

## Unveiling no 155

### *The Mind of Christ is the character of Christ*

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Last week we examined where Jesus told us if our eye be single our body would be full of light. I would like to take this one more step by examining what brother Branham focused on in the Unveiling of God when he spoke from **Philippians** chapter 2.

**The Unveiling of God 64-0614M P:11** where he read from **Philippians 2** *“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels of mercy, Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, of **one mind**. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem the other better than themselves. Look not every man to his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion of a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.”*

We examined the Character of the Word of God is the Life of that Word expressed. This morning I would like to examine again this area concerning the character of the Word, but this time examine it with the mind of Christ as our main focus. For a mans mind is where his character is projected from. The Life He expressed is the projection of His character and that comes from the mind.

For the Bible tells us *“**as a man thinketh in his heart so is he, and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**”* And so we see a man is what he thinks, He is the some of His mind, and his mindset is then expressed in his actions and words.

Brother Branham taught us in his sermon **World again falling apart 63-1127 P:100** he said, *“Now, just don't be worked-up. Don't just say, "I belong to church." You be sure of that. **If Christ doesn't live you, in you, till all your mind, heart, soul, body...** You say, "Well, I think..." **You haven't got no thought coming**, brother. **‘Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.’** "I think the days oughtn't to be... I think this oughtn't to be. I think the Word don't mean this." **We have no thought coming.** **If the mind of Christ** is in us, **then** we'll recognize that Word to be the Truth, and **It lives right through us.** You can't help it; It's Christ. Take the life out of a watermelon vine and put it in a pumpkin vine, it'll bear watermelons. You can't keep it from it, 'cause the life in it is. And if you say, "Well, I don't believe that the Word here..." then **that ain't the Spirit of Christ.** See? **There's some other spirit in you.***

In other words the Spirit of Christ in you will recognize the Word as it comes to pass, because the same Spirit that wrote it is making it come to pass. That is why **1 Corinthians 2** is so important, because it tells us that **in order to understand the Things of God you must have the Spirit of God in you.** No Spirit, no understanding, that's all there is too it.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians the second chapter, “*no man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him.*” And that is all there is too it. No Spirit no understanding.

And that explains a whole lot when you hear of the unsound teachings going on in the name of the Message.

From his sermon **Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:116** Now, you say, “*I might know I was losing my mind. Maybe a man that loses his mind does that.*” But ***if you have the mind of Christ, Christ expresses Himself through you.*** Shows that it's Him and not, you've not lost your mind. Some people under illusions of things goes out and becomes insane. Well, that... We know that's wrong. That's the devil trying to impersonate the real thing before it gets here. See? There's always a bogus. See? But a real man... ***lose his own thoughts and his own thinking, not come up blindly like that. No, sir. You come up with your right senses and Christ takes you over and expresses Himself.*** And now, to the world you're an insane person. Now, if you're insane, you're actually insane, then there's nothing... The devil can't take you in complete control. He will make you do everything contrary to this Word, but ***when Christ takes you over, He will express that Word right through, because it's Him. He is the Word.*** See? And then you can see the expression of Christ, not some illusion of some sort, but a real genuine Christ, expressing Himself right through you. How beautiful.

Notice brother Branham said, ***You come up with your right senses and Christ takes you over and expresses Himself.*** And that is what being righteous is all about. You are righteous because you are rightly wise. The Bible says “he that doeth what is right is righteous.

***1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.***

And Solomon understood this as he said in **Proverbs 12:5** ***The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.***

In his sermon **World's Falling Apart 63-0412M P:15** Brother Branham said, “*So, anything perverted has to have an end, because everything that had a beginning has an end. It's the things that did not begin that never dies, never has an end. And there's only one thing that never did begin, and that was God. Therefore, the only way we can ever live eternal is to have God's own Life in us, and that's Eternal Life. And ...God separated Himself among us, giving His Spirit like He did on Pentecost. It was seen in symbols of fire from the Pillar of Fire that separated itself amongst the people, to give His own Life out to the people. And through this, the mind of Christ should be operating among us. And God is the Word. ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***” And it's still God. That's right. ***It is the Word.*** And when we get away from the Word, then we're away from God.*

Therefore you can not separate God from His Word nor can you separate God Life from His Word nor God character from His Word. “***For as a man thinketh so is he.***” And therefore your Life, which is your character expressed has one hundred percent to do with your mind and thus your mindest.

