

Unveiling of God no 104

Two Vines - Only True Vine has eternal Life

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This morning we will continue again in our mini-series concerning **the Two Vines**, but never forget, this mini-series is just a sub-series within our **Unveiling of God** series, and our inspiration for these sermons came from what brother Branham spoke to us in **the Unveiling of God** sermon of his that we are studying.

Notice that Br. Branham said in the **Unveiling of God 64-0614M - P:158** *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God..." See, here we are. The Light over the Word... As the **light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory, we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him.** Watch what the sun does. You plant a seed; what happens? That seed rots. Inside the seed is a life. The life comes forth and brings forth a stalk. Now, that don't look like the first. There's Luther; it was a stalk. All right. The stalk went on, and the first thing you know it brought forth a tassel. See, that was the Wesleyan revival, wasn't like the other. Then along come the Pentecostal revival (See?), brought forth the baptism of the Holy Ghost. All right, what happened? We get fungus on the ear; it begins to look wrong, this thing, that thing; **it don't look like the Word; it's not like the rest of it; it's not like the original grain went in. But God is still there to make that just the same.***

Now, what I want to look at this morning is that Life that is in the **True Vine Seed**, which brings forth **Eternal Life**, and then I wish to compare that Eternal Life which is God-Life to the life that exists in the False Vine which does not reflect the Life of Christ, but has its own attributes and characteristics none the less.

In **1 John 5:11** we read, *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

Remember this word "**hath**" was translated from the Greek word **echo**. So let's just read this verse again and use the original un-translated Greek word **echo**.

I wish when the men who translated the Scriptures would have left certain words as they were and not have translated them, because left as they are we would be forced to read it as it really is and not what man in his theology wants it to be. Like Baptisma, that is a word they left as Baptism, But Parousia actually means Presence and had they left it and not tried to translate it according to their theology, the entire concept of a second coming would be quite different than what the churches teach today. People would have looked for the long awaited presence before the return of the son of God. And as Brother Branham spoke, we would have seen there is an appearing that was to take place before the coming.

In fact that is what he spoke of in this sermon **The Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:184** *This visible Pillar of Fire that's scientifically proven, many years ago as a little boy spoke to me out there, and told me I'd live right here, what would take place. Telling you about it, and then It... One day down on the river, before the ministry started, first revival, **He appeared in the skies,***

identified Himself and give the commission. All these years I've hid it in my heart, veiling Christ, same Pillar of Fire interpreting the Word, as promised. We're in the last days, just the coming of the Lord. And if you find yourself outside that veil, which is death to stay out, will you by faith this morning, say, "By God's help. And with Your help, Lord, I want to break through that veil. I want to get in where You're at to see the full Word of God"?

And from his sermon **From that time 62-0713 P:102** *How many knows there's a difference between the appearing of Christ and the coming of Christ? It's two different words. Now's the appearing, the coming will soon be. He's appearing in the midst of us, doing the works that He once did, in His church. Now, you're a part of that church, and by grace you believe. I am a member of that church. Now, I'm not a preacher. You know I'm not. I have not the education to do it. Sometimes I feel reluctant standing here by men of God, who's called to that office. **There are apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists.** Not all are apostles, not all are prophets, not all are teachers, not all evangelists. I'm standing here...**But my ministry is a different ministry from a pastor or teacher.** I'm not. And if I say things wrong, brethren, forgive me. I don't mean it. **But this is my ministry (See?) to declare Him, that He's here.***

So he was talking about the Appearing of the Lord and the coming of the Lord, and he said they are two different words Appear and THEN to come. And then he said, NOW is the Appearing, and it is to get us ready for the coming. And then he said, and MY ministry to to declare this appearing, and that is His presence with us.

Now, in getting back to this eternal Life that was in God and then in His Son, and then released to all sons we pick up at **1 John 5** again and go to verse **11** *"**And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** **12** **He that echoes the Son echoes the life of the son; and he that echoes not the Son of God echoes not the life of the son.***

We could close the book and go home now because there's nothing that we could add to that to help you understand that those with eternal Life will echo the life that was in the son of God and those who do not possess eternal Life will not echo that life. Never forget that the life that was in the son was first in God, the Father, and then passed down to His Son, and then sons.

