

#2 Imparting Life

1 Last Sunday we began a new series, this one from a sermon brother Branham preached entitled, What the Holy Ghost was Given for. We looked at the three Scriptural roles of laying on of hands, and we also looked at the role of Godly women concerning who were used by God.

2 This evening we will pick up at paragraph no 2 where brother Branham said, 2 "Last night we were speaking what It was, "What Was the Holy Spirit?" And we found It to be just about everything that God promised to us. In It we found just what God's church would need. We found It to be a Seal, a Comforter, the Rest, and the Joy, and the Peace, and the Resurrection. And all that God promised to His church lays within the Holy Spirit. And now, tonight we want to preach on, or talk on, teach on... I have about three or four sheets of texts here, or Scriptures, on It. And which last night I left my Cruden's "Concordance" laying here, and I didn't get it. And I just had to go through the best I could today with the Scriptures.

3 3 Now, tonight we're teaching on, What was the purpose of God sending the Holy Spirit? What's It for? If It's such a great thing, then why did God send It? Then tomorrow night we want to talk on, Is It for You; and How Do You Get It; and How Do You Know When You've Got It? And then, after we get through that with the Scriptures, explain it by the Scriptures, using the Scriptures for all things, then those who are seeking the Holy Spirit will come forward then. And then, I hope the revival's on from then on, to move on then with the Holy Spirit. Now, being that tomorrow night many might stay quite awhile at the rooms and in the church, I feel that if we could get as many ministers and those people who are experienced in leading people to receive the Holy Spirit (to encourage them, to go into the home with a woman and her husband, or with someone that's seeking the Holy Spirit), that's well instructed on what to do, if you would just give your phone number or address to the pastor tonight or tomorrow night. Just give it to Brother Neville, then that'd save us gathering in for a meeting. Just give your phone number where we could reach you. And then say, "I'll be available, and if we--you want to place me into a home..." If it's a--a woman alone, then we could send a woman (See?) to this woman. And then, if it's in a home where there's a man, his wife, why, we could send a minister. And we'd be glad to have you to cooperate, because I know you're every one interested in this, this most essential. And remember, "He that saves a soul from his error, has covered a multitude of sin." See? And the Bride of Christ is hungering and thirsting. She's in travail to give birth to the children of God.

4 This evening would like to focus our thoughts on one statement brother Branham makes here in paragraph number two, and that is where he says, And the Bride of Christ is hungering and thirsting. She's in travail to give birth to the children of God.

5 And I would like to examine this travail of soul to give birth to Children of God.

6 That day on Calvary 60-0925 P:53 Now, watch, Jesus said... Watch how He stated it. "The works that I do (He's doing them right now.) the works that I'm doing now, healing the sick, raising the dead, opening the eyes of the blind, these works shall you do also. You'll do these if you believe in Me. You do these works, and then a greater than this shall you do, for I go to My Father. (Notice he speaks of works and then the greater works making a distinction between the two) A little while and the world won't see Me no more. Yet you'll see Me. I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world. I will not leave you comfortless. I'll pray the Father. He'll send you another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, Whom the world cannot receive, yet you can receive Him." 54 Now, notice, the greater works was to have the power in the church, not only to heal the sick by prayer, cast out

devils by prayer, but to impart Eternal Life to believers. The Holy Ghost was coming and given into the hands of the church to impart life. Oh, that's what Calvary meant. It took stooped, degraded men and women and lifted them into a place to be sons and daughters of God to heal the sick and to impart Eternal Life. By giving the Holy Ghost to obedient believers, men who were once unbelievers be made believers and impart spiritual Eternal Life.⁵⁵ How much greater is it to say to this sick woman laying here, "I can pray a prayer of faith," and she'll be healed. That's a great thing. That's what He was doing then, but said, "Greater than this shall you do. I'm going to give you power, not only to raise him up for a while, but to give him Eternal Life, which will be eternal forever." Poor, blind, wretched people, how do you miss that?

7 QA on the seals 63-0324M P:91 Before there was an atom, or electrons, or before there was even cosmic light, electrons, or anything, He was God. He's the Creator. And that's the only way you can be eternal, is to receive Eternal Life; that Greek word there, I think, is Zoe. Isn't that right? Zoe, Zoe. And then that Life God imparts to you, as the father, your father imparts his life to you through the marriage vow with mother, and he, by that, imparts the joy of imparting (Catch me?), of the imparting life for a son. And that's the way God does: a joy in imparting His Life to a son. See? And then you become part of Him which is Zoe, God's Own Life. "I give unto them Eternal Life--raise them up at the last day." That's the only thing that... He got Eternal Life; and that Eternal Life knows its body, and it must have to come forth. It can't, It's impossible for it to lay there.

