#139 Christian Life no 20 No sin among us

1 This evening I would like to take our thoughts from paragraph 123 and 124 where brother Branham says, "123 So it's Christ expressing Himself in the individual, whether he's intellectual, or whether he don't know his ABC's. Half the apostles didn't know them. That's right. But they knew Christ. They never taken heed to Peter and John, knowing that they had been out of some seminary. They said they taken heed and noticed that they'd been with Christ when they healed the lame man (See?) at the gate. They knew they had been with Christ. 124 The new birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's the new birth. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

2 Now, notice the condition he tells us here the bride will be in for the rapture to take place.

3 First he says, it has to have this Revelation of Christ in it. And The word Revelation: according to the dictionary means a. The act of revealing or disclosing. So you can´t have revelation on your own, it is something that some thing or someone must disclose to you, Someone must reveal it to you. So there is a way that this revealing must take place, And that is what we need to know.

4 The second definition of Revelation: is Something that is revealed, especially a dramatic disclosure of something not previously known or realized.

5 Now this is also good to know because revelation is something that you didn´t know but something happened to you to make you know it now. That is good, but that does not yet make the point I wish to make here.

6 The Knowledge or knowing is one thing, but How you get that knowledge is what is called "Revelation". Revelation is not the knowledge itself. But "Revelation" is the way in which you get that knowledge. And that is what is so important for us to understand, other wise we will see revelation as simply a knowing and no emphasis will be placed on how you get that knowledge. And that is important for us to understand. Because we could say "the knowledge" is "the knowing", but that's not correct. The devil knows and he trembles. His knowing is not revelation. His knowing is intellectually produced and induced. But the act of coming to the knowing is what is called revelation, and that is when something you do not know is made known to you through a certain experience.

7 So the process of coming to this knowledge and then the knowing as you are known is what we're looking at here. this knowledge that is not mental, it is experiential. You know not because you know, but you know because you have experienced the knowing.
In other words it is the process of knowing, the revealing, the unfolding, the unveiling process itself that is important.

8 Therefore the dictionary tells us that the number 2. definition of Revelation is that in Theology: Revelation is a manifestation of divine will or truth.

9 Now, notice it is not just knowing the Divine will or truth as though it comes via a mental awareness, but it

tells us that Revelation is a manifestation of Divine will or truth.

10 The Apostle Paul tells us how he received the revelation of Jesus Christ and it was not by going to some seminary or from hearing some preacher, but he says in Ephesians 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.

11 Now the question then must be asked, how did Paul come to know the mystery of Christ? Because he didn´t learn it from Jesus Christ in the flesh. And he didn´t learn it from the other Apostles who knew Jesus in the flesh. In fact what they learned by the man Jesus didn't do them much good until they experienced the Holy Ghost for themselves.

12 So we hear William Branham tell us that it isn´t how well we knew the man himself. And it kind of sounds to me that he is saying this about those who hung around him as well. Because he talks about those who hunted with him and fished with him. And that they had no clue, but one day God revealed the knowledge to Peter in a way that didn´t come from hunting and fishing and fire side chats with the prophet Jesus. It came from a revelation, a revealing a manifesting of Divine truth and Divine will.

13 So it is this manifestation that is so all important to us. Not what a teacher might have taught you, because it is not about us, It's about Him, Christ in you, that is our hope of Glory. It's not about what you know, it's about who you know, or rather who knows you. But we are looking at the expression of God-Life made known to you and through you.

