

#195 Review no 18 Christian Life no 2

1 This evening we will begin our review from our sermon, Christ is the Mystery no 120 Christian Life No 1 and we will take our text from.

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

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

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

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

6 1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; (does not initiate sin) for his seed (Gods seed) remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

7 Now, listen, it says you not only will not initiate sin, but if that Life living out of You is God Life it can not sin.

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

9 So how can a man be "the righteousness of God" and be "a tool of the devil" at the same time. Just because you say you are the righteousness of God doesn't mean you are. That is one thing that bothers me so much when I hear people say that. Brothers, so called, hiding behind the banner of Christianity, stealing from others. Brothers so called, claiming to believe the Word, telling lies against others, pulling deals, and yet calling themselves "the very righteousness of God".

10 In fact let's get down to brass tacks for a moment. We are supposed to be conformed to the image of the first born son if we think we are going in a rapture, and yet you and I both have seen right in this Message, men and women who not only have broken "every one of the ten commandments" but who habitually break them, and then claim brother Branham was referring to them when he spoke of "the Bride is the righteousness of God" They claim he's speaking of them because they claim to be bride. Well I have news for you, The Jesus said, Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

11 Even the Catholic church claims to be the Bride of Christ, and look at all the schemes she's pulled throughout her history. Every vice known to man has been committed in her. Adultery and fornication, The murder of 68 million people during the inquisition, and even pedophilia is rampant in the Vatican hierarchy and has been for centuries according to Malachi Martin his books on the Catholic church before he was poisoned. And he was considered an insider in the Vatican and was in a very high office within the Catholic church before he left the Jesuit order.

12 Brother Branham said in his sermon, God of this Evil Age 65-0801M P:89 said "The real true Christian" ... "Doesn't belong to any denomination, any party, any sect, It belongs to Christ. It's His Wife, not a church wife; she's a prostitute. The Bible said she was a whore and the mother of harlots, and they all come together to make the same whore. And that kind of a woman is a woman that's untrue to her husband, and claiming Christ as her husband and belonging to a denomination. Such nonsense. You belong to Christ.

13 Now, when he says "you belong to Christ" he's not talking about you if you are an almost Christian. The almost Christian has not died to self yet, and has not made a total commitment to Christ. No, those people are not bride. They are just church people, make-believers, and he wasn't talking about them! He was talking about those believers who do what is right are those who are righteous.

14 And that is exactly what the apostle John said in 1 John 3:7 "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he (God) is righteous."

15 Therefore, for those who need a principles or formula to understand this let me put it to you this way.

16 The principle of righteousness is this. Doing what is righteous = being righteous.

17 Therefore if you do not what is righteous, how can you say you are righteous. And righteous means rightly wise. Therefore if you do not what is right how can you say you are rightly wise. You are an intellectual imposter, period.

18 The Scripture also tells us. "Fools will walk with hobnailed shoes where angels fear to trod."

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

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

God he'll not see the Kingdom of God." Not just because you say, "Yes, I believe that. Yeah, I believe that's that way. I believe that. Yes." That don't do it. It's got to be a actual experience of the new birth. It's got to be something between you and God that you know you've passed from death to Life.

21 And from his sermon called, Birth pains 65-0124 P:27 he said, "We know the old seed must, before the new seed can come out of the old seed, it must rot, absolutely, not die only, but rot after it's dead. We know that to be true. That's the same thing in new birth. We never go back, but we go forward when you're born again. And that's why I think today we have not so many genuine new births, is because the seed maybe will sympathize with the Word or the person, but they don't want to rot away from the old system that they were in. They don't want to come out of it. They want to stay in the old system and claim the new birth or the message of the age. We found that under the Luther, Wesley, Pentecostals, and all other ages. They still try to hold on to the old system and claim this, but the old system age must die, rot, in order to bring forth the new one. They still want to cling. Notice, they know the old system is dead, but they just don't want to rot out of it. Now, rot is when it's really done away with.

