

# Christ is the Mystery no. 48

*It's Expressed Life not intellectual*

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**Ephesians 3:3** *For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:*

Let us pray...

This morning we are going to continue with what we were speaking on Wednesday evening, where brother Branham said in paragraph 128 of **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed** where he said, *But the only way that you're saved is by know Him by revelation.*

Wednesday night we showed that the definition of the word revelation in **Theology: Revelation is a manifestation of divine will or truth.** And the word ***manifestation*** means: a visible expression.

So we are looking at a visible expression of Divine Will or Truth. As we said last Wednesday, knowledge is one thing, but How you get that knowledge is what we call revelation. Not the knowledge itself is revelation, but how you get that knowledge is what is so important for us to understand. Because we could say the knowledge is the knowing, but ***the act of coming to that knowing is what we call revelation***, when something you do not know is made known to you. So the process of coming to this knowledge and then ***knowing as you are known*** so to speak. Because there is something about this knowledge that is not mental, ***it is experiential***. You know not because you know, but you know because you have experienced the knowing, or the knowledge that you now possess.

And this experiential knowing is what is so vital to our birth, because let's face it we all known people who could talk the Word correctly, and who could quote the prophet perfectly, but then as time passes by they somehow go off the deep end and leave the Message altogether.

Now, why would Paul warn us in **Hebrews 6** if there were not going to be a people who fit that warning.

**Hebrews 6:4** *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God*

*afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. 10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

So it is not the knowing itself that is **revelation**, the knowing is just knowing. But the act of coming to that knowledge, that's a different story. How you got it? That's the real test. And Jesus said to Peter, "flesh and blood never taught this to you, but My Father expressed it and you caught the expression and you recognized the expression, and you acted upon it. **Hearing, Recognizing and Acting upon the Word of God.** And brother Branham even preached a sermon by that name.

Brother Branham continues to delineate the point when he says, *"I can take the Presbyterian doctrine and tie you Pentecostals till you won't know... I can take the Baptist doctrine and show you Pentecostals a million things that you know nothing of. That's right. But that's not it; that's not His Church. That's not His Church. His Church is Himself revealed (Amen. Do you see it?) and expressed by the Word Itself that He is God.*

So what Brother Branham is telling us here is that God's church is God Himself, His God-Life expressed in human vessels. That's his church. That's why **John 14:12** is so important. It's not how much you know, Paul told us that when he said, **1 Corinthians 13:1** *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.<sup>2</sup> And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

Now, let me read this in the **Amplified Version 13** to make it a bit more 21st century to your understanding. *If I can speak in languages of men and even of angels, but have not an outward expression of the revelation, I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have the gift to preach and understand all the mysteries of the Bible and possess all knowledge to tell you all about it, and if I have such great faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not reflect God's expressed Revelation of Himself in my life, I am nothing (a useless nobody).*

And then brother Branham says, 129 *"How can you say, "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" then and be baptized in it? Heathens. Right. How can you say you know Jesus Christ? He's the Word. When there's not a Scripture in the Bible, there's not a place where anybody was ever baptized in the Name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?*

Now, the sad thing is that this is not Catholics he's talking about here. We know they believe in Trinitarian baptism, but this is so called believers he's talking about. Pentecostals who should know better.

Listen as he continues, *"And you "Jesus Only" people, just using the name "Jesus" for baptism, I'm personally acquainted with four or five Jesus's myself. So, you see what your denominations lead you into? That's the darkness, the expression of Cain, who brought fruits in the stead of blood. But the revelation come through the Blood, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Blood of God, creative Blood in the womb of Mary.*

*130 And Paul knew Him by revelation. That's how we know Him today, is the only way you could know Him. Not say, "I'm Methodist." That means nothing. "I'm Baptist." That means nothing. "I'm Catholic." That means nothing. But by the revelation that God has revealed the Word to you. He is the Word, and the Word...*

Now watch how brother Branham gets right down to the main point of what he's driving at here. He says, *How you know It's revealed? It lives Itself and expresses Itself through you. Oh. Churches has long forgotten that great revelation.*

And that is the greatest problem we face each one of us in this Message this morning. How do you know that it's revealed to you?

