

#138 Christian Life no 19 Understanding Shepherds no 3

1 This morning we are going to look once more at what it means to be a Shepherd of God's flock. This will be number 3 in our mini series on this, and no 19 in our series on Christian Life, and no 138 in our series from Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed. So we have a lot of series and mini series going on here as we study this wonderful message that William Branham, Vindicated Prophet of God brought to us in this one sermon alone.

2 But before we get back into reading from his sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, let's turn in our Bibles to Ephesians chapter 4 and we will read for our text from verses 11-14.

3 Ephesians 4:11-14 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (now, notice all of these five gifts are given in plurality. In others, there is not just one apostle, there are apostles plural. There is not just one teacher. There are teachers plural. The same with pastors, and evangelists, and prophets, plural. Now this is not speaking of Messenger Word prophets but the five fold gifts to the church.)

4 And notice what these gifts are given to the church for. **12** For the perfecting of the saints, (that means for the maturing or equipping of the saints or sanctified ones. This is not speaking of church members or church membership. But those who are living holy before God. And these gifts are given to the church he says,)... to prepare God's people for works of service, And this word works of service is the same word work that Jesus used in John 14:12. So we see that the five fold gifts to the church are to equip the people so that the works that Jesus did they may do also.

5 From his sermon, Take on the whole armor of God 62-0701 P:82 Brother Branham said, "John 14:12, Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." What is it? It's God in the church in these five predestinated offices, backing up every Word that He said with the Holy Spirit Himself in there, which is the Word made manifest, proving His resurrection, proving that He lives. All other religions are dead. Their forms are dead. There's only one that's right, and that's Christianity, because Christ is a living in the church of Christ (Amen.), making His word manifest, for He is the same. If it's the same Word, It'll do the same thing, and show the same works, and the same signs. Matthew 28 says so."

6 So we see according to vindicated prophet William Branham, John 14:12 has to do with not only his own ministry but with the five fold ministry itself. And if the five fold ministry is given to the church to equip the church, to do the works of God, then how do you expect the five fold ministry to equip the church, if they themselves are not equipped to do the works of God themselves? And if the five fold ministry are not equipped themselves then there certainly will be no evidence of John 14:12 among them.

7 But what if you have a five fold ministry whose ministry has manifested John 14:12? And what if in that man's church has seen God's supernatural presence manifest itself after sincere prayer to God? And what if that ministry has also had numerous signs of God's presence with it, and doing things no man could do. Then why would other five fold ministers not want what God is doing in that ministry?

8 But if they have those signs following, then wouldn't they also want for others in their church to have them also? And what if this Vindicated prophet we claim to follow said the church must come to this expression or

manifestation of God-Life in the church before the church can be raptured? or made ready for the rapture?

9 What if I can show you that God's vindicated prophet told us that the elect sons and daughters of God will have to come to this expression or manifestation which we see Jesus speak of in John 14:12 or they will not be raptured? And what if I could show you the essentiality of what I have been teaching these past seven years is an essential truth of God that the John 14:12 must manifest itself in the bride as a sign she is ready for adoption, or she will not go in a rapture. And what if I can show you that this is a re-requisite for the rapture of the church? Then that makes what we are looking at and what we have been focusing on a little more essential to our walk with God, doesn't it.

10 You see, Paul said the purpose of the Five fold ministry is to equip the people with this knowledge of the son of God, that comes via our understanding the true Revelation of Jesus Christ which is the Godhead relationship between father and son, and understanding exactly how this relationship between God and His son worked so that you can understand how it will work with you and for you as it did for him.

11 William Branham prophet of God understood this real well, and he entered so much into that relationship with the Father as Jesus had done before him, that He and God became one in expression and manifestation in this hour.

12 And Paul said the five fold ministry are to equip the saints with this same Revelation of Jesus Christ and through the knowledge of the son of God it will bring the Children of God into full maturity and rapture ready. As He said, "that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach a unity of The Faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God so that we become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulfilling of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, he says, who are tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

13 This unity he speaks of here is unity of belief, and unity of doctrine. There is no way that sheep can be unified by wolves in sheep's clothing because there is no unity of the Faith between sheep and wolf. But the dove leads the lamb because they have the same nature. And since only born again ones can truly be considered believers, true genuine believers, then only true born again sons and daughters of God are the only ones who can manifest Christ life from their vessels.