**Identification 63-0123 P:52** Now, Just listen a minute. How can we have the mind of Christ that was in Him, and then deny the things that He commissioned us to do? How can we place miracles in the past, when the very Christ Himself was God and God in you. **In the Presence of God there's always miracles.** He said, "You call Me Lord. Why call ye Me Lord and do not the things that I have commanded you to do, I laid out for you to do?" Don't you see where we've gotten to, where the church is drifting? And I find it a whole lot among our Pentecostals too. We're drifting too far from that lifeline. We must come back to that, friend, come back, because we're getting big now.

How can a church, any church claim to have the mind of Christ and then deny **John 14:12?** That's exactly what brother Branham just said, "How can we have the mind of Christ that was in Him, and then deny the things that He commissioned us to do?"

Again we read brother Branham says the same thin in his sermon **Identification 63-0123 P:51** We've got to take the entire full Gospel. We must... And now, being that we have identified ourselves as full Gospel people, let's mold our character. We're invited to be molded in His Image, that we might reflect His Presence.

So how do we reflect His Presence?

Brother Branham tells us in his next few words, "**And the works that I do, shall you do also. The Life that I live, so shall you.**" We're invited by God to take Him as an Example, and let our character be molded like His. What a thing. My. Then when we let His character be in us, then we have become sons by having the mind of Christ: mind, which is His character. Your mind makes your character. "Let the mind," Paul said, "of Christ, this mind that was in Christ be in you." Let that mind of Christ be in you. It molds the character of a son of God.

**Seventh seal the 63-0324E P:14** May I just pass this to you. When the supernatural comes in, that's the mind of Christ. You become so far away from your own thinking till in your own mind... Don't let me try to explain that, because I can't. See? I couldn't do it. There's nobody could do it. How could that man that's the Elijah stand up there on the mountain under the Presence of God, and pull down fire from heaven, then rain right behind the fire, and then close the heavens, and it didn't rain for three years and six months, and go right back and call the rain on that same day? And under that anointing, how... and took four hundred priests out and killed them, and then run to the wilderness screaming for his life on a threat of one woman. See? Jezebel, she swore that she'd take his life. When Ahab and all of them was there to see the Presence of God and the great miracle done.

Remember, I said before the **John 14:12** is no different than **John 5:19** or **John 5:30**. As brother Branham said, you can't explain how it's going to be done, God just does it, you respond, step into what He's showing you, it gets done. Its not you doing, **it is God working in you both to will and to do.**

And that is exactly what Brother Branham explained to us in his sermon **The Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:175** where he said, "Notice, what harmony. **Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father or the Father showed Him first:** (Harmony between God and Christ. See? **John 5:19**) **So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life** (He shows Her), and

*she receives It. She never doubts it. Nothing can harm Her, not even death; for if the Seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. Amen. (Now, I got a great big "Hallelujah.") Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here--He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.*

I look back on my own ministry and I see all the times that God has stepped on the scene and took over. He changed weather on several occasions, he stopped a storm twice, he grew back a body part on a man that had it surgically removed, and he grew leaves on stick I slept on for 5 months with no possible light even touching the stick, yet God grew two leaves in it. He caused the sun to stand still for a period of time when needed, because He is God.

And I can't count the number of times I have had brethren write to me because they had no rain and after we prayed it rained, or visa verse there was so much rain that they were afraid the flooding would destroy their crops and so they contacted me and we prayed and the rain stopped. These are all **John 14:12** and yet I never made anything happen, all I did was just yield to the Holy Spirit and ask my Father and He did it.