8 Path of life 62-0621B P:40 A man might look like a Christian, impersonate a Christian, or walk like a Christian, or so forth. But unless that germ of life is there, he cannot rise again. Jesus said, "I come that they might have Life," Zoe, God's own life in them. And there's... Everything that had a beginning has an end. It's those things which had not a beginning that has no end. There's only one thing that never had a beginning; that was God. And we become His children, part of Him, then Zoe, God's own Life, Eternal Life, is imparted to us. And that's the only way that we can live. And that's the only way that our lost friends out here, even church members, can ever live again, is because Zoe has been imparted to them, and we become a part.

9 1 John 1:1 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; And he calls it the Word of Life because he goes on to say in verse 2 For the life was manifested,(How was it manifested? In the body of God's Only begotten son, that's how.) And we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; (How was it manifested unto us? he tells us through His Son. How will it be manifested unto you? Through sons). So we see the Word is Life, It is God-Life, and every seed must bring forth after its kind, or nature. When that Word of God-Life manifests itself, it manifests the God-Life that is in it.

10 Man that can Turn on the Light 63-1229M 74 So life is only by the Word of God made manifest. Life comes only by the Word of God made manifest. As long as it is just in the Book like this, it still can be questioned; but when it's made manifest, then you see the product of what It spoke of being manifested; then that is Light on the Word. See? That's what brings... The Word said so, and then when it comes to pass, that is Life in Light, Light bringing Life. Light brings life. Plant the wheat out here, it'll... You put it in a basement, cover it all over, and it'll never bring forth anything, because it can't; there's no light there. But as soon as light strikes it, then it'll bring forth life if it's a germitized seed. That's the same thing it is in the Word. See, the Word is God, and when the Light strikes It, it brings the Word to life again. Every age has always been that.

11 That day on Calvary 60-0925 P:56 What is Eternal Life? The Life that He lived, the Life that was in Him: impart that to others. Can a man do that? A Son of God can. Jesus said, "Whosoever sins you remit to them they are remitted. Whosoever sins you retain, to them they are retained." Now, here's where the Catholic church and many of the others made their big mistake. They go out and say, "I forgive your sins." That wasn't it. How did they get sins forgiven in the Bible? Peter answered that question on the day of Pentecost. They said, "What can

we do to be saved? How can we get this that you all got?" He laid down the prescription. He told them what to do. He said, "Repent, every one of you towards God, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." What for? "The remission of your sins." There's the greater works.

12 Now, let's just stop here for a minute because brother Branham is giving us the key here to a life without sin. Jesus never said whose sins you forgive they are forgiven. He said whose sins you remit they are remitted. There is a difference between remit and forgive.

13 The word remit means: to lay aside or desist. To cancel out, or refrain from doing, to give relief from. to restore or consign to a former status or condition and thus to release from the guilt or penalty of sin or unbelief.

14 Now contrast that to the word forgive and what it means. to stop feeling anger toward (someone who has done something wrong) : to stop blaming (someone).

15 Notice the difference between the two words. to Borrow a common phrase from brother Branham, but they are two different words and they mean two different things altogether.

16 Forgive means you come to the place where you are willing to forgive, or not be angry with someone who does things to you even though they keep on doing them. Notice forgiveness has nothing to do with the person who is doing the wrong. It doesn't change his nature, it only changes your response to the way you view that person.

In other words, as brother Vayle used to say, "dog bite me once shame on dog, but dog bite me twice shame on me". In other words, I can forgive you but that's not going to change you. That only changes my response to what you do. I just learn to accept that you are what you are and no one can change you unless you want to be changed. So you will continue doing what you do best until you have died and God comes in to live your life for you.

17 But to remit your sin (unbelief) is to do something to you that changes you forever, and changes the way you live your life. To remit your sin is to do away with your sin or unbelief altogether. And just saying it won't make it happen.

18 Just because you say it doesn't make it so. Something has to happen to change your life that you don't want to sin any more. That's the real meaning of the remitting of sin. You don't do it any more because you can't do it any more. There's another life living in you and you can't sin.

19 1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

20 The sin question has been canceled out in you. And the word Remit means: To cancel out. To lay aside altogether, to desist. And you can not do that until you are dead and your life is hid together with Christ in God.