14 True five fold shepherds will make an effort to try to help the wandering sheep. Those who wonder about this and wonder about that. But once the wolf has it, unless he can get to that sheep while it still has breath, he can possibly restore it. But sometimes the wolf gets away with a sheep and kills it before it can struggle to get free.

That is why the shepherd has to be so ruthless with any wolf he sees spying out his sheep. Ready to kill it when possible. Because its nature is a predator, and he seeks only to maim and kill.

15 Luke 15:4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

16 The Bible is clear that many people have and will continue to wander away from the Faith. And usually it boils down to one thing. Money.

17 Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for

money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

18 1 Timothy 6:20-21 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

19 James 5:19-20 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

20 We need to help those who have wandered, fallen into the fire, while being careful not to get burned ourselves or soil our own clothing in the mess they have made for themselves.

21 Jude 1:22-23 Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear, hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

22 We need to be mindful that we have all wandered at times, we have gone astray, but the point is to return to the Shepherd.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

23 The shepherd would bring the flock home to the fold at night. He would then lay down in the gate physically to protect the sheep from wolves coming into the sheepfold. He literally put his life on the line for the sheep.

24 John 10:1-13 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

25 We learn some important things about being a good under shepherd in this passage. First of all the shepherd is a watchman. There are not only savage wolves out in the world, there are savage wolves who are entering the fold at an alarming rate.

26 Acts 20:29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

27 Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

28 The wolves who try to enter the fold make themselves look like sheep. They talk like sheep, they pray like sheep, they make themselves look ultra-holy, they say "Lord, Lord", they claim to be doing all that Christians should do having a form of Godliness but in reality they deny the power that comes with a true born again experience.

29 But Jesus warned us how to spot them. He said, "by their fruit you will know them" ... the fruits of lying, of false works, of false doctrines, of false motives, or false anointing, or simply of following false apostles, and trying to be justified by their works. The Shepherd sees through their motives and objectives and calls them what they are ... evildoers.

30 Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

31 If five fold shepherds do not protect the flock against these wolves, then they are just as responsible for the destruction the wolf causes under their watch as the wolf is.

32 Ezekiel 33:6-7 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood. 'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

33 God has made every five fold shepherd a watchman. There are many ways or gates of gaining entrance to the flock of any church. Those gates include the gate of the ministry through music, the gate of serving on a board in the church, even the gate of the pulpit, and it is through the many gates or portals into the church or people in the body of Christ but have a different agenda than the Shepherd has.

34 Remember the Shepherd is to equip the people for doing the works of Christ, in order to build up the body of Christ that it might manifest Christ to the world. But the wolf has his own agenda, and it is at the expense of the sheep. It is for self satisfaction. It matters not to the wolf if the sheep are scattered, in fact it is better for him, because then he can one by one take advantage of them. So it is the responsibility of the shepherd to drive away the wolf among the sheep in any way shape or form that he can do it. I have never seen a wolf driven away from the flock with honey and sweet talking. have you?

35 But the wolf has one purpose and that is to separate the sheep because where their is unity their is strength. And so he comes in to disrupt the unity that The Faith produces, by trying to make the sheep think that "The Faith" has some other objective. And so he adds here and takes away there until the shepherds are weakened in their faith, and thus their unity.

36 And that is how the serpent beguiled Eve, by showing her alternative words to confuse her mind. So he added simply just one word, "Not". Though shall not surely die. And it worked. Had Adam been a better steward of His responsibility he would have drove off that serpent when he saw him approaching his wife.

The Shepherd will lay his body down in the gate to protect the flock so they can rest, and so the shepherd risks his reputation, and friendships, and his livelihood, and perhaps even sometimes his own life, for the flock. But there are too many "hirelings" in the churches today who do not do the job they were given a stewardship over, because they do not want to offend anyone or anything. And thus by their inability to take a firm stand they make

themselves useless to the Good Shepherd, and allow great evil to take a foothold in the flock they have been given a stewardship over. so on their watch they refuse to take the stand needed to ensure the safety of the flock.

37 John 10: 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

38 Those who are called to be five fold shepherds in the body of Christ must take their responsibility seriously, but many do not. There are far too many who claim to be five fold ministers of God but demonstrate clearly that they are not qualified to be shepherds according to God's criteria, because they will not take a stand on Holiness issues, and doctrinal teaching. The five fold minister is given tot he church to prepare the church for the rapture.

