

#141 Christian Life no 21 Repentance and Conversion

- 1** This morning we will pick up at paragraph 214 where we left off a few weeks ago before I left for Chile and Argentina.
- 2** 214 Notice. Then one like the first Adam and Eve before sin separated them in death, now Christ the second Adam in Life redeems His Bride from death, and now on His way back to the original Eden, restoring back His Bride in fellowship back with God, as Husband and Wife to the garden of Eden: Christ and His Bride.
- 3** Notice brother Branham's words, here. He tells us that at this time, Christ will redeem back His bride from death, and restore her walk as it was meant to be in Eden, where as a Bride we can walk with God and have fellowship with God as it was meant to be back before the fall in Eden.
- 4** Now, I would like to examine this by Scripture because in order for us to be back in fellowship with God as it was back then certain things have to happen, and a certain atmosphere must come into being.
- 5** First of all we know by scripture that to have fellowship with God there must first be repentance first, for the scripture teaches us "how can two walk together lest they be agreed".
- 6** What went ye out to see 59-1001 P:22 Now, when John begin to preach repentance to those people of the church, they said, "Looky here. We got Abraham to our father. We don't need none of these wild preachers coming out of the wilderness, these uneducated groups, undenominational. We don't need any of their hollering and going on, for we have Abraham to our father." So would that same message blind the church today. If you asked the person quickly, "Are you a Christian?" Say, "Yes." Quickly they'll say, "What denomination do you belong to?" Now, that's all right, but it has nothing to do with Christianity. One of them will say, "Well, I'm a Methodist, or a Baptist, or a Presbyterian," or whatever church that they happen to be affiliated with, which is perfectly all right. But that doesn't answer the question. You still need repentance. And repentance shakes the people. They think they don't need it. "I'm the deacon. I do certain things at the church." That doesn't excuse anything. You still need repentance.
- 7** What went ye out to see 59-1001 P:21 Now, If his message was so stunting of then, that it shook the regions, let's see what he preached. The first thing he preached was repentance to all. And repentance always blinds the eyes of the unbeliever, or the church member. The church member feels that he has nothing to repent of. And when that person or persons get to that place where you think you've got nothing to repent of, you're in a more serious condition. Though being a member of the church, you're in a more serious condition than the sinner on the street. For the Scripture said over in the Book of Revelations, talking about the church, said, "She was naked, wretched, miserable, and blind, and didn't know it." Now, if a man was on the street and was blind, that would be horrible. If he was poor, would be horrible, naked--horrible. But not knowing it, that's the miserable part. And there's people today that claim to be Christians, that belong to church, that doesn't know that they need repentance. And to tell someone that, it stirs them up.
- 8** So the scripture says, Repent ye therefore in order to be converted. So repentance is the first thing we must do, and with that we open ourselves to full conversion.
- 9** Notice, Jesus told Peter in Luke 22:32 when you are converted, (when you are filled with the holy Ghost)

strengthen your brethren.

10 Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

11 Therefore we see before there can be a conversion from sinner to saint, from unregenerate to Born again son of God, there first must come repentance.

12 Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

13 Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, first and then be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

14 So without repentance first there can be no remission of sins. Therefore, the repentance is step number one, and with it when we are baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we are promised to be filled with the Holy Spirit as we read in Acts 2:38.

15 Then after we have come through repentance and then conversion, we have a promise in this hour of complete restoration according to Brother Branham's terminology, which has the same definition as what the Bible calls restitution. Restoration and restitution are actually the same thing. They mean to restore back to the original condition. When you make restitution it mean you give back what was taken. To restore means to bring back to it's original condition. And in order for a pure fellowship to take place with God, to where we walk with him as Enoch did, or as Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden, this restitution has to be a complete restitution.

16 Let's turn to the Book of Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, (that's number one, before anything else can take place there must be repentance first. And once you have truly repented, then he continues) and be (2) converted, (and we will need to know what this conversion is because it brings something with it.) that (3) your sins may be blotted out, (and then it would be helpful if we knew when this was to take place, so he says,) when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

17 Now, notice that without this prophet we have no restitution of all things. And without the restitution of all things, we have no rest. Without the restitution of all things, Jesus will not return. Without the restitution of all things, there will be no repentance, for we will not know what to repent from, and without that repentance we will not have conversion, and without conversion, we will not have any blotting out of our sin which is our unbelief. And without all that we will not have a return of Christ.