And that is what we see in **John 5:26** *For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*

And that is why **the first born son** came forth in the very image of the Father as we see in **Hebrews 1:1-3.**

Hebrews 1:1 *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us in Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **3** Who being the **brightness of his glory**, (the Greek word actually says **the off-gas of His Glory**) and **the express image of his (God's) 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;*

So we see that God Who is Light (Logos) and Life, that off from that light went forth a sliver of that Light (a Logos part of God) which was the son of God, he was **the off-gas** of God, or **the out raying** of what God was and Is.

Then we're talking about God-Life here, and what God is innately and intrinsically.

In other words, every attribute and characteristic that was in God's makeup as a person, was also transferred to the son as an off-gassing.

Now, those who understand Chemistry would understand this term off-gassing. The word off-gas is not such a good term because it is usually spoken of concerning a new car, a new rug and the odor you smell when the chemicals begin to break down. What it is you are smelling is usually a toxic gas, of off-gassing of the chemicals that went into the production of the car or rug. Yet when the Scripture uses the term Off-gassing concerning the son of God, it speaks not of a toxic process, but it is painting a picture for our minds that there was a Light, which was God who is the Logos, and then out from that Light spun off another Light, a smaller Light (a smaller logos, a part of God) which was the Son of God.

Remember what John told us in **John 5:26** *For as the Father hath (Echoes) life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have (echo) life in himself;*

And then when the son of God went to the grave and was raised up by God, that Light-(Eternal-Life) that was in Him spun off from him on the day of Pentecost and came back upon sons, and as **Acts 13:48** tells us "*as many as were ordained to eternal life believed*".

Now, in getting back to **1 John 5** we will pick up at verse **13** *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye echo eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

Ok, so John wrote of these things he says "**that we may know that we echo eternal Life.**"

Now, you would think a person would know what Life they are echoing? But that is not the case, because the church has so hybridized the word that Paul had to warn is that receiving another Gospel would bring a perverted spirit and not the same nature as the original Gospel and Spirit that was preached and received.

Therefore as we know everyone who is born into this world is given life, or you would not be born, but only through God's Sons have eternal Life, and thus can echo, reflect or manifest that eternal life that was first in God and then in His Son.

But because the church is so hybrid today many are not sure if the life they are reflecting is eternal Life or their own life. And so we want to know the difference between having Eternal Life and just life.

Let's turn in our Bibles this morning to **Genesis 1** and we will read from verse **11** for our text.

Now, we know that **Genesis 11** speaks to us of the Law of Life, the law of reproduction, and so we read, ... *"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And* (Now, we know that **and** is a conjunction and it links two things, in this case what it links is the fact that God spoke it and then what he spoke is manifests what He said. ***And** the earth brought forth grass, (Why? because God spoke it...) and herb yielding seed brought forth after his kind, (why did the earth bring forth the herb yielding seed after its kind? Because God spoke it.) **and** the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

Therefore I want you to notice that when God says anything His Word goes forth as a seed and that seed must bring forth just the way he said it would. Therefore, the order of events is first God speaks it, and once it has been spoken, then it must manifest just the way He said it would. So when God speaks, whatever he says, it will surely come to pass just like he said it would.

That is why in **Genesis 55**, beginning at verse **10** we hear God say, **10** *For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

So we have a law from God and a promise in that law, that whatsoever God says, He will most certainly bring it to pass.

Now, this concerns the characteristics of God Himself and His Word. "*For as a man thinks so is He, and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*"

Therefore, what I want you to understand is that when you see the characteristics of God through His Word in each age, **you are seeing God manifested** in that age. His Word spoken to take place for an age, **when it comes to pass is God's expressed Word for that age**. So when God says something is to happen in a certain age, then when it happens, it is the expression of what he said, or the interpretation of what he said. Right? Then it is God expressing His characteristics and that is the interpretation of his Word for that age.

Then when you see the white wig, you see the Judge of heaven and earth manifesting His characteristic for this age. You see God, the Word, manifested. Oh, what a privileged people we are to see God.

Remember, Paul said, "*for now we see through a glass darkly*, (that means **in an enigma**, you know, **a puzzle** or **a mystery**) but **then** face to face, (and that is why he said,) *Now I know in part, but then shall I know even as I am known.*"

In other words, God is saying, the characteristics that are expressed through me now, will be expressed and openly manifested in that age that My Word shall come to pass.

