#171 Manifested Life is Resurrected Life

1 This morning I would like to speak from brother Branham's sermon, Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, and I do not know how many more sermons we shall find within this beautiful sermon of His, but we have only 15 paragraphs left, so I am sure we have not more than 10 to 15 sermons, let in this series which we have so much enjoyed, because in it we have been taught more closely our relationship to our Father. We have learned more clearly what it means to be a son of God coming forth in the image of the first born son.

2 Therefore, this morning being Easter I prayed that we might find the Easter Message in the next paragraph from his Sermon, which is paragraph 291 and God blessed us with a beautiful Easter Message to bring His Children this morning.

3 With that in mind let's read together paragraph 291. " Oh, the devil's howling about this. The manifested truth of the promise of the Word in Her alone... They don't have the answer. When Jesus come, why didn't those Pharisees...? He said, "If I cast out devils by the finger of God, who do you cast them out by?" He stood alone, and His Church stands alone. She's not hooked with nothing.

4 In other words, she has not obligated herself to any church, any creed, any organization of man. She stands alone, God and her.

5 But He was identified by God, being the body that God dwelled in, and the Church is identified by His Body doing the same thing.

6 She has John 14:12 reflecting in her life, and she does the same things he did because the same Spirit that dwelt in Him dwells now in her, and as Paul said in Romans 8:11 has quickened her mortal body. And as the Law of Life as seen in Genesis 1:11 is in her, where every seed must come forth after the original seed, and as the Apostle Paul called this law, the law of the spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. And this Law of Life dwells in her by His same Spirit, thus making her and Him the same. Therefore she is the same in Spirit, the same in Life, the same in actions, the same in thoughts, the same in Words and the same in deeds. Same nature, same life expressed.

7 She is His Body, the manifested Truth of His promised Word for the last days. And She and She alone stands by it. That's why the devil is howling, these great organizations set up something to close her up. They'll never do it. She'll be taken up, not closed up.

8 And so we fight the good fight of faith, knowing that satan would do everything in his power and use every religious spirit who has yielded themselves to his mindset which fights this truth that God has ordained to be manifested in His little bride, allowing her to be conformed to the Image of the first born son, Jesus.

9 Brother Branham continues by saying, 292 "She is now risen and by the power of the vindicated Word promised to Her. Amen. How a bride holds that promise. "He told me He'd return after me. I believe it." See? Yes, sir. To meet Her Headship, Her Redeemer, Her Husband, Her King, Her Lord, Her Lover, Her Saviour in the provided meeting place... He's got a place to meet 'em. You know the Bridegroom don't leave out nothing. He's got the ring, the identification. He's got the robe that She wears, Her clothing. See?"

10 And we know according to Scripture that she will be dressed in the Word of God. We are told in the book of

Revelation 21:2 that she has "prepared herself as a bride adorned for her husband."

11 Then brother Branham says, "And He's got the provided place to meet Her; that's in the air. Everything has been all provided. He's got the wedding supper already set, guests already invited, already chosen."

12 In paragraph 147 we read where brother Branham said, Notice, God holds this key alone. God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology; it's a revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock, I'll build My Church." No other rock's accepted; no other thing's accepted; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; no other nothing; but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth. He, born in there and injects His own Life, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the preeminences to the people that they see the very Life, and works, and signs and wonders that He did is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.

13 Notice he says, the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth.

14 Ok so we are looking at what he's going to talk about here. He's talking about the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the new birth. Then he says, He (He's talking about the life of Christ. And notice what He says about Christ. He Christ, born in there and injecting His own Life, and when that happens, your life is gone,

15 Just think about that. Christ Jesus, His very own Life has been injected into the believer and He, Christ is born into your vessel. And on top of all that, he says and "your own life is gone."

16 And how does he say we receive this injection of Christ -Life into our vessel? He says God injects it by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

17 So think in terms of the Revelation of Jesus Christ as being an inoculation. God takes His Word which is sharper than any two edged sword and injects into you the very life of His own Son. And it comes by receiving the revelation of Jesus Christ. And the word "revelation" means "manifestation of Divine truth". In other words revelation is not an intellectual affair, but a Divine truth in manifestation or expression. Therefore it must express itself in you order for it to be revealed to you and in you.

18 And brother Branham says, He (Christ's very own Life) born in there (in where? in you) and injects His own Life (injects his own life where? In you) and your life is gone, (it is not about you, it's now all about Christ, and Him alone.)

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

20 Now, when Paul tells us that our life is hid with Christ the word hid was translated from a Greek word that means to hide by covering, hidden as though covered.

21 So Christ Jesus, His own Life expressed through your life, hides your own life that was born in sin, shaped in iniquity and came to the world speaking lies. Then it is not about you and jesus, it's all abnout Him. It actually means this union with Christ takes you out of the way, and brings His life into the preeminent position and expression in your being.

22 And after all, he said in Colossians 3:3 "For ye are dead" and if you are dead then what kind of an expression does a dead man have? A dead man doesn't retaliate does he? Dead horses don't kick, and dead men don't fight back. Then if you want to know if you are truly dead to self and your life is covered over by Jesus Christ's life,

give yourself the Word test.

