#29 Until Christ be formed in you

1 Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Look, this is the hour that the Glory, the doxa, the values, opinions, and judgments of God are to be revealed in us.) 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 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. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Look, it´s groaning and travailing because it is not in the condition it was meant to be in. 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.

2 Now, we are not going to focus tonight on what this manifestation is because I have already taught on that 5 years ago in the Masterpiece series. And to basically fill you in on what I taught, I showed how there is only one verse of Scripture that actually speaks on the manifestation of the sons of God and that is verse 19 of Romans 8. However you can not understand this verse without first reading verse 18 which speaks of the doxa of God being revealed in us.

3 In other words, you can not have manifestation which is something outward without first having some inward take place. So The apostle Paul speaks of Some thing being revealed in us then he speaks of that something manifesting itself.

4 Now, many people chase after the idea that the manifestation of the sons of God is some great super duper expression in the Bride, and I believe it is just the opposite. It is the nature of the Son of God being first revealed to the Sons of God and then being revealed in the Sons of God by the new birth.

5 Brother Branham said, Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:12 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. (now, what´s that brother Branham? He said Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. So what does that mean? It means you´re not even in the equation. It means you are dead and your life is hid with God in Christ Jesus. In fact that is exactly what the Apostle Paul taught in . Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

6 Let me continue reading what brother Branham has to say about the new birth from Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:12 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation.

7 Now, notice he says that twice for emphasis. First he says Christ in you , but just in case the people did not understand how Christ could be in you, he then says, Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation

8 Now, if you still have a problem with having to be the center of attention, you have not died to your self yet. William Branham is explaining the new birth that it is a revelation that takes place within you. And Since he is talking about the revelation of Jesus Christ, we might as well add what the apostle John said as well about the revelation of Jesus Christ. In 2 John 9 he said, for John said in 2 John 9 Whosoever transgresseth, (whosoever goes beyond the limits) and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, (and remains not in the doctrine of Christ) hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

9 Now, simply put, if you do not have this revelation of Jesus Christ revealed in you, somewhere you have ventured outside the boundaries of the doctrine of Christ and thus you do not have God and neither are you echoing God. Because that word hath was translated from the Greek word "echo" which means the same thing as the English equivalent.

10 Now, back to brother Branham´s quote about the new birth. He continues "Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ". Now, I hope that is not too deep for you, because this Bible is His Story. It´s all about Him. And then he says, "Christ in you" (remember he is talking about Christ-Life, so Christ-Life in you) makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing.

11 Now, don´t take his words wrong and run with them. It´s not all about you, it´s all about him living his life out through you. You are dead and your life is hid remember?

12 Then he says, `See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is a--the revelation that the Church was built upon.

13 Again, he is still talking about Christ´s very life living itself out in you. That is exactly what the Apostle Paul said in Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet it is not I that am living, but Christ-Life is living in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

14 Now, we all know that faith is a revelation, so he is living by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

15 Leadership 65-1207 P:59 And like a baby formed in its mother's womb, when the baby comes into the--to the mother's womb, by the little germ, it crawls into the egg. It doesn't form one cell a human, the next a dog, and the next a cat, and the next a horse. It's all human cells because it's building off of an original human cell. And when a man has been born again by the Word of God, predestinated to Eternal Life, called the Elected, it'll be Word of God on top of Word, Word on Word. Not a denominational creed and then a Word, and a creed; and it won't work. You can't have that leaven in It. Only one Eternal Life, Jesus Christ the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us."

