

## Faith no 30

### *Faith to be conformed to the Image of Christ*

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***KJV Romans 8:28-30*** *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. <sup>29</sup>For whom he did foreknow, (That's Ephesians 1:3-4 we were in Him before the foundations of the world) <sup>29</sup>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.*

Now, if Jesus Christ is the firstborn amongst many brethren, then He is the Eldest Son in a very large family of brothers.

**30** *Moreover whom he **did predestinate beforehand**, them **he also called beforehand**: and those whom he called beforehand, them he also **justified beforehand**: and whom He has already justified beforehand, them he also has **glorified already** in His thoughts before the foundations of the world.*

So God has set in motion his foreordained plan to have children in His presence who come into the image of His eldest Son in a vast family of brethren.

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Notice what brother Branham just said here. He lays out the transforming power and plan of the Father with the first move of God to bring us into the image of Christ through Justification under Luther, then the second wave through Sanctification under Wesley, and then the third wave of His Spirit moving his children into the baptism of the Holy Spirit under the Pentecostal restoration, but he does not end it there.

Now, we know that he was the prophet of the Pentecostal Age was William Branham because the prophet messenger always comes at the end of the age, not at the beginning.

From his sermon, **Identified Christ of all ages 64-0401 P:35** brother Branham said, "Remember, you're identified by characteristics, and God is identified by His great characteristics that He cannot change. He said in **Malachi 3:6**, "**I am God and I change not**." See? He absolutely doesn't change. His characteristics are the same. Each time He appeared on the earth at the end of an age, He always sent a man and anointed him with the Holy Ghost, Christ. The Holy Ghost is Christ, the anointed, the Logos. And it went out, and it comes to identify the words of that age. The Word of the Lord comes to the prophets (The Bible said so.) and identifies that age. See? He does nothing outside of man. Now, He can't do it in a group. You can't do it, It just never has been done. He never did use a group, never did. He uses one single person. You're not... Israel was saved as a nation, but you're going to be saved as an individual. One person He deals with. He had a... He didn't even have a Moses and Elijah the same time. He couldn't have Elijah and Elisha the same time. He couldn't have John and Jesus the same time. He's always got one, because He gets that one person into His Divine will.

**First seal the 63-0318 P:37** Then along come the Pentecostal age with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and they cabbaged down on that. Now, there cannot be no more ages. That's all of it; that's the Laodicea Age. But then the... We found in the studying of the Scripture that the messenger to the age come right at the end of the age every time. Paul come at the end of the age. We find out that Irenaeus come at the end of the age. Martin, end of the age. Luther, the end of the Catholic age; and what?--Wesley, at the end of the Lutheran age; and Pentecost, at the end of the age of sanctification through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And at the end of the Pentecostal age we are supposed to receive, according to the Word, as God help me tonight to show you through here, that we are to receive a messenger that will take all those loose ends out there and reveal the whole secret of God for the rapturing of the Church.

**Laodicean church age 60-1211E P:33** The angel of this Laodicean church, to end it up... Now, he will be at the end of the age, like the rest of them, like the Bible. He'll be at the end of the age. Not the first of it, at the end of it, because the angel always comes to rebuke them for what they done. "**To the angel of the church of Laodicea write these things**." See? "**To the angel of the church of Smyrna write these things**." See? Each one is to the angel at the end of the age. Paul, the end of the age. And on down, end of the age. The lap-over, end of the age. End of the age, that's what makes it lap. See, "**To the angel**," speaking what it was. This laps over here, "**To the angel**," the end of that age. See, picking up right here, made the lap like stair-steps going up, the seven church ages...

Notice the angel or messenger is always at the end of the age, and his message rebukes the people of the age before him and then there is a lap-over into the next age. In other words, the rebuke brings a change or transformation in the people and carries them into the next age. So the rebuke, covers the sins or short comings of the previous age, where the people went wrong and brings them into an ushering in period which takes them into the next age. But what is beyond Laodicea? There is no Church age beyond Laodicea, but there is a bride age as we covered a few weeks ago.