39 In His sermon, "Believest thou this", brother Branham said, Now, remember this. If he preaches the Gospel, stay with him, help him, 'cause he's man sent from God, ordained of God to feed your soul.

40 In this very sermon, brother Branham said in Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:43 Love one another above everything. Love one another. Don't... No matter what the devil tries to say... Now, you're all one great, big, sweet group now, but remember my warning. See? Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, set him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things. Then he will shoot that guy with some kind of poison stuff, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another. Pray for that man that he'll be saved too, or that woman, ever who it is. Just pray for them and stick one with another and stay with your pastor. See? He's the shepherd and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, cause, he's ordained of God to do so.

41 So the Five fold shepherd is ordained of God, and in fact God ordains him and sets him over the flock to feed the flock, by bringing them to where the food is due season lays, and he waters them by the washing of water by the word, grooming them for sonship roles, and clipping them, or what we call dressing them down when it is needful, to ensure they do not wander away from the fold. He helps to deliver new lambs, leading them and teaching them how to follow the Word, and sometimes he has to go off after sheep that wander off, and he protects the sheep of the fold from predatory spirits.

42 But let's get back to Ephesians 4 again where we see that God has placed in the church certain ones to equip the saints to prepare God's people for works of service. And I made a statement earlier in this message, that I will address now.

43 And as I mentioned earlier, what if I can show you that God's vindicated prophet told us that the elect sons and daughters of God will have to come to this expression or manifestation which we see Jesus himself speak of in John 14:12 or they will not be raptured? And what if I could show you the essentiality of what I have been teaching these past seven years is an essential truth of God that the John 14:12 must manifest itself in the bride as a sign she is ready for adoption, or she will not go in a rapture. And what if I can show you that this is a pre-requisite for the rapture of the church? Then that makes what we are looking at and what we have been focusing on a little more essential to our walk with God, doesn't it.

44 Now, this same Apostle prophesied 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: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

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46 Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

47 Romans 8:23 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.

48 Romans 8:15 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.

49 Romans 8:14 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. 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. 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.

50 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

51 So what does it mean to be conformed to the image of His first born son? he's not talking about wearing sandals and having a beard. he's talking about having the same character, the same nature, thinking the same things, speaking the same Words, doing the same actions, and doing the same works. In other words, if he said in verse 11 But if the same Spirit of him (God) that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He (God) that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his (God's) Spirit that dwelleth in you.

52 So that means if you have the Same Spirit of God dwelling in you that dwelled also in Jesus, And remember, "By one spirit we are all baptized into one body" then you will not only think the same thought, but you will speak the same words, and so what he did, and do the same works that he did. Because it is God which is working in you to will and then to do. That is what Paul told us in Philippians 2:13. and the only way he can do that is by dwelling in you.

53 God will make your body obey your confession. See? And He's the High Priest of our confession. Before you can be healed, you have to confess it first. You have to believe that you are healed. And then when you believe you're healed, God makes your body obey your confession. when you come to the place where you can say, Father you said in your word that I am to be conformed to the Image of Your son, You said i am to become a manifested son, you said in your word, I have received the spirit of adoption, the you say, "God, this is Your command. I believe it, then step into it."

54 Because Paul also said in verse 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

55 In closing let me read to you a few quotations of William Branham prophet of God concerning where we are to be right before God takes us in the rapture.

Hear ye Him - 60-0313 32 In the Old Testament, when it was wrote out and then tore apart, when they come together, it had dovetail. Each piece of paper had to fit right in, and the whole program had to line up right. God confirmed His covenant with the people through Isaac to Christ; and at Calvary He tore the Messiah apart. He took the body and set it on His right side, and sent the Spirit down here upon the church. And the church will have to have the same Spirit, doing the same things that Jesus did; or it'll never go in the rapture.

