And so we see that every deed is first committed in the heart, or mind.

**Matthew 12:35** *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

**Matthew 15:19** *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

**Mark 7:21** *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth*

*good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Therefore the Bible tells us, "*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.*" That means we are *the product of our own thoughts just as any fruit is a product of the seed that was planted* in the ground. That is why we are told to cast down any thought that would exalt itself against the Word of God.

**2 Corinthians 10:5** *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Notice that we are told to bring every thought into obedience to the Word of God.

**Matthew 12:33** *Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.*

**Luke 3:8-9** *Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

If we are righteous it is because we think righteous thought. And if you have your source from God then you will not be able to help but to think God's thoughts. Remember the parable of the two Sowers. They both sowed seeds, but the Seed from the Son of Man was called the good seed. And we see that a good plant will only produce a good fruit.

**Explaining healing and Jairus 54-0216 37** *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.*

And listen, it all starts in the mind which is in the heart.

Therefore, I believe that *everything you are, even your Character comes from the garden of thought that's in your heart*, making you what you really are. Brother Branham told us that when we are born again, we receive everything that we will ever have need of to bring forth the image of God in us. In Fact we hear John tell us this in **1 John 3:2** where we find that *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

Therefore this thought we are looking at this evening should show you how the garden of your mind affects every thing about you, not only does it affect your character, and the molding of your character, but it will even *affect the circumstances that you enter into daily*, which circumstances are used by God in the shaping of your character into it's final state that God has predestined for you. Therefore, *every trial you endure, every test that God puts you through, comes about as a result of the Seed thoughts that lay within your heart.*

That is what Peter tells us in **1 Peter 4:12** *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

Here we see that it should not surprise us when we face our trials, because these trials are made for the purpose of testing us.

In fact we see in **1 Peter 1:7** that not only are we ordained to these tests, but we are also ordained to pass them. **Wuest Translation** *"in which last season you are to be constantly rejoicing with a joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance, although for a little while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testing in order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that your approval being much more precious than the approval of gold which perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire-testing, may be discovered after scrutiny to result in Praise, Honor and Glory at the time of the Revelation of Jesus Christ;*

Therefore, we can say that *every trial that you go through* and ever *time you are put to a test by God* and you can not see beyond the circumstance which surround your life, just remember one thing: that *all those tests are all the result of the seeds of your own thinking* and *they have spawned forth from the garden of your own mind.*

Remember, what Paul told us in the book of **Romans 8:28-31** **28** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Therefore, if everything about us is already predestined from God, then *the very thoughts we think, He knew before the foundations of the World*, and *He knows not only what you have thought, but what thoughts you will think too.* And don't forget, He also knows how to get you to think His thoughts as well. Then *we can see the relationship of these thoughts that we have and how they influence our growth into the image of His Son.*

Now, if we are ordained to pass them then you might say, what is the purpose of giving us tests that we are ordained to pass. Well, the purpose of the test is to bring about a result. That is the purpose of any test. To see where you are compared to where you should be.

Therefore, we can say that every trial that you go through and every time you are put to a test by God just remember one thing: all those tests are only the result of the seeds of your own thinking and have spawned from the garden of your own mind.

Therefore we can see how God uses the circumstances in our lives to bring forth His Character and Grace in us. In other words, without those tests, trials or circumstances, we would not know where we are in our path to adulthood, or adoption.

Therefore we must understand that since our character development is dependent upon receiving outside stimuli so we will produce in our thinking the very thoughts of God, then we ought to be able to see how needful those trials and tests are in order to bring us to fulfillment toward the ultimate goal of receiving the very mind of God.

We have been instructed By God's prophet that *although you are a son, yet unless you are conformed to the first born son, you will not receive any inheritance*. He told us that according to the law of adoption, *the son had to be the right kind of son*, or he would not receive any inheritance. And the only way we can know where we are compared to where we should be is by *the feedback* we get from The Father.

And *our feedback of where we are in our character development comes from our Father via the tests we go through. For every son that cometh to God must first be tried and child tested.*

Therefore, the reactions we show toward our own circumstances is a good indication as to where we stand in our development toward the end-product of our being. How we handle each circumstance will depend on what stage we are in, in our progression towards our ultimate character. Then what appears to be a test at one stage in our progression, will not appear to be so at a further stage in our character development.

Therefore every circumstance that we face in life is a result of where we are at that time in our growth or state within our own mind or thoughts. In other words, all our Circumstances grow out of all our thoughts. They are there because we are there in our current mind set.

A person who learns how to handle his finances does not have financial trials. And you can learn anything on any subject from God's Word.

**Proverbs 22:7** *The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*

Therefore, we are only buffeted by circumstances so long as *we perceive them to be an outside influence upon our lives*. When we think our circumstances are the fault of someone else, it is then that we become buffeted and troubled by them. But *when we realize our circumstances are working together for our good*, then *nothing can separate us from the Love of God*, and nothing can hinder us from becoming conformed to the image of the first born son.

That is why Paul went on to say, **Romans 8:31** *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

When we come to the place where we realize that circumstances in our lives are a direct result of the state of our own heart's condition, we will begin to appreciate their use and purpose in our growth toward the finished product that God has destined for each of us.

When a man purposely makes an effort to remedy his own personal character defects he will pass swiftly through a succession of unpredictable changes.

