

Unveiling of God no 64

It's the heart with God and Him alone

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Wednesday evening we spoke concerning paragraph 94 of brother Branham's sermon **Unveiling of God** where he said, "*How about the people who say that **they are veiled in the Presence of God and preach some church tradition** (Oh, mercy, goodness.) **which adds to and takes from, and everything else, like injecting their own subjects and their own thoughts, and not the Word of God?** See? What kind of a veil? **That's got an ecclesiastical veil.***

We looked at this ecclesiastical veil and took it to where Jesus called it leaven, and warned the Apostles to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and spoke concerning their doctrine which adds to and takes away from the Word.

From **The Paradox a 65-0117 P:40** we read where brother Branham said, "*That's the reason we don't get what we ask for. We try to take with us so much of **our own ideas.** That's the reason the Lutheran church couldn't advance no farther than it did, the Pentecostals and the rest; 'cause **they inject by a bunch of theologians,** "This oughtn't to be this way. This is for another day. And this was for that." **There it stays. It cannot grow to that perfect image of Christ until every Word of God is received into you,** and **then you become that Word,** like the seed that went in the ground.*

Now, that is the key right there to **Romans 8:29**. If **the first born son** was the entire fullness of the Word made manifest, then nothing less than the entire fullness of the same Word received into our hearts will produce the same image in us. It has to, because the Word is a seed, and every seed will produce another life exactly from its own image.

Remember, not one word added and not one word taken away can produce the image of the first born son in us. .

Then we took this thought and examined it with the feast of unleavened bread where brother Branham showed us the seven days Israel was to not eat any leaven represented the seven church ages, and according to the Law of the unleavened bread, there was to be a Holy Convocation which is a Holy Gathering at the first Exodus and then the same at the last Exodus. Making the Alpha and Omega gathering around the Word the same where there was to be no leaven eaten, which is no doctrine outside of the doctrine of Christ that was to be eaten by the people.

Then we brought it down to his hour where men are still injecting their own ideas into the Message and polluting it as the apostle Paul said in **Galatians 1:6-9**.

Galatians 1:6-9 *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.***

This morning we will pick up at paragraph **no 95** of brother Branham's sermon **Unveiling of God** where we hear him say, "Moses was the veil, the living Word of God veiled behind human flesh. The Pillar of Fire was in Moses, of course, speaking what was to be veiled later behind skins. You see? Now, that, the Word, the Word was brought forth; then It was written out; then It was put behind and still veiled; for God was always in that Word. Amen. He's the Word always. He was in that Word. That's the reason that Word had to be veiled.

96 *Oh, brother, sister, **are you catching it?** Look. Don't you see? It's been veiled through these ages according to what God said, and **It would be opened in the last days; those seven seals would be broke, and the full thing would come into view of the people, what's took place all along.** The hour of the seventh angel's message, all the mysteries of God should be made known in that Elijah, in this last hour: how that Christ is put out of His church as Son of God; how He's revealed as Son of man again; **how that the church is to be put in order, and everything for the last day, and no creed, no denominations, just absolutely the Word living in the individual.** "I'll take one and leave one. I'll take this one and leave that one." See? It's just... There's no strings, no denominations, no bindings or nothing; it's the heart with God and Him alone. See?*

This morning I would like to examine this thought where he says, *It's been veiled through these ages according to what God said, and **It would be opened in the last days; those seven seals would be broke, and the full thing would come into view of the people, what's took place all along.***

Brother Branham consistently pointed out to us throughout his entire ministry that the Life of Christ had been veiled in human beings all the way through the Old Testament and New testament. He spoke to us not only of the Prophets of the Old Testament where we saw certain portions of the Spirit of Christ manifesting in each of the prophets, but throughout the seven church ages as well. And not only did he point to men like Irenaeus, Martin and Columba where the same Pillar of Fire directed the lives of these men, but he also pointed out others who were not Church age Messengers but Holy Ghost filled people like St. Patrick and Joan of Arc. And brother Branham showed us it was Christ all along in his church doing the things that no man could do.

But He also taught us the Alpha and Omega principle where what took place at the first Age was to repeat again in the last age. And that was not just that there was a prophet Messenger under the Pillar of Fire that lead the people, but that the people also in the first Age were Spirit filled and walked in the power of an Eternal Life.