56 Hear ye Him - 60-0313. 37. Now, you see, Jesus had proven to God that He'd been the right kind of Son. And God took Him up on the top of the mountain, brought witnesses out there--heavenly witnesses and earthly witnesses--and He clothed Him in immortality. When they looked up, they said, "His garments shined like the sun." A supernatural something taken place. His garments glistened like the sun in its middle of the day, as white as they could be. God placed on Him the robe of immortality, showing that He had received Him. That's the thing that God will do to His sons here on earth some day. He will call you aside, Church, if you'll only obey Him and stay on the Word and believe it. And He will place into the Church, before the coming of Jesus Christ... He will place into the Church... All the powers that Christ had in Him will be in the Church. All that God was, He poured into Jesus; all that Jesus was, He pours into the Church. God wanting His work done, He sent it into His Son; the Son wanting the work done, sent it into the Church. "At that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, and I in you, and you in Me." At that day, because the same power of God, was in Jehovah God, rested in Jesus Christ. The same power that rested in Jesus Christ, rests in the placed sons in the body of Christ. 38. Placing of a son... Take him out in a certain place, have a ceremony before Angels, and place him positionally what he is in the body of Christ. Then that person has the authority. Let me say this, if you count me a fanatic from this night on. That very same thing that I'm speaking of will be done. There'll be a power put into the Church, and now is coming in, that the Holy Spirit will so anoint people, till they'll speak the Word and It'll create Itself right there. We haven't seen powers like's coming into the Church now. I know it for a fact." Say unto this mountain be moved. Don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said shall come to pass, you can have what you have said.": the placing of the Church in position, where the fullness of the power of the Holy Ghost comes into the Church. Then critics mouths will be shut. It'll be a short time. Jesus come right off the mountain, went straight to Calvary. Notice, it won't last long, but it'll be here.

57 Jehovah Jireh 58-0127 P:36 And the same Holy Spirit that was in Jesus Christ, will have to be operating in His church to make them coincide together at the rapture, or it won't go up at that time. The Spirit that was in Jesus, will have to be in His church, or the two pieces won't dovetail together, the life of the church and the life of Christ cannot dovetail together. .

58 I perceive you are a prophet - 53-0614E 27. And O God, grant today, that when we can all come together, and see all those nine spiritual gifts moving through the Church, operating the whole Church Body. then we'll have the rapture. then it will be culled out, and we'll have the rapture. If we can't have faith for Divine healing, how we going to have faith for rapturing faith? the Church has got a ways to go yet. But I believe God will do it.

59 Questions and Answers COD - 54-0103E 41 I don't care how good you are, what church you belong to, how good your parents was, except you as a individual has been borned again by the Holy Ghost, you'll never go in the rapture. See? You can't go. That's the very delivering sign, the circumcision; and the circumcision is by the Holy Spirit.

60 Show us the Father - 53-0907A 85 Divine healing, the power of God, and all these other things is in every individual in here that's received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for you're planted in Christ. Hallelujah. the Holy Ghost baptism, yes, sir, and everything you have need of for this life's journey, even the rapture is right in you

then.

61 Abraham - 55-0608 41 And if you ever go in the rapture, you're going to have to have the same Spirit in you that was on Jesus Christ. That's God's covenant with His Church. Amen.

62 Faithful Abraham - 59-0415E 67 That same Spirit that's in Christ has to be in His church. the same Holy Ghost that dwelt in Christ dwells in us. And when the rapture comes, them two pieces has to come together and be the same church that Christ died for.

63 Balm in Gilead - 59-1124 57 God's looking for somebody who'll take the Sword of the Word. Some people's afraid to say those things. Don't be afraid. God be for you, who can be against you? It's time that the Church stood in Its place again, cut sin. Jesus will come someday and there'll be a rapture. Those who stand for Him now, He will stand for him--for them then.

64 What Holy Ghost was given for - 59-1217 30 God's waiting on me and you. the church is waiting on me and you: adoption time, when God can pour into us His Fullness, His power, His Resurrection, that when the church and Christ become so close together till Christ becomes visible among us, and raises the dead, and we go into the rapture. Now, we're going to say--show after while that just those who are filled with the Holy Ghost goes in that rapture, "For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years." That's right. Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture.

65 What is the Holy Ghost - 59-1216 78 Remember, the same rain that the unbeliever made fun of was the same rain that saved Noah and his family. See? The same spirit (Holy Ghost) that people are making fun of and says is crazy, and a bunch of nuts, "It's insanity," it's the same thing that'll rapture the church and take it up at the last days, will bring judgment upon the unbelievers. That's right. That's what the Holy Ghost is. Blessed are they (May I say this in the sincerity of my heart.)--blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for It, for they shall be filled.

