

#68 He that Believeth no 22 Life of Christ no 8 God Life in You

1 Tonight by God's Grace we will end our mini series on "The life of Christ" and "He that Believeth". We will begin by going to the Book of Romans and examining the effects of God's own Spirit in the believer. Then when we have read from Romans 8 we will simply read 5 pages of quotes from Br. Branham showing how The Life of Christ in you will live itself out in you no differently than it lived itself out in Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago.

2 Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 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. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

3 Now, I am going to read this same Scripture from the AMPLIFIED version because it breaks down these thoughts much more than we see in the King James version.

Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of The Spirit (God's Spirit). 2 For the law of the Spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus (Which I now the law of our new being for we are now new a creation in Christ Jesus, and this law of Life which guides our spirit) has freed me from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the Law could not do, its power being weakened by the flesh (the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit). Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh because he subdued the flesh and overcame the nature of the flesh, by depriving it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice, 4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit and our lives are governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but our lives are controlled by the Holy Spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of

the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the Holy Spirit. 6 Now the mind of the flesh which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit is death. Death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter. But the mind of the Holy Spirit is life and peace in the soul,[both now and forever. 7 That is because the mind of the flesh with its carnal thoughts and purposes is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot. 8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh, catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature, cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him. 9 But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God really dwells within you directing and controlling you. But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His; he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God. 10 But if Christ lives in you, then although your natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness that He imputes to you. 11 And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore life to your mortal, perishable bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you. 12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh. We are not obligated to our carnal nature, to live a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates of the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the dictates of the flesh, you will surely die. But if through the power of the Holy Spirit you are habitually putting to death, making extinct, deadening, the evil deeds prompted by the body, you shall really and genuinely live forever. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For The Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit producing sonship, in which we cry, Father! Father! 16 The Spirit Himself thus testifies together with our own spirit, assuring us that we are children of God. 17 And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. 18 But what of that? For I consider that the sufferings of this present time this present life are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred upon us! 19 For even the whole creation, all nature itself, waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known waiting for the revealing, the disclosing of their son-ship.

The Message The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us. 5-8 Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them-living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored. 9-11 But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells-even though you still experience all the limitations of sin-you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's! 12-14 So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! 15-17 This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us-an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him! 18-21 That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard

times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

4 Now, that we have read from the Scriptures about how God's own Life, His Own Spirit is given to us to live our life for us, let's now just simply read 5 pages of quotes from Brother Branham showing how that Life is to be lived.

5 Forsaking all 62-0123 P:86 If the spirit of a gangster was in me, I'd have guns on me. If the spirit of a painter was in me, I could paint the picture of a painter... he could do. If the spirit of a mechanic was on me, I could tell you what was wrong with your car. See? And if the Spirit of Jesus Christ is in me, I'll do the works of Christ because it's the life of Christ in you. See? Manifested in who? Manifested in who? He forsaken His Son-ship and became sin and took our sins, that He might take sinners and make them sons. He became me that I might become Him. He become a sinner that I might become a son of God. Oh, it's striking what He done. See, He taken your place that you might take His place. You're joint heirs with Him in the Kingdom. He become a sinner like you, your sins placed upon Him that He might take you and make you a fellow citizen of heaven and set you with Him in God's Kingdom. There you are: put His Spirit in you. And if His Spirit's in you, the works that He did you'll do also.

6 Mark of the beast 61-0217 P:38 Now, remember, the Bible said, "Don't spare nothing." Little or young or old or all. All that hasn't got this seal of God would be marked otherwise. And look who was marked out of it? Lifelong men who gave their lives for the clergy, priests and renowned men, great priests and scholars. Now, how many knows that's true? Why, sure it is. Sure it's true. Just as scholar... Just as holy, just as sweet, perhaps fine people, citizens of the country... But that's no excuse. When God sends something and you fail to walk in it, then you're out; that's all. You either do or you don't. That's the way it was. All that didn't get in the ark, drowned, and that was all there was to it, no matter who they was. That's the same thing, all that's not in Christ today will perish without Christ. It's true. So you can't say, "I'm a Methodist, or Baptist, or Pentecostal, or anything else; you've got to be of Christ. And if you're of Christ, you do the works of Christ. That bears record and proves that it is. It's just as clear as the Scripture, I know how to say it. That's just as plain as the nose on this big face, or big nose on this face of mine, rather. That's right.

7 Sirs we would see Jesus 60-0109 P:67 If we profess to have the Spirit of Christ, we should do the works of Christ. He said it Himself.