Then brother Branham says in pp. 96 of this sermon **the Unveiling of God** "*just absolutely the Word living in the individual.* (now there is an element in this Message that will try to place that in just one man, but that is not what brother Branham does here because he quotes Jesus saying,) *"I'll take one and leave one. I'll take this one and leave that one."* (and then he qualifies that by saying) *See? It's just... There's no strings, no denominations, no bindings or nothing;* (and then he drives home the main point of all his preaching which he says,) *"it's the heart with God and Him alone."*

Now, I could stop right here and we could all go home if I knew that you caught what he said here. And what he said I want you to write it down in your Bibles, because this is where we should all be in this hour of adoption. *"it's the heart with God and Him alone."*

If we all so walked with God and were so focused on Him and Him alone there would be no need of checking up and taking inventory of your life, because you are so in love with him that you would not wish to displease Him in anything you do.

But alas even though we are sons and daughters of God we were all born in sin shaped in iniquity and came to this world speaking lies. So we are strapped with this human body that has its own desires that so often wants to take us contrary to the Purpose and plan of God.

But as the Apostle Paul saw this condition, he also spoke of it in **Romans 7**. and he stated, *"1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"* (Now, Paul is not just speaking of the law of God but the laws that God has set in the earth, especially the law of Life in **Genesis 1:11** which states that *every seed must bring forth after its kind.*") and he is saying that as long as you are in the flesh you cannot escape the law that birthed you into the flesh.

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Now, I want you to notice that he begins by speaking of the flesh and the law of life in the flesh and then he turns the analogy to the law of marriage. And says we are bound to the marriage vow as long as both the husband and wife are alive.

But then he lays out for us a way of escape from the body of this death in his analogy with marriage, and says, but if the husband dies, then the wife is free to marry again. So you can see he is speaking of the death of the husband here as a type of your death to the self you

were born into this world as. and he takes this thought right over into chapter 8, so let's just examine this as we continue reading in chapter 7.

4 *Wherefore, my brethren, **you** (yourself, your being,) **also are become dead to the law** (How?) by **the body of Christ**; that **ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should** (or for the purpose of) **bring forth fruit unto God.***

And why is that? because the very purpose of marriage is for the woman to bring forth fruit which speaks of children.

5 *For **when we were in the flesh**, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did **work in our members** to bring forth fruit unto death. **6** But now we are delivered from the (that) law, that **being dead wherein we were held**; that **we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.***

What is Paul talking about? He is talking about new birth superseding your natural birth.

7 *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

8 *But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For **without the law sin was dead**. (without the law of life I would not have come to the world shaped in iniquity and speaking). Had I been birthed by the spoken Word of God, I would have come into the world filled with His Spirit and therefore His nature and thus no sin at all.*

9 *For **I was alive without the law once**: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.***10** *And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*

In other words, even though I was without the laws and rules of God in my understanding, yet when I heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation, I knew I had to die in order to live again. and I am sure every one of you has experienced what I am talking about here.

Paul continues by saying, **11** *For sin, (which we know is unbelief) **taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.***

In other words, I knew under the law that I was as good as a dead man. I knew I was not fit to live, so I had to die. "**For the wages of sin is death**". But it took the law, the Ten Commandments to show me that I was no good. It took the ten commandments to show me that I was as good as a dead man. Because while in my flesh I tried to do what was right, there was still that nature of the first birth that wished to do otherwise.

12 *Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

13 *Was then that which is good made death unto me? (Paul says, "did my coming to the place where I understood the ten commandments bring me to the place of death? Then he says,) **God forbid. But sin, (unbelief) that it might appear** (manifest as) **sin, (unbelief) working death into me by that which is good; that sin (unbelief) by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.**(filled with unbelief).*

Now, what is Paul saying here. he is telling you that no knowledge of the Word of God a man lives in unbelief and really doesn't know that it is unbelief.

Romans 7:7-25 (NIV) ⁷ *What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet."* ⁸ *But sin, **seizing the opportunity** afforded by the commandment, **produced in me every kind of covetous desire.*** For apart from law, sin is dead. ⁹ *Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.* ¹⁰ ***I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.*** ¹¹ *For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death.* ¹² *So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.* ¹³ *Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.*

Brother Branham said in his sermon **Greatest battle ever fought 62-0311 P:51** *Now, there's where the battle begins, right in your mind, whether you will... Now, you remember, it's not Christian Science now, mind over matter; that hasn't... **The mind accepts the Life which is the Word of God, and there brings the Life.** Just your thought doesn't do it, but **the Word of God brought in the channel of your thought.** See? It's not the thought, as Christian Science make it, mind over matter. No. That isn't it. But **your mind accepts it and grasp it. What is your mind controlled by? Your spirit; and your spirit catches the Word of God, and that's the thing that's got Life in it. It brings Life into you.** Oh, brother, when that takes place, when **Life comes down that channel into you, the Word of God is manifested in you. "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, then ask what you will and it'll be done for you."***