14 Israel in Egypt - 53-0325 44. Now, Paul says, "He chose us in Him, the church, before the foundation of the world." Now, watch.... that we should be holy... Not our own holiness. "Well," you say, "you believe in holiness, Brother Branham?" Sure. Not mine, in His. My holiness is nothing; His is perfect. Well, you say then, "Do you believe that you can drink or..." No, I never said that. Look, a grain of wheat can only produce wheat; it can't produce cockleburs. There's no desire in it; there's no life in it to produce cockleburs with. And if we're in Christ Jesus... 45. Don't be deceived, you had better search this close now. See, if you keep on saying, "Well, it don't condemn me to do this, and it don't condemn me to do that." Things of the world? Now, I'm going to hurt you just a little bit, pull the feathers back the other way. But it's this one sure evidence, you've never been to Christ, you've never been born again. "He that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him." Now, if you just quit doing it because you know you ought to do it, and quit doing this, that's the sign that you haven't got nowhere yet. When that thing becomes dead in you, and the nature of it's gone away, there's another Person in there and It can only produce... The Holy Spirit that was in Christ in you produces the Christ-like Life. Nothing you do; what He did.
He chose that before the foundation of the world. 46. Someone said, "Well, I know I got saved, because I quit smoking." That wasn't why I got saved; that wasn't why you got saved. You got saved because God chose you before the foundation of the world to be saved. That's the Scripture teaching. Amen. Now, you see, we begin to find out it's not us; it's Him (See?); He chose us

15 And that is what the New Birth is all about. It's not about you, it's all about Him living your Life for you. And notice what change it makes in you when it happens. The Apostles were a bunch of cowards in hiding until the Holy Ghost came upon them, and indwelt them.

16 In Matthew 16, What revelation Peter seemed to have didn't do him much good because shortly after Jesus called him blessed because of the revelation God gave him only a few verses later Jesus tells this same man "depart from me Satan for you cherish not the things of God", and then shortly after that when they went to the communion table, Jesus told him you will deny me three times. So much for having a revelation without the

baptism of the Holy Ghost. But then Jesus tells him, when you are converted, strengthen the brethren.

So we are looking at what the Baptism of the Holy Ghost will do for us, and we know that you can not even understand the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in you.

17 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit (and there is only One The Spirit and that is God's Spirit) for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. In other words, it takes having The Spirit in order to spiritually discern them.

18 Now, this brings us to where I would like to look this evening. We are coming into a condition where the church will have to be so much like Christ in order to take the rapture. And she can not be that way by her willing it. It must be Him working in us willing and doing.

19 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 what'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.

20 Abraham - 55-0608 41. And that's what God was showing that He was going to do in the days to come. That when God came down here on earth in the form of the Lord Jesus Christ, walked among men, and He was taken to Calvary and tore apart. And God taken the body up to His right hand and sent down the Holy Ghost upon the Church. And when we come together again, them pieces, just like the old covenant, it's got the dovetail one with the other. 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.

21 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, "Except the man be borned again, he will in no wise enter the Kingdom." It has to be the same Holy Ghost that 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.

22 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.

23 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.

24 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.

25 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."

26 Acts 2:42 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' (1) doctrine and (2) fellowship, and in (3) breaking of bread, and (4) in prayers. (And notice what these four things produced in these Holy Ghost filled people.) 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

27 Notice the atmosphere produced when they believed the apostles doctrine, then correct fellowship and breaking of bread around the doctrine, and then prayer which cemented the whole thing together and produced an atmosphere of Godly fear, and that brought the atmosphere into expectation. and that expectation was so real that they all stayed together, even selling what possessions they had and the atmosphere was electric with expectation. And you get what you come for and the people got the supernatural presence of God in manifestation, because they expect supernatural manifestation from the presence of God.

28 How can people say they believe He's here, and deny any visible manifestation God uses to show us His presence. Why do you think brother Branham was so sincere even when interrupted by people speaking in tongues. Words don't prove anything. God is more than willing to show that He is here than we are willing to accept it. He said, "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened". But they have not because they ask not, and they ask not because they believe not.

29 Faith is the sixth sense 60-0611E P:6 If we would only be spiritual and use that sixth sense, we... Oh, how many things we could bypass, how many things we'd know if the church was in order, where the spirits and gifts of the church would be operating. We'd have Ananias and Sapphiras laying all over everywhere. That's right. Sin would be out of the church. But we become so earthbound with our senses, just so, "Well, if I can't see it, if I can't..." And then them senses--the devil gets into those senses. And he will let you see something with your eyes and then disbelieve it anyhow. Because many times you've kept your eyes closed so long until you're blind.