16 From his sermon, Divine Healing 54-1219M P:59 Brother Branham said, "Now, you notice those people who set and say, "Well, I accept the Lord." You take their word for it. I would too. I can't judge. God does. But in ten years from now, they've never progressed a bit, just staying right in the same old place. See? We grow daily. Each day our heart hungers, keeps moving on. There's something growing inside of you. Amen. You get bigger, spread out, can take more, ...Paul told the Corinthians church, said, "You're maturing growing. But when you ought to be teachers, you're still babes needing teaching (Is that right?) when you ought to be teachers," something in there growing out, pushing out, making bigger, the Holy Spirit, growing. The new birth... If a birth is born from the inside out, the child, it grows if it lives. If it doesn't, it remains. Is that right? Well, when a birth is on the inside, shouldn't it grow? The Christ in your heart ought to be growing daily, getting bigger, more powerful, understanding things better, forgiving, walking on as God would, till Christ be formed in you, the hope of glory.

17 So let´s take a look at these last two statements he says here. The Christ in your heart ought to be growing daily, getting bigger, more powerful, understanding things better, forgiving, walking on as God would, till Christ be formed in you, the hope of glory.

18 The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, Now, to understand what this means if you will read the entire book to Galatians and especially the 4th chapter, But has been teaching them how that Christ is to live out his life in each of us, and as we grow in Christ His own Life is forming in us.

19 In his sermon, Queen of Sheba 61-0119E P:80 brother Branham said, "As I said this morning, if the first branch of the vine brought forth a Pentecostal church, every real branch out of that vine will bring forth another Pentecostal church. But we got a lot of grafted branches, and they bring forth after their kind. We got Methodist branch grafted into it, Baptist branch, Pentecostal branch, every other kind of branch. It bears its own fruit. You can take a orange tree and put a grapefruit in it. It'll live off the life of that tree, but it'll bear grapefruit. Put a lemon in there, it'll bear lemon, not an orange, yet it's living off of orange life. See, any citrus fruit...Any church professing to be Christian thrives off of the glory and praises of Christ. But it can't bear the fruit. It won't bear the Life of Christ until Christ puts forth that branch Himself.

20 And who do you believe has come down in this Hour to do just that?

21 Then it'll write another Book of Acts behind it (that's right), because it is the acts of the Holy Spirit in the church. See? That's the way it is tonight, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

22 Now, listen you can crow at me all you want but those are the words of a vindicated prophet of God.

23 I am sorry, but if you think the Message is that God came down just to restore the doctrine you aren´t seeing the entire picture. He is not coming for an intellectual Bride, he is come for a Bride that is conformed to the image of Christ.

24 Is your life worthy 63-0630E P:65 A Christian is not a tool or some kind of a mechanical wrench to a great big religious regime. That's right. A Christian's not some kind of a tool that keeps a religious organization moving. A Christian... That is not a Christian. A Christian is to be Christ-like. And a Christian cannot be a Christian until Christ comes into the man, the Life of Christ in him. Then it produces the Life that Christ lived, and you do the things that Christ did. What am I talking about? Personal relationship to Christ. What is it? Is your life worthy of the Gospel?

25 The people were fussing in Galatians and Paul said when you ought to be teachers you are still babes fussing and fighting with one another. And he said, Galatians 4:19 My little children, (not adults, not elect ladies, but little children) of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,.

26 Now, the word "form" here was translated from the Greek word "morphoo", which means to shape you. Paul was looking for the Holy Spirit to mold and shape the elect into mature sons and daughters of God, not a bunch of infighting little children.

27 From his sermon, Modern events made clear by prophecy 65-1206 P:47 he said, "Pentecost, that's why Luther lost his message. That's how Wesley lost his message. See? If the Wesleyan church would've went on, they'd been Pentecostals. If the Lutherans went on, they'd been Methodists. See? And now, if the Pentecostals go on, it'll be the Bride. If you hang back and keep going back in the world like you're going now, you'll be lost. It'll only be the shuck and the stalk, is to be burned. You know that. He'll gather His wheat into the garner. But the husks He'll burn with unquenchable fire, although it was a carrier. It certainly carried it, but the Life left it as soon as it become a leaf, it went on out to make something else until it come to its full statue. And so will the church come through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost (restoration of gifts), right on into the formed image of Christ. Christ is the Bridegroom; the Church is the Bride; and the Bride is a part of the Bridegroom. It'll have to be a Word church, not a denominational church. It'll be the Word church, the Word that's made known by the vindicated Word of God.