Most people would say, because they believe the Message, therefore they got it. But then we have perhaps a thousand varieties of the Message today. I mean there were already 17 varieties before brother Branham died. And there are perhaps as many varieties of the Message as there are denominational varieties of Christianity today, because people have done the same thing to this Message as they did to the Bible from where this Message came from.

But notice brother Branham asks the question, he says how do you know you got it? How do you know it has been revealed to you? *How you know It's revealed? It lives Itself and expresses Itself through you.* That's all there is to it friends. It lives itself out, through you. What does? The revelation of Jesus Christ does, that's what.

So does that make you a prophet? Nope! Does that make you a teacher? Nope! Does that make you somebody special! Nope. That just makes you alive to the Word for the hour in which you live.

Now, back to brother Branham, and he continues by saying, *...PP. 130...Revelation of the Truth, they have forgotten it. They went to... Now, when Luther raised up, he was a great man. He had the revelation of that day. But what happened? A bunch of "Rickies" got in, flattop haircuts (as we call them today), and Rickettas, and all of them, they got around there, and the first thing you know it's that...*

*131 That expression--if you only knew the numerology of the Bible and knowed what "Elvis" or "Rickey" means to the Scriptures. Just like... Why did Jesus... You say, "There's nothing to that (your name)." There isn't? That name could only come in this last days for this last days' people. Why did Jesus change Abram's name to Abraham then? Sarai to Sarah? Why did **He** change Saul to Paul? Why did **He** change Simon to Peter, and so forth? You see?*

Notice the emphasis brother Branham places here is that it is God who changes the persons name. These men didn't change their own names. God changed their names.

Look, you can change your name brother to anything you like, but that don't change your

nature. God didn't change Abram's name until God changed Abram to be an Anraham first. And God didn't change Jacob's name which means supplanter until God changed Jacob's nature from a supplanter and deceiver to a genuine prince who has power with God which is what his new name Israel means. But God didn't change his name until after He changed the man's heart first. And God didn't change Saul's name to Paul until God changed Saul heart first. So, brother, you may change your name, but if you didn't change your heart what good will it do you?

Then brother Branham says, *Certainly it means something. That name could not be spoken till this day.* (He's talking here about names like Elvis and Ricky here.) *That's the reason we've got this hellish thing we got in the earth today, because of such things. The whole human race is corrupted. It's gone. See? And that's why it is.*

**Jeremiah 13:23** says, *Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also can you do good who are accustomed and taught [even trained] to do evil.*

*132 Notice now. He was all right; he was in his day: Luther. And he had the revelation, but as soon as he left, look what they did. Wesley had a message; look what it did. The old early Pentecostals had a... Look what they did. They got a bunch of men together just like... Exactly the same thing that God, by grace, sent Israel a Pillar of Fire, a prophet, a sacrifice and showed Himself among them, and brought them out of Egypt across the Red Seas. And they wanted a law so they could have great dignitaries, they could have something to do into it. And what did they do? They was left in the wilderness for forty years to wander, and not one of their organization ever went over.*

Notice his words here, he's talking about that organizational spirit is what kills them off.

*133 Caleb and Joshua, the only two that stood out and said, "We're able to take it." Said, "Look at the Word of God." Every one of them died in the wilderness. And Jesus said they were eternally gone. Right. After He'd had showed His blessings and power in their ages, like Luther and Wesley and so forth... Did He? Said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness," And He said, "And they're every one dead." That's eternal separated from God. Their carcasses perished in the wilderness. See? They're dead. "I'm the Bread of Life that come from God out of heaven." They couldn't see it. They just couldn't see it.*

*134 All right, church has long forgotten it. They accepted intellectual message--intellectuals, membership, knowledge instead of the revelation of the truth of the Word. Now, look here. They say today, "Do you believe that God commissioned us to go into all the world, heal the sick and preach the Gospel and cast out devils?" "Oh, oh, yes, I suppose that's right, but..." You see?*

Notice brother Branham is really nailing down their attitude here, and the fact that they have turned down the Word of God the way God said it, and they have gone to an intellectual conception of the Message where they can explain away the things that don't seem to fit their understanding or their life style they have chosen to live.