**Seventy weeks of Daniel 61-0806 P:76** Along come Wesley after that with his age. We see exactly what Wesley's age... What was it called? Philadelphian, the greatest age of love we've ever had, the Philadelphian age. Was right... In John Wesley's time... When he went out, in come Pentecost, and that was lukewarm. Then we go back and find out what kind of a Message would come to the Pentecostals at the end... And remember, **each one's come at the end of the age**. Saint Paul come at the end; the rest of them come down at the end, Saint Irenaeus and all the rest of them. The other one's age **carried over to the other one, lapped over**, and he taken it up and went on to the next age with it. See?

**Countdown 64-0209 P:17** You say, "I believe the church. I believe this..." **To believe Him is Life**. Justified by faith, Luther preached it. That was typed by the horse and buggy days. Then He got a man in England by the name of John Wesley under His control, to take out all the "isms" away from him. And He was able by John Wesley to bring into the church sanctification. **Sanctification raised the church to its feet and got it able to walk**. Now at the end of Wesley's age was the automobile; we realize that when the end of the Wesley church, I mean, not... See, **every reformer comes at the end of the age**. Now, we find out that Wesley in last of his church age, it come in just before the Pentecostals, why, we see that **the church got strength enough through sanctification to walk away from the things of the world**. "Sanctify" means "separate for the glory of God." It's too bad it lost that. But it got strength enough. **Luther give it life**, back in the horse and buggy days. **Wesley got it on its feet to walking**: sanctification, separating from the things of the world. Through that come the little branches off, like the Pilgrim Holiness, and Nazarenes, and whatevermore come from that, through sanctification.

**We would see Jesus 62-0727 P:77** Then when Abraham's seed through Isaac, the natural seed, Jew, came to the end of their life, here was that same God manifested in flesh, showing His Messiahic sign, the same thing. Now, here comes the Gentiles, the royal seed of Abraham through Christ, at the end of their age with **two thousand years of teachings**. Now, the Pentecostals come on with speaking in tongues, interpretations, and so forth, and had all kinds of miracles. But remember, here we are. **We're at the end of the age**, receiving the same sign that they did back there at the end of the age, just before the fire falls. "Sirs, We Would See Jesus." **He's the same yesterday, today, and forever**. What would you look? **For that life that was in Christ would be in His church**. See? God... That man was God, represented Himself in human flesh, in human form. **Today God represents Himself in the human flesh of His church: God the Holy Ghost in His church, moving through His church**, speaking with tongues, interpreting tongues, healing the sick, and then the last sign, the Word so manifested till It's a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart. How many see that and believe that to be the truth? Let us pray.

So let's go back to review what I was reading from His sermon, **Modern events made clear by prophecy - 65-1206 47**. brother Branham said, "Pentecost, that's why Luther lost his message. That's how Wesley lost his message. See? If the Wesleyan church would've went on, they'd been Pentecostals. If the Lutherans went on, they'd been

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So we see there is beyond Pentecost, beyond the Prophet Messenger to the last age, something that has to happen that is a lap-over as he called it from his Message to the Pentecostals church Age which was the last Age into the bride age. And what he is speaking of here is a transformation into the very image of Christ that is to be formed into the Bride of Christ. The image of Christ is being developed into the bride who has already come through justification, sanctification and the baptism of the holy ghost. yet beyond all of that, there is to be the conclusion of the building up of the body of Christ into her being completely conformed to the image of Christ and then we go.

**God's chosen place worship 65-0220 P:46** *And His promised Word, He will not, you won't have to interpret It, He will interpret It through you, what you are doing, what He promised to do.* **The church that follows Him will be so much like Him until the people will know.** Look at Peter and John when they was questioned about healing a man at the gate called Beautiful. They said they perceived, those priests did, that they were both ignorant and unlearned men, but they take notice that they had been with Jesus. Because what? **They were doing the things that He did. He must be about the Father's business.** And **today it must be the same.** Now, remember, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. For God meets you in Him, the only Place there is, for **that is where He has chosen to put His Name: in Jesus.** Jesus is the Name of God. Remember, Father, Son, Holy Ghost is titles to the Name Jesus Christ.