28 Which I might add, can only become formed through this vindicated Message.

29 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Marriage of the lamb 62-0121E P:45 When you come into Christ, you're no more of the world; you are of Christ. You care not then for the things of the world. They're dead to you. "For he that loves the world, or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him." (You see?), you can't be a artificial Christian. You can be a artificial professed Christian, but you can't be a Christian until Christ injects Himself by the baptism of the Holy Ghost into you. Then you're connected with Him, and you're no longer twain; you are one. Christ promised to be in us, as the Father was in Christ. "I and My Father are One. You and I are One," (See?) Christ in us.

30 Then why do we think we are one just because we have the right doctrine? That is just one fruit in the woman´s head dress. But there are 9 others as well, and why is it that we hardly see those nine fruits of the spirit in the people today?

31 Images of Christ 59-0525 P:38 Lord, may we receive His Spirit tonight. May that be the hunger of every heart in here. You seen the hands that went up, Lord. Not to say creeds, or not to join churches, or fuss upon these

things or that, but to be humble in our hearts, to be made conformed to the image of God, may it be done by the Holy Spirit, Lord. May God's Holy Spirit make us, not by intellectual's conception that we should be and we'll act like it, but... That's adopted baby. But, Lord, may it really happen by the Holy Ghost in a new birth, that transforms us by the renewing of our spirit to make us like Him. Hear my prayer, Lord. It's feeble; I know, Lord. It's feeble. Not only am I praying for those who held their hands, but for my own hands who went up. Make me like Him. God, no matter what You have to do to me, what planes I have to come on, make me like Him. I want to be like Jesus in my heart. Grant it, Lord. And not only me, but make all these here tonight thus. Grant it, Father, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

32 And that is exactly what William Branham vindicated prophet of God said in Questions and answers COD 59-0628E P:115 And if you have not received the Holy Ghost, and your life does not feel sweet, no matter if you spoke in tongues, if you've shouted, if you've jumped up-and-down, if you've laid hands on the sick and they recovered, if you have done all kinds of miracles and signs, if you haven't got the fruits of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, faith and all these things in you, then I command you and constrain you in the Name of Jesus Christ to not cease praying until the Holy Ghost comes on you. No matter how much you've spoke in tongues, how much you've shouted, how long you've been a church member, if you've been here, what all you've done will have nothing to do with it until Christ, the Holy Spirit, takes His place in your heart and you're dead to the things of the world and live anew to Christ.

33 Images of Christ 59-0525 P:39 brother, to be a Christian means to be conformed to the image of Christ. We want to be living images, not pack an image, but be an image of the Lord Jesus. There's a little song that I want you to help me sing right now. I don't know; I can't sing it, but I'm sure you all can. "Help Me To Be Like Jesus." How many ever heard it? I know we all want to be that way. So let's sing it to Him. I'm conscious that the great Holy Spirit is here. You couldn't hide. David said, "I make my bed in hell, yet He will be there." He's--He's going to be everywhere. So, He's right here tonight. He knows every move, every action, everything that we do, every look, every thought. He knows all about it. Don't you believe that? So to be like Jesus, to be like Jesus, On earth I long to be like Him; All through life's journey from earth to glory I only ask to be like Him.

34 Identification 63-0123 P:89 Or do you find yourself identified with His true disciples? Amen. That's where we want to be: true to Him, true to His Word. Stay up in the face of critics. Amen. Is that where you find yourself identified tonight? Thank the Lord. Amen. Letting the Life of Christ flow through them... Yes, sir. They had been sanctified by His coming. And a sinful man, upon confession... And sanctification had cleansed them, and their hearts were so centered to God until Christ poured Himself into them and reflect His Presence to the world. In the face of critics they stood like He did. They stood true to the Word, even till one said, "Thou almost persuadest me to be a Christian," one of the critics.

