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The Resurrection Controversy
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This is a most beautiful Easter morning, and all throughout this nation today on this beautiful Easter morning, millions of people (Christians) will gather together in their churches to worship God, in the same old way that they have always worshipped Him. Millions times millions of people, will come to church this morning to offer up praise to God for what He did 2,000 years ago.

There will be many people this morning who do not worship God regularly, but they will come out this morning because it is Easter. And just because it is Easter, they will come. And they will partake in worship services across the nation and they will come to Honor the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago.

Across this nation, today, many history lessons will be given about the lowly Nazarene named Jesus, who lived nearly 2 thousand years ago. They will talk, about the suffering Jesus, the One who had to die, and the agony that he went through on Calvary. They will talk about the doom and the despair he felt in those waning moments before he was crucified. They will talk about the rejection he felt even by those who were closest to Him.

And yet do they really know what this resurrection is even about? Do they really believe what they have heard year in and year out? Or is it, as we said earlier, just a history lesson to them. Is it just, some sort, of ancient right, that we speak about once a year, and then we go about our business as usual, the rest of the year. Is Easter just a religious duty, just an obligation, or is there something here, that the world has missed, altogether, year in and year out.

Is it just a tale, that we hear, or perhaps could there be more, much more, about this event, that has shaped the history of man more than all other events put together.

To be more blunt, let me use that good old American expression, that says: **"WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?"**

Because really, that is what it's all about, isn't it? I don't want to sound disrespectful, but that is why Easter is only a tradition and not a reality to the majority of the people. Because it is something, that happened, nearly 2 thousand years ago, to a man, called Jesus. And the world contends, that if you live a good life, then perhaps maybe, after you die, you may also have a possibility of being raised one day, back to life. But who knows if that is true, It isn't in the immediate future, so why think about it."

That is exactly, how the world thinks. And that is why Easter, and not only Easter, but every Sunday has become, just a tradition to keep, for the sake of the kids. And the world

is lost, and it is dying in this sinful condition of unbelief. And the sad thing is, that they don't even know it.

People don't go to church to be evil, but to become a better person. But I would like to ask the real question that needs answering, and that is this: What do they walk away with from attending church? What do you walk away with? That's the real question everyone of us should be asking ourselves.

Do we come to hear a lecture on how to perhaps become a nicer person? Or do we come to hear a discourse on how to get along with unfriendly people, or people who are hard to get along with? Or maybe you attend church so you can leave with a nice warm feeling that perhaps someone really does love you.

And if your reason for attending church is any one of these reasons, it speaks of a sad condition the church is in today.

The people have lost their Vision. And we are taught in the **Proverbs 29:18** "*Where there is no vision, the people perish: (and the Hebrew word means "to go back". Where the people have no vision the people go back) but he that keepeth the law, the Towrah, (the fathers instructions,) happy is he.*"

William Branham said the minute you stop moving forward that is the minute you die. **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M 168** *For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened and didn't move on with the Word as it come to pass..." They're dead, gone.*

So the people with no open vision, become focused on yesterday, and therefore they end up going back to what they came out from. Because they have no open vision, they soon become unaware of what God is doing today, and therefore Christianity has become just a tradition that conservatives do, and those who want their children to be brought up right.

Revelations 3:14-22 *"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 **To him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*

What a sad commentary about the church in these last days. *She is wretched*, (which means she is *deeply distressed or unhappy*) in fact he says *she is miserable* (why? because she sees her *hopeless condition*. *She's poor* (oh, not in material things, but the church is spiritually lacking), And *She's blind* (the word actually implies that she's *smoked up, unclear in her thinking*) and *She is naked*, (she is stripped completely from any clothing of His righteousness.) She is altogether laid bare and empty lying in her shame before all the world to see. *And yet she doesn't even realize it.*

But notice the command of the church in that condition. He says **18** (*anoint your eyes with eye-salve*. (to see what?) The answer is in vs **20**. *He is at the door while she is in this condition.*

Brother and sister, our only hope is to receive the "**Resurrection**". Our only hope is to receive the *One who is the Resurrection and the Life*. Now to get a better picture of this condition we see here and **our need for Him who is the Resurrection and The Life**, let's turn to John 11 and read the whole story of the One *who is the resurrection and the Life*.

