

Christ is the Mystery no. 36

God's Three fold purpose part 2

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This evening I would like to continue with the three fold purpose of God as we continue to examine brother Branham's sermon "**Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed**". Therefore let's turn in our books tonight to paragraph let's go right to brother Branham sermon "**Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed**" and focus on paragraphs 74 and 75 where brother Branham hones in on what it really means to be a Christian. Let's just read for ourselves what he says here.

In paragraph 76 for me which is 140 in your books, we read last Sunday where Br. Branham said, "Notice, God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began, He's got a threefold purpose in it. And now, what we want to go upon this morning is: What is that threefold purpose? See? Now, I believe by the help of God, Who's present, and He'll show it to us.

Since we focused out thoughts and Scriptures on this "**Great Mystery Secret**" last Sunday, I thought tonight we would begin to look more at what exactly this threefold purpose of God is that brother Branham is talking about.

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Brother Branham says in paragraph 77 *"Now, if He had this threefold purpose... We want to find out what is this threefold purpose."*

"The first thing was that God wanted to reveal Himself to the people. He couldn't do it as a great Jehovah God Who covered all space, time, and eternity. He could not. He's too great to ever be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin, that after you went beyond the cycle of a hundreds of billions and trillions and trillions of years of light space, and on out into the infinite, into the eternity, and a great Creature that was all that, and still is..."

So we see that brother Branham lays out for us some facts that we must be able to understand if in fact we are to be able to comprehend what God's threefold plan is.

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Therefore it is very evident that unless the Lord does something there is just no way for man to understand the things of God, especially the great deep hidden things. After all they have been kept hidden via the same factors we have put forth as the two accompanying facts to God’s great purpose to be expressed. 1) He is invisible, and 2) He is so great and complex in his intrinsic nature that no mortal can understand Him. So we see then that God Himself who can not change has made a way for us to change so that we can come to an understanding of Him and His ways..

And brother Branham told us in paragraph 76 that God has done just that through His Son Jesus who revealed him or expressed Him to us. In **1 John 5:20** we read, *“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath (passed tense) given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true...”*

And the Apostle Paul tells us that our understanding comes through Faith which brother Branham told us that faith is a revelation, something that has been revealed to us. **Hebrews 11:3** *Through faith we understand...*

Now, in order to receive faith, we must first receive the one Who God sends to us to bring that revelation. And Paul said in **2 Timothy 2:7** *Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.* So our considering and taking to heart is what makes available to us the understanding which God wants to give us as we see in **Colossians 2:2** *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*

In fact Paul tells us that is the purpose of His ministry in **Colossians 1:9** *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*

And we know it is God’s will that we come to understanding as Paul tells us in. **Philippians 1:12** *But I would ye should understand, brethren,...*

And again in **Ephesians 5:17** *Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

And it comes via hearing or reading God’s Word. As we see in **Ephesians 3:4** *Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.*

Notice that in **Luke 24:45** we see that by hearing the word their understanding opened up to them. *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

But it is not just hearing without ears, but rather Jesus wants us to focus on what is being said. Listen to his rebuke in **Mark 7:18** *And he saith unto them, **Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;***

Now, Paul wanted us to grow up and be not like children in our understanding. **1 Corinthians 14:20** *Brethren, **be not children in understanding:** howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.*

In fact the Apostle Paul tells us that is the very reason the Spirit of Wisdom and revelation came down in this hour is that we might come to understanding.

Ephesians 1:15 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

And Jesus wants us to understand as we see in **Mark 7:14** *And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, **Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:***

Matthew 15:10 *And he called the multitude, and said unto them, **Hear, and understand:***

Now, listen, before I show you how God makes known to you, His great Mystery secret of Himself, I want to show you that unless you are ordained to know you just will not in any way come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved.

And the scripture tells us that at the end time, men will be ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **2 Timothy 3:1** *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.***

And we hear Jesus tells those unbelieving Pharisees that the reason they can not come to the truth is because there is no room for truth in their heart. **John 8:43** ***Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*** You can not understand my word.

John 8:37 *I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.** 44 Ye*

are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

Paul says in **Romans 1:31** *Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

Let me just read a few other verse speaking of this same theme here as you will see in

Mark 8:17 *And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, **neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?***

Ephesians 4:18 *Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

Acts 28:27 *For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, **and understand with their heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*

John 12:40 *He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, **nor understand with their heart**, and be converted, and I should heal them.*

Luke 8:10 *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.***

Matthew 13:13 *Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, **neither do they understand.** 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and **shall not understand**; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:*

Mark 4:12 *That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and **not understand**; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.*

Isaiah 28:9 *Whom shall he teach knowledge? and **whom shall he make to understand doctrine?** And that I the real question tonight.*

1 Timothy 1:7 *Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.*

Daniel 12:10 *none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

Hosea 4:14 *...therefore **the people that doth not understand shall fall.***

Micah 4:12 *But **they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel:***

Now, as I have said, God wants his own to understand His great deep mystery secret, but he keeps it secret to others as the Scripture tells us lest they understand and then God would have to bless them as well.