Communion 57-0418 P:23 *Then the battle begins of the testing and the trying. "Every son that cometh to God must be tested."*

I remember thinking when I am filled with the Holy Ghost the battles will all be over. But how badly I was mistaken. Then I heard brother Branham teach us that when you are filled with the Spirit of God that is when the real battles begin. When Israel crossed over the Jordan to enter the promised land, that is when their real battles began for her.

And that is what the Apostle Paul is saying as well here.

14 *For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.* Sold under sin, in other words sin or our unbelief is somehow on top as a weight holding you down.

But I like what **Martin Luther** said about this passage. He said *if the law is spiritual then only those who are spirit filled can live what is contained in the law.* So therefore the flesh can not in any way please God. and as brother Branham said **"it's the heart with God and Him alone."**

Martin Luther also said, *And so what does that mean? If the law were physical, then it could be satisfied by works, but since it is spiritual, no one can satisfy it unless everything he does springs from the depths of the heart. But no one can give such a heart except the Spirit of God, who makes the person be like the law, so that he actually conceives a heartfelt longing for the law and henceforward does everything, not through fear or coercion, but from a free heart.*

Just like **William Branham** said, *"I am free to do whatsoever I want to do. The main thing is that all I want to do is to please the Lord."*

Martin Luther also said, *"Such a law is spiritual since it can only be loved and fulfilled by such a heart and such a spirit. If the Spirit (Gods own Spirit) is not in the heart, then there remain sin, aversion and enmity against the law, which in itself is good, just and holy.*

This we find in **1 Corinthians** chapter **2**, that tells us *"no man can understand the things of God except the Spirit of God be in him."*

Martin Luther also said, *"If the law were for the body, it could be satisfied with works; but since it is spiritual, no one can satisfy it, unless all that you do is done from the bottom of your heart. But such a heart is given only by God's Spirit, who makes a man equal to the law, so that he acquires a desire for the law in his heart, and henceforth does nothing out of fear and compulsion, but everything out of a willing heart."*

Now I know that there are ministers who use fear as a tool to control the people, but the Christian should be taught to so be in love with God that fear has no place in his experience with God. It does not exist. His love for God only wants to do that which is pleasing to God.

In **1 John 4:18** we are told *"There is no fear in Love. But perfect love drives out fear. Because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect and complete in Love."*

So God must place something within us to bring us to this place of perfection and lacking fear. and in **Ezekiel** we see why God says, *"I will give you a new heart and a new spirit"*. It is in order for us to be able to from our heart fulfill His Word and His Law.

Martin Luther also said in His **Preface to the Book of Romans**, *"God judges according to what is at the bottom of the heart, and for this reason, His law makes its demands on the inmost heart and cannot be satisfied with works, but rather punishes works that are done otherwise than from the bottom of the heart, as hypocrisy and lies. No one in his works is a doer of the law, for even though you might keep the law outwardly, with works, from fear of punishment or love or reward, nevertheless, you do all this without willingness and pleasure, and without love for the law, but rather with unwillingness, under compulsion: and you would rather do otherwise, if the law were not there. The conclusion is that at the bottom of your heart you hate the law. What matter, then, that you teach others not to steal, if you are a thief at heart, and would gladly be one outwardly, if you dared? For this reason he Paul says in **Romans 7** that **the law is spiritual**, For if the law were for the body,*

*it could be satisfied with works; but since it is spiritual, no one can satisfy it, unless all that you do is done from the bottom of your heart. But such a heart is given only by God's Spirit, so that he acquires a desire for the law in his heart, and henceforth **does nothing out of fear and compulsion, but everything out of a willing heart.** Where that spirit is not in the heart, there sin remains, and displeasure with the law, and enmity toward it; though the law is good and just and holy."*

Now back to **Romans 7:14** The **NIV** puts it this way...**14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am un-spiritual, sold as a slave to sin. 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing. 20Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.**

The Weymouth translation puts it this way... **7:20 But if I do that which I desire not to do, it can no longer be said that it is I who do it, but the sin which has its home within me does it. 7:21 I find therefore the law of my nature to be that when I desire to do what is right, evil is lying in ambush for me. 7:22 For in my inmost self all my sympathy is with the Law of God; 7:23 but I discover within me a different Law at war with the Law of my understanding, and leading me captive to the Law which is everywhere at work in my body — the Law of sin. 7:24 (Unhappy man that I am! who will rescue me from this death-burdened body? 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!) To sum up then, with my understanding, I — my true self — am in servitude to the Law of God, but with my lower nature I am in servitude to the Law of sin.**

This teaching Paul is giving us here doesn't stop at the end of this chapter, but takes a turn in chapter 8 where Paul teaches us how God can save us from the body of this death. At the end of chapter 7 he tells us there is one way out and that is through Jesus Christ.