As brother Branham said in his sermon **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:193** *Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man.*

And as I lay on my back in the hospital reflecting on my desire to have the Holy Spirit touch my body before the surgeon did, I thought of all the times He told me to speak or do something and then he changed the weather, or gave me the laptops I had just prayed for, or stopped the storms or grew back body parts. I've seen **John 14:12** so, so many times, but none of them did I have anything to do with except I was there as a witness to what He was about to do or was doing. That's all, It is not about us, it's about Him.

You know we talk about having faith for this or for that, but if Faith is a revelation then if God does not reveal it then it's not a revelation. It matters not what our Faith is, if our faith is not

what He has revealed then it is not a revelation, it is only a belief. And as I lay on my bed I could do only one thing and that is to look up.

Why do I believe He is *the God that Healeth all my diseases*? Because God said so. Then if he did not heal this disease and I had to have the doctor surgically remove it from me, does that means he is not the God who healeth all my diseases? No, that only means God did not chose to heal my disease by His Spoken Word, but He chose to use a physician.

And so we must ask the question why? And the answer is that is for God to know. I am still hoping that through this ordeal He may receive all the glory, and so somehow I believe before it is all over then, my colon that was surgically removed will by His Word one day be restored. I know it will be, I just don't know when. I had testified to the doctor before surgery that I believe God would heal it, and he said, I believe He can but He doesn't always do it like that. After the surgery he said to me, someone up there is looking after you, because I have never seen such a clean surgery where we got everything. He said another man had the exact same thing only by the time we got to his it has gone throughout the entire colon and we had to remove it all.

And So I'm believing and praying that just like the brother whose leg was gain green one minute and after we prayed for him, he went back to the hospital and the gain green was gone. They had removed part of his foot by surgery but when he returned to the hospital after prayer that which was removed through surgery was grown back. That is what I would love to see in my own testimony. Sister Rebecca, that which was surgically removed, do you believe God can grow back? I'm believing He can, and will. But **John 14:12** is not us telling God what to do, but is just being ready to step into what He wants us to do. And I believe Paul who had his head surgically removed from his body when I see him his head will be restored to his Body. Amen?

From his sermon **God identifying Himself 64-0320 P:33** *The pouring out of the Holy Ghost in the last days upon the common people has identified God's characteristic with the people. He promised it. It's the Word. He said He'd do it. Nobody can take it back. He said He would do it. So all these things that He's promised, that's what He does. It identifies His characteristic. Yes, sir. "Don't believe it, don't believe My claims, if My characteristic isn't that of God." Now, notice in **John 14:12**, "He that believeth on Me," He said, "has My identification, My characteristic. He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That identifies that the character of Christ is in him, displaying the characteristics of Him. Amen.*

**Again, what was the characteristic of Christ? John 5:19 and John 5:30** *"The Son can of Himself do nothing but whatsoever he seeth the Father do that the son doeth likewise."*

And if that is the character of the first born son, then won't that be the character of all born again sons?

**Life 58-0512 P:8** *Now, the Christian church should have real character then. And if the Life of Christ is in the church of Christ, then it's got to have the character of Christ. It'll produce the Life of Christ. It's just a no more than just what we call in the south, common sense. If the Life of the Spirit of Christ is in the church, it has to produce that Life, because the life that's in you, makes your character. And what kind of characters ought we to be, who have solemnly promised that we would serve the Lord Jesus as long as we live, and we have been baptized to*

*His death, burial, and resurrection, and have put our names upon the church rolls, take our place in Sunday school, and then go out, and live something different. Oh, it's more... It's more of a detriment to the cause of Christ, than all the bootleg joints we have in America. **God grant the day, that when men will live just what they are. And you can always tell them by their nature, their make-up.***

