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*The Life of Christ Part 5*

*“Life Injected Life Projected”*

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**1 Corinthians 15:12** *Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his parousia.*

**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.*

Let us pray, *Dear Father we come here this Easter Morning to honor the resurrection of your son Jesus in whom you raised from the dead. As Paul told us that if we are also risen with Christ then it will change our lives. Help us to understand better this great resurrection which your Word speaks of and is set before us at this hour. For we ask it humbly in Jesus Christ's name, your eldest son in whom you raised from the dead to live forever more, and whose spirit has come back upon us to quicken us and make us new creations in Christ Jesus.*

Now, this morning being Easter we are here to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Now, the whole world around Christians of every persuasion will be celebrating the Resurrection, and since there are now some 36,000 different denominations on record who claim to be Christian, and that means at least 36,000 different view points on this Bible and the Scriptural interpretation of it, then in order to do justice to this most notable day we ought to at least understand what the Resurrection means to us.

And I would venture to say that to the 36,000 different varieties of Christian denominations out there and the thousands more who have not denominated officially but who most likely and by the definition of denomination are most certainly denominated. Then that number of differences are almost as different as there are people within those groups.

Therefore first of all what does the word resurrection mean? And why is it so important to Christians in general? And why is it so important to you as an individual Christian?

Well, to answer our first question, the word resurrection means *The act of rising from the dead or returning to life*. Now, the reason this is so important to the Christian religion is because Jesus Christ is the only person in the history of the world who God raised from the dead and is alive forever more.

Now, that makes Christianity different from every other religion in the world. The Mohammedans believe Mohammed will one day raise from the dead, but most Christians also believe that every Christian will one day rise from the dead as well, and their reason for believing this is far greater than Mohammedans reason's. Because God not only promised us resurrection, but he also showed us one who has raised from the dead and is alive for ever more, namely His Son Jesus. Who sits at the right hand of the majesty on high.

And Jesus Promised the believer, that is those who believe in Him, he promised in **John 11:25** *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: "he that believeth" in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

So not only did he rise from the dead, but we are also promised though *"though we were dead, yet shall we live."*

Now, we take it that most Christians look for resurrection after they physically die. They do not know when, but they live their life in hope.

I am here this morning to tell you that it is not a hope that we be beholden to, but a reality. Because there is a way that we most certainly will know whether we will rise from the dead and that is because we have already risen from the dead.

Now, the Apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:24** *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*

Notice here that Paul says if you have seen it, it is no longer hope, so hope is what is not yet seen. And Faith is the

And brother Branham actually said that hope is the enemy of faith. He said in his sermon **Faith cometh by hearing 54-0320 P:26** *My, how I like to think of faith, hope, and charity, those three things. And hope, what a beautiful thing hope is. Little, timid hope, lovely and sweet as she is, yet, she's the greatest enemy faith has. That's right. The greatest enemy faith's got is hope. 'Cause a person becomes so hopeful till they leave away from faith.*

**1 Corinthians 13:13** *And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

**Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* So although hope does not see it, yet Faith has both substance and evidence.

Now, notice the law of nature, or natural law as we see in **Genesis 1:11**, which teaches “*every seed after its kind*” Although the life in a seed that life itself is an invisible entity, and yet when that life begins to manifest its nature, it’s attributes and its characteristics, it must hold to this natural law, this law of life which is *an observable law relating to natural phenomena*. In other words, there are certain attributes and characteristics of every form of life. As brother Branham pointed out in this message “**God Identifies Himself by His Characteristics**” he said “*there are two birds that look very much alike, about the same size and shape, but if you can’t see the color, just look at the flight pattern and you can tell which is which.*”