30 So we are coming to a time when all unbelief will have to be gone from among the believers. You know we quote brother Branham as saying, "there are three kind of believers in every congregation", but did you know there is coming a time according to this same vindicated prophet when there will be no more sin enter into the congregation of the Lord?

31 Paradox - 61-1210 p255 I've often wanted to come into a church; I've longed to see it, I guess, where I could walk in the back door, front door, wherever it was, look across an audience and see a perfect church all in order. sin couldn't stay there; no, the Spirit would call it out. You see? It just couldn't stay. Like Ananias and Sapphira, you just couldn't do it. There'd be no sin in that, that group. No, sir. See, the Spirit quickly speak it like that. [Brother Branham quickly snaps his fingers--Ed.] No matter what it was, how little, it would be done. See women, men setting there under the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God moving perfectly, moving this. Someone had done something wrong in the congregation, couldn't, they'd be... They couldn't... They'd come quickly, and confess it before the Spirit got ahold of it, to confess it before and come tell it, 'cause they know right then it's going to be called. That's right. That's the Church of the living God. How my old, poor old heart, now it's getting old, how I've longed to stand and see a church like that. I may yet. I hope to. Perfect works of God without sin

now, that could understand.

32 So let's look at the way it was in the early church, to see how it is supposed to repeat. For Alpha must repeat in Omega.

33 So, let's turn in our Bibles to Acts chapter 5: and begin reading at verse 1 to see what the atmosphere was like that we saw created on the first day of Pentecost in the early church. "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

34 Notice, peter said, you could have done with it what you wanted, but you wanted to make a show for the church, but all it was, was a show, because it was not what you really sold it for. So they lied, and conspired together to keep their story the same but it was a lie none the less, and God called out that lie using Peter to do it, and notice what happened next.

35 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: (and what did that produce?) and great fear came on all them that heard these things. Now, I've seen this happen personally over the years, twice in Africa. God just took the make believers home.

36 Alpha is repeating in this omega. The book of Acts is taking place in Africa and other countries because those people take this Message seriously nothing like Americans. This country is too focused on materialism, and social gratification and the people are not trained to believe, nor are they trained to seek God for anything, but have become simply trained theologians. But the African's expect to see God manifest His Divine presence and they get what they look for.

37 But the day is coming, and is here upon us when you're going to have to either get off the fence, or you're going to miss the rapture altogether and be left behind for the tribulation period. And I think people are expecting tribulation more than they are expecting deliverance. Because God sent his deliverance and they've intellectualized it away. But this may be my last sermon to you, and I am going to tell you straight. It's time to wake up. It's time to get right with God or you will perish.

38 From his sermon, Unchangeable God - 62-0120 all the members be filled with the Holy Spirit, and so obedient to the Spirit that sin cannot even enter the doors without being called out by the Holy Spirit. And that's the type of church that we're looking for, and striving that we might have. I believe that those things are possible and not... 3. It's probable too, that if we'll just submit ourselves to God, and listen to his Word, and believe on Jesus with all of our hearts, I believe that there'll come a church that where them things will take place. I know it'd be the hunger of--of every minister's heart to come into a church that's just so filled with the Presence of God, and everybody just so in harmony with the Spirit, until there will be no... sin, one member could not commit a sin. Just as soon as they walked in there, they'd know better than to come in the presence of that church with that sin on their life. The Holy Spirit would call it right out, right now, and say, "This is what it is." Now, there's the way we should be, friends. That's the type of church. And we're striving for that, brethren, aren't we? We're all striving for that thing, and we're hoping and trusting.

39 Now, look, we are coming down to the wire brothers and sisters, either you believe or you will leave this church. Not that I want you to go, but the Holy Ghost won't permit unbelief to stay among us. The unbeliever will have to go. He won't be able to stay, because we know that in the millennium Satan will be bound by the fact

there will be no sinners there to use. And so will be the church right before we take the rapture.

40 Don't think you will get into the tent through some window. remember, Jesus told us the parable of the man that tried to enter the wedding without being dressed for it, and he was thrown out into tribulation.