That is why Jesus said in **John 14:12** *He that believeth on me, the works that I do now*, in other words, *the expressions that I am expressing with now, he will do also*, or *he shall also express this same characteristic in that age.*

Then what have we seen in this hour is nothing less than God Himself manifesting Himself in His own characteristics. So what God is saying is that He will use the vessel of that One that believes to do the same thing he did in His Son Jesus. And He did it in William Branham and He will do it in you and me if we believe and have the same spirit that was in Him. Because after all, It was not the son doing the works, it was the father doing the works.

Therefore, **John 1:14** "*And the Word, became flesh* (God Himself became flesh) *and dwelt among us,*" and that is the same as **1 John 1:1** "*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, (how? by becoming identified and thus identical to the Life) and therefore we shew*

*unto you that same **eternal life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)*
3 *That which we have seen and heard **declare we** unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

Now, we know that Moses was the manifested word of God for his age, and Elijah was the manifested Word of God for his age, and Jesus was the manifested Word of God for his age, and Paul was the manifested Word of God for his age, and William Branham was the manifested Word of God for his age. Then did you know that the bride of this age is also be the manifested Word of God expressed for this Bride Age?

Now, I am not talking about what those other men teach that the bride is the fullness of the Godhead. That stuff is nonsense. But if God had a Word to be manifested in this hour, that He would have sons that would be conformed to the image of the first born son, then that is the Word of God. Right? And if that is the Word promise for this Bride Age, then when we begin to see that **manifested Life** in the sons of God, we will see God manifested again in this age.

Now, in paragraph **72** of **The Spoken Word is the original Seed**, brother Branham said, ***“Jesus is the Word of God, and when He was bursted open, that Life, the Life that's inside the Seed, that this Life, which, is Spirit, Water flowing over, the Spirit over the Seed of God will bring forth the Life of the Seed. And to bring forth something else, there's some other kind of seed there then. Amen. Do you understand? If the Spirit of God comes forth to water the Seed, if it's the Seed it's watering, it will produce the Life of the Seed. That clear? Produce the Life of the Seed, for that's what It's give for.***

Therefore, we need to understand the importance of the Life of the Word Seed we receive because if the Word Seed contains Life, and if it is the correct Word Seed that we have received, then the very Life that is in that Seed must come forth into manifestation, or something is not right with the picture. Because **the Law of reproduction** tells us that *“every seed **must** bring forth after its kind.”* Must, not maybe, not there is a possible chance that it will, but the promise is that it **MUST** bring forth after its kind or nature.

And we are told how this life comes into us in **1 Peter 1:23** *“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God that Liveth and abideth forever”*. So we see there are **two kinds of seeds** that are sown, a corruptible seed and *an incorruptible seed which is the Word of God that liveth and abideth forever*. In other words it is eternal.

And that is what we want. Not some still birth by some dead denominational system, but **a living birth to a Living God by a Living Word**.

That's why Jesus said in **John 6:63** *“My Words that speak unto you, they are Spirit and they are Life.”* **“My Words are Life!”**

That's why the Apostle Paul was quoted in the Book of **Acts 17:28** as saying, *“For in Him we live and move and have our being: as certain also of your poets have said, 'For we are also His Offspring.’”*

The Word is Life to us.

2 Peter 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,...*

Now, I want you to notice, how Grace and peace come to You? He said it *comes through the knowledge of God AND Jesus our Lord.*

There you are, and that is what the Doctrine of Christ is all about.

Then why would you want to speak of anything else? Why would you rather have sermons on human issues like focus on the family and how to get along and how to be a good Christian and all that nonsense being preached out there when Grace and Peace comes through the knowledge of God, and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Son of God. That is how the Grace and Peace of God is multiplied in your heart. Get this knowledge of God and His Son, and you will not only be at peace with others, but you will be at peace with yourself. For how can you be at peace with others if you are not at peace with yourself? And how can you have peace if you are under legalism and the law. Grace is what gives you peace, and you cannot understand this perfect peace which comes by a perfect Grace unless you understand the relationship between God and His eldest son, and sons.

All those sermons and doing this and doing that and pressing into this or that are all nonsense. They are like eating a **diet of Carbs**. Carbohydrates they call "**comfort food**" but it kills you, and makes you fat and uncomfortable. So how can it be comfort food? What lies they tell us.

The Word of God is not comfort food, it will taste like Honey going down but will become bitter inside, because it will make you rot to yourself and make you miserable but that rotting process will begin the change in you that will result in the very image of the first born son.