Therefore, *the soul attracts that what it secretly desires*, and also that which it fears the most. Did not Job himself say, "*That which I fear the most has come upon me?*"

Your circumstances are the reflectors in your life showing you where you are at. Therefore, *every thought seed sown in your mind*, or allowed to fall into the fertile soil of your minds, *will produce it's own fruit, it's own effects, and it's own circumstances, after it's own likeness or nature.*"

Eventually every (seed) we've sown in our hearts will have to blossom and manifest into an action, word or deed. And each action or deed will *bear it's own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances.*

As the Scripture tells us, *good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit.* That is why we must come to the place where *we must begin to monitor and control what we think and believe.* Because *every seed you sow into your mind and every seed in your mind that you water, you will have to deal with the circumstances in your life when that seed takes on manifestation.* And who is to blame? You alone are to blame for your own trials. No one else, but you and you alone.

Therefore *you can't blame others for your own circumstances* in your own life. Because where you are in your mind and where God wants your mind to be are two different stages. And until you come to the place where Jesus said, "*My meat is to do the will of my Father,*" Then you are not yet where God wants for you to be.

So guess what. He sends trials to you which are circumstances, and these trials are just a reflection to let you know where your present state is at.

That is why Peter said, *don't be surprised if you are going through trials.* Because either you caused them, or your current state called for them to come in order to get you to move forward.

**1 Peter 4:1** *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*

In other words, God lets you suffer for your mistakes, but hopefully once you made your mistake, you won't keep on making the same ones over and over again. Because Einstein said, "*Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result.*"

Now, let's skip ahead to **1 Peter 4:13** *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, (that's his doxa, his opinions, values, and judgments) ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached*

*for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.*

In other words, make up your mind how you want to suffer. Because you're going to suffer in this life, whether you suffer because of your stand for the Gospel or whether you suffer because of your own stupidity, only time will tell. You will receive a reward for both, and that is your character will make changes to itself so that you will not have to suffer too often for making the same mistakes.

*16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

The law of physics says, "***For every action there is a reaction***". Therefore, we must be careful how we do things. If we really believe ***everything we sow will result in reaping***, then when we sow hateful speech, or criticisms, we should not be surprised when criticism comes back our way.

Therefore we should now be able to see how "***the outer world of circumstances actually shapes themselves to the inner world of our thoughts***". And both pleasant and unpleasant external conditions are factors work together for our good.

That's why we learn from both suffering and from blessings. Each of these outward stimuli helps to further our growth toward the image of Christ that we long for in our souls. Therefore we should our actions are only an expression of our thoughts. ***Circumstances do not just happen, they grow out of the conditions of our heart.***

All circumstances and conditions we face each day are just indicators which help us to know how far along in our development we've come. Therefore, you may not always receive what you pray for, but know one thing for sure, "***you will always receive what you have sown for***".

***When we fight circumstances, we are only revolting against the effect of what we have been sowing.*** We often wish to improve our circumstances, but yet we're unwilling to improve ourselves. And that's why our circumstances remain the same. If we shrink from crucifixion of self, we shall never achieve our hearts desire.

***You are the reason you are what you are. What you have sown is what you are reaping in your life.***

***Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results.*** Jesus told us that ***a Good tree can not produce bad fruit***. Therefore ***if we think good thoughts, we will have good actions which will produce good results.***

**Matthew 7:17-19** *Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

You reap only what you sow. Therefore if you delight in the Lord, you will receive the things that you have need of.

**Psalms 37:4-6** *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.*

You make the commitment; you're the one who must sow, and then God simply honors the Law or Reproduction that says, every seed will bring forth after it's own kind. I have seen too many people complain about their lack of victory, yet they do not sow victory, but they sow defeat.

From his sermon, **Hour Is Come 51-0415E E-17** brother Branham said, *"Your right mental attitude towards God's Divine promise will bring any promise to pass. Now, maybe you don't believe that. You say, "Well, my faith is weak." I wouldn't confess it. See? Don't let the devil know that. Always say, "I have good faith. I believe God with all my heart." See? **Don't testify nothing of the devil.** And when you accept Him as your Healer, don't never act like you're sick or crippled any more. Believe that you're healed. **Take Him at His Word. Then it's all over on God then and not on you. See? As long as you take God at His Word, then the Word will produce what It promised to do.***

Therefore, Beautiful thoughts of all kinds will materialize into habits of Grace and kindness, which will solidify into friendly and cheerful circumstances:

Pure thoughts will materialize into habits of holiness and self control, which will further solidify into circumstances of rest and peace.

You know the Bible says, **"To have friends you must show yourself friendly"** If you keep sowing the same particular train of thoughts, be it good or bad, it cannot help but to produce its results on the character and circumstances in which you live.

**Isaiah 58:11b** *" and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. "*

The second half of **Jeremiah 31:12b** tells us *"Their Soul shall be as a watered Garden"*

Therefore, **everything you are, even your Character comes forth from the garden of thought that is in your heart**, making you what you really are. And the garden of your thoughts affects every thing that is already in you, not only affecting your character, but molding your character, even materializing the circumstances of your daily life. And the way you handle those circumstances will reflect whether you are aware of your standing in your growing up into Him in all thing.

**And God uses all the circumstances in your life in shaping your character into it's final product that He predestined for you.**

Therefore, *every trial you endure, every test God puts you through*, comes about as a result of the Seed Thoughts that lay within your heart. Therefore, every thought seed that is sown, or that we allow to fall into the fertile soil of our minds, to take root there, will produce it's own, after it's own likeness or nature. Sooner or later each thought seed we have sown in our hearts must blossom and manifest in our lives as an action or deed. And each action or deed will bear it's own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances. As the Scripture tells us, good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit. Therefore *Loving thoughts create an atmosphere of help, and trust*, which crystallize into *habits of Grace, kindness, and charity*, which creates further circumstances of *friendliness and cheerful benevolence*, and reciprocity on the behalf of those who are the recipients of your loving thoughts.