22 And that led us to Christ is the Mystery no 121 Christian Life No 2 Manifested Life

23 We took our text from Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

24 People think, "praise God, I'm in the Message", that makes me a believer. Or I went fishing and hunting with brother Branham or I hung out with br. Lee Vayle and therefore I will make it based upon my association with someone who will make it.

25 That kind of thinking is so scripturally unsound and even juvenile. It is so far from the truth. What is truth is that the light that this Message will most certainly expose you if you are a rat, and if you are an adulterer it will cause that life in you to blossom into adultery for certain. For under the light, every seed will manifest the nature that is in their seed. And the more light the faster the manifestation of the seed life will take place.

26 Brother Branham said in his sermon, 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 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.

27 So those who say, we do not need to do the works of Christ because brother Branham did them and we are counting on that, so they eat drink and be merry and say there will be no judgment for the deeds done in my flesh, when God says contrary to that.

28 Jesus said in Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

29 And the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:8b and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

30 Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

31 So no work will produce no reward, and evil works will bring evil rewards, and righteous works will bring forth a righteous reward which is righteousness.

32 And remember, there will be no thieves, nor any adulterers nor any sodomites that will enter into heaven.

33 1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

34 In 1 John 1:1 we read, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; Notice here that the Word is called "the Word of Life." So John here is talking about the Word and notice how he describes the Word. He calls it the Word of Life, for so it is.

35 Jesus in the parables told us the Word was a seed and if it is a seed, then it contains Life, for that is the sole purpose of a seed is to contain life. And therefore if it is the Word of God, then the Life it contains is God-Life that lays in that seed.

36 Now, notice what John says next, verse 2 For the life was manifested, Notice those words, The Life was manifested, and we have seen it and" He says "and we know". Why do we know? Because of what we see coming forth via the manifestation. In other words the manifestation is what makes visible that which is invisible. NO man knows what is in your heart, but when you open your mouth or act out in your works and deeds, then they can see what is in your heart already.

37 For the Bible teaches us "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he" and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh". In fact brother Branham goes so far as to say the mark of the beast in the forehead and in the hand is your thoughts and then your actions.

38 Mark of the beast 54-0513 P:74 Now, you see what the mark of the beast is? It's the mark of apostasy. It's a person who is just thinks that, "Well, I belong to church, and I'm just as good as the next fellow. Am not I belonging to this church?" And you realize where your church organization that you're depending on, where it come from? Do you realize the Bible said, "He that worships the beast, receives his mark, or the letter of his name (Now, watch.) in forehead or hand." That's knowledge or deed. That don't mean you got a big tattoo on your face. It don't have to be that. It's not talking of the outward. It's talking of spiritual. You watch him and see what he knows about the Scripture. Listen to him and see where he goes to. "If any man don't have this doctrine, there's no Light in him," the Bible said. See? See? Watch where it goes to. Watch what he does. You say, "Well, I belong. I'm Protestant. Yes, sir. I belong to this certain church. Yes, sir." And on Sunday you just have about enough respect for it to come in out of the rain. He goes down, instead of going to prayer meeting, you'll close up the church and set and watch television. He goes out here and he drinks and carries on and acts like the rest of the world, yet he belongs to the church. Remember, that's the mark of sin.

39 And for your information, sin is apostasy. Sin means to miss the mark. And just because you might sit in a Message church doesn't mean you can't take on the mark of the beast.

40 Look, Life itself is not visible. Life is Spirit. Yet the very essence and nature of what Life is, the many qualities and characteristics that make up that Life, the attributes, these are by their very nature supposed to become expressed or manifested. A rose without it's beauty and fragrance would not be a rose.

41 Therefore every Life has attributes that are visibly and materially displayed to our senses in order that we might better understand the nature of that Life. That is why brother Branham spoke a message called "God is

identified by His characteristics." In it, he began by showing the difference between two birds that are both yellow but each has a different flying pattern. And the pattern distinguishes the difference between the two birds to the careful observer.