In fact that is what the Seventh Angels Message is supposed to do.

Revelation 10:7 *"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.*

Now, that is when you know you are having communion with the author and finisher of your faith. In fact I have heard people say, that communion wine is so bitter. It's supposed to be bitter. That is what God ordained for the pass over which the communion is a type.

We read in **Numbers 9:11** *The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and **bitter herbs**.*

Exodus 12:8 *And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with **bitter herbs** they shall eat it.*

So just Get into Christ, the Word, and open your heart to His Word and that Word which is the Life of Christ will open up to you and release Christ's own Life into you.

Notice Peter continues, **3** *According as his Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto **life and godlikeness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to **glory** (His Doxa) *and virtue:**

So if His **Divine power** which Paul tells us in **Romans 1:18** that **the Gospel is the power of God** to us ward. So Peter is telling us here that it is **God's Word**. His **Divine Power**, and it is His Word that has *given unto us all things that pertain unto life...all things that pertain to godlikeness,*

That means, all things that pertain to coming into the image of the firstborn son who was in the image of God, and it all comes *through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:* To God's **opinions**, God's **values**, and God's **judgments** and this word "**virtue**" was translated from the Greek word "**arete**" which means "**manliness**". In other words, no longer a young boy, but now **a grown up man ready for the adoption of sons**. And how does this growing up into Him in all things take place? By His Word which contains the very Life of God in it.

Paul said in **1 Corinthians 13:9** *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

Now in getting back to what Peter said, in **2 Peter 1:** let's pick up at verse **4** *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:* (Look God's promise is his word. If I make a promise to you, I am giving you my word.) *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these* (that by these what? These promises) *ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

So we see then that the Divine Nature comes through God's Word. Therefore, when brother Branham is talking about the seed being opened so that the Life in that seed may come into manifestation, then it is expedient for the Life of God to manifest Itself when the Word is opened up or revealed. Then do you see the significance of the Seals being opened in this Hour and the entire Book being opened for the first time in all ages? It is because the Seed Word is coming into manifestation of its true characteristics.

Remember what we read to you this morning from **the Unveiling of God** where brother Branham said, *"As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory, we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him. Watch what the sun does. You plant a seed; what happens? That seed rots. Inside the seed is a life.*

And that is why Paul said, in **Colossians 3:1** *If ye then be risen with Christ,* (and what does it mean to be risen with Christ? This same Apostle Paul said, If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead abides in you, then it shall also quicken your mortal body...**Risen with Christ** mean that **the Life that was in him came forth upon you** when it burst forth from his side.

And Paul says, if this is so, then) *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.*

In other words, get your focus on the God things for this hour.)

3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

And how is your Life hid with Christ? By the Blood, for *when I see the blood I shall pass over you*. And when you are born of His Spirit, *for by one spirit we are all baptized into one body*, when God sees the head which is Christ, and you are part of that body, then He only sees the sacrifice which was once for all, and *you are hid with Christ in God* the Word.

Then notice what Paul says, and I want you to catch this for this is the promise of this hour.)

4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear*, (that word is *phaneroo*, means **to manifest in His true characteristics**) *then shall ye also appear* (then shall you also *phaneroo*, you shall also **manifest in your true characteristics**) *with him in glory*. (*with Him in doxa*, with him in his *opinion*, with him in his *values*, with him in his *judgments*).

Why? Because the mind of Christ is now in you. Therefore, being in this condition, then Paul says,...and before we read, these are the attributes of the carnal mind, and remember every revival produces twins, one Carnal and one Spiritual. And so Paul says if you are truly dead and your life is truly hid with Christ in God then...

5 *Mortify therefore* (kill off) *your members which are upon the earth*; And the Paul lists for us the carnal attributes that you must die to as we see number **1** is *fornication*, (Kill it off, its dead to you, a dead man cannot fornicate) **2** *uncleanness*, (that's moral impurity which leads to fornication. But a dead man does look at smut. He like *Job has made a covenant with his eyes that He shall not look upon a woman to lust after her*).

Job 31:1 *I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?*

Paul said, *You are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God*. **3** *inordinate affection*, (that's lust, how can a dead man lust after anything? *He is dead and His Life is Hid wit Christ*) and ...