And not only that but from that point onward Paul brings us into how being in Christ Jesus takes us from no longer having any condemnation up to receiving the spirit of adoption and from there up to manifesting as sons of God and then from there up to being conformed to the very image of the first born son.

So let's turn in our Bibles to follow up on this. And we will see in this chapter 8 that we go from being constantly walking in condemnation as we see in chapter 7 for what we do in our flesh to having no condemnation whatsoever as we see in Chapter 8 and verse 1.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

Notice he say, "**There is therefore now,**" **now** when? He was just talking about the condemnation we have as a result of the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. **22 For in my inmost self all my sympathy is with the Law of God; 7:23 but I discover within me a different Law at war with the Law of my understanding, and leading me captive to the Law which is everywhere at work in my body — the Law of sin. 7:24 (Unhappy man that I am! who will rescue me from this death-burdened body?**

And then in the rest of the 7th chapter he tells us our rescue comes through what Jesus Christ did for us and sending back His Spirit to live itself out in us.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Now, in chapter **7** he began by talking about **the law of life** as we see it in **Genesis 1:11** Every seed after its kind, but now he no longer talks about the law of life but the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Now this law of the spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is the same law of life God spoke of in **Genesis 1:11** except that this speaks of the life of Christ and the seed of Christ bearing the law of life in Christ Jesus. So Romans 7 starts out speaking of the law of life in which you were born in sin, and come to the world speaking lies, but now in chapter 8 he speaks of the law of life in Christ Jesus that can do only one thing, and that is to bring us to the place where we are conformed to the image of the first born son.

So watch how the Apostle Paul develops this picture for us as we continue to read.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin (unbelief) in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness (the right-wise-ness) of the law might be fulfilled (where? notice) in us, who walk not after the flesh, (who walk not after self) but after **the Spirit. (notice not our Spirit but The Spirit and there is only One The Spirit and that is God's Spirit). 5 For they that are after the flesh (they that are after self) do mind the things of Self; but they that are after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit.**

Now, this is important for us to understand. When Paul uses the word flesh here he is speaking of self. He is not talking about the needs of the body, but he is speaking of the id, the self, the self centric person. If you are self centered you cannot please anyone but yourself. If you are self centered you cannot please God because you are not trying to please God, you are trying to please your own self. So Paul is teaching us here now to die to self.

6 For to be carnally minded (to be self centric or self centered) is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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

And that is true because if it is centered on self it cannot be centered or focused on the things of God.

8 So then they that are in the flesh (they that are self focused, they that are self centered) cannot please God.

9 But ye are not into self, but into the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

And that about boils it down right there. If you are not filled with His Spirit then there is no way that you can be focused on the things of God because you cannot even know or understand the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in you.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, (And we know there are 18 scriptures that teach us that it was God that raised up Jesus from the dead, so) He (God) that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Now a mortal body is a body that can die. But once that body is dead it is no more a mortal body, it is a cadaver. So the mortal body is a body that is capable of dying. So this speaks of in your body now while you are alive.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to self, to live after self. 13 For if ye live after self, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. So you want to know whether you are a son of God or not, just look who is leading you. If you are led by self you are still dead in your sins. But if you are being led by the spirit of God then you have died to self, and are alive in Christ Jesus.

That is what Paul taught us also in **Colossians 3:1** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

And brother Branham said in paragraph 98 of his sermon **The Unveiling of God "The Anointing is a Person. The word "Christ" means "an anointed one (See?), the anointed one."**

So when we read **4 When Christ**, (the person) *who is our life, when he shall appear*, When he shall phaneroo, when he shall manifest in his true attributes and characteristics *then shall you shall also appear* (you shall also phaneroo in your true attributes and characteristics) *with him in the same glory.* (in the same doxa, in the same opinions, values, and judgments) Why? Because He the Person is living your life for you.

