

#22 Law of Life vs Law of Life in Christ

1 Genesis 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

2 Notice this Scripture we just read concerns the law of life.

3 Now, let's read what the Apostle Paul has to say about this Law of Life as we read from Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

4 Notice in genesis we read concerning the law of life which law is for all life, but now in Romans we read about the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, and this law supersedes the Law of Life in that The Law of the Spirit of Life supercedes the law of life. What I mean by that is when you are born again, the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is greater than the natural spirit you are born with. "For greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

And one more scripture before we go to prayer...

5 Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of right-wise-ness.

6 Let us pray...

7 This morning I would like to speak of this Law of Life in Christ Jesus as we apply it to the law of Life we see in Genesis 1:11. In order to do so we will read from brother Branham's sermon Rising of the Son and begin with paragraph 20.

8 Rising of the Sun pp. 20 The first time the sun rose in Genesis, it was bringing a message that there will be life upon the earth: mortal life. But this time when the sun rose, there was a dual sunrising, another sunrising. It was a not only s-u-n rising, it was a S-o-n had risen to bring Eternal Life to all God's promised seed, that by foreknowledge He's seen laying upon the earth. No more could the botany life live back there at the beginning without the s-u-n to bring it to life; no more than today, when sons of God is upon the earth, it take the S-o-n Light to bring them to Eternal Life. His chosen ones that He knew before the foundation of the world, He had chosen them in Himself before the foundation of the world. And on Easter morning then, in this dirt somewhere, laid our bodies at that time, for we are the dust of the earth; and in heaven there was a book of memory, and His attributes was in Him, knowing that because this Son of God raised, It would also raise to Life every son that was foreordained to this great time. He knew it would be, and what a more glorious sunrise that was than it was at the beginning, at time when it first dawn.

9 21 Now, on this great breaking of the Easter Seal... Now, today we have a tuberculosis Easter seal. People sends a message one to the other, and to support this great fund or drive for the doctors and medical science to

work upon something to retire or to help the tuberculosis, they are seal, what we call an Easter seal, when we send message one to another...But when we receive the message, that seal is broken, because the seal is what's got a message bound on the inside. And now, the true Easter Seal on this sunrise was broken, and the secret of Life after death was revealed. Before that time we didn't know; the world groped in darkness, groped around man's suspicion. Theories was among man's hearts, traditions, made up. Men worshipped idols; they worshipped the sun; they worshipped all kinds of gods. And all kinds of people that made claims, they all went into the grave, and they stayed in the grave. But the real Seal had been broken, and One, Who once lived as we live, died as we will die, was risen from the dead. What a morning, never one like it in all the history of the world. The secret was made known that He was both Resurrection and the Life.

10 Now, this reminds me of listening to A Bible News show the other night and I enjoy the program because they try to give the news with Bible commentary, but sometimes the host gets preachy, and I wish he was open to the Word because I would love to sit down with him, and help him to better understand the end time events, but he is stuck on the church going through the tribulation, and uses misplaced Scripture to justify his stand.

11 The reason many believe the church will go through the tribulation is because they do not understand there is a difference between the Elect bride and the church itself. And they do not understand the Appearing and Coming are two different words and they mean two different things as br. Branham emphasized. But God's vindicated prophet taught us the church will go through the tribulation but the elect Bride will not. And the trouble is these people do not understand the difference between the church and the elect bride of Christ.

12 From his sermon the Fourth seal 63-0321 P:44 brother Branham said, How anyone can get the Church going through the tribulation, I don't know. But... What's it got to go through the tribulation for, when it hasn't got a sin? I mean the... I don't mean the church; the church will go through the tribulation. But I'm talking about the Bride. The Bride won't, no, it hasn't got a sin against it at all. It's done been bleached out, and there's not even smell of it; there's nothing left. They're perfect before God. So what's any tribulation to purify them, but the others do. The church does go through the tribulation, but not the Bride. Now, now, we're just taking it in all kinds of symbols now like the church, Noah, the carried over type, went on out into sin. See? Now, they did go over, but Enoch went first. That was the type of the saints that would go in before the tribulation period.