5 *evil concupiscence*, (that's longing for what is forbidden) And remember how can a dead man long and lust for things out of his reach. Things God does not want you to have because it will destroy your moral character.

and 6) covetousness, which is idolatry: So what is covetousness? Its wanting something so bad that you are willing to get it fraudulently. And Paul tells us when you have gone to that extreme it has become an idol to you and God considers it idolatry.

And then he tells us **6** *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them*.

Ok so far Paul has hit on the vilest of sinful attributes associated with unbelief, but now he begins to show us that we also must die to the following.

8 *But now ye also put off all these; 1. anger, 2. wrath, 3. malice, 4. blasphemy*, (that's speaking harmful things about someone) **5. filthy communication out of your mouth**. And then he adds **6. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

So there you go...*the new man is renewed in knowledge after the image of God that created the son of God.* So the more you focus on the image of God, the first born son of God as our pattern, the more you become like Him.

"As the light of the sun changes the seed from glory to glory, we also become more like Him as we live in His Presence, like Him, being conformed to His blessed image as we walk with Him."

Paul tells us that we are to be conformed to the image of the first born son in a vast family of brothers. **11** *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor un-circumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*

Having come into this image through the knowledge of Christ, then Paul tells us to) **12** *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, 1. bowels of mercies, 2. kindness, 3. humbleness of mind, 4. meekness, 5. longsuffering; 13 6. Forbearing one another, 7. and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And 8. above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And 9. let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and 10. be ye thankful. 16 11. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; 12. teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, 13. singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

17 14. *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

18 15. *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit (as it is proper, or the right thing to do) in the Lord.*

19 16. *Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*

20 17. *Children, obey your parents in all things (why?) for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

21 18. *Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*

22 19. *Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 20. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*

Now, in getting back to **2 Peter 1:** let's pick up at verse **5** *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; (which is **Moral excellence and righteousness**) and to virtue **knowledge**; 6 And to knowledge **temperance**; (that's self control) and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godlikeness**; 7 And to godlikeness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound,(or keep increasing) they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So, I don't care how much you can talk the doctrine with your mouth, if it has not been truly revealed to you, there will be no manifestation of that Life in your vessel. But if the Doctrine of Christ has truly been opened to you, then the very Life of Christ, His own Life that was released on Calvary will come back upon you and will manifest Itself in your vessel and not only that, but as with all life, it will continue to increase and increase in the expression of that Divine and self sacrificial Love that was in Christ that has also been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Then Peter says, **9** *But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*

And that is such a sorry state to be found in at this hour of His Great Appearing, because this is the hour that we are to receive the "**phaneroo**" of his characteristics living themselves out in us.

From his sermon **Images of Christ 59-0525 P:54** *Now, you see the deadness of the Church of this day? What would have happened in the days of the Lord Jesus when that took place? That woman so thrilled, she dropped that water pot, and into the city she went. She said, "**The Messiah's here!**" But today... Yeah. You haven't got messy enough down at the altar to receive a new birth yet. **There's something wrong somewhere.** That would send the Holy Spirit through this place here, would set a revival. **The reflection of Jesus Christ, His image conformed here moving amongst the people to do that, what's the matter? There's something lacking. We need a revival.** How many others are sick, raise your hands, that's sick and needy. **Lay your hands on one another.** Let's pray. Right quick now, put your hands on one another. Be ready to receive your healing. If you'll believe it with all your heart, you can be healed right now.*

Finally Peter says, **10** *Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **12** Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.*

So Peter said, although you know these things, it will be good also if I continue to remind you of these things, lest you let them slip.

So we are dealing with **Life**, the very **Life** that was in Christ that he received from the father, (**John5:26**) is the same Life that was released back to us on Calvary.

I Corinthians 15:22 *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Through Christ and Christ only we have Life. All others bring only death. And so, if Christ has come in this hour it is with **one thing in mind, to give us Life**. That is why His Picture was taken and placed in "**LIFE**" magazine! That is why Jesus said in, **John 10:10** " *I have come that they might have **Life**, and that they might have it more abundantly.*"

And so we see that Jesus came in the Alpha to give Life. Then it must also repeat in the Omega.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **Oneness 62-0211 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. He's placed with them, teachers believing the Bible, prophets that say the truth, that say, show the same prophecy that they've always did down through the age. What's He done? He's showing Himself alive among them, confirming His Word. His Word, the Kingdom of God is God's Word made power.