41 Spiritual food in due Season 66-0719e. 40. Now, we find out that Elijah could say that because the message of the hour and the Word of God... Or the messenger, the Message--the Message and the Word was exactly the same thing. The prophet, the Word, the Message; messenger, Message, and man was the same. Jesus said, "If I do not the works that's written of Me, then don't believe Me." That's good. Any man and his message is one. That's why today that they do not believe in doing the works of God, because they do not accept the Message of God. They don't believe the Message. But those who believe God's hour that we're living in, these things are hidden food. Just think. God has so hid it that they look right at it and don't see it. The same way that Elijah blinded the Syrian army, the same way that God blinds the unbeliever from the true genuine Food of the child, the believer.

42 Since this is our communion night, I would like to read you a quote from brother Branham's last communion service before going home to be with the Lord. And I want you to note the date and note also the prophecy of what is coming in the future for the church. So this did not happen during his time here. He was looking for it to yet come.

43 Communion 65-1212 P:22 You know, the hour will soon arise when right among us will be, the Holy Spirit will speak out like It did in Ananias and Sapphira...?... See, that hour is arriving. See? And we are... Now, you just remember that (See?) that God is going to dwell among His people. That's what He wants to do now. We could receive the Message as saying... If I was a young man and hunting for a wife, and I could find a wife, I said, "She's just perfect. She's a Christian. She's a lady. She's all this; I got confidence." No matter how much confidence, how much I think she's nice, I've got to receive her, she's got to receive me (See?) upon these vows. Well, it's the same thing we find is the Message. We see It's right. We see God vindicates It's right. It's perfectly right. Year after year, year after year, It continues right, continues right. Everything It says, happens just exactly the way He said. Now, we know It's right, but (See?) don't do it from a intellectual standpoint. If you do, you got a second-handed religion. See? We don't want a second-handed religion, something that somebody else has experienced it and we are living off of their testimony.

44 Well, the days of Ananias and Sapphira are to repeat. and don't forget brother Branham already saw his share of them as well. But this is now, and that was 50 plus years ago. But God doesn't change. So it's time that we change to what he wants us to be.

45 Jehovah Jireh 61-0212M P:26 And I said, "Because that you have said, and put that on your prayer card, now you have it." And he died about sixty seconds. See, we're not playing, church. We're living in the Presence of the Holy Ghost." Remember Ananias and Sapphira? You better be sincere and correct with God before you try that. Remember, "It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." See? There it was. It come right upon him, and the diagnosis of the case and everything, showed he had both cancer and TB. He said it, and his words come to pass. That's just exactly. He sealed his own doom, just exactly. Like David did when he stood before Nathan and said, "The man will surely die." See? He will have to pay for it. You know what Nathan told him. He sealed his own doom. So it's still the same God. We don't serve another God from another day. Now, that's how it is, so just have faith in God.

46 Brother Branham said in his sermon, Does God change His mind 65-0427 P:39 Now, may I say this. They thought He was along. But they found out in the crisis that He wasn't. See? He wasn't with them. Now, we find out, that in the time that when this great thing has been brought up, and we find out that we're missing something in our churches, and that is the power of Christ. Now, look, I don't want to criticize. I love you, and genuine, true

love always is corrective. Now, we're missing Christ in our church. We're missing Christ amongst our Pentecostal people, our brother and sisters. There's something wrong. The old fashion prayer meetings they used to have all day and night, they don't have them no more. Our women used to wear long hair; they don't do it anymore. It would be a disgrace for women to paint and use paint back in the early days, and act the way these women do. Something went wrong. Nothing wrong with Christ (See?), but something went wrong. Something is somewhere. The pulpit used to, wouldn't have permitted such a thing as that, but it does now. See? The crisis is on, and we're missing something. We're missing power that we ought to have, where the big machine ought to be running up, and great signs and wonders. Well, this building ought to be setting so full of power of God, now, till a sinner couldn't stay in here; the Holy Spirit condemning it, right quickly like that, like Ananias and Sapphira. And we're missing something.