So we see then that fact number 1 God wants to express Himself, to reveal Himself. But fact number 2, He is omniscient, and omnipotent, and invisible. And his thoughts are way out of our league and ability to comprehend. And since God can not change, and since our thoughts are not his thoughts, then he has to do something for us in order for Himself to be able to express Himself in a way that we could possibly know and understand.

So in all three of these facts we have to deal with we see first of all God wishes to do something that is beyond the pale and scope of what He is in His intrinsicity and His essentiality. So God must step outside the boundaries of His invisibility, and outside the boundaries of His intrinsicity to bring to pass his purpose and intentions of being expressed. Because God can not change, that's an immovable factor that had to be considered. He can not lie and He cannot change.

Malachi 3:6 *I am God and I change not.*

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.*

Therefore He must change man to be able to understand Him. And in order to do that He must change the way in which we as mortal men can understand and comprehend His immortality.

So first of all He chose the avenue of His expression through His son Jesus Christ. Now, this sermon is called, "**Christ is**" "**the mystery of God**" "that's been Revealed".

In other words, not Christ is the mystery Himself, because as we read in many Scriptures last week, **God is the mystery**, He is the mysterious one, but God chose to reveal His mysterious self through the channel or by the means of Christ.

Therefore, this title could be read, **God being a mystery revealed that mystery through Christ**. Christ then is revealing of the mystery of God. And that is the first of God's purpose and plan in expressing Himself, it was through His son Jesus Christ.

Now there is a three fold purpose of God in which He chooses to reveal Himself to man, and the first way in which God chose to reveal Himself to man was through Christ.

Jesus said in, **Luke 10:22** *"No man knoweth who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him."*

And in **Matthew 11:27** Jesus said, *"neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him."*

And we saw where no man could even understand that revealing if God did not do something for them.

Now, in **1 Corinthians 2:7** Paul said, *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for The Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 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.*

So Paul is telling us something very important here, and that is this. There is no way we could ever begin to understand the things of God unless we have the Holy Spirit. It's the same as those who think by eating certain foods or not eating certain foods will be able to keep themselves clean from the diseases that the nations are breeding in their labs. No, sir, no matter how good of food you eat, the air is polluted, and the waters are also polluted.

So you are stuck with the toxic air and water and no matter if you do not spray your crops, the government is doing it for you and we see it criss-cross our skies every day. So unless you are inoculated with the Holy Ghost you will perish from the end time plagues. 80 percent of the foods that are processed in this country are GMO, and France just finished a long term study showing GMO foods produce tumors in mice. So you are being fed foods that will cause cancers, and brother Branham prophesied a lot worse than this to fall on the nations.

But I've hear men say, *it won't do you any good to pray over your food if you knowingly eat that which the prophet of God warned us about.* And these brothers knowingly eat more hybrid corn and wheat than you can shake a stick at. Well, what they say is contrary to what our vindicated prophet told us to do. He said all you can do is pray.

So what we see is that although the warning was given by the Holy Spirit that these diseases and hybridization processes would be here in these last days, yet, it will be so wide scale that it will affect everything you eat, and even the medicines you take. Yes, I said medicines you take to make you better do more damage than the symptoms you have.

I've hear ads describe all the symptoms you will get from the medications they sell, and the list is ten to twenty times the symptoms you wanted to get rid of. They sound like an auctioneer, and speak so fast that unless you are paying attention you will miss it, and yet they have a list of symptoms their medicine will produce as long as your arm, like this product could cause you stomach ache, nausea, vomiting, internal bleeding, blindness and death. And yet people buy that stuff. Well, who in their right mind would take something that causes all that just to get over hay "*achne*". Has this world gone insane? Absolutely it has.

And brother Branham said from his sermon, **Questions and answers COD 64-0830E 427 P:110**, *But here's where you get it, my brother. I believe with all my heart that it's written in the Scripture that "no food should be received without it be received with thanksgiving, for it's sanctified by the Word of God and prayer". See? If you eat it, say, "Lord Jesus, You prepared the food for me. Now, with faith I sanctify this food to the strength of our bodies." Then eat it, for in all we do is by faith.*

Now, I want you to notice that he says we should eat it, but just make sure that you pray over it. If we are to avoid everything he mentions in these and many others quotes on the subjects, we could not eat meat, eggs, fish, corn, wheat, and other vegetables due to the fall out, nor should we drink milk, or even water because of all the stuff the put into it.