Let me just read it for you what he said...**God identifies Himself by His Characteristics 64-0320 P:6** “*Then did you ever notice, I don't know whether you have them here or not: yellow hammers, with the (Flicker is the right name for them.) and a jaybird. A jaybird is about the same size of a yellow hammer. And you see the two flying, they're both about the same kind of bird. If you can't see the color, but just watch them, you can tell which is the yellow hammer. The jaybird flies more or less in a beeline, but the yellow hammer flopping his wings... As he flaps his wings, he goes down and then up, down and then up. See? Makes himself in a bound like that. And you can tell that's the characteristic of the yellow hammer, the way he flies. If you notice the quail, when he comes out, the way he comes up... And then, watch if you're in a swamp where quail might be, and a snipe. You hunters know that. The Wilson snipe, and the jack snipe, they identify themselves by the way they come out, and the way they go. They identify by their characteristic of flying, of what kind of a bird they are. Therefore, if you just heard them, you can just tell what it was the way he went out, what he is by the characteristic of his flying”.*

Now, why am I bringing this law of life or this natural law into this topic on the resurrection of Christ? Because he says although you may not be able to tell them apart by looking at them, you can tell them apart by what they do. And so too we have 36,000 different brands of Christianity today, so how do you tell the real Christian from the counterfeit Christian? Well, if every seed will come forth after its kind or nature, then watch them, and *by their fruits you shall know them*. There are many women who wear skirts and long hair, not just Christians. And having long hair and long dresses doesn’t make you a Christian. But watch their life, see how they act, watch the way they live, the actions they do, the works they perform, the things they talk about and the music they listen too, and you will soon know what life is alive and living in them.

From his sermon, **Door inside door 58-0209E P:73** Brother Branham said, *Take the life of a sinner out and put the life of Christ in there, it'll bear the fruits of Christ.*

And again from his sermon, **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:147** brother Branham said, “*God is not known by education; He's not known by how to explain it. God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology; it's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock, I'll build My Church." No other rock's accepted; no other thing's accepted; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; no other nothing; but on exactly the revelation of Jesus*

*Christ in a new birth. He's born in there and injects His own Life, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences to the people that they see 1) the very Life, and 2) works, and 3) signs and wonders that He did, is 5) doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.*

Outside of that the rest is not called for alt all? The rest of what? Scholarship, education, how well you can break down the doctrine and talk it, outside of that life reflecting his thoughts, his actions, his speech, his works, outside of that forget it. You see, there are too many who are placing their trust in their own man made ability to know and understand the Word of God, the doctrine. Yet the Apostle Paul said, *“**And though I have the gift of preaching, to the point where I not only understand all the mysteries, and possess all knowledge and can make it so plain in my preaching; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and yet have not the Love of God in my heart for his children, I am as good as nothing in God's eyes.**”*

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Sirs, we would see Jesus 63-1112 P:18** *“We as Christian believers should **reflect His Life**, so much, till it would be **His entire representative**. We should be that. **Every Christian should represent and reflect the Life of Jesus Christ**. Do you believe that? **And I believe that every Christian should be reflecting the Life of Christ**. He said in Saint **John 14:12**, **“He that believeth on Me, the works I do shall he do also.”** And then we know that that's true, that we are His representatives. **And if we claim that Christ lives in us, and if Christ lives in us, then we should do as Christ did. We should reflect His Life.**”*

And from his sermon, **The Rapture 65-1204 P:54** he said, *Then how do we get into this Body? **I Corinthians 12**, **“By one Spirit we're all baptized into this Body,”** by one Holy Spirit baptism. And that... If you want to put that down, it's **I Corinthians 12:13**: **“And by one Spirit we are all baptized...”** And **the Spirit is the Life of Christ** (is that right?), the Life of Christ. And **the life of any seed**, which He was the Word Seed, **brings the seed to life**. You get it? If that life is laying in the seed and this baptism of the Holy Spirit comes upon it, it's bound to bring that seed life. Notice he says, *“the life of any seed brings that seed to life.”**

From the **Palmerworm locust caterpillar 59-0823 P:57** brother Branham said, *“And if Christ is in that Vine, and **the Life of Christ is in that person**, it'll be like Jesus, it'll bear the fruits of Him. It's His Spirit. It can't do nothing else but do it. It's got to produce that Life, 'cause it's the same Life. You just can't produce anything else. It'll act like Him; It'll talk like Him; It'll walk like Him; It'll heal like Him; It'll see visions like Him; It'll produce exactly His Life, perfectly, every time, because It's His Life. You're just a shell.”*

Now, in getting back to what brother Branham said concerning Hope and fait, what do you think he meant when he said, *“**hope is the greatest enemy of faith**”*? Well hope is always looking out there somewhere while Faith looks at what is inside. The evidence.