8 It is I be not afraid 59-0811 P:48 If the Spirit of Christ was in us, we'll do the works of Christ.

9 Sirs we would see Jesus 57-0804E P:34 That was Jesus yesterday, if He's the same today, He has to be the same. He will do the same; He will act the same. And if His Church has got His Spirit, they'll be like Christ. If I told you I had the spirit of some outlaw in me like John Dillinger, you'd expect me to have big guns and be dangerous to be around me, if his spirit was in me. If I told you I had the spirit of some famous artist, you'd expect me to be able to catch the waves of the--or the sunset and so forth, and paint like that artist, if his spirit is in me. Oh, I hope this goes home. But if the Christian Church has got the Spirit of Christ, they'll do the works of Christ; Christ said so. If the Spirit is in the Church. What faith are you to contend for? We're just Christians by

profession. We might be Christians by cold formal profession; we might be Christians by radical, enthusiastic, hysterical faith. But a real Christian, the Spirit of Christ produces the Bible again, for it's His Spirit.

10 God in His Word 57-0323 P:53 He's sending us, and going with us, and performing the works of Christ as Christ performed the works of God, going with us through death, and raise us up at the last day. God's in His people.

11 Ministry explained 50-0711 P:12 And if we had the Spirit of Christ, then we do the works of Christ. And the Spirit that was upon Him, He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more; yet, you'll see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the age."

12 Jehovah Jireh 1 64-0402 P:47 And the Spirit that was in Christ is in you. And if the spirit of a villain was in me, I'd have guns. If the spirit of an artist was in me, I'd paint pictures. If the Spirit of Christ is in me, the works of Christ you'll do. Amen. That's right.

13 Return and Jubilee 62-1122 P:39 But in order to be a son of God you've got to be born of the Spirit of God, then you become Christ-like and do the works of Christ; then you're not funny to them people. A human acting like a human's not funny. And a Christian acting like a Christian, born of the same Spirit... You see the Pentecostal group at the beginning, that same Pentecostal group acts the same way if it's born of the same Spirit, 'cause it's born. That's why, today, that people doesn't understand the church. And the church has begin to grow cold and formal, getting after creeds and things and leaving off the following of the Holy Spirit. All right.

14 Letting off the pressure 62-0609E P:64 Now, the Son of God is here tonight. I believe that. I'm not no Son of God. I am adopted son of God, like you are. I'm a portion of His Spirit. And if His Spirit is in me... .. If I tell you the Spirit of Christ is in me, then I should do the works of Christ, live the kind of Life that He lived, a sacrificed Life for the people. That is right.

15 Letting off the pressure 62-0609E P:51 Jesus said in John 14, "I am the Vine; ye are the branches." And the first branch that come forth out of that Vine they wrote a Book of Acts behind it. That's right. And today, we have denominations living on the name of Christianity, but only bearing denominational fruit. That's right. But if that Vine ever puts forth another branch, you'll write a Book of Acts behind it, because it'll bear the original life. If the Spirit of Christ is in the church, well, it'll do the works of Christ. Jesus said so. Then we can let off the steam, let off the pressure. You don't have to run from church to church. Just come to Christ.

16 End time evangelism 62-0603 P:36 If I tell you I am a Christian, and the Spirit of Christ is in me, or in you, then we do the works of Christ. Jesus said, in St. John, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Then He said here, "These signs shall follow them that believe. "

17 Have faith in God 58-0510 P:50 If I say, "The Spirit of Christ in me," then it produces the works of Christ. He promised it.

18 [u]Will church go before tribulation 58-0309E P:48 If it's a Christian vine, it'll bear Christ, the life of Christ, the works of Christ. See? Then our spirits has to be energized by something. I'm so glad to be in Him, tonight.

19 Hear ye Him 58-0301E P:87 If I tell you the Spirit of Christ is in me, you'd expect me to do the works of Christ. That's right. That's what the churches look to, not to have creeds, but to have the Spirit of Christ.

20 What shall I do with Jesus 63-1124M P:95 As I said, if the life of Beethoven was in you, you'd live like Beethoven. If the life of Hitler was in you, you'd live like Hitler. And when the Life of Christ is in you, you'll live like Christ. And the works of Christ you do. And that'll be... If Christ lived today He'd do exactly what the Word said He'd do today. And if the Word said that, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever," why can't this blind ecclesiastical world see the time that they're living. See?

21 The way back 62-1123 P:90 If I tell you the Spirit of Christ is in me, then do the works of Christ. It's what He said.