18 So you see how all these things are dependent upon God sending a prophet, because without the prophet we have no understanding to straighten out our thinking. And that is what Malachi Four is all about.

19 Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

20 The Hebrew word for heart is leb, which refers to the heart; is also used figuratively very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the center of anything;-it also means for the ability to care for, courage, kindly, the mind, regard, understanding, willingness and wisdom.

21 So we have a promise from God. I will send you Elijah the prophet to turn the hearts of the children to the Fathers, because if I don't I will certainly come and destroy the earth with a curse.

22 So God sends His prophet in the Spirit and power of Elijah to change the hearts of the children. To change our minds and our understanding first, then to change the way we act and do with that understanding. In other words, the Hebrew word for heart means The way we care for, the way we encourage with, the way we regard, and then our willingness to do whatever that new wisdom asks of us to do.

23 To me this is exactly the attitude that Jesus suggests to us in John 14:12. It is not so much about any specific work God wants done, but rather it is more about our willingness to please God and our willingness to do whatever God would ask us to do.

24 Because when Jesus said, "the works that I do you will do also" you have to remember, this is the same Son of God who said, "The son can of himself do nothing, but whatsoever He sees the Father doing that doeth the son likewise."

25 So it is not about any particular work as much as it is about the mindset that wants to please the Father in all things. And this is what brother Branham is talking about in this paragraph, because he says in the next paragraph.

26 215 And God... At that day, the Kingdom be given over to the Father, He might be All in All.

27 Notice, he is quoting from 1 Corinthians 15 here where Paul is speaking of the time of the resurrection when God will have placed all things under the feet of His son with the exception of Himself.

28 1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order:

29 Now notice that he is talking about an order tot he resurrection here. Every man in his same order Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (That's at his Parousia)

30 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

31 In other words, the God and Father who places all things under the feet of His Son Jesus is excepted from being placed under the feet of His Son Jesus. Because he adds,

32 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him (God) that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

33 So we go back to paragraph 215 where brother Branham continues by speaking of this condition that the bride will be coming into at this hour and he says, "While he's yet speaking, I'll hear," days of Christ... David sitting on the Throne, the King over the whole human race... "And while they're yet thinking, I'll know what

they're thinking about; before they speak, I'll answer. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together. The lion shall eat straw like a bullock. They shall feed together and lay down. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain." Right back exactly to Eden again as hard as it can go... There's your threefold purpose. Oh God, help us to know it; help us to know it.

34 216 Listen closely now again as we go on, going back to the original Eden. Then when we are born of Him, we are filled with Him. See, your life... His Life is in you. Then all of our actions should declare Him. It's like taking life out of one tree and putting it into another. Taking life out of a pear tree and put it in an apple tree, it'll bear pears. It's got to, 'cause the sap, the life in it, the germ is pear tree. All right. Then all of our actions should declare Him. We have His Name. Is that right? We should bear His Name.

35 Notice that brother Branham is speaking of the converted ones here, those who have been filled with the Holy Ghost. Because the law of reproduction according to Genesis 1:11 tells us that every seed must bring forth after its kind or nature.

36 Then kittens are born with the nature of a cat, and puppies are born with the nature of a dog, and folds are born with the nature of a horse, and piglets are born with the nature of a pig. And you can dress up a pig like a little lamb, and teach it to baah, but it will only go oink oink. You can try and train it to be clean but the first time it smells the mud, its nature takes over, and back to the mud it goes.

37 Now, listen, if we are born of His Spirit, then we will have his nature as well. And this is what I just do not understand why some are having so much difficulty in understanding John 14:12. What is so hard about understanding that if you are born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost, then it is only natural that you will think like Christ, and walk like Christ and talk like Christ and do the things Christ did? As br. Josh said the other day, "Isn't that just Christianity 101?"

38 And so we read on with paragraph 217 And remember, we are now as His Bride, pregnated with His Spirit. Oh, my. The Church bearing children (See?), pregnated by His Spirit with His Name, bearing His Name, bearing His Life, bringing forth the signs of His Life evident with the preeminences, evidence of His resurrection showing that He is not dead, but alive forevermore. This is Eternal Life. And a-vindicated--vindicates to the world that we are alive in Him. Whew.

39 Now, listen, to what he is saying here. When you are born again, filled with His Spirit, you are impregnated with His Life, and any life from that point on, that comes froth from within you is His Life, God Life.