Let's read **John 11:39-40**, and **43-44** because this is the present condition of the Laodicean church, and notice what Martha says of her brother... **39** *Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, **by this time he stinketh**: for he hath been dead four days.* **40** *Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, **if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory** (Doxa) **of God**?* **43** *And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth.*** **44** *And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

Look at Lazarus condition, He was dead four days already. And the church has been asleep or spiritually dead for 2,000 years now, but something is fixing to awake her out of here sleep. Notice in vs (**40**) The very **Doxa of God** was manifested. And **what did the Doxa of God produce? LIFE**. Resurrection power and Resurrection LIFE.

Paul said in **Ephesians 5** *"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christy shall give you Light."* It was prophesied in the book of **Isaiah 700** years before Christ's 1st coming and 2,700 years ago these words:

Isaiah 60:1-3A *"Arise and shine for thy light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, for Behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness shall cover the people. But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the gentiles shall come to Thy Light.*

We see this setting again in **Matthew 25** when speaking of the condition of both the wise and foolish virgins who had also drifted off to sleep while awaiting the coming of the Lord.

Matthew 25: 1-13 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise,*

and five were foolish. **3** They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: **4** But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. **6** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. **7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. **9** But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. **10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. **11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. **12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. **13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Notice the similarity that we see here and in **Revelation 3**. The Message that goes forth is "**Behold, Here I Am**". But notice the ones who had no oil in their vessel also had smoked up lamps that could give no light and therefore they could not see whether they had any oil or not and therefore were not ready when The One standing at the door was ready.

Now let's go back to **Revelation 3** and examine this further. Now remember, the condition of the church at the time of the PRESENCE of this ONE Who is at the door. **She is wretched, Miserable, Poor, blind, and naked.** And because of her wealth in material things she is not even aware of her condition that stinks unto death.

But in **Joel** we see the promise as we saw on **Isaiah** that says: "**And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, The canker worm, And the Caterpillar, and the Palmerworm,...and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied.**" Oh brother, dead men can't eat! But look at Lazarus. The next time you here of him in the scripture he was sitting and eating with Jesus.

But the condition of the church of Laodicea is that which is also seen in **Isaiah 29** but notice also at this Time the Lord descends with a Shout and it is this Shout which is His Message which is also the very doxa of God, which is his very opinions, value, and judgments which gives light to the people, opens their eyes, and awakens them from slumber. But the only ones who open their eyes are the wise virgin, for the foolish are still in a quandary, as though between awakened and sleep.

Isaiah 29:6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, (that's a Shout) **with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.** (That speaks of judgment, and of course the judge must be here to bring the judgment) **7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel,** (that's a symbolic name for Israel or an Israelite) **even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. 8 It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, (in his dream) he eateth; but when he awaketh, his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, (in his dream) he**

*drinketh; but when he awaketh, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against **mount Zion**.*

Now, brother Branham taught us when the scriptures speaks of **Mount Zion** it always refers to the bride.

From his sermon **Future home 64-0802 P:177** brother Branham said, *Wherein the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughter of Zion,... (Remember that's always the Bride. See?)... and shall have purified the blood of Jerusalem... (That's the remnant of the Jews plus the Bride. See?)... and in the midst thereof with the spirit of judgment,... (Fire, that's always God's judgment.*

And again in **The Spoken word original seed 62-0318E P:186** *Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown: Bible fulfilled to the letter. John the Baptist, His messenger before His face in **Malachi 3**, planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. **This forerunner of the last days will sow for the former rain**. Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds (which is His Word). When He comes, the showdown, the rapture of His Bride... The first was Mount Carmel; the second was Mount Transfiguration; **the third will be Mount Zion**. Glory.*

Then Isaiah says, **9** *Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. 11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. 13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: 14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for **the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.** 15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? 16 Surely your turning of things **upside down** shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? 17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest? 18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and **the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.***

John 12:1-2 *Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. 2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.)*

Remember the other person Jesus raised from the dead, the little girl in **Mark 5 and Luke 8**, let's see what Jesus did right after she was raised awaked or raised from the dead.

