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1 2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2 Let us pray..

3 Tonight I would like to take our thought to once again brother Branham's sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed and we will read from paragraphs 199-200. 199 Now, my, there's just so much here, we could just keep on going. Notice, the Tree of Christ, the Body in the garden, making His mystery known to this Bride Tree (watch) redeemed by Christ, the second Adam (You believe He was?), going back home to Eden with His fallen wife, redeemed back home again. That's Christ and the Church today--taking His Wife back. See the threefold mystery now? God manifested in Christ; Christ manifested in the Church; all together to bring back the original Adam and Eve again, man and woman, which are one, made out of the same Blood, and same Spirit, and everything else.

4 Now, let's just stop here just for a moment and not read past what he is saying here. Too many times we do not understand the thought the prophet of God is telling us and then because we don't it seems more convenient for us to just skip on by so we do not have to deal with the statement he says. And I think that is just human nature but if we are not careful we will miss a lot of revelation because he meant what he said and he said what he meant.

5 Notice brother Branham says, God manifested in Christ; OK, we do not have a problem with that. I think everyone agrees with that, so no problem.

6 But then he says, Christ manifested in the Church; And here is where the live gets drawn every time, because people will not read it for what he is saying. This is where theology enters in. This is where men set their ideas to what they think he is saying. And that is when the rub comes.

7 Now, the full statement is God manifested in Christ; Christ manifested in the Church; then he says, all together to bring back the original Adam and Eve again, man and woman, which are one, made out of the same Blood, and same Spirit, and everything else.

8 Then brother Branham clarifies what he just said about the church when he says, 200 The Church is the Blood of Christ by the Spirit, because the Life is in the blood. That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body, that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word. Denomination won't ever touch that; it's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it; but she fell; but this one knows it and won't fall. She's ordained to. Hallelujah. She's ordained to not fall. She won't fail. She's predestinated to it. "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin." You ministers know what I'm speaking of when there's a couple dozen of you setting here. See? "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin"--David.

9 Now, notice he speaks of an Even who fell and an Eve who will not fail.

10 Now, what's he talking about? H's talking about How God was manifested in Christ is the same way Christ

is to be manifested in His Church. And as I said everybody seems to have their own interpretation as to how Christ is to be manifested in the church.

11 So we have two camps both split on this. One camp believes that Christ is manifest in the church through one man, and then another camp says God is manifested in His church through everyone. And there is truth to both those statements but each statement can not be exclusive of the other. Christ did manifest himself through one man William Branham in a greater display than he did even through God's own son Jesus.

12 In his sermon, Token the 63-1128E P:59 Brother Branham said, "And if the Life of Jesus Christ lives in the person, they become identified with Him. It's Christ in you, not a church member, not a system, but a resurrected power. It's the Holy Ghost, is a Token upon you, that your life says "amen" to every Scripture.

13 So notice he is telling us the Holy Ghost on display in you, is not a system, it is not a church member, but it is a power, a resurrected power. So if it is resurrected then it is the same power that was in the one who lived and died, and was resurrected. And he said the Holy Ghost is a token, it is an evidence that your life says "amen" to every scripture.

14 So he is not talking about a theology here. He is not talking about a mental recognition here. He is talking way beyond just your brain power. He is talking a resurrection power in your life, showing in your Life that you say "amen" to every Scripture.

15 You see, I have always said, "talk is cheap". Anyone can say they agree with the Bible in their mind. But if you really agree it will manifest in your Life. Just because you say, "you are the righteousness of God" does not mean that you are. But if your Life reflects the very righteousness of God, then you can confess that with your mouth and it is a true statement.

16 The Bible says, "he that doeth righteousness is righteous."

17 David said in the Psalms, Psalms 106:3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

18 NIV Psalms 106:3 Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

19 Psalm 106:3 (Amplified Bible) 3 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who observe justice [treating others fairly] and who do right and are in right standing with God at all times.

20 The New Life Version (NLV) 3 Happy are those who are faithful in being fair and who always do what is right and good!

21 And I would also like to read this from a new version out there called, The Voice (VOICE) Psalm 106:3 3 Blessed are those who work for justice, who always do what they know to be right!