35 Now, in getting back to our text, Paul spoke of travailing with our childbirth until Christ be formed in us. And not only did Paul travail, but we also read that the whole creation is groaning and travailing together for the sons of God to finally manifest themselves as sons of God and not like little children.

36 Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 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. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Look, it´s groaning and travailing because it is not in the condition it was meant to be in. 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.

37 Notice, groaning and travailing. Now we saw why Paul was travailing for the children of God, because of all the cat fights they were having. And instead of getting caught up into the little squabbles here and there, just forget about it and give it over to God. One of the brethren overseas asked why I didn´t fight with a certain preacher who was lambasting me from his pulpit, and I told her "because I don´t fight with children". And let´s face it, the behavior of little children is almost comical when they are having their little disputes.

38 Have you ever stopped to realize how little the issues usually are? And even in families, the kids fussing or amongst siblings, most of the fussing is over such trivial things. And I blame the five fold ministry because their job is to bring the children to perfection which is maturity so that they are no longer tossed to and fro by every wind. But usually they are the ones who start the whole mess.

39 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Inner man 53-1212 P:12 Would you like to know what I think the greatest need of the church today? Would you like to know What I think... Where I think the lacking is? Is a no soul travail. The people are not broke up enough. There's no burden seemingly. And you give me someone that's just so tore up about lost souls that they just cry and are wanting a revival so bad till they can hardly eat, just simply can't...If you'll read the history of the world and the religious history, you'll find out it always taken that kind of a spirit to bring a revival. That's right. See? When Zion travailed why then she brought forth children. See? You have to be tore up. It's the atmosphere of anything.

40 And all creation is groaning watching the childish nature of the sons of God. Why? Because they know they are waiting on us to be restored to our rightful place that we lost in the garden.

41 Breach the 63-0317E P:45 Now, something's lost, and it's groaning. It's trying to get back to be back to its original condition. Would you imagine someone falling from the earth down into a deep pit somewhere, and was struggling, climbing, pulling... They must, by some means, get out of this pit. They're not in their original state, and frantically they're screaming; they're clawing the walls, making a noise or doing some way. They're groaning because that they want to get back to their original state.

42 Revelation chapter 5 pt 1 bruised serpent 61-0611 P:45 But now, now, they've been all those years until now, now we have the Earnest of our inheritance. Oh, my, my. What do we have? We have the evidence that God lives. We have the evidence that God is with us. We have the evidence that God has not forsaken us, that we are His and He is ours, because we, in our bodies we now tabernacle the Holy Spirit of God that cries out, "Abba, Father." And there's nothing can ever take that away. We are anchored in Christ. Now, the trees does not have it; nature does not have it; but yet we are still groaning with them because as yet we haven't received the fullness of our adoption. But we have the Earnest of it, that we were picked up from the things of the world and now become sons and daughters of God. What kind of people should we be? Oh, my, when we think of that... Think of it. Now, we have the Earnest; our spirit's groaning for the full adoption, but now we have the Earnest of it. As we receive the Holy Spirit, It is the Earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation. Oh, how beautiful. I just love that. All right.

43 Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:85 Now, that's when He can express the preeminences. You see? He's got the man or the person so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? All right. That's secondly. First, to express Hisself completely: God in Christ. Second, to have the preeminences by this in His Church (which is His Body, Bride) to... He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right. And thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening with His people, talked with them, fellowshipped with them. And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it?

44 Faithful Abraham 61-0312 P:70 And all the world is groaning, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, waiting for the church to get back in its place again, sons of God to be made manifest, waiting for that hour. Hope that don't hurt, but I just had to say it. See? The church is so far away from its place. It needs to be back to be sons of God again: rulers, governors of the earth, under the spiritual reign it will be someday, when the chief One comes, Jesus Christ, the great millennium. Nature's groaning for that day.