47 Questions and answers COD 64-0823E P:62 Now, I believe in speaking in tongues. I believe in interpretation, but it must be something directly to the church, not, "The Lord is coming soon," or something--which is all right. But, "Don't use vain repetitions," Jesus said, "as heathens do." It must be something. "Go, tell Brother So-and-so a certain thing he done and to get..." "Why, go tell Brother, Sister So-and-so, when she did a certain thing down there the other day, she transgressed the laws of her husband's--the vow to her husband. Unless she makes this right, the Holy Spirit will cut her off." There you've got THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then bring that sin in. That's when we got a church like it was when Ananias and Sapphira come in. Then we got a church that stands solid." Oh," you say, "Brother Branham..." One guy, I told him that; he said, "Well, you put us too much on the spot."I said, "Ain't I on the spot up there to strangers I never seen in my life? But I got faith and confidence in my God Who sent me to do this, and never one time has it been wrong or never will be as long as it's God." That's right.

48 Once more 63-1117 P:31 But I think that Samson here, what I want to parallel it to, is the modern local... or not local, but the--the modern conditions of the church today. It's a perfect parallel. The church has long lost its respect; not because that God has failed the church, but the church has failed God. It wasn't because that God had failed Samson, but Samson had failed God. Where we ought to be standing in such a condition like the church was when Ananias and Sapphira was brought before the church, but instead of that, we have long compromised with the things of the world and brought it in, until today, it to be called a bunch of holy-rollers, or just an ordinary other denomination, just some church. There's not... It hasn't, doesn't pack the dignity that it should have.

49 So where is the respect? I'll tell you what it is. The Bible said at the time of the Parousia of Christ there would be scoffers in the church, and the church today is filled with scoffers, where Peter warns us in 2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? (where is this parousia that is promised? where is this Presence that is promised? And they're still saying it today. O, they preach it but they don't believe he is here because when he shows himself alive among us, they scoff and make fun of it. Go ahead and scoff, but one day you will pay for with your life when you are chased down like a hunted animal.) for since the fathers fell asleep, (they say) all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

50 Then Peter tells us one thing they are ignorant of, That God's word created all things, and whatsoever God says, it will surely come to pass exactly as he said it.

51 Perseverance 62-0218 P:117 Now He set in the church, to keep the church in line with the Word, what? Apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, offices of the church. God-sent, not man-called; God-sent, inspired men to keep the church lined up. Now, what is it? Gifts of the Spirit in the church, not a bunch of fanaticism, but truly gifts of the Spirit in the church. That's right, keeping the church. If a real church was ordained of God, really filled with the Holy Spirit, if sin would appear in the church, it'd be another like Ananias

and Sapphira. When a real church... I'd like to walk into one, see all the women and men under the power of the Holy Spirit. If somebody had done something wrong, the Holy Spirit rise right up and reveal it. They'd have to clean up. That's gifts of the Spirit in the church. O God, send us a church like that; send us one like that. You believe it? Christ, is He dead? He's alive.

52 So either this is a real church or it is not. If it is not, then I expect we will just come to church and all things will continue, as the scoffers said in 2 Peter. But if it is a real church, then expect to see God's hand move. The Holy Ghost will call out sin and people will get right before coming through those doors. That's right. They got upset with Br. Branham when he told that woman to shut up and sit down, and the same thing with Br. Vayle in the Houston meetings when he did the same to that young man amen-ing just to hear his voice on tape.

53 Convinced then concerned 62-0118 P:118 You believe this to be the Spirit of God, then It's condemning you. That's right. And how are you going to be condemned? The guilty of the least is guilty of the whole. You know to do better. Someone said... As I made a remark last night, someone said to me, "Brother Branham, why don't you leave off them women? Leave off them men; quit doing that." Said, "You're... People thinks you're a prophet." I said, "I'm no prophet." He said, "People claim you to be though. Why don't you teach them how to receive spiritual gifts?" I said, "How can I teach them algebra when they don't even know their ABC's? They don't have common decency enough to clean themselves up and act like Christians. How you going to tell them spiritual things about heavenly things?" That's right. Let the Pentecostal church straighten itself up, get right with God, and I'll prove to you that the Holy Ghost will come right in. Why, this... The church will be so full of the power of the Holy Ghost there can't be one member do one sin. The Holy Ghost will call it right out, like Ananias and Sapphira. Right. But you can't do it when you won't even take your kindergarten training. Certainly not.