Now, the sad part is that most people just simply do not believe God's Word, for if they truly believed His word, they would come **alive** to his Word for His Word is Life. And if the Word of God is not alive to you it is because you are not alive to It!

In **John 20:31** we read, *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

In **John 12: 49** Jesus said, *"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and how I should say it." And I know that His Word is Life everlasting: whatsoever I speak, therefore, even as the Father said it unto Me, So will I speak it."*

So we should be able to see that God's Word or Seed Contains Life, but that Life, at least certain portions of it, are revealed, or manifested only in certain ages.

Now the word revealed comes from the Greek word **apokolupsis** and means **to lay open or uncover that which has been hidden**.

So then what we are looking at in the sense of the Word being a seed is this; Although it contains the very Life of Christ in it, It has been hidden as any seed is hidden in the ground.

Colossians 1:26 *Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*

1 Corinthians 2:7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

And as long as the life is hidden in the ground, it can't manifest the attributes of that Life, as Jesus told us in **John 12:24** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.* Therefore, we are told that in each age a certain portion of that Life is manifested, and it takes a certain light to bring forth that manifestation.

John 17:1 *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:*

Notice here that Jesus is praying to the Father, and he says, Father, *Glorify Thy Son, so Thy Son may Glorify Thee*.

So we see here that Jesus was asking God to *doxazo* or bring forth in a way of manifestation the very opinion, estimation, and Judgment of God in Him that He in turn would manifest God's own Opinion, estimation, and judgment to the world.

Then He continues in His prayer, *2 As thou hast given him* (the Son of God) *power over all flesh, that he* (the Son of God) *should give eternal life to as many as thou* (God, the Father) *hast given him* (the Son of God).

So we see here in this verse that Jesus was given power by God Himself to give eternal life to all those that God had given to His Son to quicken to Life.

Now, notice then in the next verse Jesus explains what this eternal life is and what it will do.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Now, this is quite a powerful statement in light of the Doctrine of Christ. He said *this is eternal Life, to KNOW the One* he was praying to which was the Father, that *He is the ONLY TRUE GOD*, and to know also Jesus Christ the Son of God who came to manifest the Father, whom the Father hath sent.

In **1 John 5:20** *And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even* (or in the same way that we were) *in his Son Jesus Christ. This one that is True is the Only true God, and eternal life.*

So we see here that Jesus Christ in His prayer to His Father that the Apostles were there to hear let them know that *eternal life* is manifested in knowing the Father and in knowing the son that was sent by the Father. Therefore, if one does not know the Father and does not know the Son and tries to say that Jesus is His own Father, then how can they have eternal Life? I ask this question based on what Jesus is telling us here. He says that *eternal Life* is to know the Father and to Know the Son. And so what if you do not know the Father and you do not know the Son? Then do you have eternal Life if that is what Jesus tells us it is?

And he did not tell us that by knowing the Word we will have eternal Life, but to know Him is Life.

From his sermon **The Investments 64-0314 P:22** brother Branham said, *“We can be a church member, and morally right, still not obtain Eternal Life. Not to know the Word... Some of them are theologians, and scholars, and Sunday School teachers, Bible expositors. But that doesn't mean anything. Satan knows that Bible better than any of us. **The Bible said to know Him is Life, not know the Word, know Him is Life.** Satan also believes and trembles. But we've got to have an experience of a death, burial, and resurrection from our old life to the new life which comes in Christ. It comes only by the Holy Spirit, the **new life.**”*

You see, everyone is so willing to say that the evidence of being born again is to believe the Word, but that is not what the evidence is. It is to know Christ in the Power of His resurrection. To know Him is Life. And if His Word has opened to you, then the Life of that Word will manifest Itself in you. You cannot become born again until the Life of God comes into you and quickens you **by His Life** and **to His Life** which is the only form of eternal life. And they say to believe the message of the hour is the evidence you are born again and have received eternal

life. And then they will tell you that the message of the hour is that God sent a prophet. Now, how could Jesus tell us the evidence is *to know the Father and to know Him*, and brother Branham tells us something different? But the fact is that Brother Branham didn't say something different, but in fact he said, "*My ministry is to declare Him, that He is here.*" And the word "declare", means **1.** To make known formally or officially. **2. To reveal, make manifest; show.**

So then we can see what Brother Branham said is exactly what Jesus said. Because if *his ministry was to declare Him, that He is here* and the word declare means to make known, then that means that *His ministry is to help you to know the One that is here*, God Himself, By Knowing Him, you will know also His Son that he sent. And that is what eternal Life is.