He said ***They accepted intellectual message***, He calls it the Message yet he says it they have made it an intellectual conception. He says, they accepted Intellectuals, and brother Branham taught us that an intellectual is one who is trained to bypass the Scriptures.

#### **Uncertain Sound P:86 [62-0714]**

*86 They bypass the Word by their dogmas, their creeds today, because they're afraid to meet the issue. And they bypass it and base the people upon intellectual education in the stead of the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and **the manifestation of His Being. Amen.** And in this same sermon, brother Branham said the intellectual is someone who is trained to bypass the Scripture. Why? because they can't take what it says.*

Then he says they accepted **Membership** instead of the Word, and they have accepted **knowledge instead of the revelation of the truth of the Word.** So what have they got? A powerless Gospel that's what they've got.

**Hear Recognize Act On Word P:24 [60-0221] 24** *And today man can stand in the pulpit with such intellectual, and speech-making, and education, until they can explain the power of the Holy Spirit away from the Bible; they can explain Divine healing away; they can explain speaking in tongues and interpretations; they can explain the baptism of the Holy Ghost to another day.*

#### **Corinthians Book Of Correction P:33 [57-0414]**

*33 No, brother, what God does is perfect. We ain't got no business with our minds putting anything to it; **just leave it the way it is.** God did it. God said it. That settles it. Just take it, or don't know how... If I could explain it, then I'd be equal with God. I can't explain it; I just believe it. That's all. That's all I'm asked to do. There's nobody asked to explain it, because it's beyond our intellectuals. It's beyond our intelligence. It's God Who does it, so it cannot be explained. I just accept it by faith, and say it's my private property, and I believe it. I cannot explain it.*

#### **Hear Ye Him P:36 [62-0711]**

*36 And they've got intellectual giants in the world today that can almost explain away everything that God said to be true. They can take it from a **theological standpoint, intellectual.** And if you just take your own mind of thinking, reasoning like Eve did at the beginning, they can explain everything of the Bible away from you. But if a man, or a woman has ever been on the backside of the desert in those sacred sands where no intellectual can stand, and there **come in contact with the living God**, no devil, or scientist, or anything else can ever explain that away. **You were there. It happened. You know** it's the truth. There's no one can take it away from you. **You met God.** And I believe that God, in every age sending forth a messenger, always first, meets that person on a sacred ground, because it's got to be so. There's too much of evil to try to explain all the supernatural away. And **where there's a supernatural God, there's going to be supernatural things happening, because He is supernatural.***

Then why is there is no supernatural happening among the so-called Parousia believers. Well with the exception of this ministry because we've seen a whole lot of God's supernatural presence. But have they? Just last week I read you a testimony from Zanzibar a small country Island off the coast of Tanzania where a lutheran boy 5 years old, had died, and his mother called for the pastor of a Message church, the only Message

church in the area to come pray for her child. The pastor asked her if she believed God could raise up that child and she said yes, I do. She then handed the dead boy to the pastor to pray for him. He took the child into his arms, prayed to God and then handed the child back to his mother. As she held the boy the child came alive in her arms. Then he got down and ran outside to play with the other children as if nothing has ever happened to him, not knowing he had been dead.

Now, Brother Branham said if a supernatural God is here then supernatural things will take place. Oh, but they will say, I don't believe that testimony because it didn't happen in our church, or our camp. So they will explain it away with their intellectual conception of what they believe the Message is supposed to be.

