

#3 Jesus claims as Son of God

1 The third area of the doctrine of Christ that I would like to look at this morning is that Jesus never claimed to be God, but he claimed to be the Son of God.

Psalms 45:6-7 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

2 Matthew 16: 13-16 "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ."

3 He next Scripture we see an argument between Jesus and the Pharisees over who is a son of God, and He declares that God is his Father and the fact that God vindicates him proves he is telling the truth.

John 8: 31-55 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. 48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? 49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. 52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the

prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. 53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? 54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

4 In the next Scripture we will read we again see an argument concerning who Jesus is and he emphatically declares to them that he is the son of God, but they can't fathom the concept of God having a son, so they try to say he blasphemes making himself God. Is not that the very arguments we get from the Oneness today?

John 10: 24-39 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one. 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

5 In the book of Ephesians the Apostle Paul calls God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:" and again in Ephesians 1:17 he calls him the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:"

And in the book of Hebrews 1:9 we hear God speaking to the son of God and says, "9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

6 So we see here that Paul says that God anointed Jesus above his fellows, and Luke tells us with what God anointed Jesus with in we see the fulfillment of that in the Book of Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Now, look it says that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost.

This does not say Jesus anointed himself like so many try to teach. In fact they don't even speak of this Scripture, they take it out of their Bibles, because they don't want their people to even think about what that verse is saying, so they avoid it altogether.

ELISHA THE PROPHET 56-1002.2E 21, brother Branham said, "And Jesus, the baptism He had was the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which was in Him, that come on Him at the river Jordan after He was baptized in water. John bare record; he seen the Spirit of God like a dove coming upon Him. And notice. Then when he went up, he sent back the same robe that he was wrapped in: the Holy Ghost upon the Church. And notice this

vindicated prophet of God William Branham said this anointing upon Jesus was the baptism of the Holy Ghost that Jesus received at the River Jordan.

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And in the message, MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD 60-0518 88 He tells us that the anointing left Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, "In the Garden of Gethsemane, the anointing left Him, you know, He had to die as a sinner. He died a sinner, you know that; not His sins, but mine and yours."

Also from, THE RISING OF THE SUN 65-0418 He said, "When God looked down upon the body... (The Spirit left Him in the Garden of Gethsemane; He had to die a man.) Remember friends, He didn't have to do that. That was God. God anointed that flesh, which was human flesh, and He didn't have... If He'd went up there as God, He'd have never died that kind of death; can't kill God.

TESTIMONY WILLIAM BRANHAM 60-0210 40 Brethren and sisters, we're men and women, got to die, but the Spirit of God that's among us, is the same God that met Moses in the wilderness, was in Jesus Christ on earth, because the life of It proves It's the same Spirit. It's doing the same thing. It's a promise of Christ. Oh, how... There's just no place to stop.

WHY CRY SPEAK 59-1004E 48 Now, how many knows that Christ is the Spirit of God? We all know that. He's the anointed One. Jesus was the anointed. There's where people who believe that there's three or four different Gods, get all mixed up. See? God is a Spirit. Jesus was the body that the Spirit of God dwelled in, made Him Emmanuel, God, tabernacled on earth. He was God. Jesus Christ was God, yet He was the Son of God. His flesh was the Son of God 'cause God created it, but inside He was God. "It's not Me," said Jesus, "does the works, it's My Father that dwelleth in Me. And that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." There you are.

8 Now, in Romans 15: 5-8 Paul tells us that God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: 6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 And again we see in 2 Corinthians 11: 31 Paul claims there is only one God who is also our Father.

And in 2 Corinthians 1: 3 Paul tells us that God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

And not only do we find Jesus and Paul declaring the God is the Father of Jesus but we find also the Apostle Peter. 1 Peter 1:3 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,...