13 You know, I am so thankful for a vindicated prophet of God to come and straighten out all that theological mess they have out there.

14 I feel sorry for the host of that program, I really like him when it comes to the news, but when it comes to understanding Scripture, he is too tied to his denominational thinking to understand the Scripture with a pure heart and mind. And that is the way with the church, and that is why God has to take His bride out from the church.

15 Again a vindicated prophet said, Questions and answers COD 64-0830E P:46 392. The Bride, when she's taken from the church, then the church age will cease. Laodicea goes into chaos; the Bride goes to glory; and the tribulation period sets in upon the sleeping virgin for three and a half years while Israel is getting its prophecy; then tribulation sets in upon Israel; and then comes the battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. And then, the Bride returns back with the Groom for a thousand years, the millennium reign; after that comes the white throne judgment; after that comes the new heavens and new earth and the new city coming down from God out of heaven. Eternity and time blends together.

16 Now, let's get back to the Rising of the Son and pick up at pp. 22 Then He said when He come forth on that morning, "Because I live, you live also." Not only was He the beneficiary of the resurrection, but all those Seed that was resting in God's great providence was a benefactor of that resurrection to Life, because He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." That was the breaking of the Seal. Because He was brought up, so will every one that's in

Christ be brought up with Him. At this glorious sunrise God had proven or vindicated His Word. All the glooms and doubts that had moved in people's minds was taken away, because here was He Who once lived, eat, drink, and fellowship with mankind that said, "I have power to lay My life down, and I have power to raise it up again." And now, not only had He made the statement, but He proved it to be the truth. Oh, what a glorious thing that is. I'm sure this morning that even we, who believe it, cannot comprehend what a great thing that was. Because He raised from the dead, we also have already raised from the dead, for we were in Him.

17 This morning I would like to examine this thought, "because he lives we live also".

18 Notice what Br. Branham is telling us here. It is not how well trained you are in the Gospel, that has nothing to do with it. It is not who you sat under for a minister or teacher, that has nothing to do with it. But because he lives you shall live also if you were in Him before the foundations of the world.

19 Christianity and even amongst Message churches it seems are filled with people who think they have it because they knew this preacher or that preacher, or they went fishing with this one or hunting with that one. None of that stuff has anything to do with God. And God will not accept any of that nonsense when you stand before Him at the white throne.

20 It won't make any difference if you fished with Jesus or you fished with William Branham, or you sat around the table with Lee Vayle. None of that matters. But what matters is "have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

21 Peter didn't know Christ because he went fishing with him, and Paul never even met Jesus in the flesh, and yet by revelation Paul knew him in a greater way than the twelve apostle did who spent a lot of time with him in the flesh.

22 And The Apostle Paul even told us in 2 Corinthians 5:16 that we do not know Christ after the flesh any more, although at one time we might have known Him that way, so it is not the flesh experience we are talking about here. It is what brother Branham vindicated prophet of God said so clearly, that I'm going to repeat again.

23 from his sermon Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:147 brother Branham said, "God is not known by education; He's not known by how to explain it. 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."

24 Now, let me put this into other words, to help you understand what brother Branham is saying here. Christ is the Mystery 147, I'll paraphrasing, "you receive the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth, and Christ injects His own Life in and through you, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences to the people that they don't see you or your life any longer, but you are so dead to yourself that the only life they see living in your vessel is the very same Life, and the very same works, and the very same signs and wonders that He (Jesus Christ) did and he is now doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it's not even called to at all.

25 That is why the denominations do not understand end time Scripture, because you cannot understand the things of God until the Spirit of God is in you. I'm not talking about baptism or anointing in your flesh, I'm talking

about the baptism of your soul.