From his sermon, [Investments P:68 \[63-0803B\]](#) 68 *No man has a right to preach the Gospel until secretly, back on the backside of the desert, he stood **on the ground with him and God alone**. There's no intellectual being in the world could explain it away from you. That's right. **You were there; you know it happened**. No matter how much they can explain it, but wait, **something happened, you know it did**. **You saw it with your eyes. You talked to It; It talked back, and It sealed you into Its Being, and you become a part of It**. You'll walk away from the intellectual giant. And we got plenty of them in the world today, and some dangerous ones too, that's well theologically trained, or theologically speaking, are trained to use that, and they know what they're doing. But don't fear, David, if the Lord God is with you.*

So, in getting back to our Message we are studying, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, brother Branham says in paragraph 135 *A lady talking to me the other day, she said, "Well, all the churches are in harmony." I said, **There isn't one of them in harmony with the other one**." There's Catholic standing there. I said, "How about you? You're a Methodist and that's a Catholic. Are you in harmony with one another?" I said, "This pope come to unite them together, **that's a good thing for all that kind of people**. **But the Church of God has nothing to do with it, not a thing. It's out from the whole bunch**." That's right. Yes, sir. You want unite that together. And one believes in something and the other. Methodist takes sprinkling; the Baptist takes immersion, **and both of them is denying the Holy Ghost in Its fullness of the power**.*

136 *They said, "We received the Holy Ghost when we believed." The Bible said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" There's the difference. See? That's right. See? And they say, "We're the Catholic church. We started early; we did this." The Methodist say, "We are based upon the Bible." Jesus said, **These signs shall follow them that believe**." Now, where's it at? Uh-huh, see, right. **The works that I do shall you do also**," every creature, every person that believes in Him. Now, where's it at? **That's His Words. "Heavens and earths will pass away, but My Word shall never fail."** Now, where's it at? See?*

Oh, Oh....Brother Branham is going to get me in trouble with the big shots again. But I don't care. God led me to this Sermon because this sermon shows without one doubt that when Brother Branham quotes **John 14:12** is for everyone he says it several times in this

very same message. Read it for yourselves, it's everywhere. You can't read this sermon and not get that message drummed into your little noggin.

*137 Oh, it just shows... What is it? It's a hybrid condition. Look here. You take a big fine grain of corn that's hybrid; and you take that hybrid corn. It's a pretty corn. But you plant it. What do you get? A little stalk comes up like this and turns yellow and wilts down. That's the way every denomination is when it's hybrid with man's words mixed with God's Word. **It'll come up to the signs and wonders and what Jesus said about believing the Word, and it turns yellow and say, "We can't accept it," and go back.***

Now, listen brothers, don't get mad with me, I didn't say it, brother Branham said it. Notice again he condemns that kind of thinking that is afraid of the signs and wonders that is supposed to be expressed in the church of the living God. He said *It'll come up to the signs and wonders and what Jesus said about believing the Word, and it turns yellow and say, "We can't accept it," and go back.*

So what did Jesus say about believing the Word and their would be signs and wonders? He said, **John 14:12** *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me, anyone who is a true believer in me will do what I have been doing because my nature will be in them. And then there will even be one who comes along who will do even greater things than these things I am doing, He will do more of them, much more of them because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.*

So it's all about bringing glory to our Father. It's not about us, it's about Him. They are so afraid that if someone really believes and God begins to manifest the supernatural in their ministry, they are so afraid that somehow the people will forget the One Who came down. Now, how in the world can you forget the one who came down if He is openly manifesting His presence in our midst.

No, what they are afraid of is that William Branham won't receive enough credit, and that is so carnal it stinks. William Branham did npt come down in this hour. He was only standing there when God appeared.

He said from his sermon **[Anointed Ones At End Time P:193 \[65-0725M\]](#)**

*193 Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, **you might have thought today** that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. **I have no more to do with it than nothing**, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. **I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it.** I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. **It's not a man; it's God.** The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man. If*

*you haven't fed fully on every Word to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?*

**Let's bow our heads and our hearts in prayer...**