From his message the **Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:172** *All right. Now, here is what I'm trying to say to you:* The law of reproduction bring forth of its kind (**Genesis 1:11**). These last days, true church Bride comes to the Headstone, will be the super church, a super race. **As they near the great Headstone they will be much like Him, even they will be in His very image in the order to be united with Him.** They will be One. **They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God.**

And again in his message **Images of Christ - 59-0525 39**. Branham said, *Church membership is all right. I have nothing against it, or any of those things. But, brother, to be a Christian means to be conformed to the Image of Christ. We want to be living images, not pack an image, but be an image of the Lord Jesus.*

That is why the same Apostle Paul said in **Ephesians 1:3-5** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and without blame before him (or in His Presence). Then 5: in love He Has predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

So not only did He choose us or select us out while we were yet in Him before the foundations of the world, but He that selected us out also for-ordained our end to be adoptable sons, *conformed to the Image of His Uniquely born, first born son Jesus*. So he pre-destined our path to that very conforming to the Image of the first born son. And it is to follow the growing up of the church which began under Luther being justified, and then living like a son ought to live under Wesley and being filled with the same Spirit under William Branham, and finally being conformed to the image of the first born son under the lap-over from the last church Age into the bride Age, which is where we are currently at right now.

Remember a few weeks ago we read from br. Branham's Message **A Pradox 64-0206B P:25** where he said, *"The Bible said in this Laodicea age that Christ was on the outside of the church, knocking, trying to get back in. There never was an age like that: on the outside." Cause there's going to be no more church ages. This is the end of it. The Laodicea was the last age, and Pentecost is that Laodicea age, and we know that. There'll never be no more above Pentecost. That's it*

And from his sermon, **Modern events made clear by prophecy 65-1206 P:23** brother Branham said, *"We're not living in a Pentecostal age; we're living in another age. See? We're not living in a Methodist age; we're living in another age. We're living on up here to the Bride age, the calling out of the church and getting it together for the rapture. That's the age that we're now living. To my honest opinion that's exactly the truth.*

Now, in the Message **Spoken Word is the Original Seed**, in paragraph **83** we hear brother Branham say... *All of God's sons must be the same. Yes, sir. To be born of the Word and Spirit brings us back to the spoken Word again like in **John 3**. See? To be born of the Water and the Spirit, what does it do? Then it brings you right back again unto the place of where you should've been at the beginning...*

And I would like to add, where were we at the beginning? The way God saw us in Himself before the foundations of the world. **Ephesians 1:-54** *Holy and without blame in His presence.*

*4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

Then brother Branham says, ...*See? That's the reason of Christ's death: brings us right back again to where? Sons of God.*

Now, then let's jump forward to paragraph **85** where he says,

**85** *Now, now, this brings you right back to the spoken Word. Then **we are God's Word made manifest.** See? Jesus said the same thing. "He that believeth on Me, the things that-Who I am, what I come for and the purpose I do, to bring a man back to believe the Word of God and take nothing else with it, **the works that I do, He will do also.**" There you are.*

So you see, God wants all His children to be like the first born son. "**Conformed to the image of the first born son.**" And it is not only His will but He has predestined us to it. That is His purpose in having many Sons. And **we are ordained to be conformed** to that Image.

And since that Image was the expressed Image of the Father according to **Hebrews 1:3** *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers through the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us in His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as **he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.** 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?***

Now, remember the Message to Pentecost was Look, the process of transformation has already began in Luther we were justified and through Wesley we come to realize there is a life that is to be Holy and without blame, and now God has given us the very life than produce that and the next phase in the evolution from man to son of God is for us to be conformed to the image of the first born son. But the Pentecostals got side tracked into thinking the power given into the church was for something personal, and a way for them to show off with the gifts and make use of the power of God for personal use.

