

The Doctrine of Christ no 69
The Life of Christ no 9
“Subject to the Father in all things”
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This morning we are continuing the study on the doctrine of Christ and the Life of Christ attributes and the attribute of the son that we wish to discuss this morning is His ability to subject Himself to the father in all things. Now this ability to subject Himself is also known as his ability to be in submission to the Holy Spirit.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **A Total Deliverance 59-0712 P:55** *Jesus was completely, totally man. He could cry like a man, He could eat like a man; He could become like a man. He was completely, totally man in His physical being. And in His Spirit, He was completely, totally God, so He made His flesh submissive to the Spirit that was in Him. You see, He was tempted in all manners like we are. He was man, not an Angel. He was a man. He had desires and temptations just like we do. The Bible said He did. He was a man, not an Angel above temptation. **Hebrews 1** said that He was... **Hebrews 1:4** said *He was made lower than the Angels*. He was man, completely man, that God took a complete man to bring total deliverance; and He filled Him with His Spirit; the Holy Ghost was in Him without measure. And He was tempted like we were. And He was completely God. He proved it when He raised the dead, when He stopped nature, the roaring seas and the mighty winds. When He spoke to the trees, and so forth, they obeyed Him. He was God inside. And He could've been man, for He was Man, but **He totally and completely delivered Himself as a Man into the hands of God for the service of God. And He is our example.***

Notice “*he delivered himself into the hands of God for the service of God*”. He said, “*so He made His flesh submissive to the Spirit that was in Him.*”

Now, I am not just talking about Jesus here so you can look back at a historical figure and say that is nice. I am showing you the son of God so that you can see the pattern and example for all sons. When you see the pattern Christ Jesus, you then know how to conduct your own life. I am talking about every son of God that has been born of God’s Spirit, will show this same attribute of submission to the Spirit of God that is indwelling you just as Jesus did submitted Himself to God’s Spirit that indwelt him.

From his sermon, **Believing God 52-0224 P:34** brother Branham said, *And that soul is the same way until the soul died and then was born again of God, then that soul can't die. "The soul that sinneth shall die. But he that believeth on Me has Everlasting Life," then there's an immortal Life living in that body. Now, that's like a string coming from heaven, like a core on the inside of a man. Now, that's the part that's godly; **It operates this body. But before this body can ever become perfected, the Spirit will bring it in submission to God to make you...** It'll war all the time, a constant. Paul said. We'll never get more than he. See? Paul said, "**When I would do good, then evil is near me. See?**" And there's a constant war, the flesh against the Spirit.*

Now, in **John 5:19** we see this submission of Jesus to His father in everything he did. *“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”*

And brother Branham said in his sermon, **To see Jesus 54-0718E P:45** He said, *“God dwelt in Him, like the Holy Spirit dwells in us today. And the Son of God was submissive to the Father, and a servant of God today is submissive to the Father. Is that right? And then, now, if Jesus said Himself He did nothing... Now, Saint **John 5: 19**. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what the Father shows Him.” Then Jesus did no miracles, until first God gave Him a vision of what to do. Is that truly? And once the Father showed Him...”*

And we see also in **John 5: 30** where Jesus said, *“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”*

Notice his motive in seeking to know God’s will. He did not seek to know God’s will in order to know just how much he could get away with as many so called Christians do today, but He sought God’s will to know how to please His Father and to know how to subject Himself to His Father’s wishes in order to show his Love to His Father.

That is what he said in **John 8: 28-29** *Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, (and when is that? When you see him hanging on a cross) then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.* And so going to the cross he was willing to do just to please his Father. And as a Son he could not help himself, it was his nature to want to please his Father.

From brother Branham’s sermon, **The Spoken word original seed 62-0318M P:107** *“Christ couldn't help being what He was. He was the Son of God. That's it. See what I mean now? See if you were intended, you see the Word of God, you believe It; because why? There's something new. See? Why? Have you ever heard of strain in a family? A one... A son will kind of impersonate his father, or the mother, or the grandfather, or the grandmother. That's strain in the family. You've heard of it, haven't you? Well, that's the same thing from predestination. You were supposed to be here in the right way at the beginning, but being that you come the way you did, you're subject to the fall. But being that you're predestinated you hear the Word and It brings you right back where you were predestinated. Amen. Never saw that before. Brings you right... And what makes you believe the Word of God and turn down these other things? Is because you were... There's something in you. Way back yonder you was supposed... you... what... You are made to live here forever.*

And again in **Jehovah Jireh 56-0429 P:21** Brother Branham tells us that this subjection to the Father is an attribute of a son that is the right kind of son. He said, *“That's the first commandment with promise. "Honor your father and mother, which may lengthen the days on the earth that the Lord giveth thee." So, little Isaac being in subjection to his father and mother because he was a type of Christ as He was in subject to the Father perfectly. And how he minded his father and mother.*

Therefore, if we are to look at what attribute that most exemplifies being conformed to the image of the first born son, it would have to be this attribute of being obedient to our Father and seeking to honor him. Now, contrary to what some people might think, to honor is a gesture of showing respect. Wishing to send your mother or father to the ash heap is not respecting them even if they wish it upon themselves. But to honor them is to give them the respect they are due as your parent, the one who gave you life in this world.