From **The Third Exodus 63-0630M P:93** Brother Branham says, of faith, *"Its resting place is in the sanctuary of God's Word, when faith, **genuine faith** sets itself there. **Not make-belief now: faith; not hope: but faith. Hope's out here hoping it was in. Faith is already in,** looking out and saying, **"It's done."** That's faith. There's where faith takes it's resting place, for it knows that God will never, never let the enemy ride over the top of Him. He never has. Faith knows that, so regardless of what the thing looks like...*

And from **Sir would we see Jesus 54-1205 P:37** he said, *Now, look. **My own faith in God will take it away from you; but it won't stay unless you have the same...** faith... See, don't just come with a real reverence, just don't... Just be normal and say, "God, You promised it, and I'm Your child." Now, watch. So you can see what I mean the... Ninety percent of the people, sister, ninety-nine and nine tenths that come saying, **"Oh, I got faith," they have hope instead of faith. Faith is positive.***

**Look, Hope is an earnest expectation, the dictionary says hope is** *To wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment. To look forward to with confidence or expectation:* But notice it is always out there somewhere in the future, but Faith is an evidence, it is a substance. In other words it is a reality, not a future hope so, not a wish, it's now, it is evident, the evidence is there already.

Now, remember we just read the quote where brother Branham said, it's not your ability or your education, it's not what you can reason, but its **"the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth.** (notice, the revelation IN a birth) *He's born in there* (whose born IN there? Christ is Born in You.) *and*(when he is born in you He) **injects His own Life,** (notice he said He injects His own Life, injects like inoculation where you use a needle to implant a germ of life into your body expecting that germ to make you immune from certain thigs. Well, brother Branham is telling us here that Revelation inoculates you and injects the very Life of Christ into the individual and when that happens, the he says) ***and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences to the people*** (o Hallelujah, Your life is hid in Christ with God and His life begins to grow and as it grows it begins to project itself forth for all to see the new attributes and characteristics that now are alive in you by this new birth. Then he says, when the world sees this new life, this life that is projected) ***that they see*** No. 1) ***the very Life,*** and 2) ***the works,*** and 3) ***signs and wonders that He did, is*** (is what?) ***is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.***

Notice, the same life just in another vessel but living the same life, expressing the same actions, same speech, same works, o I hope you can see why the resurrection is so important to us and why the promise of **John 14:12** is so very important, because it shows those who are born again with the very life of Christ living in them and John 14:12 is the projection of his Life in the believer showing it is the same life by the same works, same actions, same words, same character.

From the **Stature of a perfect man 62-1014M P:134** brother Branham said, *“And then when we can get so **transfused** by His power, that we die to our own thinking, and our faith becomes a genuine faith (Hallelujah.), then (when? When we die to our own thinking then he says and only then will) **the Life of Christ is transfused into us; we become living creatures of God, a dwelling place where the Holy Spirit can send His radiant blessings down through there, and we're in the statue of Christ.**”*

And if in the statue of Christ, the conformed to the image of the first born son. Now, listen if you don't think William Branham was not conformed to the image of the first born son, you have missed the whole Appearing of Christ. Appear means to make known visible, so if Christ has appeared, then how did he appear if you can not see him? He appeared in His Prophet, lived in his prophet, spoke through his prophet, acted out his life through his prophet, and did the works of Christ through his prophet. And if you die, he will do the same through you. That's what John 14:12 is all about, not just greater works, but works, actions, a life lived. Not just for one man, but for whosoever believeth.