MARK 5: 21-24, *And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. 22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

Now, let's skip forward to verses **35-43**. *While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, **Thy daughter is dead**: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37 And **he suffered no man to follow him**, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And **they laughed him to scorn**. But **when he had put them all out**, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.*

Notice that Jesus commanded them to give her something to eat. And it wasn't to be just milk either for in **Luke 8** it says, **"And her spirit came again, and she arose straight away: and He commanded to give her meat.**

Joel 2:25 *"And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

*27 And ye shall know that **I am in the midst of Israel**, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and **my people shall never be ashamed**. WHY? Because He says, **YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM IN THE MIDST OF THEE.**"*

Revelation 3:18 *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. what does it mean to be clothed? What is our clothing ? what is this garment?*

Psalm 132:9 *Let thy priests be clothed with right-wise-ness; and let the saints shout for joy.*

I Peter 2:9 tells: *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

Revelation 3:18 *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

To be *clothed in His Right-Wise-Ness that the shame of our nakedness*, our complete destitution, does not manifest. This tells us that the bride as the body of Christ had to receive something from Him to hide what was so evident, and that is our own helplessness. What the canker worm didn't eat the Locust did, and what the locust left the palmerworm finished off until the bride tree was just down to the roots. **"But I Shall restore saith the Lord"**

Lazarus was a type of the bride tree who lay in the grave four days and the body worms had already began to do their damage and his eyes had already begun to sink in and his flesh had begun to rot and smell, yet **"I Will restore saith the Lord " for "I am the Resurrection and The Life, and he that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live."**

Notice the command in **Revelation 3:18** is to **"Anoint thube eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. "** **"That thou mayest see,"** see what? **Verse 20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

The Resurrected One Himself, He's Here!

Now what is this eye-salve that will give her the hope of seeing Him. Remember, He is the Word.

In **James 5** it tells us who this one is at the Door. ***Behold the Judge standeth at the door.***

And in **John 12:48** Jesus tells us that ***the Word will be the Judge in the last days.***

So it is ***the Word*** that is at the Door. Now isn't it strange that the Word of God is likened to the manna that fell. And also the meal offering is a type of the Word. And the meal barrel in the days of Elijah that never went empty during the famine?

The word used in **Revelation 3** for ***eye salve*** is **KOLLOURION** which according to **VINES** **denotes a coarse bread roll or an eye salve shaped like a bread roll.**

In **Revelation 3** he is telling the church to place the Word up to their eyes so that they cannot see anything but the one Who is standing at the door. And that is Christ the Word.

I Corinthians 13:12 *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.* When? At the time HE is standing at the door.

II Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

We began this morning by looking at what the world sees and how they view this Easter with historical eyesight, but as you can see, we are beholding Him in plain view, **LO He is the mighty Conqueror, since He rent the veil in two.** And we are being changed into His Image.

Now this bring us to our Message this morning. **What is Easter all about? And what is the Resurrection of Christ all about?**

It's all about **Life! Eternal Life.** And yet there is something about this great Message of Life that we all fail to see. And that is that this Great Truth about His Resurrection is more than just a happy thought, or something to look forward to. The Resurrection of Christ was and still is today **a tremendous confrontation.** And that is what I want you to understand this morning. **The Message that He is not dead but He is alive brings confrontation.** It has always been very controversial. It was back then, in the Alpha of His ministry and so is it again in this Omega age where we are today.

The greatest Revelation we can have is that **The very God of Heaven has come down in this hour in the form of His Son, not the body but the Logos, the very Word itself in our midst, the Great Shekinah Light, the Pillar of Fire actually in the very midst of God's children and yet this Revelation has caused more conflict and confrontation in this Message than any other thing.** Why? Because **the Resurrection is a confrontation between Life and death.**

1 Corinthians 15:53-58 *For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Notice: God gives us **the victory** through Christ Jesus the Lord. **And what is a victory?** This word **victory** here comes from a Greek word **NIKOS** which means **to utterly vanquish.** **Webster** said, *Victory is the winning a struggle, or overcoming an obstacle or conquering an opponent.*

And you **cannot have victory without conflict or confrontation**. And therefore **Resurrection is a confrontation with death itself**, but overcoming and being victorious.

Just like Friday night we saw that **Revelation brings on disputation** with the false Vine and this **disputation brings on warfare**. But Resurrection which is Eternal Life is victory over the confrontation, disputation and warfare. For to those who have been made alive, what do we fear.