54 Presuming 62-0117 P:117 I've often wondered... I'd like to walk into a church. I hope I get to see it before I die (in closing), walk into a church sometime, and walk through there, and just see, oh, how sin couldn't even set in that church. Any member would have to confess it before they even got there. The Holy Spirit would call it right out on the spot, like that (See?), just like, see the women setting there look like ladies, see men like men, really men of integrity, Holy Ghost-filled men, Spirit-filled. Let just one sin be in the church anywhere, the Holy Spirit call it right out. Like Ananias, Sapphira, have it right there before you. See? Oh, that's a church I'd like to see. I wished I could see it.

55 We would see Jesus 61-0409 P:57 How Saint Paul and those in the old days, how that the visions broke upon them, and they done this same thing: Ananias and Sapphira, and Paul upon the sea that night, and the Angel of the Lord stood by him, and he walked out and told the people. And how that the great powers of God was known in that early church. You promised it again in the last days.

56 What it takes to overcome all unbelief 60-0729 P:15 First is apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, those five God-given gifts in the church. So each of you people, who has a godly pastor, has a gift from God in your church, a shepherd. "Pastor" means "a shepherd," to watch over the flock, to teach them the Word of God. Then these other nine different spiritual gifts should be operating in the church to keep the church clean. Like the Ananias and Sapphiras and so forth, the Spirit of God rise up and call somebody out and tell them they're living wrong, and rebuke that sin openly, and that's what the Holy Spirit is in the church for, to keep the church clean and ready for the coming of the Lord. We believe that.

57 Well, let me read you one quote no one can ever accuse me of. In his sermon, Queen of Sheba 60-0710 P:68 brother Branham said, "Ananias and Sapphira is living in the church, on the side of the church and never called out and told their sins, because they're the heaviest payers there is in the church. Some Ananias with a great job can put in five thousand dollars a year; he could drink, smoke, gamble, commit adultery, and he can be deacon at the same time. Brother, I'm telling you, when the Spirit of God comes into the church, It'd tear that thing open and

rip it out, like He did when He come the other time to the temple. Money changers..."Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, despisers of those that are good, heady, high-minded, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." I'm quoting the Scripture, I Timothy 3.

58 Listen, I don't care how much tithes they pay this church, if they sin, I'm obligated to go talk to them, and so are you if you know it. They may not like it, but that's Bible. And that's the reason I have never taken a salary from this church. I don't want anything that can potentially hold back the truth of this Word.

59 Manifested sons of God 60-0518 P:110 When the church begins to get into its mighty power, when they have an Ananias and Sapphira, few of them. Yes, sir. You'll see when that holy church stands together in its power, positionally placed as sons of God, adopted into the family of God, powerful church standing there in its glory. Oh, that's what He's coming for.

60 Why are we not a denomination? 58-0927 P:69 The Holy Spirit segregates. Ananias, Sapphira come in one time said so-and-so, and the Holy Spirit said, "Why did you lie?" But we say, "Now, that's Brother Jones, don't you say nothing bad about him now, he's the best payer we got in church.

61 Witnesses 54-0303 P:53 Peter... Ananias and Sapphira come in with a big lie all fixed up. Peter, being the Spirit of the Holy Ghost on him, he rebuked their sins and told them what they'd done. You see this practically the same thing night by night, the Holy Spirit revealing, showing.

62 God's provided way 53-1201 P:56 Peter and John was ignorant and unlearned man. The Bible said they were absolutely ignorant. But they had to take notice to them, they'd been with Jesus. That's the main thing. That's right. They had enough faith to heal a man at the gate called Beautiful. Peter had enough power of God in him to tell Ananias, "You are lying." That's right. He kept back that money. "And Sapphira, you did the same thing." Scared them so bad they had a heart attack and died. They packed them out and buried them. Amen. That same God lives today. That same program is God's program for today.

63 Faith in the Son of God 52-0715 P:25 I tell you, when they seen that discerning, that Spirit moving and pointing the person, and telling who it was, the critics hushed. But today, they're brazen.

Let us Pray.