23 (3) Ye are dead, and your life is hid (covered) with Christ in God. And if your life is covered with Christ it is because you have put on Christ. And who is Christ? He is the Word.

24 Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

25 Then he says in Colossians 3:4 "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear" (Shall phaneroo, which means to manifest in ones true identity) then shall ye also appear (phaneroo to manifest in your true identity) with him in glory. With him in doxa, with him in the same opinion, with him in the same values, and with the same judgments.

26 Then Paul adds, verse 5"Mortify therefore your members" (See? That means 'kill', it means 'put to death', it means 'crucify'. What?) 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 also you walked sometime, when you lived in them. 8 But now you put off all these things: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication.

27 And brother Vayle said "What is that a sign of, brother, sister? It's a sign of when those things come against us, we're dead to them...let them come. We don't get mad anymore...why? Just take it and let it come. See? Get it out of the way. See?"

28 And the Apostle Paul says, 9 Lie not to one another, seeing that you 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. Notice n these verses we read where Paul shows us how to die to self. Now that we have died to self, and our life is gone, as brother Branham said, Paul then teaches us what the Life of Christ living in us will do... 13 Forbearing one another, forgiving one another.
If any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do to them.
So what is that? That's the cross of Christ! Where Paul said I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I am living. That's not a man saying, "Well, I'm going to get back at that guy, because he did me..." no, no , no. You are dead and your life is hid with christ, covered over by the life of Christ, and the life you are now living in this body is not your life, but Christ´s life projecting itself out from your vessel.

And that is what brother Branham said next... "and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the preeminences to the people that they see the very Life, and works, and signs and wonders that He did is doing the same thing through you.
Now, the word "project" that brother Branham used here means "to reproduce outwardly," or "to display outwardly".

29 So what we are looking at here is a life that covers over your very own life, and this new life projects its own self out from your vessel like a projector projects what is on the film outwardly for all to see, and the whole purpose of the projecting of what is on the film is to make visible to all what is hidden within the projector.

30 That is why Jesus said in John 12:36 "we are the children of the light and we are like a light on a hill projecting forth that light that is in us for all to see."

31 In Matthew 5:14 Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the

house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

32 Now, what are these good works that men are to see that they may Glorify God in what they see? Well Jesus said in verse 3.

33 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.You know I never understood how you could be poor in spirit and be called blessed, until I found that the less I have of me, the more room I have for Christ in me my hope of glory.

34 So what Jesus is saying here is that "You´re blessed when you´re at the end of your rope and have nothing left to offer, for With less of you there is more of God..

35 In other words, when you have finally died to yourself, and your life is covered by Christ there is nothing left for you to show the world of yourself, and the only thing you have worth showing the world is Christ Himself who gives you the victory.

36 Notice the second place to find ourselves blessed. Jesus says in verse 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

37 I'd like to read it this way,... 4 "You´re blessed when you've finally come to the place where you´ve lost what you thought was most dear to you, "yourself", Only to find you now reflect the One most dear to you.

38 Did not God promise to turn our mourning into joy? Well that's how He does it.

39 Our third blessing comes with these words, 5 Blessed are the meek (that's the humble): for they shall inherit the earth.

40 In finding our place in God's word, we find our true humility, for brother Branham said, "true humilty is knowing your place in the Word", and if the Word is God, then it is knowing your place in God. And when we knowingly embrace our Sovereign God, it is then we realize how little we are, and when we enter into this true humility, is when we die to self and let Christ have the preeminence in our life. That is when we become truly rich and as he said, those who enter into this condition are those who will receive their inheritance.

The next blessing comes as Jesus tells us 6 " Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." And that is the oppostite of the laodicean condition who feel they are in need of nothing. No, brothers and sisters, when we hunger and thirst it is because we long to have more of Him and acknowledge that we do not have enough.

41 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. When you have come to the place where you are more concerned for others than you are for yourself, then you have come to the place when you have not only obtained mercy, but you are projecting mercy.

42 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Pure in heart, pure as in nothing in the way that would pollute what you see and what you hear. And when you look with the eyes of God and hear with the ears of God, then you shall see God. For you have become like God because you are projecting God.

43 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

You´re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That´s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God´s family. That is when you have come to maturity as a Christ-Like person, a true Christian which means Christ-Like.

44 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: (right-wise-ness sake, for having a correct understanding of the Word of God) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

45 You´re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution from others. Because God uses that persecution to drive you even deeper into His will and his mind until all you reflect is Him.

46 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

47 In other words, count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit the reflection of Christ they see in you. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and makes them uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens for though they don´t like it, It is Christ in you they don't like! And all heaven is watching and applauding. And you must know that when this happens you are in good company. God's prophets and witnesses have always found themselves in this kind of opposition.