Paul said in **Galatians 2:20** *I am* (present tense) *crucified with Christ: nevertheless I am alive; yet it is not I that is alive, but Christ that lives in me: and the life which I now live in this flesh, in self, I live by the faith* (by the revelation) *of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

So Paul says it is not me that is alive in this body but Christ has taken over my body and it is His life that is living itself out in my flesh. *When Christ, who is our life manifests in his true character then shall you also manifest in your true character because it is not you that liveth but Christ that lives in you.*

3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.* **4** *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

That is why he can say, if you are dead then **5** *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 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. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And having put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

So this tells us that as we are letting him live our life for us we are being conformed to his image.

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

So if we are dead, then there has to be a way for us to die to self. And from his sermon, **You Must Be Born Again 61-1231M 28** brother Branham said, "I want to take the subject this morning of Jesus' first doctrine. The first doctrine of Jesus was, "**You Must Be Born Again.**" That was His first doctrine... 29 And we find out that **there is so many different meanings that people put to it.** Nearly all churches say that you must be born again, but **each one has their different interpretations to that,** what it means to be born again. I might go to the Methodist church this morning; they say, "We believe that you must be born again." **How do you interpret it?** I go to the Baptist church, "And we believe you must be born again." **How do you interpret it?** And I would go to each church, and we'd find, if we went to all the nine hundred different denomination of churches, there'd be **nine hundred different interpretations.** So seeing that there is **so many different interpretations, and yet a Bible doctrine, there must be, and is, a truth somewhere.** 64 Now, **there is approach to this birth.** **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.** The Bible teaches that. And if any brother would like to, where you find that creature, look that word "**creature**" up in the Lexicon, and you'll find out that the word "**creature**" there is interpreted or translated, "**a new creation**," because you are a one creation, a human being born in sexual desire here on earth, and **now you're a new creation born by Spirit.** **Your own thoughts are dead.** They're so dead until they're crystal like the brass serpent, or like He died when the heavens and earth and everything witnessed He was dead.

Notice brother Branham said there is an approach to this birth, so we need to know what that approach is and we must know if we have come God's provided way. And that way is the way of death. You must die, and not only die, but you must die so bad that you rot to your own self.

You must be born again 61-1231M P:73 And if you still love the things of the world, you're deceived; your sacrifice hasn't been accepted yet; your nature hasn't been changed. Now, **do you know what it means to be born again?** See, your nature's changed; you become a new creature. **You got to die first and then be born again.**

You must be born again 61-1231M P:56 Now, **it must die.** Now, that don't mean turn a new page now, this new year. You say, "Brother Branham, I've been coming here for a long time. I've been a member of the church. This New Year's I'm going to turn a new page and start new. That don't mean that. Not turn a new page, **but actually die and be born again.** See? **You've got to feel so guilty when you stand in His Presence.** Whether you go the Methodist way, or the Baptist way, or whatever way you go, **you've got to be so guilty and feel so guilty till you... It'll kill you.** That's right. You, **it'll kill you.** **Your worldly life will die right there. You've got to reckon yourself so guilty in the Presence of God until your worldly life dies right there.** **The sin question's over for you when you're standing in His Presence.** When you look like that, **you're sure to live, because you die.** And the only way you can live again is to die first so you can live again. Now, you see what I'm coming to, don't you (See that?), **what the birth is, the new birth. First, to die, in order to be born again...** And if you still got the things of the world in you, you're not born again. And how you going to claim to be born again and still with the things of the world hanging on you? See? How can you do it?

Remember, brother Branham told us there is an order, there is a process in order to be born again. And in his sermon, **You must be born again 61-1231M P:54** He tells us what that process is. "Yes, **to be born again you must go through a process of death;** everything does. You take a grain of corn; if that corn ever expects to live again, **it's got to die first.** If a grain of wheat ever expects to live again, it's totally impossible for... That corn, that wheat, that flower, that tree, that grass, that vegetable, **everything that expects to live again must die first.** Then how you going to escape it? **You got to die first. You got to die. Die how? To**

yourself, die to everything, so that you can be born again. You've got to do that. If you don't die, you can never live 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's 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.** The Bible teaches that. And if any brother would like to, where you find that creature, look that word "creature" up in the--the Lexicon, and you'll find out that the word "creature" there is interpreted or translated, "a new creation," because you are a one creation, a human being born in sexual desire here on earth, and now you're a new creation born by Spirit. Your own thoughts are dead. They're so dead until they're crystal like the brass serpent, or like He died when the heavens and earth and everything witnessed He was dead.*