42 And John tells us in verse 2, For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father,

43 So we understand by what John is telling us here that this Life that was manifested to us was first of all with the Father, for He is that Great Fountain of life) and then it was manifested unto us;

44 Now, the Life is in the Father before it could come into the Son. That's John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

45 And while it is in the Father it's still in seed form. Therefore God could not have been fully revealed until He was manifested through the flesh of His son. Did not Jesus say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

46 Then that which was invisible became visible, it became manifested. What was manifested? The Life was manifested - How? John 5: 26 which we just read and John 1:14 And the Word, The Logos was made flesh, was made visible.

47 Notice what we read in verse 18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." It is the son which declares the Father. And this word "declare" means: "to openly show and set forth into view."

48 Then as it began by a seed it must also end in seed form. The Alpha has become Omega. The Life that was manifested in the original seed form in the beginning in the Son of God, Must also come up through seed in the end time and come into full manifestation as it did in the beginning.

49 God said in Genesis 1:11 that every seed will bring forth after it's own kind. Therefore, all you have to do is see what manifests from any person and you will see either God-Life or beast nature. It's that simple.

50 Look throughout the history of man, God's children were not adulterers. well you say what about David, he killed and committed adultery. Yes, but he also repented. And repent doesn't mean to say you are sorry. repent means to go the other way, clean up your life, undo your wrong as best you can. Other than that it just shows you are a heathen, and it simply shows you have taken the mark of apostasy and which is the mark of the beast, because your actions are beast in nature, they are not the nature of God-Life.

51 So we see the Original Seed, when it came into full manifestation, it brought many sons to Life. Then if there is to be an Omega seed Life that comes to manifestation, it wil l also bring forth many sons to life.

52 Let me try to make this as plain as possible. Seed by its definition is a carrier of life right? Then when seed is planted it will mature and manifest the life that is in the seed, right?

53 So when Jesus said, "when you see me you see the father", he was actually saying what Life you see manifested in this Vessel is my Father's life expressing itself in and through me.

54 Therefore that led us to Christ is the Mystery no 122 Christian Life No 3 His Character Not Ours.

55 So in 1 John 1, what was manifested? He said "the Life was manifested." What Life? The Life of the Father

character it produced in all believers, from the original believer in the promise of God which was Abraham, to Jesus Christ The royal Seed of Abraham down through the ages to all royal seed of Abraham.

66 NIV Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

67 From his sermon, Identifications 63-0123, 40 Brother Branham said, "Now, Jesus gave us the Example of what we ought to be looking at, when He reflected His Life to us through the Word, what we should see. When we look into God's mirror, we should see ourself identified with Him. That is a perfect Example. 41 Now, but we find out that, as we go along through life, that our character molds the image that we are. Each one knows that. You, as you live, so is your character, molds you to what you are. Now, you have seen people that you just love to be around, yet they might not exactly be in your bracket of society. And, again, they might be of a different race, the colored, or the brown, or the yellow. But there just something about that character, that you just love to be in their presence. Because each person is a little dynamo of their own, and you put out an atmosphere. 42 And then you see people that were noble people, but yet you were always glad to get away from them. It's just they create such an atmosphere around where you are. Nothing against them, they're nice people, but you just don't like that atmosphere, they, they're... they're in. And their character creates whatever they are, makes them what they are."

68 58 You cannot, no way, ever produce a Character like that; only, accepting that Character in you. A church cannot do that. A creed cannot do that. A denomination cannot do that. An education cannot do that. It must be a Birth. It's got to be a dying out, and let God in, by the grace of Christ, mold this type of character in you, that you become Him, and your life and His is the same, then you are sons and daughters of God.