21 John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost": 23 Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

22 Now, the Greek word for Remit that Jesus used was *apheimi*, which is made up of two Greek Words, The first "apo", used as a prefix which denotes separation, and it means: to depart and cessation. Which means to "stop altogether". And the word main word *heimi* which means: to go, or to send away.

23 So when Jesus breathed on them and imparted the Holy Ghost to them, he told them that with receiving the Holy Ghost you now have power to give the same to others, and in doing so it will cause sin (unbelief) to depart from them.

24 John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost": 23 Whose so ever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

25 Now, let's look at this laying on of hands we began to speak of last week, because in this we see a great mystery, in that the Believers were commissioned to do the same works that Jesus did.

26 Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

27 Thy seed shall possess the gates 59-1121 P:6 Great Author of Life, the Writer of the sacred Scriptures that's given to us, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and can only be interpreted by the Holy Spirit... And I pray that You'll send Him tonight, the Divine Interpreter of this Scripture and place It into our hearts, each one of us, so that we can receive faith for everything we have need of tonight. If there are those here who does not know You as Saviour, may the Scripture be imparted to their heart tonight by the Holy Spirit, that Christ died for their sins according to the Scriptures. And grant, if they haven't received the Holy Ghost as yet, may this be the night, that when this part of the Scripture will be imparted to them; and may they receive the blessed Holy Spirit to work in their lives the will of God.

28 1 Thessalonians 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

29 Now, the word "impart" means: to convey, to give, to bestow or to grant. And how can you give someone something you do not own yourself. So when you receive The Holy Ghost (Which is Eternal Life) you in fact own it and are expected to give it to others. That is why the doctrine of receiving the Holy Ghost was taught that you receive it by the laying on of the hands from one who has it to one who does not.

30 Notice the Greek word for imparted here is metadidomi and it means: to give over, i.e. share: give, impart, to bestow.

31 Luke 3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

32 That day on Calvary 60-0925 P:55 How much greater is it to say to this sick woman laying here, "I can pray a prayer of faith," and she'll be healed. That's a great thing. That's what He was doing then, but said, "Greater than this shall you do. I'm going to give you power, not only to raise him up for a while, but to give him Eternal Life, which will be eternal forever." Poor, blind, wretched people, how do you miss that? Don't you see what the greater thing is? That's the greatest thing that could ever happen was to impart Eternal Life to people.

33 Brother, that is John 14:12. That's what sister Haddie Wright did. She was given power to do whatever she asked for. And she asked for her sons to be given Eternal Life. That's the third pull. It's all about Life.

34 First we see the squirrels were given Life on two different occasions. Next we see a fish was given life, and then Sister Haddie Wright's sons. And we read a few weeks ago where brother Vayle taught us that John 14:12 is the Third pull. O, brothers and sisters, do you realize where we are at in this hour?

35 Brother Branham said when we get this revelation we are not far from the Kingdom right then.

36 Revelation chapter one 60-1204M P:56 "He that believeth in Me..." Saint John 14:12, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he also. Do the same works, and greater than this..." Because Christ cannot preach the baptism of the Holy Ghost would be greater. He could not bring it to them, because the Holy Ghost hadn't yet been given. But when Jesus came and sacrificed His Life, and the Holy Ghost returned, then they could impart Eternal Life to the people. That's the greater. But the signs and wonders, Jesus plainly said in Mark 16, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." How far? All the world. How many? Every creature. Long as the Gospel's being preached, these signs shall follow them that believe. And when that becomes a revelation, brother, you're near the Kingdom then. "On this rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." Because the man or the woman that's ever been in that back desert alone like Moses was, and the revelation of God be made manifest to him through the Holy Ghost, there's nothing can shake him. He's just as sound and solid as he can be. Satan hates revelation. He don't like it at all: upsets his plans.

37 Now, this not the same as imparting gifts of the Holy Spirit. We showed you last week that is an error which was working its way through the church in brother Branham's day.