26 From his sermon Marriage of the lamb 62-0121E P:44 brother Branham said, "But, you see, first, decision's made, next engagement, then promise, and then the ceremony. And that's when the bride takes the bridegroom's name. She is no more then of her own name; she takes the bridegroom's name. And then when the church has the ceremony, makes their promises, then she takes the Bridegroom's Name. Then she's no longer a church of the world; she's the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. I don't mean that by Name; I mean that by birth, by nature, by the power of God. By the revealed truth of God in the heart she becomes a Christian church, the great, universal apostolic Christian church. She becomes a part of Christ. When she does that, she... Christ injects into her His own Spirit, His own life. And the Bible said to Adam and Eve there, "You're no longer twain, but one." And when the woman, church, is married to Christ, they're no longer two. They are one: Christ in you. Amen. That's it. His life has been brought into you. Then you become the bride.

27 Marriage of the lamb 62-0121E P:45 Then, another thing. After she has taken all these vows and so forth, and the ceremony's been said... Like my wife's name was Broy before she was married. Now, she's no longer a Broy; she's Branham. Now, she isn't no more Broy; she's Branham. And when you come into Christ, you're no more of the world; you are of Christ. You care not then for the things of the world. They're dead to you. "For he that loves the world, or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him." So (You see?), you can't be a artificial Christian. You can be a artificial professed Christian, but you can't be a Christian to become...?... until Christ injects Himself by the baptism of the Holy Ghost into you. Then you're connected with Him, and you're no longer twain; you are one. Christ promised to be in us, as the Father was in Christ. "I and My Father are One. You and I are One," (See?) Christ in us.

28 And from his sermon, Earnestly contending for the faith 55-0123E P:28 Paul was down here in the natural realm with his Ph.D. See? He didn't know... He had an intellectual faith, but he didn't have a Divine faith. There's quite a difference in me having an intellectual faith than a Divine faith. There's where you, my Baptist friends, fail to go on. You get the intellectual faith by that, but it must be a Divine revelation of Jesus Christ to you that just came out of the heart. The intellectual faith is not enough. That's all right, but it only brings you to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a personal experience of the birth, the new birth, regeneration, making a new creature in Christ. Notice, Paul jumped on his steed, and down to Damascus with some letters from the high priest, said, "I'll arrest everyone of them heretics. I'll bring them back." Look how the Gospel got spread. It didn't set still like it is today. Brother, when they seen the works of God doing performed to those apostles, away they went. They were really on fire. They were doing something.

29 And then brother Branham lays it all out when he says in his sermon, Christ is the mystery 63-0728 P:120 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See, what God's trying to do? What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is a--the revelation that the Church was built upon.

30 So what we're looking at here is a life so surrendered to him that He has full pre-eminence in your vessel to do as what pleases Him to do to you or through you.

31 He said 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. And how does he say we receive this injection of

Christ-Life into our vessel in order for that injected Life to come to birth in our vessel? He says God injects it by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

32 Think in terms of the revelation of Jesus Christ as being an inoculation from God of His own Life. God takes His Word which is His Life blood, and since it is sharper than any two edged sword, he uses it to inject into your vessel, His very own Life, the same Life He injected into His Son Jesus.

33 And when you've been injected with this God Life, it begins to manifest God-Life in you, and thus you receive the revelation of Jesus Christ. And remember we have shown you that the word "revelation" means "manifestation of Divine will or truth".

34 In other words "revelation" is not some intellectual affair, but rather it is a Divine truth in you that has manifested or expressed that God-Life in you. Therefore it must express itself in order for it to be revealed to you. So when you see the manifestation of the revelation, you know that you know because you are actually experiencing Christ for yourself.. Or as Paul said, "You know as you are known."

35 And brother Branham says, He (Christ's very own Life) born in there (in where? in you) and He injects His own Life (where?) In you, and when that happens your life is gone, it loses its old focus and interests, and you receive a new focus and new interests, which is the focus and interests that pleases God. Therefore your new life is not you and Jesus, it is Jesus alone. You see what God sees, and you think what God thinks.

36 Paul said in Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

37 Notice you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God, and therefore when Christ manifests in his true character you do also with him in the same glory, the same doxa, the same opinions and values, and judgments, and that makes your life and His Life one life. And that is because "by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body." and if you have the same Spirit then you have the same life and thus the same nature.

38 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.