40 Then if that is true, then what sort of Live is expressing itself out from you. Do you still get angry and cuss like a sailor? You know that isn't Christ Life. Then if that is not Christ life what life is it? It's an un-regenerated Life. And let me read again a quote from brother Branham that tells it all.

41 Explaining healing and Jairus 54-0216 P:37 What you are here is a reflection of what you are somewhere else. "Those who He called, He justifies." Is that right? "Those who He justified, He has glorified." Already in the Presence of the Father, we have a glorified body. Whew! Wasn't that deep? All right. We'll find out whether it's right or not. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Is that right? That's right. So right now, and what we are there, is a reflection. Here, what we are here, is a reflection of what we are somewhere else. So if your deeds are evil, you know where it comes from. You know where your other body's a waiting.

42 Now, listen that is not just a warning, but that is prophetic truth.

43 In His presence 62-0909E P:52 A man, when he thinks God's gone, he'll cuss, he'll lust after women, he'll

do... He'll steal, cheat, lie. He'll do anything when he thinks that God don't see him. But bring him into the Presence of God, he'll stop it right now. See? And David said, "I have put the Lord always before me." That's a good thing. No wonder God said he was a man after His Own heart. Man will do everything when he thinks that God isn't near. But when he realizes that God's near, did you ever notice a sinner? Let a godly person walk up, he'll quit his cussing, if he's got any respects at all. See? He won't tell the dirty jokes that he would've told. See? See, he'll leave off that, because he knows that he's in the Presence of God, 'cause God dwells in the tabernacle of His people. See?

44 Influence of another 62-1013 P:70 Now, these Angels, when they're in God's Presence, they was... Believed it... David said..., "I place the Lord always before me, that I shall not be moved. Moreover," he said, "then when I do that, my flesh shall rest in hope." Yes, sir. "Because I know what... He will not leave my soul in hell, neither suffer His Holy One to see corruption. For the Lord is always before me." Wherever you go, place God. If a man get angry and cusses you, place God between you and him. If a guy calls you a holy-roller, place God between you and him. If the wife gets angry with you, place God. If the husband gets angry, place God. If the children aggravate you, place God. See? Whatever you do, place God. If papa and mama gives you a little spanking and corrects you, place God. Remember what God said about that? "Bring up a child in the way it should go." See? Always remember, place God. Put God before you, and you'll have reverence for God and respects for Him. That's right.

45 Mark of the beast 56-0715 P:45 That's all. And they don't know God. They're not open to their hearts. Their life proves what it is. Enough temper to fight a buzz saw and cuss you at the drop your hat and tell you to shut up your mouth.

46 Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them."

47 God perfecting His church 54-1204 P:34 You're either a believer or a unbeliever. And the reason that you smoke, and drink, and cuss, and do the things you do, is because you are an unbeliever. It bears fruits of itself. And then, if you just say, "Well, I'm going to quit smoking. And I'm going to quit lying, stealing." You're doing that in yourself. That still doesn't make you saved." I'm going to go to church and try to do better." That still doesn't mean it's salvation. You've got to be born-again and righteousness only comes to the attributes of a believing life. "He that sins wilfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Here it is. If the truth has been presented to people, and you see it and you wilfully (because your church won't accept it or something) walk away from it and say, "That's a bunch of holy-rollers, 'cause my church said so," you've crossed the line." He that disbelieves wilfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." You get it?

48 Israel at the red sea 1 53-0326 P:65 Cussing, swearing, drinking, that's not sin; that's the attributes of sin. You're a sinner, what makes you do it; but that isn't sin; that's the attributes of it.

49 So you see, if you lie, steal, cheat, cuss, tell dirty jokes, it's because the Holy Ghost is not your absolute. You are still alive to yourself, your feelings, your emotions. But how do you know when you have died to yourself? When someone speaks evil of you and you don't respond. When someone smack you on the cheek and you give them the other cheek. Then you know that you have passed from death into eternal life.

50 Paul said in Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Is your life Hid with Christ?

51 Would you cuss with Christ? I doubt it. Christ doesn't cuss. Would you lie with Christ? I doubt it. Christ doesn't lie. Would you get angry with Christ?

52 Then Paul says, 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore (kill of therefore) your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. 18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged. 22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

53 Let us pray...