And so brother Branham was saying in his Message **Spoken Word is the Original Seed 86** *Why is it not being done today? It's hybrid, bastard children, mixed up. It don't, it's a mule; it don't know what it believes. A mule don't know who his daddy is, who his mama is. He don't... He's no pedigree; there's nothing to him. He's a illegitimate creature. That's the way any person that claims to believe God and don't believe His Word will take a denominational creed and breed it with the Word. See, you're not of God; you're dead. You can't be dead and alive at the same time. So even the Word of*

*God don't even grow. You're just playing the part of a hypocrite. Let that go for bishop, priest, cardinal or whoever it might be. That's right. It's got to be the Word or you're dead, just a illegitimate child. And God's Word... God part won't grow. You might grow in the same field as we're getting to directly, but you're sure not in the fold. It won't grow.*

Notice then in **Spoken word original seed 62-0318M P:89** brother Branham says, "**The works that Jesus did**, (now he's referring to John 14:12 here) "if a man has the Seed of God in him with the Spirit of God watering that Seed, **the same works that was manifested in Jesus, Him being the original Seed of God**, (and the brother Branham's choice of the words "**the original Seed**" shows us he is thinking of other similar seed of God) **His death brings you back to the original Seed of God, and if the same Spirit that was within Him is in you, then the same works will be manifested.** You don't believe that? All right, let's turn over to Saint **John 14:12**. You say, "I'm a believer, Brother Branham. I sure am a believer." All right, **I'm going to see if Jesus would call you one, see if the Word of God calls you one... Verily, verily,... (absolutely, absolutely)... 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 to the Father.**"

**90** What is it? **Same seed.** How can you plant wheat here and wheat here and say, "I'm going to get cucumbers here and wheat here?" You can't do it. **The only way you're going to get cucumbers is plant cucumbers. If you hybreed it, then it won't be a cucumber. It'll be a hypocrite.** Is that right? It'll be a hypocrite, friends. You've got to say it. It isn't neither one. Isn't cucumber or what you bred it with. It's a crossbreed, and it is a bad product, and it's dead in itself, and it can't breed itself back no more. It's dead right there, back, won't go no farther. **That finishes it; that's all.** But if you want a cucumber, start with a cucumber. **If you want a church, start with the Word of God. If you want a Life of God, start with the Word of God. Accept the Word of God in Its fullness, every measure of It.** And **if that is the fullness of God in you, then the rain that's falling will produce exactly what's in your garden.** See? ...

**91** Then **the works will be manifested in Him are the same,** for **it is the same Seed Word of God. God's Son was His example Seed.** And what His Life was when the Spirit poured upon Him after His baptism and the Holy Ghost come upon Him, **the very Life that He produced will, that same watering Spirit of the Holy Ghost will bring forth the same kind of a Life, doing the same thing that He did; if it's the same Seed. Son of God Seed will bring forth a Son of God Seed.**

So you see, if we were in God before the foundations of the world a son of God seeds, then as the apostle Paul said in, we were predestined to be conformed to the image of the first born son. And the only way we can do that is to die to self as the first born son died to himself.

**To whom is arm of Lord revealed? 50-0824 P:42** Now, **the first thing you must do, is surrender yourself entirely to Christ, and surrender your mind to His Word.** "Lord, I won't act upon my own feelings, upon my own thoughts. I will only act upon Your Word."

That is why the apostle Paul said in **Galatians 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet it is not I that is living, but Christ is living in me: and the life which I am now living in the flesh, I am living by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* So it is not I that am living, but Christ, the anointed Life of the Father that was in His firstborn Son, that is also living itself out in me.

That is what Paul also said in **Colossians 3:1** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

That means you must come to the place where you are willing to die out to self. We must come like Jesus to the place where we are not trying to dodge the new birth, but we are willing to surrender ourselves to it. So it is not what you do, but what you just surrender yourself to.