48 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

49 In other words, instead of looking at the opposition, your focus should be on the reward.

50 Then jesus says, 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

51 You are here to be a salt-seasoning to brings out the God-flavors in this earth, and if you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You´ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

52 And then Jesus says, 14 " Ye are the light of the world."

53 You are here to be light, bringing out the God-spectrum in the world. As public as "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid, so uyour lives are to be open and on display for all to see, for when they see you and your life is hid in Christ, they will see Christ only and Him crucified. 15 And if men do not light a candle, to put it under a bushel, why would you think I would do so? No, I've made you a candlestick; and your candlestick gives light unto all that are in the house to see. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and that they through seeing your good works might glorify your Father which is in heaven, because when they see you, they will only see me. 17 Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: No, I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill the law, and my light in you and my Life working in you to will and to do will bring to fulfilment the Law of God written not with ink but written with my Spirit living and abiding in you.

54 Now, in paragraph 148 of Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, brother Branham says, "Watch God's great revelation unfolding. By lack of this revelation is why we have so many different divisions among us and so much mockery, so much division among us, is because the people lack that revelation. See, they lack that revelation: the teachers. Paul, after his great revelation of Christ, said in I Corinthians the 2nd chapter... Be sure to read that as you write it down. Watch. Oh, he said, "I never come to you with wisdom." Look at that man who did have the wisdom. Look at that man who had the scholarship. "I never come to you with them kind of a word." (I

Corinthians, the 2nd chapter of I Corinthians.) Oh, I wish... Well, let's just read it. Can you stand a minute, and let's read just a verse or two? I'd just like to read it so you wouldn't be... It'd get even the people on the tape to turn back to it anyhow, it'd give them a chance: I Corinthians the 2nd chapter. Listen to this great apostle here, Paul, the intellectual servant of God. Let's looky here. ... I, Paul,... when I come to you, came not with excellency of speech,... of wisdom, declaring to you the testimony of God... (I never said, "I'm Dr. So-and-so. See?) For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ... my speech and my beseeching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and... power--of the power:
149 There, see there's the Gospel. See? Jesus said, "Go ye in all the world and preach the Gospel." Didn't say, "Go teach," He said, "Go preach." In other words, demonstrate the power, and these signs shall follow them. Just teaching doesn't do it. It takes the actual Spirit Itself demonstrating these signs. Listen to this. "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God". Oh, my. See, to change the man... Not what I can explain away and say, "He's not the same," when He is the same. If I do that, it shows to me. It, it... Surely a man tell me that, it would show me he don't have the revelation, the threefold revelation of God. See? Now... And howbeit... in weakness... among you that are perfect: yet we're not with the wisdom of the world, but of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in... mystery,... (See, the threefold mystery of God)... even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew:... (None of the priests, rebbise, rabbis, pardon me, or anything knew anything about it)... for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: You say, "You're wrong about rabbis and preachers there." Who crucified Him? Oh, on and on and on we could go; read it (See?) on... save time, 'cause we got just... Not getting late yet, but we just got plenty here to say if the Lord will help us.

55 150 Now, lack of this, now... And Paul, this great intellectual man, never tried to express his great theological terms upon the people. He humbly accepted the Word of the Lord, and he lived the Word so that it expressed It. He lived so, so godly until they seen Jesus Christ in him so much, till they wanted his handkerchief to take it and lay it upon the sick. There's the Life of Christ. Not what some... "Oh, you see, Elijah done that a long time ago, laid his stick, but oh, that was the days of Elijah." Now, the world thought that. The intellectual priest and things, and churches of that day thought that, but to them believers, they knew different. They seen the revelation of Christ that was in Elijah: same thing was in Paul, expressed the same kind of Life, 'cause he was a prophet. See? He foretold things that happened exactly the way it was, and they knew that was God's identification of a prophet. And they knew that he was God's prophet. You couldn't shake them from it at all.
Now, listen brothers and sisters, Elijah was a man filled with the Spirit of Christ and when he laid his body upon the body of that dead boy, and placed his hands on the boys hands and his lips upon the boys lips, and breathed into that little body the breath of life, that boy came to life again.

56 And when Elisha was so full of that quickening power in him, that when he finally died himself they threw a man's body one day upon his bones and as that dead man laid on top of those bones in that grave, and when his life was restored to him, he scrambled up out of that pit because his lifeless body had come into contact with the quickening power of the Spirit of Christ that was in the bones of Elisha and made him alive again.

57 And we have a promise from God himself in Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

58 And we know the body that is dead is a corpse not a mortal body, so Paul is talking about this body that we live in now which is capable of dying. He's not talking about the millennium, he's talking about the body of this death, that God living in the body of this death, can so quicken this body that it will change from mortal to immortal. And why not, if the only immortal kind is living in your body, do you think the body is greater than the life governing that body?

That's why he continues, 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to self, to live after self. 13 For if ye live after self, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of self, ye shall live. And oh, what a life you shall live.
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 Therefore, The Spirit itself will bear witness with your spirit, that you are the children of God:

59 It is not you bearing witness with Him. It is His very own Spirit in you living itself out in you that bears witness with your spirit that you are indeed children of the same God that was the Father of Jesus Christ the first born son in a vast family of brothers. So how does God's Spirit bear witness with your spirit? He lives and abides in you and he uses your body as his own body, for you are nothing less than the body of Christ.

60 Let us bow our head in prayer.