From **Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed 63-0728 P:120** brother Branham said, *“Look, **Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do?**”*

You see why it was so important to die to your own thoughts so you could see the doctrine of Christ? You see why it was not only being able to believe and talk the doctrine but to lay in the presence of the Son of God Light, so that you could see that relationship that he had with the father and the Father with him, and not only to see that relationship but to see Him as the pattern, the example seed, the very life expressed, and to know that you as a son have entered into that same relationship, the very same life of God passed down into the son in its fullness and set free from that vessel that it might enter into all the vessels of God's children so that we might become sons in the very image and stature of Christ as Paul said in Ephesians 4 where Paul said, *“**Till we all come in the unity of the faith,** And what does it mean **UNITY of the faith** or revelation?”*

The word **Unity** means: *The state or quality of being one...* And didn't Jesus pray in John 17 that we would be *“**one with God**”* in the same way *“**He was One with God**”*? And how is this possible? Through His very Life released into our vessel through the same revelation he had we now have. ***Till we all come in the unity of the faith,** (oneness, how?) **through the knowledge** (ginosko, which is an experiential knowledge) **of the Son of God,**(that word ginoko is not just knowledge as tough something we can obtain in our head, but it is an experiential knowledge, which we receive through a relationship with Christ. You see, Mary said, “How can I be with child having known-ginosko no man. She had no experience in the flesh with man, she had not received a life giving seed from man, and this is to bring us to the place Paul calls) **unto a perfect man,** (a mature man) **unto the measure** (metron or limited portion) **of the stature** (the character) **in the fulfilling of Christ:”***

From his sermon **Abraham and his seed after him 61-0423 P:39** brother Branham said, *“raised Him up on the third day, and raised up His body, and brought it up into glory, and there sent the Spirit back down, and kept the body on His right hand side. Sent the Spirit back down, to live in the church, to make a church just so much with the Life of Christ that in the resurrection, the two will come together, Bride and Bridegroom, the church and Christ will be exactly alike with the same kind of ministry, same kind of power, same kind of Spirit. He raised up the body of Jesus Christ and set on His right side, His right hand, and poured down the Spirit upon the church on the day of Pentecost. That's how God proved His covenant with His church.*

Same ministry, same power, same kind of spirit he said. That's **Genesis 1:11** *the law of life, every seed after its kind.*

And brother Branham said in **Planting the vine and where to plant it 59-0920 P:40** *It is the Spirit of the living God that changes your nature.*

What else could live in you to produce Christ's own life in you? It is God-Life, the very same God-Life that raised up Jesus from the dead is what also quickens your mortal body, this body that you are now living in. That's your substance, that's your evidence? And you can't see, taste, feel, smell or hear it, yet it is the very Life of Christ, God's own Life, living in you and you know it because you know what life you once had, and you know what life you now have. O what an evidence. Not hope, not a hope so, but a reality, a substance, a real evidence is the very life itself is the only evidence. Not what you can quote, not what you can pretend to know, not who you know, or how high you get promoted in the church. It's the very life of Christ living in you by the new birth, and you either know you have that or you don't. And no pretending will ever make it real.

O, you might pretend to be what you are not, and others might be fooled by it for a while, but like Abraham Lincoln said, *“You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can not fool all of the people all of the time.”*

The Apostle Paul said in **Galatians 6:3** *For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives only himself.*

And the Apostle John said in **1 John 1:8** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive only ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

So it all comes down to what Life is being projected from our vessel.

**Identified masterpiece of God 64-1205 P:50** *What we need today is the life of Christ inside of us. That's what purifies, not the outward, a turned-around collar, or a degree of psychology, or something. It takes the power of the resurrected Christ to make us what we should be. God has no other plan than let the Holy Spirit rule and reign in the church.*

**Identified Christ of all ages 64-0401 P:19** *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.*

The Apostle Paul didn't have a great ministry because he was so much more intellectual than anyone else. He said in **1 Corinthians 2:1** *You'll remember, friends, that when I came to you to let you in on God's master Piece, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. 2 I deliberately kept it plain and simple: wanting you to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified.* (in other words, Paul wanted to show them the character of the Life of Christ and the need for death to self to have this life. He goes on) *3 I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate, I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it, and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.*

Brother Branham said in **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:150** *And Paul, this great intellectual man, never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people. He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and he lived the Word so that it expressed It. He lived so, so godly until they seen Jesus Christ in him so much, till they wanted his handkerchief to take it and lay it upon the sick. There's the Life of Christ.*