Then to **just be able to talk about it is not eternal life**, and to be able to memorize quotes or even entire sermons is not eternal Life. Nor is it living a good life. But *eternal Life is to Know God and to Know His Son*. So you see why the Doctrine of Christ is so important to us, for without it you cannot be born again to eternal life.

Now, look, the same one John that wrote this prayer of Jesus in the Gospel of John also wrote these words in his 2nd epistle. **II John 1:8** *Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought* (worked for), *but that we receive a full reward.* **9. Whosoever transgresseth**, (that means to go beyond the limits) *and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.* (and the word hath was translated from the Greek Word *echo*. So those who do not remain in the doctrine of Christ cannot *echo* God, they can not reflect Him in any way. But, *He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ*, And that means he that remains in the doctrine of Christ he hath (he echoes) both the Father and the Son. **10** *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine*, (what doctrine? The doctrine of Christ that has a Father and a Son) *receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:* (Now that is a very harsh thing for you to say John! So then why did he say it? John tells us in the next verse...)

11 *For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. Notice here that he lets you know that any that have not this doctrine of Christ then must have a false doctrine of Christ and thus what they do have comes not from God, but from another source and therefore is evil.*

So we see then that to know God and to Know His Son is eternal Life, and there is no getting around that. *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God*, In other words, the only tells you there is no other God, so it is the knowing of this Only God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, that gives you eternal life.

Then not to know God and His Son shows the person is lacking eternal life. Because if William Branham's ministry was to declare God, that He is here and to declare means to make you know this one that is here, then to not know this shows you do not know his message, and if you do not know his message, then you do not have the evidence in your life of the new birth. Because to just know that God sent a prophet is not enough. You've got to know the message, and believe that message, but if you take and push that message aside and make your own message to be that God sent a prophet, and that is all you have to believe, then you are just fooling yourself to what the message really is, and it shows you are not even born again. Now, let's continue with the Prayer of Jesus.

Now, in getting back to **John 17:4** *I have glorified thee on the earth:* (I have shown the world your opinion, estimation, and judgment while here on earth) I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self (and now father impart this opinion, estimation and judgment that is yours to me) with the glory* (opinion, estimation, and judgment) which I had with thee before the world was.

6 *I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

Now, the word kept here is from a Greek word that means to attend to carefully, so we see when Jesus tells us they have kept God's Word, it means that they have been very careful and attentive to it. They have paid close attention to the Word of God and know that it was given to Jesus by God Himself.

For Jesus says, **7** *Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.*

Now, notice in verse **8** *For I have given unto them the Words which thou gavest to me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.*

Now, I want you to notice here what Jesus is saying in this prayer. He lets us know that He gave us the Word which God had given Him, **8** *For I have given unto them the Words which thou gavest to me*, and he then tells us that not only did He give us the Word God gave Him, but we received that Word. and they have received them,.

And the word received was translated from the Greek word Lambano which means: *to take to one's self, to lay hold upon, to take possession of, to appropriate to one's self for the purpose of using it for our benefit as though it belongs to us.* And then Jesus lets us know that in receiving the Word God Gave to Him and He passed on to us, we come to an understanding of God, and how and why He sent His Son. For I have given unto them the Words which thou gavest to me and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Now, this is important because Jesus is witnessing back to the Father that the word He gave to His Son, was passed on to us, and in doing so, we received that Word and knew where it came from, and thus Know the difference between the Father and His Son. And this is not just a mental understanding he is talking about. But the word receive means *to take it to yourself that we might apply it to our self.* In other words *it speaks of a living Word that when received becomes alive to us and in us, and we live out the very Word which was given to us.* thus we become that Word manifested in our vessel. For it was given to us for our benefit, and that is *to come alive in us that we might have eternal Life* and that means we will know the Father and we will know His Son, and how God works in all of His children, making His Very word live Itself out in each and every one of us.

Acts 17:28 *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

Ephesians 3:19 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do* (not you and I that do, but *unto Him that is able to do*) *exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*(so it is not us doing but Christ that worketh in you) and Paul says, **21** *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

John 3: 36 *He that believeth on the Son echoes everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Let us pray...