38 Do you now believe? 52-0817 P:48 Now, that man can't help because he doesn't dream. Neither can you help because you do dream. Now, look. God made you that way. Is that right? Now, what if I told you, "Dream me a dream." Could you do it? No, sir. Yet, you dream dreams. But I say, "Dream me a dream." You can't do it. The one who puts a dream upon you, has to do it. Is that right? How many understands that far, what I'm talking about? Now, let... That's right. Now, look. Now, you begin to be germitized, as your body, in your great-grandfather, the germ begin to begin to become active. Did you know that? Why here, Levi, paid tithes when he was in the loins of Abraham, his grandfather. Is that right? See? Now, if you germitized in your great-grandfather, come out through your grandfather, down to your father, then in, and that's how you become germitized for your body. But your spirit, your soul was made up before the foundation of the world, when God made man in His image. Now, a person that cannot dream, his subconscious is there, that's God's way of doing it. The man that does dream, his subconscious is here, he can't help it. But a seer, that's borned a seer, His subconscious is neither back there, nor here. It's right here with him. You don't go asleep. You're wide awake and see it. Now, who understands what I mean? See? It's not laying on of hands. It's not in imparting spiritual gift, as the error is going across the country today. That's wrong. If you believe me to be a prophet sent from God, hear my word: That's an error, no such a thing. Gifts and callings are without repentance. God ordains them; God has set in the Church. See? All right.

39 Indictment the 63-0707M P:12 Now, when they laid hands upon Timothy and upon those brethren, they had noticed in them men was the gift. Remember, "stir up that gift, which was in you, come from your grandmother Lois." And they seen this in Timothy; and therefore, the elders laid hands upon him, ordaining him, not put hands upon a man that nothing has ever been showed forth. You see? And they just asked the blessings, and we all believe that. So we don't impart spiritual gifts; we only recognize them and lay hands upon them to sanction them, that we believe that God has done such things for the people.

40 Indictment the 63-0707M P:11 Now, we realize that the Scriptural way of ordaining a minister is laying on

of hands. I think that's where our Latter Rain brethren, or the Battleford people, and so forth, got mixed up and--when they seen that laying on of hands to impart spiritual gifts. Now, we do not believe that gifts comes by laying on of hands. We believe that laying on of hands is a sanction to what we've already seen. See? It's a "amen." See?

41 So this what we are talking about today is not about your imparting gifts of the Spirit to others, but it is about imparting the same Spirit you have to others.

42 Hebrews Chapter 7 part 1 57-0915E P:106 It's God. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. "It's God that worketh; not him that willeth or him that runneth, but God showeth mercy." If Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world, it taken four thousand years before it actually happened. But when God spoke it back here, every Word of God is steadfast. It's immutable; It's impartable; It cannot fail. And when God slayed the Son before the foundation of the world, He was just as much slain then as He was at Calvary. It's a finished product when God says so. And remember, when the Lamb was slain, your salvation was included in the Sacrifice, because the Bible said that your name was written on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. What about that? Then what are we going to do? It's God that showeth mercy. It's God that called you. It's God that chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world. Jesus said, "You never chose Me; I chose you. And I knew you before the foundation of the world." There you are. So, see, that takes the scare out of you. "Oh, I wonder; if I could keep holding on, I'll make it. Bless God, if I'll just keep holding on..." It's not whether I hold on or not; it's whether He held on or not. It's what--what He done. Not what I done; it's what He did. Is it under the redemption law? This is a little thing I want to say before closing.

43 That day on Calvary 60-0925 P:54 Now, notice, the greater works was to have the power in the church, not only to heal the sick by prayer, cast out devils by prayer, but to impart Eternal Life to believers. The Holy Ghost was coming and given into the hands of the church to impart life. Oh, that's what Calvary meant. It took stooped, degraded men and women and lifted them into a place to be sons and daughters of God to heal the sick and to impart Eternal Life. By giving the Holy Ghost to obedient believers, men who were once unbelievers be made believers and impart spiritual Eternal Life.

44 And that is what receiving the Holy Ghost is all about. It's not so you can know more than the next guy concerning doctrine. It's not to make you smarter, or more knowledgeable about God. It comes to allow God to live your life for you. But you have to die first. That is what it's all about. You die, so that Christ can live again in you. And then when you receive the Holy Ghost then God expects you to live in such a way that others will be drawn to the life you live. And you are given power by the law of Life to impart that same Life to others. But never forget, the power is sovereignly given. Therefore, Jesus never went about doing just what he wanted to do, but did only what was pleasing to His father.

45 Token the 64-0308 P:53 Look, then when we realize and present the Token, the Life it took for the Token, the Blood speaks for us. Remember, the covenant Blood was recognized with the Token, and the Word assures us of the promise. The Token is the sign that the purchase is made for us. Now, if you're not included in that, well, of course, you'll never get nothing; you're just walking through a prayer line, walking back out, walking up to the altar, and looking up, walking back out. But, oh, brother, when that Token's once placed in your heart, and you know it's the resurrection of Jesus Christ in you, something's happening. There isn't nothing going to turn you. You know where you belong. Full obedience to the whole Word of God entitles you to the Token, and nothing else. "Blessed is he that does all of His Commandments, he might have right to the Tree of Life." Then when we pray, we must have the Token to present with our prayers. Now, don't fail to get that. When you pray, you must have the Token to hold over your prayer; if you're not, you pray until the Token comes, 'cause you're not promised to receive it. See, you've got to have this Token first; that's the paying price, your faith to believe it.