In **Investments 63-1116B P:35** Brother Branham said, *“That's no way to get the outsider. (The person who's not a believer, he's an outsider, and he says if you want to catch that person in the net for Christ the way to do it is to...) Live the Life, and let Christ live in you, that makes him hunger and thirst to be like you. You become salty; he'll get thirsty. The only way you can be salty is let the Life of Christ be in you, for He is that. Salt only saves as it contacts.* And that's what Paul said in **1 Corinthians 2.**

Again brother Branham said, **Hear ye Him 58-0209A P:37** *if the new life that you think you've received doesn't pattern with God's Word, you've got the wrong life in you. The life of Christ will produce the works of Christ, will produce the faith of Christ, will make you act as Christ, will make you love Him. He will be first in your life. Your objectives, your motives, and everything will be all-together different. It'll be for the glory of God.*

Now, if we really want to know what it is that makes us a true believer, brother Branham tells us in the spoken word is the original seed. **Spoken word original seed 62-0318M P:97** *All right. Manifested, the works manifested the same by us, for It is the same Word. Now, if you want to do the works of Christ, do the same thing He done. "He that believeth on Me shall have My works." What is that? Believeth what? That He is the Original Seed germ that come.*

Notice we have gone full circle this morning, seeing the resurrection and life has got to come from the first born son into sons, the same seed life in the original seed will be in the other seeds with the same life in them.

**Influence 63-0112 P:65** *And if the Life of Christ has been transferred into you by the Holy Spirit, you bear the fruit, you live the life.*

**It wasn't so from the beginning 61-0411 P:29** *You say, "Well, we'll just live loose." That shows your name isn't on the Book. That's exactly right. That proves that you wasn't when you try to live any kind of life and that you want to live. That's shows you haven't got it. If you're a real Christian, you'll live the real life, because the Life in Christ is in you and you can do nothing else but live the Life of Christ.*

Notice he said if you are a real Christian you will live the real life of Christ. You won't have to work at it, it will be as natural as though he is living it for you because he is. That's what Paul said, *it's not me living but Christ is living in me.*

And so in winding down let me read a few quotes from brother Branham before we close.

**From Israel at the red sea 2 53-0327 P:16** *And if a man's born of the Spirit of God, it's automatically he lives the Life. ... And if the Holy Spirit's on the inside, it produces the Life of Christ. Amen. That's faith. Amen. All right.*

**True vine and the false vine 55-0607 P:14** *The Life that was in Christ has to be in every branch. And if Christ's Life in Him was a preaching the Kingdom of God and healing the sick, every branch will have the same substance in it, as it comes up. It can't be nothing else. The Life of Christ in you...*

**Is your life worthy 63-0630E P:65** *A Christian is to be Christ-like. And a Christian cannot be a Christian until Christ comes into the man, the Life of Christ in him. Then it produces the Life that Christ lived, and you do the things that Christ did. What am I talking about? Personal relationship to Christ. What is it? Is your life worthy of the Gospel?*

**Conferences 61-0410 P:80** *If you're not born again, then you're not a Christian. You can only be a Christian when you take the life of Christ in you. If the life of Christ is in you, it'll produce the life of Christ.*

**Conferences 60-0228 P:37** *We could scream, and shout, and do whatever we want to; it'll never influence man until they see the life of Christ being projected in you, someone who's tender, and merciful, and forgiving, and ready to turn the other side of the cheek, or give the second coat, or go the second mile: Christianity in action, not just taught from the pulpit, but acted among the members, among the pastors. That's when you see Christ living in the church, decisions made.*

**Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:50** *Make us so full of love and the fruit of the Spirit until other men and women, boys and girls can see the results of the Life of Christ still living in us after two thousand years from the great event. Grant it, Father. To honor Thee, we ask in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.*

**Countdown the 62-1125E P:54** *Now, He said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also." He cannot change that decision. He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." If the Life of Christ be in you, if the mind of Christ, then we're concerned and do the things of Christ. He said these signs that He done will follow every believer that believes in Him.*

Let us pray.....