Romans 8:29 *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. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

So we **see our corruptible bodies must put on incorruption** and then we become victorious. The battle is over. **The great conflict is ended**. And therefore the process of Life, **Eternal Life** is therefore a great confrontation with Nature itself. Because on the one hand, our bodies were **"born in sin, shaped in iniquity and we came to the world speaking lies."** But through the process of Life, Eternal Life it has overcome the death in these bodies that are given over to sin, and we are made new in the spirit of our minds, and **"our inner man is being renewed daily while our outer man is perishing."**

In **1 Timothy 6: 3-12** Paul Said, *I come not to bring peace but a sword. Any man who would love his life must be willing to lose it in order to save it.*

And in **2 Timothy 4:1-8** Paul Said, *You've got to be willing to fight the good fight to inherit the crown.*

Again in **1 Corinthians 9: 24-27** Paul tells us that we must run the race to win. *"so run that ye may obtain. So enter into the conflict, the confrontation, that ye might come out the victor.*

140 Gods Only Provided Place of Worship 65-1128.1M PP. 142 *Now notice again, quickly, we find here that all seven days that this bread was to be eat, through Seven Church Ages. Now, when it had to die and go into the ground.*

Notice in **John** chapter **3** He shows the light to both true and false vine but the false vine will not come to the light, but the true vine are drawn to the light, they cannot help but to come to the light.

John 3:19-21 *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

You see it? They don't want to be reproved by the Light. They don't want the confrontation that the Word of God brings. That's why they just walk away from the Truth, the Light. Why do roaches and creatures of the night flee from the light? They don't want to be confronted and exposed.

1 John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

Notice **our Faith**, our **Revelation** is our victory that overcomes the confrontation. That overcomes the disputation and warfare. That is why Revelation is so important. If you only have a mental understanding of this, you will always have the confrontation but never a victory.

But Once you've completely surrendered yourself to the Revelation of the Word, then The Revelation takes over, the manifestation of divine truth takes over. Then you are in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Not will be, but are now.

2 Peter 2:12-22 *But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of un-righteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, (no Holy Ghost) clouds (witnesses) that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known*

it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. **22** But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Hebrews 6:1-12 Amplified... from verse **3** *Indeed if God permits, we shall now proceed to **advanced teaching**. **4** For it is impossible to restore and bring again to repentance those who have been **once for all** enlightened, who have **consciously** tasted the heavenly gift, and have become **sharers** or (Companions) of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have felt how good the Word of God is and the mighty powers of the age and world to come, **6** if they then deviate from the Faith and turn away from their allegiance; It is impossible to bring them back to repentance, for (because, while, as long as) they nail up on the cross the Son of God afresh, as far as they are concerned, and are holding Him up to contempt and shame and public disgrace. **7** For the **soil** which has drunk the rain that repeatedly falls upon it, and produces a crop that is useful to those whose benefit it is cultivated, partakes of a blessing from God. **8** But if that same soil **persistently** bears thorns and thistles, it is considered worthless and **fit only to be cursed**, whose end then is to be burned. **9** Even though we speak this way, yet in your case, beloved, we are now firmly convinced of **better things that are near to salvation and accompany it**. **10** For God is not unrighteous to forget or overlook your labor and the Love you have shown for His name's sake in **ministering to the needs of the saints** - His own consecrated people - as you still do. **11** But we do strongly and earnestly desire for each of you to **show the same diligence and sincerity all the way through in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of your hope until the end**. **12** In order that you may not grow **disinterested** and become **spiritual sluggards** but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith, (that is by their learning of the entire personality of God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His Power, Wisdom and Goodness,) and **by practice and patient endurance** and waiting are **now inheriting the promises**.*

Now we find here that in **Hebrews 6** it speaks of a people who have been **once for all enlightened**. That is this hour and could be no other. For there could not be a **once for all enlightenment** until **Revelations 10 : 1 - 7** takes place and the Seals are opened.