22 [b]Ten virgins 60-1211M P:129 They were filled with the Holy Ghost (That's right.), and their works was the works of Christ. They laid hands on the sick and they recovered; they done all kinds of signs and miracles and wonders. And in their forehead, was sealed by the revelation that He was the Son of God, and they were working with Him (the Deity of Christ), there's the mark.

23 Blind Bartimaeus 59-0408 P:43 The Spirit of Christ is in the Church; It'll do the works of Christ. It's got to; it's the same Spirit.

24 Look away to Jesus 63-1229E P:15 And if Christ lives in me, the works of Christ you'll do. It's got to be. And what is Christ? The Word. He said, "If ye abide in Me, My Word in you, then ask what you will, it'll be done," because the Word there, just needs the Light; and the Light makes it live.

25 Jesus Christ the same 58-0312 P:31 If a Christian church is the vine, or the branch that's in Christ, they'll do the works of Christ and bear the Life of Christ. "By their fruits you shall know them." Now, then the way that He is today, He's here in the form of the Holy Spirit, working through His Church, performing the same things that He did there. That makes Him the same yesterday, today, and forever. His Life, the Life that was in Christ, which was God, produced the kind of a life that He lived then, that same Life comes into His churches, His church members, since they have been purged by His Blood and given the Holy Spirit access to work through them, bears the same fruit that He bore. So therefore, the world can see then that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

26 Door to the heart 58-0316E P:92 If it's a sinful vine you're hooked into, it'll bear sin. If it's a church vine, it'll bear churchanity. If it's Christ, it'll bear the works of Christ: got to. "I am the Vine; ye are the branches." And now, He only has hands, mine and yours, eyes, mine and yours. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

27 Hear ye Him 60-0712 P:94 Jesus beats it with the Holy Ghost until He sees His own reflection in it. Then you can see the works of Christ being performed in the Church; then she's ready for the rapture. Pure gold... Do you believe that, all of you?

28 What is the Holy Ghost 59-1216 P:45 They knew the church was to receive power that would work in the church the same works of Christ, because as a shadow becomes deeper and deeper and reflects more...

29 Adoption or placing 60-0522E P:23 The church has got to be so perfectly like Christ, until Christ and the church can unite together, the same Spirit. And if the Spirit of Christ is in you, It makes you live the life of Christ, act the life of Christ, do the works of Christ. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Jesus said that. See?

30 Queen of Sheba 60-0710 P:40 If the Life of Christ is in you, it will produce His Life in you." The works that I do shall you do also." The same works, because it's the same life. If the life in a watermelon vine produces a watermelon, well, it'll... The next branch that comes out, it'll produce another watermelon; every time it'll be a watermelon. And if the church is really anchored in Christ, every church will write a book of Acts behind it. That's exactly right, because the first one wrote a book of Acts behind it. So, there we are.

31 It wasn't so from the beginning 61-0411 P:45 And if the Life of Christ is in you, It'll do the same thing. That was God's example church, was Pentecost. If we claim to begin from there, then what's happened? What along the road taken place?

32 We would see Jesus 58-0523 P:23 Everything's known in itself. Then the Spirit of God in His church, will reproduce the Life of Christ, if He is the Vine, and we are the branches. Certainly, you see?

33 Be certain of God 59-0708E P:49 If I had the Spirit of Christ, I'll do the works of Christ. Jesus said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not." And if the church does not do the works of Christ, then don't believe that church. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." And we've perverted it by works of man, doctrines of man. The Bibles said, "In the last days, they'd be heady, high-minded, and lovers of pleasure more than of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good." You say, "Them's communists." No, them's Christians, so-called, and church members. "Having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Saying, "Oh, God did that in another age, not this age." The Bible said, "From such, turn away." We're living in that day.

34 Perseverance 62-0218 P:98 Now, if I told you that the life of John Dillinger was in me, you'd expect me to have big guns out here to shoot you. If I told you the life of a artist was in me, you'd expect me to paint the picture of an artist. Listen, church. I'm not scolding you. See? Look, if the Life of Christ is in the church, it'll do the... If the Holy Spirit is in the church, if this Pillar of Fire that science has taken the picture of, and so forth, that we see here in the church all the time, if that is the Spirit of Christ It'll do the works of Christ. Jesus said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do. They are the ones that testify of Me." If the Holy Ghost is still real, then the Holy Ghost will testify for Himself. Believe the works of the Holy Spirit.

35 We would see Jesus 59-0422 P:15 Then if the Spirit of Christ is in the Church, It should be doing the works of Christ; because God set that body aside, the Lord Jesus, His Son.