66 Jehovah Jireh - 57-0810 35 He lifted up the body and set it on His right-hand, and sent the other part, the Holy spirit, down on the church. And when the rapture comes, it'll have to be the same spirit that was on Christ, will have to dovetail with that promise, or it will be rejected. No wonder He said, "It has to be the same Holy Ghost that Except the man be born again, he will in no wise enter the Kingdom. fell on the day of Pentecost, has to baptize every believer or it won't be the same spirit, and contract, that was tore at Calvary. Think of that. Oh, that ought to make the Pentecost shout anyhow. Think of it, the unconditional covenant. God said, "It has to be." And He tore apart, soul and body of His own Son. He took the body and sent the spirit to the church. And that spirit can come into the church today, and perform the same miracles showing, and people will laugh at It and walk away from it. How do you ever expect to make the rapture or go in to see God? There we are. Maybe you never seen that before, but that's truth. 36. Now, you see why it's necessary, you've got to be born of the Spirit? The Spirit of Christ has to be in you, 'cause it has to be the same Spirit. Take your body to be joined with that body. The same Spirit was tore off of Christ, tore out of Christ, or Jesus. And if that Spirit is in you, It'll make you do the things that Christ did. It'll make you live the life that Christ lived. And Christ was about the Father's business all the time, not gadding about at shows at entertainment. He was about the Father's business.

67 Jehovah Jireh - 57-0326 57. When that Holy spirit fell on the day of Pentecost, It produced a church. And, brother, I don't care what denomination you got tacked to you, except that spirit that was tore out of Christ is put into the man, he will be left in the day of the rapture. He tore him apart and sent the Holy Ghost down, which lives in us, the spirit of Christ, working in us, doing the same works that Christ did, living the same life, doing the same things, and the outside world stands and makes fun of It. Others say there's nothing to It. Some try to mock It. Others receive it. Brother, that's the only way that God ever makes you a seed of Abraham. When the spirit of

Christ comes into you, then you become the seed of Abraham. That's right. And the Gentile is included in the covenant.

68 Hebrews Chapter 7 part 2 - 57-0922 83 And He sent the spirit that tore out of that body, right back down on the church. And that church will have to have the same spirit that was in that body, or it won't dovetail with It in the resurrection. Those two pieces must come perfectly together; and if this church isn't perfectly, just exactly the same spirit that was in Christ, you'll never go in the rapture.

Hear ye Him - 58-0328 30 Remember, the same waters that drowned the world, saved Noah." Right. And the same Holy spirit, and the same old fashion Gospel that will take the church home someday in the rapture, will condemn and bring judgment to the unbeliever.

69 Why cry speak - 59-1004E 29. Jesus said, "The works that I do, he that believeth on Me..." Saint John 14:7, "He that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also. He that believeth on Me..." No man can believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God until he's received the Holy Ghost. You're only taking it by faith and accepting it. You can't say that it is. You can say, "I believe it is." But no man can call Jesus the Christ until the Holy Ghost is in him. The Bible said so. The Holy Spirit has to come in first, then It gives a witness. You know yourself that Jesus is the Christ because He lives in you. 30. Then that same Holy spirit introduces Himself to the people, and "these signs shall follow them that believe." And the church laughs at It and makes funs of It. We're just living in that day, the atmosphere getting charged up for an atomic bomb, for judgment. The Church is getting ready for a rapture. We're waiting, anticipation, waiting; the Church is waiting the coming of the Lord. The world is a shaking, wondering which one is going to get the bomb first to the other one. We don't care which one gets there; we're going here. So it doesn't matter which one gets there. It doesn't have a thing to do with us. We're just rejoicing, happy, and believing that one day we'll hear a sound from heaven, and here He'll come. And His Church will be caught up in the air to meet Him and be with Him. 31. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

70 Abraham - 55-0608 41. And if you ever go in the rapture, you're going to have to have the same spirit in you that was on Jesus Christ. That's God's covenant with His Church. Amen. Don't you take a cold formal handshake. You take a heart-warming experience from God of being born again. Don't care where you belong. Yes, sir. 'Cause God... Remember, when these two met together, if these didn't dovetail, it was throwed out. It had to be the same thing. And the same spirit was upon Christ has to be on the Church. God taken the body of Christ and set it on His right hand of power above, and He sent the Holy Ghost back. And It's going around, looking out the Church. And when they come together, it'll have to be the same body, same signs, same wonders, same baptism, same signs and wonders, same Gospel. Amen. That's right.

71 Let us pray...