**Identified Christ of all ages 64-0401 P:11** *I was born a Branham, and that's how I am in Him. Now, that's how we're Christians; **we're born a Christian.** And you don't join it; you're born into it. **Then you take the character of Christ.***

And as we know from our studies on the Spirit of Adoption, when you are born again you are born into the family. *By one spirit we are baptized into one body.* But we have to grow up into Christ who is the head, and once we grown up into his image we have grown into the character of Christ. But there is an approach to being conformed to His image. And brother Branham tells us in his sermon **You must be born again.**

**You must be born again 61-1231M P:51** *Now, **the approach to this birth, there is approach to it. And to approach this birth, you have to go through a process, just like anything that lives. Anything that lives again has got to die first. And you cannot keep your same spirit. You cannot keep your same habits. You cannot keep your same thoughts. You got to die. You've got to die like He died.** You got to die on His altar, like Abel did with his lamb. You got to die with your Lamb. You got to die, **die to your own thinking** to be **born to His thinking.** ***Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.*** You got to think **His thoughts.** And now, brother, sister, let me say this as intelligent as I know how to say it. ***How can you think His thoughts and deny His Word, and yet claim you're born again?*** Just ask yourself that question. How can you do it? You can't. ***If you're born again, you got His thoughts. If the mind of Christ is in you, then you are a new creature.*** And he sums up his thoughts by saying... **Your own thoughts are dead.***

**Choosing of a bride 65-0429E P:69** *I remember one time a prophet went up to take a king, to make a king out of Jesse's sons to take another king's place: Saul. And so Jesse brought him out, and he was a great, big, fine boy and said, "***The crown will look right on his head.***" And the prophet went to pour the oil on him; he said, "***God's refused him.***" And He refused every one of them till he come to a little old stoop-shouldered, ruddy looking fellow, and he poured the oil upon him, and he said, "***God chose him.***" See, **we choose by sight. God chooses by character.** Character, **there never was a Character like Jesus Christ. It lives in Him, manifests in.** We see it true. It's not worldly beauty of Him that attracts His Bride; **it is His character,** the character of the church that Jesus looks for; not whether it's big buildings; whether it's great denominations; whether it's big membership. He promised to meet with wherever two or three are gathered together. Truly. That's where the true believer rests his hopes, is upon that Word of God being vindicated in truth, what it is. Choose by His Word. Not a worldly loving group, they hate that. **No wonder she is divorced from Him, because she's missed His revelation, and she don't have it.** He cares not for her, the way she acts and does, and how much of this worldly stuff she has; **He's looking for her character, the character of Christ.***

**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.**

**QA God being misunderstood COD 61-0723E P:100** See, people misunderstood this enthusiasm. People misunderstand today. They misunderstand the power of the Holy Spirit. They call it a bunch of holy-rollers. They call it a bunch of people that ain't got their right mind. They misunderstand that you had to lose what you call your right mind...?... **because you have the mind of Christ in you. You can't have the mind of the world and the mind of Christ at the same time, one's carnal and the other one's spiritual.** "He that walks after the flesh is carnal; he that walks after the Spirit is spiritual." Amen. So I'll lose myself and find it, Lord, in Thee.

**Queen of Sheba 61-0219 P:8** Always remember this, church; God's Words are true. I believe the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can look at it in the right way. But remember, here's been my standard in life. I have tried to do this. **The first thing, I want to find out whether it's the will of God or not.** Then I know it's God's will. **The next thing, is my objective to it and my motive in doing it.** Then if it's the will of God, and my objective is right, and my motive is right, I have faith that it'll be done. Because, first, it's the will of God and my objective is to glorify Him, and my motive is to give Him all the glory. See? So there's no selfish motives about it. **If you have a selfish motive it won't work. If your objective is to make money for yourself or something, why, you'll never succeed. And then try to do something outside of the will of the Lord, then it won't work to begin with.** So there is genuine faith, but you must come into the real channel of God to have that genuine faith. There's human faith, then there's faith of God. And you must have a godly faith to believe. Now, then to have godly faith, you must have the mind of Christ in you. Then that's how God projects to you visions, revelations, and all these things comes by the mind of Christ being in you. You get it? **"Let the mind that was in Christ be in you."**