46 Token the 64-0308 P:13 Only way anyone could tell that that house belonged to--under the blood, because the chemistry of the blood was on the doors. They passed through, the death Angel had to look and see the blood. Now, again, it was a type of the Holy Spirit. Now, see, the literal Blood of Jesus could not come upon each one of us, because He was--just had so much Blood in His body. And it's dripped off of you--out of His body into the ground, two thousand years ago; but it wasn't to be for a Token. The Life, the Life that was in the Blood was the Token now. I'll prove it to you, just in a minute by the Bible. It is the Token that's to come upon each of us to show that we have been identified with our Sacrifice and have carried out Jehovah's request.

47 Token the 63-0901M P:89 The blood's not the Token now, the Life is the Token. The Life could not be there, 'cause it was an animal. The chemistry was the Token. You'd have to have literal blood applied on the door; but now, it's the Holy Spirit. We're coming to it just in a moment to prove that. See? It's the Life that is the Token. Your life is gone, and you are dead, and your life is dead. You are hid in God through Christ, and sealed in there by the Holy Spirit. The mind that was in Christ is in you, and Christ, and the Bible, and the Word is the same." In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then you, and the Word, and God, and Christ are the same. "And if ye abide in Me and My word, you ask what you will, and it'll be done." See?

48 Token the 64-0208 P:73 He expects us now to display the Token over our faith, to Satan's group, the unbelievers, and cults, and so forth, that don't believe in it, that we, believing what He has said of His promises, and that Jesus Christ has raised up from the dead, showing Himself alive... And that is the badge, the Token of identification, because it's Christ's own Life in you identifying the Word. It doesn't need anything else. That's the Token. Without the Token...Shows the fare is paid, shows that you're a subject for the resurrection, that God, that same power that raised up Jesus from the grave, you're holding within yourself as a Token. The Holy Ghost in you is the Token that brings you from the grave, because the Token is God, the Holy Spirit, which is Eternal Life, coming from the Greek word "Zoe," which means "God's own Life," in you. That's the only thing that paid the price. If that Token isn't there, how are you going to raise?

49 Token the 64-0208 P:65 Not the Blood chemistry, but the Token, the Holy Ghost, the Life out of the Blood that comes... What does that Life do? Comes and confirms what the Token has been purchased for. The Token confirms what the Blood bought for you. The Blood purchased your redemption. The Token is an evidence of it. The Blood... He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, chastisement of our peace was upon Him. With His stripes we were healed. See? All Blood, Blood, Blood. Then when the Token come, it shows that you've been identified with that sacrifice. Amen. The devil can't keep you from it.

50 Token the 63-0901M P:54 It's yourself gone. You're no more... You're--reckon yourself dead, and the Token is what lives in you, and it's not your life; it's Him. Paul said, "The life that I now live..." He lived a different life from what he once did. "It's not me, but Christ liveth in me." There is the identified Token that God required. Identified with our--identification with our sacrifice. The Life of our Saviour in us, the Holy Spirit...

51 Token the 64-0308 P:61 God once gave a rainbow sign for a token (I'm closing.), gave a rainbow sign for a token. I've just got about ten minutes and then have my prayer line. He ever remained true to that token. Did He? He does yet. All these thousands of years, He has never once, one time, failed to display it. He was true to that token, shows us that He ever and never will fail to honor His tokens. I don't care if Jesus don't come for ten thousand years, you have the Token; He's still got to honor It. No matter how many things changes, and whatevermore, He's got to honor that Token. He said He would. All right. He expects us now to display His Token over our God-given faith, to every unbelieving cult in the nation and in the world, that believes that signs and wonders don't follow the believers. And be true to this Token, and It shows that the fare has been paid and we've been accepted for the resurrection, having the Token Life inside of us.

52 Token the 63-1128E P:76 Now, when you want Eternal Life, you receive a Token, showing that the price has been paid. It isn't the Blood, but it's the Token of the Blood. It's the Life Itself. Amen. Full obedience to the whole Word of God, to God's entire Word, will entitle you to this Token. How do you do it? Peter said, on the day of Pentecost, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Token. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

53 let us pray