Wisdom verses faith 62-0401 P:77 *The earth itself is a womb. Where did God place His seeds? Where's seeds put? In a womb. God puts seeds... And what does man do? Like devils in a womb. He'll make a child deformed if he can; that's what devils has done on the earth, hybreeding, making creatures that's not so. I'd better leave off of that; I'll never get to the rest of this here I got wrote down. You know what I mean. That's the reason it is a deformed creation about to be cast; God's finished with it. The world's all out of order; everything's wrong. The streams are polluted; the air's polluted--filth, stink. So even the air we breathe is causing people to suffer with cancer and emphysema and all these other bronchial and respiratory conditions.*

Now, in getting back to what Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2:12** *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 he tells us that we receive the Spirit of God in order to know. That's it. So unless you are born of the spirit of God there is no way for you to understand God or His Word. And yet men will argue and fuss over things they don't even understand and have no way of understanding because they are not born again.

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.*

So you see, in order for God to express Himself, He had to overcome some obstacles, namely the fact that no man can know the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in Him. That is why we have so many people in this Message who are so messed up. They haven't been born again. They have been grafted into this Message but have not been born into it.

Unchangeable God 62-0120 P:65 *"I am God and I change not." He doesn't change. He can't change. If that's what He give those first expectants back there, that's what He give the second expectants, that's what He give the third, fourth. And every one He calls will be the same thing. He said, "I am the Vine; ye are the branches." If a vine puts forth a branch, and it brings up grapes, the next vine or, the next branch that that vine puts forth will bear grapes. You can't make one bear pumpkins, and another watermelons, and then grapes. You can't do it. See, it shows it's been cast. It's a vine that's been grafted (that's right) or some vine that's been, or some branch that's been grafted into the vine.*

Church Age Book Chapter 2 - The Patmos Vision P:32 *But if the vine ever brings forth another branch of itself, that branch will be exactly like the vine itself. It will be the same kind of a branch that was brought forth at Pentecost. It will speak in tongues, prophesy, and have the power and signs of the resurrected Jesus Christ in it. Why? Because it's thriving on the natural resources of the vine itself. You see, it wasn't grafted into the vine; it was BORN in the vine. When those other branches were grafted in, all they could do was bear their own fruit for they were not born of that vine. They don't know about that original life and original fruit. They cannot know for they were not born of it. But if they had been born of it, that same life that was in the original stem, (Jesus) would have come through them and manifested through them. **John 14:12** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father."*

Now the problem we have in this Message is that people don't know the difference between revelation and delusion. But they are two different words and they mean two different things. And if you are being deluded but call it revelation, then what have you got my friends? And I get emails all the time from people that are so deluded they think they know more than a vindicated prophet.

The word Revelation means *The act of revealing or disclosing. b. Something revealed, something not previously known or realized but is made know or realized.* In Scripture it is a *manifestation of divine will or truth.* So we see that Revelation is something that God before hand hid but then uncovers or discloses so as to reveal or make that truth known to men.

Now, contrast that to delusion, for delusion comes from *deception, the act of deceiving, and to deceive you must take a truth and do something to it to hide it from men.* So *revelation takes that which is hidden and reveals it* while *Deception takes that which is true and does something to hide it* from men. And the result is delusion.

So we can say *revelation reveals or manifests* while *deception hinders or covers up truth.* In other words, then a delusion is anti or the opposite of Revelation.

So we see the important of revelation to the believer. Revelation is what seals us in. Revelation is what takes all the teaching by the five fold ministry and anoints that mental faith with an ability to take on Word upon word upon word, bringing it to a supernatural dynamic revelation that seals us into Christ the word, and readies us for our adoption.

1 John 2:20 *But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

So we see that the Holy Spirit is our teacher and the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the believer is what allows you to know and understand the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:1 *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

And that is the problem that we have right here in this Message, that men have received their learning from men but not from God. Brother Branham taught us in his sermon **Voice of the Sign 64-0321E** *33 The elected listens to the voice. But the unelected ignores and says, "Nonsense. Go on. We'll take the same old school." That's the way they did in the days of Luther.*

So it comes back to your motives and objectives. God said he would bless those who hearken to the voice of the Lord God, and the word hearken means to pay close attention

to it. But God also promised to curse those who would not hearken to it, which are those who ignore it or pay very little attention to God's voice.

But as I mentioned earlier Paul said if we are born from above, and if we have received His Holy Spirit, it is in order that we might know and understand the things of God.

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So we saw tonight how that God being unchangeable could not change himself in a way that would become visible to us, so he changed us to be able to see Him in all his essentiality and intrinsicity by giving us new birth. And we found that it is the new birth that opens to us the widows of heaven and gives us understanding, and as John calls it, we have received that anointing *"that we might know all things."*

Let us pray...