From his message **How can I overcome 63-0825M P:48** brother Branham said, "See, if the little baby keeps trying, "Oh, I can do it; I can do it." And he's just everywhere; He can't do it. Neither can you; neither can I. But if we just hold still and let Him do it, just yield to Him, "Here, Lord, here I am. Just let me be nothing. And I yield; You put my hand in the right place." *That's the victory; that's overcoming. The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your ideas, your things, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.*

And again he said in his message **Uncertain sound 60-1218 P:61** ...*"it's God's love and mercy measured out to you to take It. Don't cost you one thing. Only thing It costs you, is just to surrender your life to Him, and receive It. How simple. Just forget all you ever knew and just surrender yourself to Him. And that's how It comes, is just receive, receiving It that way."*

And again from **It wasn't so from the beginning 60-0306 P:47** brother Branham said, "Every man's got to be born again, and this sinful nature killed in him, and a new Man born in him, which is Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Then you surrender yourself completely to Christ, and Christ comes in, and writes a book of acts through you. How I know that's the truth, my friend, how I know it's the truth.

Look, God's Prophet who had perhaps the greatest ministry ever on earth outside of God's first born son is telling us that is how it was with him. He says, "How I know that's the truth, my friend," and for emphasis he repeats himself again, "how I know it's the truth". And the message here is to die to self and let Christ come in and live your life for you.

In his sermon, **Christianity verses idolatry 61-1217 P:90** brother Branham said, "We, in His image, a living image of a living God. When you surrender yourself to God, and God comes into you, what does it make you? **A living image of God.**"

Jesus said, *the things I speak are what my Father commanded me what to say.* There you are, that's how to be a son of God in the Image of the first born Son of God.

Listen to what Jesus said of His relationship with the father.

In **John 12: 49-50** *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

And He also said in **John 5:19** *the Father works and I work hitherto.* Not, my own ideas of what I think my Father might want me to do, or say. No, that's not it at all. That would be our own mental reasoning. But He said, *the Son can do nothing but what He sees the father do, that doeth the son likewise.*

You see, The Doctrine of Christ is a reality of your position in the family of God. The Doctrine of Christ, to know it and understand it from your heart will bring with it the same Life that was in the first born son, and you will see your own life become a reflection of His Life. Because God wants to live out your life for you, in your own set of circumstances.

Paul said in **Ephesians 4:11** *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying (that's the building up) of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of **The Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,**(that's a mature man) **unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:** (You see without the knowledge of the Son of God, without the Revelation of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the relationship between the Father and His First Born son, we would never know how to act as children of God. We will never grow up.)*

That is why I do not believe in only listening to tapes. God set in the church for the maturing of the church, and if you could get it from the tapes only then God would not have set in the church a five-fold ministry.

**Blind Bartimaeus 56-0414 P:49** *And God set in the Church first, what? Missionaries, or apostles; apostle and missionary, as I told you, taught you, is the same thing, "one sent." Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelist, pastors, God set in the Church for the perfecting of the Church. That's Divine gifts that God foreordained and set into the Church. See? Those are for the perfecting of the Church. Jesus speaks through His pastor, speaks through His teacher, speaks through His seer, His prophet, speaks through His missionary to the countries, and so forth. That's His gifts that's He's put in the Church.*

**Influence 63-0112 P:35** *And now, **God has set in the church...** God, not the organization, not the achievement of man to make bishops and so forth, presbyters, but **God set in the church, first, apostles** (That's missionaries.), secondarily prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. God set them in the church, and every bugle will blow the same, the same Gospel. See? If he's a prophet, he blows the bugle of a prophet. He foretells the things that is to come and hits every time.*

Then if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound it wasn't sent there by God.

Because **God set in the church for the perfecting of the church**, and whoa to him that will try to do away with what God has sent.

The Apostle Paul said if you teach contrary to what I have taught you are cursed with a curse.