*Sirs we would see Jesus 61-1224 P:96 **If he's a true disciple of Christ, he'll lead you to the cross.** "Oh, Brother Branham, I went out and spoke in tongues." That don't mean nothing; a mule did that one day. Yes, sir. That's... Yeah, I don't mean to make fun of God's holy Word. I believe in speaking in tongues, but devils speak with tongues. A people can speak in tongues and live any kind of a life. But I mean that the devil's got a copy of everything that God did. **And he can copy everything but the genuine birth of Christ; and he can't do that, 'cause you have to die first, then the Word raises you up.** How do you know when you're alive? **When that Word, every word of It's made flesh in you;** everything that the Bible says, you say the same thing, and it comes to pass, just exactly like He said it. That's when it is. When your spirit agrees with Him (He is the Word.), when your spirit agrees with what He said and **the Spirit makes Itself manifest through His Word, then you're living.** See? You're through shopping then, and swapping, and all the rest of it. It's all settled.*

*Why 60-0309 P:73 Oh, in the hour of your death, in the hour of your death, how you long to hear that. Let the water and the blood, from Thy flowing wounds supply, be for sin a double cure, safe from wrath and make me pure. **You're here to die now. The only way you can be borned again is to die first, so that you can be borned again.***

*Why? 59-0813 P:30 **But as long as there's any hopes for it not to rot, new Life won't come.** That's why we get up from the altar so many times without the Holy Spirit, because we don't rot enough to our own ideas. **We got to meet God on His level.** I like to meet Him there, because that He never has failed me. **The new birth is no different from any other birth; it's a mess.** You ought to seen what mess I was in when I got It. And every once in a*

while when It comes upon me again, I get messy again with It. I cry, and boo-hoo, and carry on till I guess I don't look very good to look at, but it... I got something on the inside of me that's taking me on and on and on and on and on. **It's new Life.** I don't care what It looks like; I want to know what It is. That's the main thing.

Way back the 62-1123 P:40 You know the reason they do it? **They're afraid of that new birth, I mean the real new birth.** Oh, everybody say, "Sure, I believe you must be born again. Yes, sir." Yes. But **when it comes to the real birth...** They believe the new birth by shaking hands, saying a bunch of creeds, or something another. **They call that the new birth.** That ain't the new birth. **They're afraid of the new birth.** Listen. **Any birth is a mess.** I don't care whether it's in a pigpen, or where it's at, it's a mess, any birth. **And so is the new birth. It'll make you do things that you didn't think you'd ever do. But it brings life. And before you can have life, you have to have death. Before a seed can reproduce itself, it's got to die in order... And not only die, but it's got to rot. In order to get new life out of it, it's got to die and rot in itself. And so does every sinner.** And every man, no matter how highly he's educated, and how much he's polished, how many degrees he has in the church, or so forth, how many of these things, how many colleges he's educated out of; he's got to die to his own theory. He's got to die to himself. **He's got to die to everything to be reborned again by the Holy Ghost.** It'll make him cry, and "boo hoo," and speak in tongues, and jump up and down, and carry on like a maniac. But **he's got new life.** That's what it takes to do it. He's got to have new life. They're afraid of the new birth. The new birth is a mess.

Now, **Romans 8:15** For ye have not received **the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption,** whereby we cry, Abba, Father. **16 For The Spirit** (and there is only one The Spirit and that is the Spirit of God) **For The Spirit** (God's Spirit) **Itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

And how does God's Spirit bear witness with your spirit? By Living your life for you. That's John 14:12 the works that I do shall you do also. And just remember Jesus Himself could not do any works except for what he saw God in Spirit doing. And you are no different. If you are sons of God then you have His Spirit and are led by His Spirit.

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Now, this word glorified is from en doxa zo which is en or in doxa which is the opinions, values and judgments of God and zo which is zoe or in your life. When we are glorified together. When the very opinions, values and judgments of God are manifested in our zoe along with His.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory (doxa) **which shall be revealed in** (who) **in us.**

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. All creation is waiting for you to manifest the son of God life that is in you.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who

*hath subjected the same in hope, **21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

And what is that glorious liberty? You can do anything you want to do but all you want to do is to please your father just as Jesus said, **John 8:29** *And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.*

22 *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves **groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption**, to wit, the redemption of our body.* That means that it is a righteous thing to long for that glorified body.

24 *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. **26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And **He that searcheth the hearts** knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints **according to the will of God. **28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.***

Let us pray...