If your father asks you to get him some alcohol so he can get drunk and you do it, you are not showing him the proper respect. Now, you might obey him if he asks you to do it, but that won't show you respect him, it shows you disrespect him. By not doing what he asks in this case you are showing him respect. When I had just become an adult, my own father asked me to go down and buy him some cigarettes and I refused because I did not wish to see my father kill himself prematurely. I believe that in disobedience to my father in that case, I was honoring my father. Because the word honor means *“to highly respect”*. It means *“the dignity accorded to the position”*. And placing your parent into the ash heap is not something that is dignified. In dignity you give a proper burial. We do not burn sacred things, we bury them, that is the Christian way. If you have old tapes of the prophet that no longer work, or a worn out Bible, you bury them, you don't just toss them into the garbage can along with other refuse that means nothing to you any longer. You respect your Bible, you respect the Voice of God, then give them a proper burial. You love your parents, then you bury them respectfully.

When the Scripture tells us to honour our Father and Mother, the Greek word *“timaō”* means *“to fix a great Value upon them”*, *“to revere them”* and *“to value them”*. And that is what Jesus did with his Father, he held God's Word in Great value, even greater than His own Life. And so we see Jesus honor God by his obedience to God's Word. **John 10:18** *This commandment received I of my Father*

John 12:49 *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. 50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.*

And in honoring His Father he was showing His love to His Father. **John 14:31.** *“But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.*

Now in getting back to our thought on subjection to our Father or Submission to His Spirit within us, we find the Scripture speaks of Jesus as being subject to his Father God.

I Corinthians 15:28 *the Son also himself shall be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

Now, what does this mean, that *that God may be all in all*. That means that he may be the preeminent one in all, or in you all.

Brother Branham said from his sermon, **Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:33** *“But look, when this body receives the Spirit of God, the Immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God. Hallelujah.” He that's born of God doth not commit sin; he cannot sin.” **Romans 8:1**. *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; they walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* There you are. See, *that throws your body subject*. You don't have to say, “Oh, if I could just quit drinking, if I could just...” **Just get in Christ; it's all gone**. See, see? Because **your body is subject to the Spirit**, it's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead. They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism; and you are a new creation in Christ. And **your body becoming subject to the Spirit, try to live a right kind of life...***

And notice how he tells us the Spirit of God in us will actually make us subject to that same Spirit. From his sermon, **Unfailing realities of God 60-0626 P:28** *“Now, the Holy Spirit will not misbehave itself in one person, and behave itself in another. **It'll make each person come into Its character** (See?), because it's a Spirit that leads you. **It makes you subject to Its nature**. You don't bring It subject to your nature; **It makes you subject to Its nature**. And the **Holy Spirit makes you live and love to do it**. Oh, how you love to give up the things of the world, when the Holy Spirit comes in. How it cleanses you and washes you, and puts a desire in you to--to--to follow Him, and a thirst, and a hunger for more of it, just bathing yourself. He brings realities.*

Notice that brother Branham says The Holy Spirit in us will subject us to His nature. It will make you subject to Him, and to His will. And that is what the Apostle Paul said in

Philippians 2:13 *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*. And who is God, but the Holy Spirit. And He is the Word, therefore His Spirit, his life in you will make you subject to His Word. And if his word says *forsake not the gathering of the saints, even more so as you see the day approach*, then you can hardly wait for those church doors to open.

In fact brother Branham said in his sermon, **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:45** *And now, you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You got tapes on discipline in the church: how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and set together in heavenly places. **Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying, 'cause we're in the last days where the Bible exhorted us to much more as we see that day approaching**, to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and love one another. “This will all men know you're My disciples when you have love one for the other.”*

As brother Branham said in his sermon, **Who is this Melchisedec 65-0221E P:34** *“Like you women claiming you got Holy Ghost and going out here and wearing shorts and things, how could you do it? **How could the Spirit of God in you ever let you do such a thing as that?** It just can't be so. Certainly it can't be. He's not a filthy spirit; **He's a holy Spirit.** And then when you become subject to that Spirit, it throws your whole being subject to that Spirit. And that Spirit is nothing in the world but this Seed Word made manifest, or quickened (Hallelujah.), made alive. And when the Bible said, "Don't do this," that body quickly turns to it; there's no question. And what is it? **It's the earnest of the resurrection.** This body will be raised up again, because it's already started. It was once subject to sin, and mire, and corruption, but now it's got the earnest; it's turned heavenly. Now, **that's the earnest that you're going in the rapture.** It's the earnest.”*

So notice that this willingness in you to submit yourself to the Word of God he says is your earnest that you are going in the Rapture.