**Way back the 62-1123 P:96** Now, to me, I'm a man, I'm nothing. **I'm just your brother.** There's nothing to me. But **the Holy Spirit in predestination foreordained gifts; God has set in the church,** not what some elder laid his hands on. **God set in the church first apostles, then prophets, and so forth.** **God set them in there.** **They're Divine gifts foreordained of God.** Before Jeremiah the prophet was ever born, God said, "I knowed you 'fore you was even in your mother's belly, and ordained you a--a prophet to the nations before you ever come out of the womb." Is that right? **He had nothing to do with it.** God does that. He's still God.

**Blind Bartimaeus 59-0408 P:31** That's the office of the Church. And **these offices should be alive with the Holy Spirit,** not set in by man, but set in by the Holy Spirit in each church. Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors--**these are offices that God set in the Church.** Man has nothing to do with it. **God puts them in the Church.**

**Witnesses 56-1004 P:49** Now, the Bible said that "**God set in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors**". **He never did say where He set out of the church apostles and prophets.** They say, "Oh, He has still got teachers, and evangelists and pastors." But what about prophets and so forth. **It's still just the same. God doesn't change.**

And the Apostle Paul said the five-fold ministry of God, those gifts to the church were to bring the church to maturity, **14 That we henceforth be no more children,...**

**Psalms 37:23** "The footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord, and he delights in his way." **Proverbs 16:9** A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps. **Proverbs 3:** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

You see, people are trying to figure things out for themselves, and it only takes two people to form a denomination, and when you do you die right there. So always look at the persons motives, and their objectives and see what they are pointing you to. If they are pointing you to themselves and not to Christ then their doctrine will show that. Every seed is known by its characteristics, its nature.

From his sermon, **God hiding Himself in simplicity 63-0412E P:132** Brother Branham said, "When you surrender fully, He'll come in fully. But until you surrender, He can't come in fully. Surrender. Surrender your thoughts; surrender your thinking; surrender your life; surrender your all; surrender your prestige. Surrender everything to Him now, and He'll come in and fill you with the Holy Ghost. That's what He's here to do.

In paragraph **87** of the spoken Word is the original Seed brother Branham said, *All right. All right, we notice then. See, the spoken Word... Then we are God's Word made manifest. That's how God wants His church: is to manifest Himself. How can He*

*manifest Himself unless His Own Seed is in that person? How can you use your own thoughts and God manifest Himself through you? How can you take your own belief and say, "Well, my pastor teaches... My creed says that this... days of miracles..." How you going to do that and then be a manifested son of God? How you going to do it? The death of Jesus wasn't nothing to you. "Oh, I accept Him as my Saviour." You don't. You say you do, but you don't. **Your works proves what you are.** Jesus said the same thing. "If you think I am illegitimately born..." They said, "We're Abraham's son and need nobody to teach us." Said, **"If you was Abraham's children, you'd know Me."** See? Said, "Which one of you condemns Me of sin (unbelief)? **Show Me one thing that God promised of Me that ain't fulfilled. Show Me one thing that the Father promised that I haven't fulfilled.** (Sin is unbelief.) Let's see you produce it then." That de-horned them. See? Certainly. Said, "Who's accusing Me? Who can condemn Me with sin (unbelief)?" See? "If I don't believe, then **why is the Father doing through Me like He's doing,** every Word that He promised? Now, let Me see where you got it in yours."*

What brother Branham is telling us here is that we are ordained to reflect the image of the original seed. And that could not be possible unless we have the life that was in the first born seed. For if we have the life, then we have the nature, for the two are one in the sense the nature of the life is the reflected attributes and manifested characteristics of the life in the seed. Look, if we are so absorbed by our own daily life we cannot let Christ live it for us.