**Jehovah Jireh 2 60-0802 P:14** When you come to total obedience, then you can have possession. But until you totally obey. **You've got to completely surrender your own thoughts, your own will, your own mind, and let the mind of Christ operate in you.** Now, do you think Christ would, the mind of Christ, in you, would say, "The days of miracles is past"? Do you think the mind of Christ, in you, would say, "The Bible's right in some places and not in others"? **The mind of Christ would sanction every word that Christ ever said.** It's right. So if you don't use your own mind, just use His mind. That's how visions at nighttime... **If I use my own mind, what could I do? I couldn't do nothing.** But just yield myself to Him, and then He uses my mind, my eyes, my mouth. He's my all. **Just yield.** That's the way you do it. That's the way these ministers do when they're preaching the Gospel. They get up there and take a text, why, they just start off to preach, and **yield themselves to God, their ministers, the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit maybe take them on another text, take them somewhere else.**

**Hear ye Him 57-0322 P:12** The mind of Christ is to be in the church. And the mind of God was in Christ. And how that the Spirit led Christ, so ought His Spirit lead the church. And all

that God was He poured into Christ; and all Christ was He poured into the church. So the church has the power that Christ had. Christ had the power that God had. He said, "**At that day you'll know that I am in the Father, the Father in Me; I in you and you in Me.**"

**1 Corinthians 2:16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**Proof of His resurrection 55-0410M P:34** Now, if you've just got good reasoning, you'll set down and try to reason out the Bible, reason, "**How could He raise from the dead? How could these miracles and things take place today in this great realm of civilization science that we live in?**" You try to reason that out, you're just getting farther away from God all the time. **You'll never know Him by reasoning.** God's not known by reason. **God's known by faith.** You accept it. You believe it. **You can't do it until something happens in you, then the Holy Spirit comes in and you have the mind of Christ.**

**Water of separation 55-0121 P:10** But now notice, all the time that when you're producing life in here, keeping you alive, **something has to die constantly to keep you alive.** Did you know that? "Well," you say, "what about it?" The steak you eat tonight, a cow had to die for it. Is that right? The fish you eat tonight, the fish had to die for it. Is that right? The kale you eat tonight, or the spinach, the spinach had to die. See what I mean? The potato had to die. Something has to die, and you eat the dead remains of something to make you alive. It makes corpuscles, and... It makes blood cells, rather. It makes... And so you're constantly eating something dead to keep you a living. See? Life physical can only come out of death. And **life spiritual can only come out of death.** See? **Christ had to die to make us all alive: quicken us.** Is that right? So it's only through... No matter what church you belong to, how many times you've shook hands with the preacher, how many names you got on the book, or how many churches you belong to, it doesn't mean that. [Brother Branham snaps his fingers. Ed.] You've got to absolutely accept the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. And not only that, but **you've got to die yourself. You've got to die to every thought of the flesh so that you can receive the mind of Christ and walk from henceforth, not of your own, but of His mind: the mind of Christ in you.** That's the only way you can stay alive. That's the only way I can stay alive. That's all I live by, is by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**" He was tempted by His appetite. And He said that, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes out of the mouth of God.**"

**Witnesses 54-0303 P:27** And there's where God spoke from the heaven, and he saw the Spirit of God coming like a dove, falling upon a Man Who'd been born in a manger. See, what the world call great, God calls foolish. And what the world calls foolish, God calls great. That's right. So don't mind to be called foolish.' Cause remember. You can't have the mind of Christ and the mind of the world at the same time. You can't be in your way and God's way at the same time. You have to get out of your own way to let God have His way. That's the only way you're ever going to do anything. **You got to get away from your own thoughts, your own reasons.** Don't try to reason; just believe.

Let us pray