Now notice further that this scripture speaks of a people who have **consciously tasted of the Heavenly Gift**, which we know is Christ Himself. **4** *For it is impossible to restore and bring again to repentance those who have been **once for all** enlightened, who have **consciously** tasted the heavenly gift,*

In fact if you will notice, it says they consciously have tasted of the heavenly gift and then says they have shared in or have become companions of the Holy Ghost. **Hebrews 6 : 4** *who have **consciously** tasted the heavenly gift, and have become **sharers** or (Companions) of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have felt how good the Word of God is and the mighty powers of the age and world to come.*

Yet we might ask ourselves how is it that they could be consciously aware of **His Presence** and still deny Him and even want to crucify Him all over again. Well, our answer is in verse **6**, where the scripture tells us that they deviate from the Truth.

Hebrews 6:6 *if they then deviate from the Faith and turn away from their allegiance; It is impossible to bring them back to repentance, for (because, while, as long as) they nail up on the cross the Son of God afresh, as far as they are concerned, and are holding Him up to contempt and shame and public disgrace.*

So we see then a falling away or a deviating from the Word of God. Now this falling away is actually a willful thing that takes place on the part of the one falling, because the one falling actually first is found to have rejected the One who has come in the way He has come.

Romans 1:18-21 Amplified *For God's Holy wrath and indignation are revealed from heaven against all un-godliness and unrighteousness of men, who in their wickedness repress and hinder the Truth and make it inoperative.*

Remember, Jesus could not do many mighty works because of the people's own unbelief. So it is their own unbelief that suppresses the Truth and Keeps it back from others.

Matthew 23: 13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

Romans 1:19 *For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness, because God Himself has shown it to them. 20 For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His Eternal power and Divinity have been made intelligible and clearly discernible in and through the things that have been made - His handiwork's. So men are without excuse - altogether without any defense or justification. 21 Because when they knew and recognized Him as The God, they did not honor and Glorify Him as God, or give Him thanks, But instead they became futile and "godless in their thinking" with vain imaginations, foolish reasoning and stupid speculations - and their senseless minds were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools - **professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves.** 23 And by them the Glory and majesty and excellence of The Immortal God were **exchanged for and represented by images resembling mortal men...***

Now this is what I want to speak on this morning. God has shown Himself to these people. *Through many various ways God has expressed His Divine Nature and manifested openly His Attributes to them*, yet they have rejected what God has shown them, thus rejecting who God is. "**For as a man thinketh in His heart, so is He and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.**"

Now, we read in **Romans** that even though God has shown them and displayed openly to them His Presence by exhibiting His Divine Nature to them and expressing His Divine Attributes before them, yet they reject it and make God only something which is

palatable in their own mind and conscience. Therefore God actually turns them over to their own desires. And their own desire is to do what they want to do.

Romans 1:24-32 Amplified *Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their own hearts to sexual impurity. To the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, abandoning them to the degrading power of sin. Because **they exchanged the Truth of God for a lie and worshipped the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen.- so be it.** For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions, for their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one; And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze with lust for one another, men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong doing and going astray, **which was their fitting retribution.** And so, they did not see fit to acknowledge God or even approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, (‘at least not in the way God wants it to be’)so God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome. ...Until they were **filled, permeated and saturated** with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed and malice. They become full of **envy and jealousy**, becoming murderers, **full of strife**, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. They are **secret backbiters** and gossips. Slanderers, **hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance and boasting**; inventors of new forms of evil , disobedient and undutiful to parents. These are without understanding, conscienceless, and faithless, heartless, loveless and merciless. **Though they are fully aware of God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them themselves but approve and applaud others who practice them.***

These men are fully aware of God’s Decree. What Decree?, **His righteousness.** His (**Right-wise-ness**). And you can’t know His **right-wise-ness** unless you have been taught it. These men have been taught the Truth yet they have rejected the Truth.

The Bible says **they have turned away from it.** Oh, maybe not outwardly, but they say, “oh, we believe in a God” but the God they believe comes forth from their own thinking and they have totally rejected God’s thinking and therefore God. So **they worship the creature, more than the Creator.**

Now remember, **Webster** said the word **worship** comes from two words, “**Worth**” meaning **an ascribed value** and the suffix “**Ship**” which is “**the state or condition of**”.

In other words, these men have turned down the real Message, the real Decree and have substituted their own version of what they think it should be based on their own lusts and desires. And they value more their own opinion of what God and His Word or Message are than what God Himself says that it is.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking*

lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; When ? The latter times, the end time...that's this hour.