39 So Christ Jesus, His own Life expressed in you, hides your own life and all it's expressions that were a result of being born in sin, and shaped in iniquity and that came to the world speaking lies. Then the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus is greater than the law of Life because the Law of the Spirit changes the nature of your first birth to that of your new birth. It is not just as joining up with Jesus, as thought you are a separated body from Him, but you are now bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Therefore it actually means this union with Christ takes you out of the way, and brings his life into the pre-eminent position and expression in your being.

40 And after all, he said "For ye are dead", and if you are dead then what kind of an expression does a dead man have? NONE!!! Dead men don't retaliate do they? 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 the very Life of Jesus Christ, then give yourself the Word test.

41 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.

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

43 Then Paul says, Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, (Shall phaneroo, which means to manifest in ones true character) then shall ye also appear (phaneroo to manifest in your true character) with him in glory. With him in doxa, with him in the same opinions, with him in the same values, and with him in the same judgments. Then he says, "Mortify therefore your members" (See? That means 'kill off', or 'put to death', or even 'crucify'. What?) all these attributes of self, which are fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Notice what he said about 'covetousness'-it's idolatry-"worshipping money, things". See?

44 And brother Vayle explained this verse by saying, "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. "

45 So what is that? That's is 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 is now projecting itself out from your vessel. And that is what brother Branham said next...

46 "and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the pre-eminences 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.

47 The word "project" that brother Branham uses here means "to reproduce outwardly," or "to display outwardly".

48 So what we are looking at here is a life that covers over your own life and this new life projects itself 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.

49 Now, in his sermon on the mount Jesus told us of many benefits we receive by believing in Him, but what he was talking about in the sermon on the Mount was our projecting of God-life and in every facet of that projection we are thus blessed.

50 After all, it is so simple that you have to work at it to make it difficult. He said, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. In other words, the less you have of self, the more room you have for Christ in you which is your hope of glory. So what Jesus is saying here is that "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope and you have nothing left in yourself to show forth, for with less of you there can be more of God."

51 In other words, when you've finally died to yourself, and your life is covered over by Christ, then if it is truly covered you cannot see anything of self any longer. And the Law of Life in Christ Jesus takes over.

52 That is what Paul taught us in Galatians 2:20 when he says, "I am crucified with Christ," and of course we know that crucifixion is the worst form of death, but it is death none the less. So Paul says, when Christ died, I died right there and I die daily to self, "and yet I am alive, but it is not me that is alive, but Christ is living in me, and the life I now live in this flesh I am living by the faith, by the revelation of the son of God."

53 And now all you can see is Christ living in me. There is nothing left for you to show the world of yourself, and the only thing you have worth showing to the world is Christ Himself who gives you the victory.

54 This brings us to what brother Branham said in the Rising of the son pp 21 Because He raised from the dead,

we also have already raised from the dead, for we were in Him.

55 So we are talking about Resurrection Life, and its your guarantee that you will also receive a body change. Therefore, the God-Life has the preeminence in our lives. The Resurrection Life in us, for He is the Resurrection and the Life, and if you are in Him and He is in you then you are already resurrected and setting together in heavenly places in Christ.

56 And Paul said in Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own right-wise-ness, which is of the law, but that which is through the revelation of Christ, the right-wise-ness which is of God by revelation: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

57 And the Apostle Paul says in verse 11 what it is all about, "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead".

58 In other words, I am willing to lay everything down, and call everything I ever held dear as though it is no more than dung, to attain to the out resurrection of the dead and to know Him in the power of His resurrection.

59 And then he tells us in verse 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

60 Notice it is all about apprehending Christ Jesus. growing up into Him, as Paul said in Ephesians 4.

61 It's not about what we can gain in this life for ourselves, it's all about gaining Him. And he says for those who are perfect, for those who are mature, you will understand what I am talking about. "I press for mark of the high calling of God IN Christ Jesus."

62 In other words, that life I saw in Christ Jesus, that Higher calling to where he died to self, and made himself a love prisoner to God His Father, that is the life I want as well.

63 Forget everything I have ever attained to in this world. Forget all the knowledge I ever processed through this mind of mine. I count everything that I ever attained outside of Christ as worthless and no more use that the dung our bodies pass through into