22 Let me go back and finish that Token quote from brother Branham I was reading a few minutes ago, Token the 63-1128E P:59 "And if the Life of Jesus Christ lives in the person, they become identified with Him. It's Christ in you, not a church member, not a system, but a resurrected power. It's the Holy Ghost, is a Token upon you, that your life says "amen" to every Scripture. The promise is written in there. And you're not yourself no more. You are Christ's. You don't think your thoughts. You don't think your thoughts. You say, "I think." You have no thought coming. The Life that was in Christ is in you. The mind that was in Christ is in you. The works that was in Christ is in you, and Christ Himself is in you. You are dead; your life is hid in God through Christ, sealed in

there by the Holy Ghost. You're not your own.

23 You see the person who is righteous it says, always does what is right. It's not hit and miss. It's not doing more righteous one minute then not so much another minute, so that your weighted score card is more on the plus side than the negative side. No, not at all. It's all on the plus side.

24 1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; (does not initiate sin) for his seed (Gods seed) remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. Now, listen, it says you not only will not initiate sin, but if that Life living out of You is God Life it can not sin.

25 Future home 64-0802 P:58 See, the heart has to be cleansed like that. Before God can come down in the Person of the Holy Ghost, which is Christ coming down and dwell in the human heart, it first must be repented. It must be baptized in water in His Name to show Who it belongs to. Then it must be cleansed by the Blood of Jesus. And then the holy fire and Holy Ghost from God comes down and burns out all the desire of sin, all the nature of the world. And therefore, he that sins willfully after receiving the knowledge of the Truth...Then again the Bible said it's impossible, for a man that's born of God cannot sin; he does not sin. There's no way for him to sin. How can he be a sinner and a redeemed at the same time? How can I be in the pawn shop and out of the pawn shop at the same time? See? Oh, He redeemed us by His Blood; by His Spirit He cleansed us, and then comes to dwell in us, the Church, not the denomination now, the Church.

26 So how can a man be the righteousness of God and be a tool of the devil at the same time. Just because you say you are the righteousness of God doesn't mean you are. That is one thing that bothers me so much when I hear people say that in this message. People stealing from others, people committing fornication, people who are into all sorts of sexual perversity, people who sin against their neighbors, pull deals on the company they work for, and yet call themselves the righteousness of God. In fact men I have seen in this message men and women who have not only broken every one of the ten commandments but habitually break them, and then they say, "brother Branham said I am the righteousness of God", therefore I am. He wasn't talking about you! He was talking about those who do right are those who are righteous. "Fools will walk with hobnailed shoes where angels fear to trod."

27 From his sermon, Thy house 61-0808 P:47 Brother Branham said, "Now, I don't believe just because you say in your mind you believe. I believe your life tells whether you're really a Christian or not. "

28 And from his sermon, QA on Genesis COD 53-0729 P:76 He said, "Brother Branham, what do you think about Pentecostals?" And I said, "That's the reason I'm dealing with them. That's the reason I'm fooling with them; they got something that you haven't got." I said, "With their fanaticism and everything, they got a truth that you know nothing about." I was talking to one of the greatest men in America right then. Yes, sir. He's the president of Sudan Missions, is the greatest in all the world: fundamental to the core. He knowed the Scriptures, and the death, burial and resurrection, just preach it like a house on fire. That ain't It. The Devil can do that too. The Devil's just as fundamental as he can be. But brother, Jesus Christ said, "Except a man be born of the Spirit of God he'll not see the Kingdom of God." Not just because you say, "Yes, I believe that. Yeah, I believe that's that way. I believe that. Yes." That don't do it. It's got to be a actual experience of the new birth. It's got to be something between you and God that you know you've passed from death to Life.

29 Birth pains 65-0124 P:27 We know the old seed must, before the new seed can come out of the old seed, it must rot, absolutely, not die only, but rot after it's dead. We know that to be true. That's the same thing in new birth. We never go back, but we go forward when you're born again. And that's why I think today we have not so many genuine new births, is because the seed maybe will sympathize with the Word or the person, but they don't want to rot away from the old system that they were in. They don't want to come out of it. They want to stay in the old system and claim the new birth or the message of the age. We found that under the Luther, Wesley,

Pentecostals, and all other ages. They still try to hold on to the old system and claim this, but the old system age must die, rot, in order to bring forth the new one. They still want to cling. Notice, they know the old system is dead, but they just don't want to rot out of it. Now, rot is when it's really done away with.