**Jesus Christ the same 55-0806 P:19** *Now, here's what happens. When a man starts out, he will go to reason. He will go to the schools of theology. And he will go from church to church and wonder if this one's got the truth, or if that one's got the truth. Or he will take his membership from one church to another. **You should never do that.** You should put your membership in heaven on the Book of Life. And there it'll be forever. Now, all churches, Christian churches, has good meanings, every one of them, and I believe every one of them has truth. And now, I don't mean to try to say now they don't have all the truth. Sure, I believe... **If they believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that's the truth. Amen. Now, but what a man will do, he will hear a little something and keep moving his papers. Well now, you'll never find Christ moving your papers. You have to move your thoughts. You have to move your thinking, and get away from reason and move your thoughts from your own way of thinking to what God thinks. **"Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in you."** And then **when you begin to think His thoughts, you'll begin to live His life and do the things that He did.** See what I mean? Now, because it's not you; it's Christ.***

We want the Mind of Christ to be in us. That is what we want. That is what God wants. He wants us to be conformed to the image of His first born Son who came forth in His Own image.

**Why it had to be shepherds 64-1221 P:40** *There's only one thing that rules over all, and that's God's Word. If you're thinking contrary to the Word; **forget your thinking. Think on the Word.**"*

Future home 64-0802 P:76 **Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.** See, then it isn't your thinking; it's His thinking through you, and you're not expressing your own words; you're expressing His Words.

God's gifts always find place 63-1222 P:44 God works through human beings to redeem human beings. He can take you, work through you to redeem humanity, if you'll completely dedicate everything you are. If you're a young woman, dedicate your morals. You're a young man, dedicate your morals, dedicate your mind, dedicate your thinking, dedicate your heart, dedicate your soul, dedicate all you are and let Christ work through that. What a glorious thing.

Who is this 59-1004M P:34 ...a supernatural God cannot change His nature to fit people's nature. People has to change their nature to fit God's supernatural plan. And that's why people cry, "Who is this?" It's God in the midst of His people. They don't understand it. God will never come to your level; you'll have to come to His. God will not come to your requirement; you have to come to God's. And then when that requirement is met upon a promise that God made to redeem the people. If that requirement has met, your entire being changes; your thinking changes. Your habits change. Everything about you changes. Your desires change. Your living changes. Your habits change. You change. Everything about you changes, 'cause there's a new life in you.

Can we see Jesus 58-0619E P:14 You have to have God on the inside before you can see Him on the outside. And there's many people that doesn't seem to understand what God is. But He has to come in, and look through your eyes, use your eyes, and your mind, your thinking, and your sight, your emotion, all has to be fully controlled by God.

God's provided way 64-0206E P:16 You have to die. You have to die before you can be reborn. Any seed has to die before it's regenerated again. Unless it dies, it abides alone. A man's got to die to his own thinking. He's got to die to the thinking of anything but God's Word, and come His way. That's God's ground. We don't meet Him on our thoughts. We meet Him on what He said do. That's God's provided way for us. People dodge it; they don't want it. But it's true just the same. It'll... It produces death, and you have to die, die to your thinking." Well, I know the Bible says it, but I can't understand it." Then stay there till God reveals it. That's right. It's got... That's the new birth.

Oneness 62-0211 P:102 What is it? You've got to get with the Word, get yourself killed out. I'm persuaded that many of us, friends, have received the Holy Ghost, but we just receive enough Holy Ghost in us to make us to a place where we don't want to lie, we don't want to steal, we don't want to do anything. But God wants to fill every fiber of His church; He wants to fill your thinking; He wants to fill your mind. He wants to fill every bit of you, just make you completely, totally dead to yourself or to your thinking, just so surrendered in God till His Word's just living right through you. You don't know nothing else but God's Word; just stay right with His Word; It is Life. "My Words are Life," said Jesus.

**Investments - 63-0803B 48.** *Laodicea... We find, all the other church ages, Jesus was still in the church. But on the Laodicea age, He was on the outside, knocking, trying to get in. And this is the age that when the manifestation of Christ come so perfect in the Image of Christ, in His church, until the churches, as the brother said awhile ago, is closing the door. And yet He stands with love, knocking, "If any man hunger or thirst...." Do you understand? We, you expect a closed door; it's the Laodicea age. The Bible said it would be that way.*