And more specifically Peter tells us what he heard God Himself say up on the mountain concerning his relationship with His son Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1: 16-19 "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son,

in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. (And notice what Peter says about this. He calls it a more sure word because he was a witness to what God said. It's not just some theology, but God interprets his own Word by bringing it to pass. And he saw it and was witness to the record that God gave of His Son.) 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: God the Father ...This is my beloved Son,

10 Now, we've thus far seen what Jesus said of His relationship to God, that God was both His God and father, and we have seen what the Apostle Paul said which was the same thing, and we have seen what Peter said, which was the same thing, and now we will look at what the Apostle John says, which is the same testimony as the others. 2 John 1: 3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. God the Father, and Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,

And in 2 John 1:9 he defines to us the Doctrine of Christ as One God who is Father of His Son Jesus . 9 Whosoever goes beyond the limits, and remains not in the doctrine of Christ, echoes not God. That means you are not saying what God Himself said. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he echoes both the Father and the Son. (Notice he that has this doctrine of Christ correctly as taught by Jesus and God and Paul and Peter and John, he it is that is echoing or saying what both the Father and Son have said.)

11 And finally we see this same testimony in the Book of Revelations 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Because this is the book that warns us about taking away you will have your name taken from the Book of Life, and to add to it you will get the plagues and tribulation. So this is a warning to you ministers out there who will hear this message, you had better say it like it is written and don't withhold what is written because it doesn't seem to fit your preconceived notions or your Bible school teachings.

12 Now, we have shown so far Paul, and Peter, and John, and even God, on what record God had of His Son. But what about Jesus Himself, what did He have to say about his relationship with His own Father?

In John 20:17 we hear Jesus tell Mary that God is his God and His Father. "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

In John 2: 16 Jesus calls the house of God His Father's house, claiming God as His Father. And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

13 And in John 5:17 Jesus claims that He must see God, who He claims is His Father work in vision first before he can follow suit and act out what he has seen. 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. 19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: (That word showeth literally means to show, so he literally saw whatever it was the Father was

doing, call it a vision, or whatever term you wish to, but the fact is God was showing him, so he saw what His Father was doing and then went and did it, acting out the Word he saw in vision.)

And that is exactly what William Branham vindicated prophet of God said in his sermon Manifestation of the Spirit 51-0717 P:36 He did not claim to do anything. When He passed by the pool of Bethesda, there were lame, halt, blind, withered, maybe ten thousand. The Bible said great multitudes. There was a man laying there that maybe had diabetes. He had an infirmity for twenty and eight years. And Jesus knew that he laid there. He healed that one man and left the rest of the crowd lay: Saint John 5. Is that right? And the Jews questioned Him, the 19th verse. Listen to Him. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. But whatsoever the Father doeth, He showeth the Son." Is that right? Then Jesus did nothing of Himself. He seen a vision of what God was doing, and that Jesus done. Is that right? Saint John 5:19, which there's many other Scriptures to go with it. But that's true. We believe that. He saw the vision.

Sir would we see Jesus 54-1205 P:15 Jesus walked away and left every one of them people laying there. That was Jesus nineteen hundred years ago. They found this man packing his--his pallet on his back. He'd got up and went on. Jesus told him he was healed. He believed it. If he'd have doubted Him, he'd have just stayed laid there. And then, when the Jews caught this man, they questioned, and they questioned Jesus. How here it is; get it close so you'll never forget it, 19th verse of the 5th chapter of Saint John. Read it all when you go home. They questioned Jesus. "Why," He said, "verily, verily, I say unto you..." Listen. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing." Well, whatever doth He showeth the Son. Is that right? "The Father worketh and I worketh hitherto." In other words, "I can do nothing as the Son of God." And men claiming to be Divine healers, when even the Son of God didn't claim to be a Divine healer. He said, "I can do nothing." He didn't claim to be a healer. Said, "It isn't Me that does the work. It's My Father that dwelleth in Me; He doeth the works." Then if we're sons of God today with the Father's Spirit in us, what about it? The same Spirit, the same mind, the same works, the same power... Now, He said, "I can do nothing except My Father shows Me." And when... In other words... Listen close now. This may shock just a little. But Jesus Christ, the Son of God, never performed one miracle without first seeing a vision of it, or He told something wrong there. He said, "The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what I see the Father doing." Is that true? That was Jesus nineteen hundred years ago. Our time will get away soon. We must give some time for prayer. See, people what the Scripture means? Now, Jesus said that He did nothing.