30 I would just like to ask you all this question tonight. Have you ever looked yourself in the mirror and looked right into your own eyes and say I hate what I see, I hate it, I hate it, I hate it, and then fall to your face and ask God to change you because you can not stand what you are and what you see in yourself? If you haven't done that, I doubt you've been born again. And the problem is most of you are too busy with living your own lives and there is a lot of you that you like. Well, when a person dies, they don't partially die, the whole person dies. And if you have never gotten so sick and tired of yourself that you can't stand to live with yourself any longer, and you are so sick of yourself that you would just want to go and hide, then you do not know what it means to recon yourself dead so that you can be hid in God in Christ.

31 Brother Branham said, Token the 63-1128E P:36 The token was not no good unless the token was displayed. The token had to be displayed, not a sympathizer with the token; but the token must be applied. And no matter how much anyone could prove that He was a Jew, and a covenant Jew by circumcision, that didn't do anything about it at all. It took the token, not the covenant. He never said, "When I see the covenant sign," but, "When I see the token." So today you might be a professed Christian; you might be a covenant with Christ; but unless that Token is displayed in this late hour that we're coming to now, there is no way for Him to pass over. The Token must be displayed. It must be on.

32 I do not care how much you tell yourself that you are the predestined righteousness of God, unless you have died to yourself, and have rotted to yourself, and have died, and then were filled with His Spirit, you are only fooling yourself and you are using theology to do it. Remember, religion is a covering, and so is theology.

33 And don't tell me people can't fool themselves with theology. I've seen some of the biggest misfits in this message proclaiming they are the righteousness of God. Well, if that is the righteousness of God you God can have it, because my Bible says, "come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and then I will come in a sup with you and be a God to you."

34 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore (1) come out from among them, and (2) be ye separate,(that means be willing to live a separated life) saith the Lord, and (3) touch not the unclean thing; and Then I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

35 Look, this is why so many are having trouble with believing that a supernatural God does supernatural things. I expect it from Him, and I see it. And if you come expecting you will go away having seen God manifest Himself in some way to you as well. That's the way brother Branham was. He saw God in everything, because there was so much of God in Him. That is why the people in Africa see what you people could only dream of seeing. They come with an open heart expecting to see God move. and because they are expecting, God moves for them. But the only thing Americans would like to see move is their bowels move. I don't say that to be funny, I say it because it's the truth.

36 Americans are more concerned with bowel movements than they are with God movements. And it shows in their lives. If God is here then where are all the miracles. If he is still leading us to the Millennium, then where is

the evidence that He is here and He's still leading? I see the evidence, and I am happy with what I've seen, but you see it, and then deny the evidence right in front of your eyes. Why is that? because you've been taught to be skeptical, and so you become skeptics. Wouldn't it be nice if you could all become so God minded that you saw God in everything like the old fisherman brother Branham talked about?

37 And brother Branham said in his sermon, Door of doors 57-1212 P:13 "So many people wants to accept Christ as their Saviour, but they say, "The days of miracles is past." So they don't want to believe that the days of miracles are now. Christ can't get into that heart. If Christ could gain entrance to the heart tonight, of every person here, there would not be a feeble person among us in ten minutes. The faith is in you, but you're afraid to open up the door and let Him be Lord of that faith. You try to sympathize with a part of the Bible, say, "Some of it is right, but the other is not inspired." What causes that, is perhaps maybe, some person not knowing any different, taught you that. All of God's Word is inspired. And if we'll open up our heart, and open up our door in our little room of faith, Christ come in and be Lord, He will show great and mighty works and signs, if He could only gain entrance to that heart of faith. "

38 And from God's provided place of worship 65-0425 P:47" And that's what's the matter with the church today. We're full of theology, without any dynamics in it. That's right. See? In other words, you've got to have the spark to the gasoline, or the gasoline is not even as good as water, as long as it hasn't got the spark to fire it. So that's the way. No matter how well we're taught, how well we'll believe, and how much of the Bible that we say is true, and we believe it all true; it's got to be the dynamics has got to be there, the spark, to set that Word afire and make it start rolling. It's got to have that. If you don't, the church sets still, the car sets still, you'll set still. But no matter how much you say, "I sympathize. I believe every Word of That." You've got to have something to spark that off to make that one hundred octane go to firing, and the big Church of God go to moving on. It's got to take the dynamics with the mechanics. Nothing wrong with the mechanics, but lacking dynamics. And I think that's what's the matter with the church today; we're lacking that dynamical power to press this Word and make It live for this day. "