Now, you might say, wait a minute preacher, I thought the earnest of our being in the rapture was the baptism of the Holy spirit and the evidence of that is believing the Word for the hour which you live?

Well, brother and sister you have to balance that with the fact that brother Branham also said, **FAITHFUL ABRAHAM 59-0415E 21** *“I believe it was Abraham Lincoln said one time, **"You can fool some of the people part of the time, but not all the people all the time."** And your emotions prove, and your action proves what you are and what you believe. 22 In the Bible James justified Abraham by what he did. Paul justified him by faith. But Paul was talking about what God seen. And James was talking about what man seen. But **the way you act proves what you believe. If you say you believe God, then you act like it. Put it into a motion. Get up and get at it. That's awful rough, isn't it? But it's the truth. Your actions prove what you are.** As my wife used to say, "Actions speak louder than words." You could jump up-and-down and shout all night, and then grumble at one of God's promises; it proves what you believe.*

Luke 6:44 *For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. 46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **God's provided place of worship 65-0425 P:59** "Now, we find out, the old fellow being a prophet, he cursed that thing and everything, stayed perfectly in the will of God. **When all the rest of the preachers weakened off, he stayed right there with It.** And one day he got so tired, that God sent a chariot down from heaven, and horses of fire, and took him up, **he was so full of that Quickening Power.** Just think, with the Word of God in his heart, he become so full of that Quickening Power that quickened him." *If the Spirit of God, He..." I believe we find in **Romans 8:11**, it is. "If the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead be in you, it will also quicken your mortal bodies." If the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead, if, if It be in you, It'll also quicken your mortal bodies: quicken it. What does the word "quicken" mean? The Greek word means, "to be brought to life after death." Hallelujah. There's the gate of worship, worshipping in the Spirit and in Truth, **mechanics and dynamics together.** You see what I mean? *If the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, It will quicken, make alive, your mortal bodies, because It's already Life. And when It comes into your body, It brings your whole body subject to It. Subject to what? The Word of God, if it's in you."**

1 Peter 5:5 *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

1 Peter 2:18 *Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Titus 3:1 *Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,*

Ephesians 5:24 *Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

I would like to make an exclusion here, everything as unto Christ, because he says as the church is subject unto Christ then let the wife be subject unto her husbands in all things as in Christ. So if he asks you to do that which is against God's Word, you don't have to do it. Just Like I did not have to buy cigarettes for my father, and you don't have to buy alcohol for a father who drinks.

From **Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:113 429.** we read, "Brother Branham, the Bible tells us that a wife should obey her husband. **I am a Christian and my husband is a sinner.** He persecutes me in every way that he can, and for me not to go to church, and read my Bible, and denies the Word. What should I do? **What should you do?** Now, listen, you're supposed to obey your husband; that's the Word. Now, **if he tells you and refuses you to read the Bible, go to church, or something like that, you don't have to obey that,** because, "He that won't forsake his father, mother, husband, wife, or whatever it is and follow Me, is not worthy of Mine." That right?"

Therefore it is all about being submissive to the Holy Spirit through God's Word.

Romans 13:1 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

Romans 8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it (the carnal mind) is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

2 Corinthians 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us;* Notice it compels us, it restrains us, it moves us, it motivates us, and John tells us if we truly love God we will obey His Word. **1 John 5:3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.* **1 John 2:5** *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

Now, for the next few minutes I am going to read you some quotes from br. Branham concerning this attribute of being submissive in your spirit when you have received the Spirit of God in you.

From his sermon **The Easter seal 65-0410 P:61** *And when the Spirit of God comes upon you, and you truly are one of God's attributes that He spoken of... Now, if you're not, you'll wonder and frustrate, and run here, and there, and everything else, and never come to the knowledge of the Truth. But if you are one of those, the old things pass away right quick (You see?), and you become new, and the plan of salvation is finished. You're ready to obey every Word that God ever spoke of you (See?) for you to do. You're submissive to His Word.*

The Unpardonable sin 54-1024 P:51 *"The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet." When the pastor sees something wrong, he say, "Look sister, or brother, that's wrong." You're submissive. That's right. You're submissive. "**The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet.**" You're submissive, say, "God, forgive me. I didn't mean to get out of order. I'm ready to, go to the church and move on, then you're going to see a church moving for the glory of God. "**The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet.**" Everything's in order, the church set in order.*

Moses commission 50-0110 P:31 *But what I'm trying to say, that it doesn't take education to know God; it takes a submissive heart to know God.*