Notice that these depart from **the faith** : and **to depart** means **they had to be in it to begin with** and **then they leave it**. From what? **The Faith**...There is only One Lord and One Faith. These then must be those who depart from the Message of the Hour.

And that is Why do they leave the Message, the Truth? Because **they give heed**, they pay attention to **seducing spirit's and Doctrines of Devils**.

And the ones who brandish the seductive spirit's and doctrines of devils are also those whom the scripture calls "**liars and pretentious hypocrites**". So they willingly deceive. And if they willingly do so then they know better.

NIV 1 Timothy 4:1-2 *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. **Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.***

These men are "Conscious but without a conscience". "**Children of disobedience**".

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 Amplified & Wuest *"And by unlimited seduction to evil and with all wicked deception geared to the gullibility of those who are in the act of perishing, this gullibility being caused by the fact that they did not welcome and accept the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved. Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to make them believe what is false.*

Jude 16 Amplified *These men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand ; Notice 2 things here: They are not acquainted with, **therefore they do not understand**.*

Therefore instead of searching to find the Truth, they can only do what they are destined to do and that is to mock it.

What I am trying to show you is that these men reject the **Revelation of Jesus Christ** the way that God has brought it. Remember, there is "**one Lord and one Faith**" and since **Faith is a Revelation**, then there is but one revelation and that is "**The Revelation of Jesus Christ**." Who He is! and What He is doing, And that is that He is here! But they are so ingrained in their own way of thinking, they reject the very God they claim to serve and they do not realize it is He Himself that has brought this Revelation to us.

Brother Branham said in His message entitled '**A Deceived Church**' *"But as Israel was bound by their Kings that they could not follow the real King; and the real King, when He came, they didn't recognize Him. So is it today, oh, Lord. The King of Glory has appeared in the form of the Holy Ghost and Lord, They don't know it. They don't recognize it. They're so organized so tight, that they do not understand it, because It's not in their organization. Lord this is a work of the devil that's done this to the people. May the Samson of God, may the True in heart, Those who are longing and crying and pleading and holding on, may they stay with It, Lord, until this new crop grows out. Until*

there comes forth a joy in Zion, and there comes forth a group that can recognize and understand. That can see the Messiah and the hidden power that's hid from the world, that they will not understand now. Grant, Lord, that they'll see this, for we ask It in Jesus name, a-man."

What we are showing you this morning is the pattern in which rejection takes place. They first Reject this Revelation, As we brought out Friday night, Revelation, then comes disputation and warfare. And He that overcomes this disputation and warfare is the one who has eternal Life, resurrection life. And since they dispute the revelation, therefore God turns them over to believe just about anything that comes along. And how do they reject this ***One Lord and One Revelation***? By rejecting the way in which He brings it and clinging to their own understanding which is error and death. ***"There is a way that seems right but it is death."***

So then ***God sends them a deluding influence***. which is an influence that deludes. Now **delude** means ***to mix*** or as brother Branham said to ***Hybridize***. So they delude what ? **Their understanding of Godhead** or Godhood in which comes forth all Life. These men **mix Truth with error, life with death and they bring forth a hybrid understanding that has no Life**. Thus they prevent the people from seeing and thus understanding the True Nature, the True Life and the True Character of God. And thus His True plan of redemption which is finalized by His Own Divine purpose as we see in ***Ephesians 1: 17-20***. And the hybrid truth snuffs out the Life that is in the real kernel of the genuine Word. Jesus said, ***"My Words are Spirit and Truth." I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." In Him is Life and the Life is the light of men."***

But what if that Life has been tampered with? What if it has been altered. Then it could only bring forth an altered reproduction.

You see, God has set even His own Character in a certain fashion or pattern or order. And by getting the people focused on a wrong Nature, it must follow that their expectations will look for a wrong pattern and order. And since Life and Truth came by the True Jesus Christ, then it only follows that a substitute Jesus will produce a substitute life and order. The God of their own imaginations will allow what is already in their own minds to be worshipped. Thus the Order is broken and chaos must follow. Since ***the Truth will set us free*** from our own thinking, then a false "truth" will have just the opposite effect, and will only bind us further in what we already are bound by the body of this death and the hybrid nature handed down since the days of Noah when man become a hybrid man.

Let us pray