39 Now, as we begin to close down, listen here to what brother Branham says here in his sermon, The Token 64-0208 P:9 That's what He was requiring that night to separate the believers from the unbelievers. (Now, what's he talking about that will separate the very believers from the unbelievers? He's talking about applying the token. Listen...) The believer worshipper was identified with his sacrifice. He must apply the blood. It wasn't take and kill the lamb, set the blood out there somewhere, or keep it in a charger, take it down to the neighbors. He had to apply the blood. That's the way it is tonight. We could come and sympathize with everything God does, that isn't what He requires. You've got to apply it. It's not sufficient until you apply it. The blood must be applied. That shows that you are identified. The worshipper laid his hand upon the lamb and then killed it, identify himself with the sacrifice. "

40 Now, in closing let me read another quote from Token the 63-0901M P:88 Now, now, look, just to believe it, is not enough, to walk around where it's at, isn't enough. See? That's to make yourself worse. "For he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it's sin," See? Those borderline believers... Jesus spoke of the same thing, Hebrews the 6th chapter. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted of the good Word of God, and the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew themselves again to repentance; seeing that they crucify to themselves the Son of God, and count the covenant of the Blood, wherewith they were sanctified with (the chemistry there)--sanctified..." It ain't the Token. "

41 89 The blood's not the Token now, the Life is the Token. The Life could not be there, 'cause it was an animal. The chemistry was the Token. You'd have to have literal blood applied on the door; but now, it's the Holy Spirit. We're coming to it just in a moment to prove that. See? It's the Life that is the Token. Your life is gone, and

you are dead, and your life is dead. You are hid in God through Christ, and sealed in there by the Holy Spirit. The mind that was in Christ is in you, and Christ, and the Bible, and the Word is the same. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then you, and the Word, and God, and Christ are the same. "And if ye abide in Me and My word, you ask what you will, and it'll be done." See?

42 90 Put the power right into Moses' lips to go out there with His Word and speak: Frogs come. Speak: Frogs left. Speak: Lice come. Speak: Lice--lice left. Amen. But then, the token was required for all Israel. All Israel was required of this token, "And when I see the token, I'll pass over you." Oh, my, my. What an assurance.

43 91 Israel coming out of Egypt was a type of the antetype today. Egypt was the church, and Israel represented the Bride. And as Israel come out of Egypt, so does the Bride come out of the church. See? 'Cause there has to be something there for it to come out of, and it's got to come out of. So if it was the type... The church is down in Egypt, in the world, and in sin, and does not care a tinker about your Token. They don't even believe it. But Israel loved it, for it was salvation to them.

44 92 Oh. Oh, it should make us be--should make our hearts... Oh, apply it, church. Don't--don't fail. Will you not? Don't--don't--don't let the sun set. Don't--don't--don't--don't--don't rest day or night. Don't take no chance; it won't work, children. It won't work. You must have the Token. You say, "I believe, yes. I go... Yeah, I believe the message." That's all right, but... That's good. But you must have the Token. Do you hear, Branham Tabernacle? You must have the Token displayed. Without it, all your believings in vain. See? You'll live a good life; you listen to what the Word says; you go to church; you try to live right; that's fine, but tha's not it.

45 93 "When I see the Blood," that's the Token, and the Token here is not... 'cause what did... He had to see the actual chemistry, because the life had gone, had gone from it. It was an animal. But here it's His Own Life that was in the Blood, and the chemistry was only a sign of sanctification. But the Life Itself is the Token. For without the circumcision, without the Token, you're not even in the covenant. The whole thing works together. If you say you're circumcised to the Word, and It only, then yo'll believe the Word. If you believe the Word, then the Token's got to come. For He said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" There you are. Oh, my.

46 Token the 63-1128E P:28 "And these signs shall follow them that believe, not just professors, but identified believers. "They may not follow. They probably will, and perhaps they will"? Jesus said, "They shall follow them that believe." Just absolutely impossible for it not to happen. "The works that I do shall you do also." That's the identification. Jesus' identification was to manifest the Word of God, which He was. And the Church's identification today is to manifest the promised Word of this day by the same Spirit that manifested and quickened the Word then. The same Spirit quickens the Word to the believer today and manifests the same thing, showing that the Token is on this person, which is the resurrected Life of Jesus Christ living in His believer. Oh, that ought to set a church afire. And that's true, just as true as it could be.

47 1 John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

48 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.

49 1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he (God) is righteous.

50 Let us pray...