**What shall I do with Jesus - 63-1124M 152.** *Now, with your heads bowed... You that believed that, that raised your hands a few moments ago... And by faith you see the Image of Christ standing there, which you should be in. You're walking now by faith, believe that your sins are pardoned. And from this day on, you're ready for Christian baptism, and you're ready now to walk in Christ."*

**Identified Christ of all ages - 64-0401 19.** *And now, in that, it's appointment that God has made with man. This body must, because it is yet negative; it's subject to death. So He gets a eternal Spirit, His attribute displayed in that body, then like any picture in its negative form, it goes into the darkroom. There it's developed to come down to the perfect picture. And we go into the darkroom, but to come out after the negative's in a perfect picture, in the Image of Christ. We go into the dark grave, into the darkroom for developing. It takes death to develop it, just like it takes death to yourself to develop the picture of the Image of Christ, the life of Christ in you. You have to dump your own out so that Christ can come in. You have to die to yourself. So does your physical being die to be formed and mold into the image of Him. But you're still that attribute that cannot be destroyed. It can never be destroyed. It's God in the beginning. It's God above us, God with us, God in us. And it's all the attributes of God: Eternal Life to the sons of men. Now, let us pray.*

**Paradox a - 65-0117 40.** *So is it with an individual. As long as there's any human injections, human ideas, then God's germ of Life, the Holy Spirit, cannot work. You cannot be healed as long as there's just a fraction somewhere, that it's not rotten yet; it's got all the human elements, all the scientific ideas, all the days of miracles is passed, so-called. All that has to, all, not only die, but rot, then from there grows the germ of Life unto a new life. That's the only way it can grow. That's the reason we don't get what we ask for. We try to take with us so much of our own ideas. That's the reason the Lutheran church couldn't advance no farther than it did, the Pentecostals and the rest; 'cause they inject by a bunch of theologians, "This oughtn't to be this way. This is for another day. And this was for that." There it stays. It cannot grow to that perfect Image of Christ until every Word of God is received into you, and then you become that Word, like the seed that went in the ground.*

**God's only provided place of worship - 65-1128M 111.** *He died for us, and we die to ourselves and are buried in His Name, that we would no more be of the world, but in Him, of which both the family in heaven is named after Jesus Christ. That's **Ephesians 1:21**. *For both the family in heaven... What's the family in heaven named? Jesus. What's**

*the family on earth named? Well, that's the house of God where the Blood's at. Is that right? That's the Door, that's the Gate, that's the place He put His Name, and the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. It's the Word reflecting and sparking off the age that you're living in. That's what He was; that's what Moses was; that's what Jacob was; that's what the rest of them was: sparking off that Word of God, the reflector that God was reflecting Himself. And **come to that perfect Image of God, Jesus Christ, God's Masterpiece; was struck that He might take the rest of them for a Bride that's been a reflector of Him.***

**Rapture the - 65-1204 110.** *Wonder, could it be already passed? Could the Bride already be called? Is that what we're going through today? **She's has to be molded and made into the Image of Christ, and Christ is the Word.** **That's the only thing.** See, it's in there, in the Word, it's just... See, there cannot be one thing added. It can't be a woman with one hand like a man and the other hand with a paw like a dog; **it's got to be exactly the Word of the Lord, like He is the Word.** The Bride is a part of the Bridegroom. The woman is a part of her husband, 'cause she's taken out of the husband. Eve was a part of Adam from his side. And so is the Bride, not taken from a denomination, but taken from the bosom of the Word of God for this day.*

**Pergamean church age 60-1207 P:42** *And this beggar come back to the door. And Saint Martin took off his own good garment, and give it to the beggar, and had the chief deacon to go and get another one and bring it to him. So he had to get a garment anyhow, and put it on Saint Martin. And he wore the lesser garment out before the people instead of his good garment. See it just goes to show: **give the best that you have (See?); give your life; give your time; give everything to Christ.** **And that same Spirit that lived in Christ lives in you,** and your influence in your neighborhood and upon the people that you deal with, **will be so much like Christ till it'll work the same thing Christ did.***

Now, let us pray and ask our Deacons go and prepare the elements for communion service.