It wasn't so from the beginning 62-0630B P:72 *Forgive our many weaknesses, Lord. We don't intend to do anything wrong, Lord, but through flesh we do make mistakes daily. So in order to stay alive in Christ, we have to die to our own thoughts. So keep us dead to ourselves and alive in Him. Let our bodies be so, and our soul so submissive to Him that people will see the reflection of Christ as we go, or come, or whatever we do.*

Presuming 62-0117 P:94 *Your whole members of your body submissive to His Spirit, and you're moving in the Holy Ghost, and not listening to the sound of the world. Your eyes are on heavenly things. That's when you've really, if God's a-vindicating the thing.*

We would see Jesus 62-0712 P:85 The church ought to be so submissive to the Word of God, that it veils its own face. It has no head. The nature of a woman is to submit to a man. And that's what the church ought to be doing, submitting to Christ, to His Word, to His doctrine, to His principles. She takes no thought for Herself.

Now, many times people think they are born again because they see a certain doctrine their church teaches and to them this is the evidence of being born again. But James told us that there is a growth to our new born life, and this growth begins with having patience, and then God begins to place trials upon us to prove us and perfect us.

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers testings and trials; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, (let patience have her perfecting work) that ye may be perfect (that means mature and fully grown into adulthood) and entire, (that means completed, finished off) wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Now, notice that he is telling us that when we vacillate back and forth we are not mature, we are more like children and far from perfection or maturity. I have learned over the years to wait on God and he will supply all our needs. Brother Branham said, *They that wait gets the promises*. Men who are mature investors also do that as well. Others who are entering the investment field and have no knowledge base to work from and no experience in it, when they see something that has potential and they buy it but then when that investment makes a down turn they quickly jump ship and bail out, thinking they have to get out while they can to save whatever they can, and if they would just learn patience and hold on they would see that *to everything there is a time and season under the heavens* as the Scripture teaches us.

I was listening to a financial advisor last week who was quite well known in his field and he told a story of how most people who don't understand the stock market lose their shirt because they react too quickly, or too late. He said the stock that he made his highest gains was one in which he bought at 10 cents and immediately the next day it dropped to a penny and a half. But he just held onto it and a few years later sold it at \$10 a share. Now, that's a 10,000 percent gain. So a \$1,000 investment would next \$100,000 dollars. But it takes patience to wait.

Jesus Christ the same 55-0806 P:33 "The blessings of God waits for those who wait for Him and believe in Him. How marvelous. No wonder it's emotional. No wonder it causes us to feel the way we do. He's glorious."

Remember from Scripture the man that waited for 38 years to be healed of his affliction, well brother Branham talks about this in his sermon, **Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever.**

Jesus Christ the same 58-0207 P:39 *And this man had been laying on a pallet. He had might've had a prostate trouble. He might have had TB. It was retarded. He'd had it thirty-eight years. It wasn't going to kill him. And he wasn't blind. And he wasn't helpless. He said, "When I'm coming to the water, somebody beats me there. Somebody can run faster than me. And **I've been there all these years.**" He could walk. He could see. He could talk. He could eat. But it's strange that the Son of God walked around every one of those people and went to him. Oh, **He was so submissive to the Father.** "That I do nothing in Myself." Notice. And as He said to this man, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He said, "I have no one to help me to the water." He said, "Take up your bed and go into your house."*

Notice the man was willing to come and sit and wait for the stirring of the waters for 38 years, but after all that time he finally received the promise.

Look at Abraham for 25 years he waited patiently, and so what is your few little years compared with that.

Time tested memorials of God 57-0818 P:46 *Long years ago before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold, and how they would know how it was right or not, with all the sludge was out of it, all of the iron pyrite (that's fools gold), all the fools out of it, they--beaters beat it, and beat it, and turned it, and beat it, and turned it until the beater sees his reflection in the gold. **That's the way God does His church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the life of Christ is reflected in your life, until you become peaceful, sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready, submissive, willing, turn your head from the things of the world and looking straight to Calvary to the One Who's doing the beating. Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, and sickness, and persecutions; it's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you, to wake you up to the place where men can see the reflection of Christ in you: Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

Then Jesus came 57-0407E P:8 *God wants you to have a humble submissive heart.*

Curtain of time 55-0302 P:27 *You've got to forget all you ever know, and let yourself be submissive to the Spirit of God, then God can going to teach you.*

Cruelty of sin 53-0403 P:18 *Now, if we were perfect in submission to the Holy Spirit, God would lead us by the Holy Spirit, just like Adam led the animals of that day.*

Sirs we would see Jesus 64-0304 P:62 *Now, if He can get me in His submissive will, if He can get you in His will, then working between us (See?) that's where the power of God comes.*

Let's bow our heads in prayer... .. let's sing that song, *Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story this is my song, praising my savior, all the day long, This is my story this is my song, praising my savior, all the day long,*