69 In the very next paragraph brother Branham tells us of an identifiable characteristic of that Character in you. In other words as the Greek word is translated as the word "proof", he is going to tell us of a "proof" that His character is reflected in your life. He says in

pp. "70 Now, with our Message, can we stand by the looking glass of God's Word and see Christ reflect in our own lives then?"

70 Notice he is asking us a question, can we look into the mirror of God's Word, and see the same character of Christ reflected in our life?

71 "Can we bear such, and the reproach of the Message that we're standing for here?"

72 Notice he is asking the question, what character is reflecting from us when we are under trial, or testing? Then he gives us the absolute example. he says...

73 "Someone can say something about It, (say something about what? He's talking about you bearing up under slander and libel, saying things against the Message and against you. And he says, can they say something about what you believe) and yet you just don't open your mouth and say nothing about it. He was example, because God was reflecting His character in Him. And then if we're sons and daughters of God, God reflects His character in us, then we become like Him. That's my heart's desire. I think that's every believer's desire, is to become more like Him.

74 So we are given an insight into the very character of Jesus Christ when he was put to the test. You know he

stood on trial, and they ripped the beard right off his face, and they took the whip and tore out his flesh, and yet he answered them not a Word. He didn't give them anger for anger, or wrath for wrath. He answered them not a word.

75 John 23:1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. 3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it. 4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man. 5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

76 Now, listen to brother Branham describe this character that could be beaten, this character that could be and mocked, this character that could even be sentenced to death for no other reason than for His relationship with God His Father.

77 "106 Oh, no other nature could do this. No. Cause, He was the molded perfect character of God. 107 For, it was a fallen character that all nature had. All men had a fallen character. Even everything that was under man fell. Everything has got a dying character. 108 And He had a living character, so He expressed it in Christ, and He paid the price. And then because of His obedience, He raised Him up on the third day. See? 109 And then He gives to us. That gives to us the proof. It gives to us the assurance, that, as long as we're in Him, we're already risen with Him.

78 Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

79 Notice now that the Apostle Paul speaks to us how the trials we go through teach us patience, and in patience we develop what he calls experience, and this experience gives us hope which is an earnest expectation. Therefore if we earnestly expect, then we are not ashamed, because it is the Love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

80 The Greek word "Dokime" that was translated into the English word "experience" is only translated once as "evidence" but three times it is translated as the word "proof" as we see in the following Scriptures.

81 2 Corinthians 13:3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

82 2 Corinthians 2:9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

83 Philippians 2:22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

84 Look at the use of that word "proof" and "assurance". And look how it's tied to the character of Christ. And that character is our proof that we have already raised with Him. It's not being able to recite a creed or dogma or doctrine as good as it is to know the doctrine right. But what does your nature do when you go through the same trials he went through? Does your nature, project the same results His nature did?

85 Brother Branham continues, "We won't raise with Christ; we're already raised with Christ. That's right. We are in Christ now. And if Christ be risen from the dead, aren't we raised from the dead with Him? Amen. "Now we're setting together in Heavenly places in Him." Oh, my! That ought to make you Presbyterians shout. Uh-huh. Yeah. Certainly. Expressed images of God, molded after the fashion of Christ, that the world can see Him in you. That's the looking glass to look at. 110 No other nature could do it; it was fallen. And God identified. Look. God identified Himself as a Man, and took upon Him the form of sin. Now, well, not sin, but the form of sin, that in order that He might take the sin of the sinner, see, and pay the penalty for it, and give the sinner back the Life that he had before the fall. Oh, my! What love God has expressed to us! See? .

86 That's what Paul said in Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

87 Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

88 Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

89 In closing I would like to read from 1 Peter 1: 6-8 from the Wuest Translation,

1 Peter 1:6-8 "In which last season you are to be constantly rejoicing with a joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance, although for a little while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings in order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that the approval being much more precious than the approval of Gold which perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire testing, may be discovered after scrutiny to result in praise and Glory and Honor at the time of the Revelation of Jesus Christ."

90 Let us pray...