14 Now, in getting back to St. John 5:19 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. But whatsoever the Father doeth, He showeth the Son." and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. 22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

15 Now, in the next verse you'll see why Jesus took a firm stand against all men, because he didn't care what men said, He only cared what His Father thought, and if we could just get to that point, we could break free from all those controlling spirits in the churches today that will try to use peer pressure to induce you to follow them, and forsake the leading of the Holy Spirit. John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

Oh, brother's and sisters, we could go and on and on with Scripture upon Scripture upon Scriptures showing that Jesus own testimony was that God was his father. I have 56 additional Scriptures showing in Jesus own testimony this relationship he had with His Father who was God and how he wants you to have the same relationship. But to spare time, we will just read them to you and you can read them for yourselves when you have time.

16 In John 6: 32 he claims his Father God gave to them the bread of life to Moses and He is that bread.

In John 6:65 he tells us that no man can recognize him as the Son of God and come to him unless God His Father has ordained and set in motion for him to come.

In John 8:17-19 Jesus says, It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

John 8:25-29 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. 27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 8:38-50 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. 48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? 49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

17 In John 8:54 Jesus tells us that he doesn't need honor from man, it is his Father than honors him. And then in John 10:17-18 Jesus tells us that he will lay down his own life and it will be his own decision, and his own will that will do it because he loves his Father.

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

18 And in John 10:29-30 Jesus speaks of how God has chosen certain ones to believe his testimony of his relationship to His Father and no man can pluck them out of his hand, because God gave them to him, and then he speaks of His oneness with his Father.

In John 10:32 He speaks of how His Father God, vindicates his Words by backing up his words with supernatural signs and vindicated works.

John 10:37-38 Again he speaks of the works vindicating that God his Father dwells with Him and is in Him.

In John 12:26 Jesus tells us that if any man will believe him, follow him, and serve him, God will honor that man.

In John 14:2 Jesus tells us of His Fathers mansion, and how he must go to prepare a place for us.

John 14:6-11 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? 10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

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Now, I hope I don't have to go into this to show you again the difference between the works and the greater works, but we know the greater works was the ministry of the believer in William Branham for no man has ever done more than the Son of God's earthly ministry until this hour in William Branham's ministry, and that is not because of anything other than the sovereign will of God, because as William Branham said, no man is a divine healer, God is the divine healer, and he could do nothing until God showed him in vision what to do. So the greater than is God's business, not our to try to wonder why. Forget it and just believe it.

13 And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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Now I wonder how they are going to handle that? I personally believe that God will honor the request of a man that is totally surrendered to God and has consecrated his life to God in the service of God as his Father. I've seen too many miracles to believe others wise. And William Branham said in quoting Jesus, ye have not because ye believe not so ask abundantly that your joys may be full. You know we live so far beneath our privileges as sons and daughter so God. Be like Elisha, he asked abundantly and God gave him a double portion of what Elijah had.

That's what you should ask for a double portion of what William Branham had. There's your example. Doesn't Elisha represent the end-time bride? Now, I don't say that should be our focus, and I know some will take what I am saying here and run with it to say I'm going back to Pentecost or some stupid thing like that. No, that's not it at all. But we shouldn't be hanging down our heads in shame and unbelief. There are too many in this bride dying of cancers and every other thing and it shouldn't be. We know our status in Christ and we know our present state. So why not let go and let God? Be not dumb driven cattle, afraid to step out in faith. Jesus said, in the next verse

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. Not I might think about it, not I might do it, He said I will do it. Now either you believe what he said or you don't. I've never seen such low faith as I see right here in this Message of people who should know their position in the family.

Second handed robe 56-1206 P:35 Now, the Bible said, "Ask abundance." Certainly. You know, we're afraid we're going to ask God too much. But you can't over ask God anything. Could you imagine a little fish about that long out in the middle of the ocean saying, "Well, I better drink of this water sparingly, 'cause it might run out someday." Nonsense. Could you imagine a little mouse about that long, down under the great garners Egypt, saying, "I better just eat a few grains each day and be very conservative now, because I tell you; I might run out before the winter's over, before the new crop comes in." Oh, my. Now, that's... Add ten billion times to that, and you can find how silly it would be to try to think you could exhaust God's abundance of blessings for you. Why, my, He said, "Ask abundantly that your joys might be full." And Elisha was going to ask abundantly. He said, "I want a double portion of Your Spirit upon me." Oh, what a question, what a desire.

21 And yet if you had that desire today they would label you some kind of William Branham wannabe. Now, let me tell you something, Sure I would like to be more like that man was, but I don't want to settle for that, I want to be like the one he wanted to be like.

Hear ye Him 57-0322 P:43 And I think that's just about where our churches are getting. We're children of God, but we're losing our inheritance by our conduct, the things that we do, and the things that we permit to be done, and the way that we live and act and so forth. We're living millions of miles below our privilege. And then someone can see the work of God being done, and Dr. So-and-so, Dr. Jones says it's this, and the other doctor says it's this; and we believe it instead of looking into the Word. The Word verifies what's sheep food. It comes out of the Word.

Hear ye Him 57-0519A P:20 Some of we ministers, we should be ashamed of ourselves, as we keep our congregation way below their privileges. The whole Christian church today is living thousands of miles below their God-given privilege, because of just so half asleep, dismal like... Take the promise; believe it. God said so; that settles it forever. No matter how long it takes to materialize, don't--that... Time doesn't mean nothing to God. It's His Word that we take and we believe. Abraham waited twenty-five years for that child to come. But it arrived. Certainly. We believe it, because God said so.

22 You know I was reading the testimony on our website about the man that had his heel cut off and his leg was full of gain green, and he came here for prayer, and when we prayed of faith was prayed over him, and satan was cast out that started the cells coming alive in his foot, and cell was added upon cell upon cell, and it grew him back another foot.

You've got to believe it for God to do it, and you've got to ask it in Jesus name and believe that you will receive and the process will begin right then. Didn't Jesus say in verse 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you.

So when is an orphan no longer an orphan? When he is adopted. And we are at the hour of adoption brothers and sisters. Believe it, and you will receive it.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: (The world could not see his Appearing, His Parousia presence but we see it) because I live, ye shall live also. 20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

23 And we have a promise in John 14:23 that if we love him, that God will love him and come into him and make his abode in him. Oh, God, hide me in the secret of Thy presence.

24 Then Jesus says in John 15:1 I am the vine and that the Father is the husbandman. So if we are in that vine, the life in the vine flows through your veins as well. And we have the promise that the husband man will take care of the vine to see to it the life in the vine brings forth fruit to vindicate it is indeed in the vine.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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God wants His children to bear much fruit. What kind of a sadistic father wouldn't want his children to bear much fruit. And yet why are so many pastors so afraid of seeking God for fruit in their ministry. I want to have fruit in my life and ministry, I want to yield my vessel to God as one that is totally emptied out and ready for His filling. Use me o God for whatever Glory that your will might be done in this body. So Jesus encourages us in John 15:10 to keep pressing on and doing his commandments, to show our love for the father and for him.

John 15:24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. **25** But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 That's what I want. Oh they can accuse me of whatever motive is in their own hearts, but I want the work of Jesus in my life, especially his obedient nature to be in me, that others might see God and not me. And I know they will hate me without a cause but that is their problem not mine. Just let it be done unto me according to Thy Word o God. isn't that what Mary said? Not my will but thy will be done. Isn't that what Jesus said? "He wants to borrow my body to prove that He's the resurrected Christ. I'm so happy to loan it to Him, give it to Him, anything He can get out of it." Isn't that what William Branham said? Well, if he said it, and Jesus said it, and Mary said it, then why can't you? Are you so proud to think that God couldn't use your body to bring glory to His name?

27 Didn't Jesus say in John 18:11 "the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" And didn't Jesus say in John 20:21 "as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Let us pray,...