

Resurrection Message

"Whole Purpose Of Being Fulfilled"
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Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Presence, and especially thank You Lord that we can identify with You having come down upon earth here, and indwelt Your prophet for a specific period of time, showing us the truth and the revelation of Who You are, and what You are doing, and we ourselves identified with You so that prophet could say, *"You're looking at me, aren't you? Same thing."* Right back to the days of Jesus, which we know that many people when they first saw Bro. Branham they said, "Bible days are here again. The ministry of Christ returned to this earth." And then they just turned around because he did not say what they wanted him to say. He only said, Lord, what You wanted him to say, and therefore he was shunned. Now we have the same thing today, Lord. And without a doubt, as the prophet said, the squeeze will come down, we shunned also, doors closed as far as they know, all these coming upon us, but Lord, You've carried us hitherto, You've brought us into the Light, and we know nothing can come against the Light, even as Your Holy Scripture has said, that condemnation's in the world, and Light came into the world, and men could do nothing about it. But Lord we are here this morning to receive truth in the inward man, and put it deep within our hearts, not only consume it spiritually, but it consumes us spiritually so we become one with You. Help us today, in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, this is a resurrection message this morning, and we're going to take a little while to get to the actual substance, the point of it. I remember we had a dedication service here a little while ago, and I went into several Scripture until I lost, I'm sure, the mother and the father and everybody else, and the grandfather, as to when I was going to get to something said about dedication, but I fooled them. I suddenly took a quick turn and it made them realize that sometimes you have to take a circuitous route to go home. Like you know the lover's used to say, "The longest way home is the shortest way." Because you know if you're in love you can go a long, long way, and it's still a short way to get home.

2. So, we're going to be looking at the ministry of Christ on earth which was defiled by His death, and we look at the fact of He had a ministry in the future that depended upon His resurrection, and there is also a ministry today that He has, and all this points to the fact that we're looking at an imminent resurrection. Imminent of course in terms mean it's going to be, it's standing out very prominently and could happen any time, and that's the point. And since a thousand years are just a day with the Lord, we don't want to get ourselves too anxious about that resurrection, because as it was in the Old Testament, only those under twenty were able to enter into the promised land, all except Joshua and Caleb, who were foreordained to that.

And so we're going to look at the Scripture on resurrection, but first of all we'll just read to you from my notes, and take you up to where I want to take you, to show you from the Scripture where we are actually today, and make no mistake about it, because it's vindicated, and there is a resurrection very shortly. And whether we're part of it has nothing to do with it, except in this sense, if there weren't people who had a part in God's program, there wouldn't be any sense for a resurrection. So there is an actual binding of us to this Word, on the grounds that we do believe, and we believe what the prophet said.

3. Every now and then and I'll just start in a minute or two, but every now and then I hear from somebody or hear of somebody, and the question comes up, that person doubts that person's salvation. Well, I think what is wrong with that person or persons is this: you're simply not looking at the Word; you're looking at yourself. You're looking at the Word, like the Bible said James says, "You look in a mirror. And then when you turn your face away from the mirror you promptly forget what you were looking at, in the sense of the visible things you wanted to see, you just walk off and you forget." Well you don't do that with the Word. What the Word says in there you must not forget. You can come to a place of tragic indecisions during your lifetime; you can actually hurt yourself by turning away from God's revealed Word.

4. As I told you years and years ago, I just very, very young, just started in the ministry, and just thinking of the Word of God, how righteous the Scripture said that we were through Jesus Christ. And I looked at that Scripture and then the devil put the thought in my mind, "Yeah that's wonderful, but you just don't have that." And as I looked at myself as an unclean person, under the Blood, like a voice within me said, "Call not that common or unclean which God has cleansed." And I said, "Yeah, but that wouldn't apply to me."

5. I'm going to tell you, I lost something that I may never ever recover by turning on what God said to me, from His Scripture. And you, if you got a doubt of your salvation, you better forget yourself, and stop sassing God, and stop mocking God, and go to this Scripture here, and you see, according to the vindicated prophet, when you believe this Message, you are born again. You can't find the old Pentecostal doctrines in the Bible, you can't find the things that men put in there, they are not there. And they've been exposed, the devil has been exposed, and God has been exposed. Now who are you going to take? God, or you going to take the devil? It's up to you. It's up to you entirely. You can take that Word and stand on it. Says, "God said so." And that's what it has. God said so.

6. And we had **THUS SAITH THE LORD** thousands and thousands of times, and Bro. Branham categorically said, "*You're born again by the baptism with the Holy Ghost.*" He said, "*There's no such thing as an altar call, it is a water call.*"

And the Bible said, "Repent and be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Didn't say tongues, didn't say interpretations, it said the gift of the Holy Ghost, coming without sensation. Why? To you. Because you do not actually in birth have a sensation although you can feel things. But you cannot recall a sensation. Maybe psychiatrists say, "Well when you were born it

was a hard birth, and that thing's imprinted in you." Well I'm going to tell you what. If you had a hard birth and that's imprinted in you, what about a birth you can't remember imprinted by God? Forget your dumb birth, forget your other things, get with this Word, because there isn't any hope outside of it, you're not going to get anywhere without it.

7. So they say, "Well I wonder if I'm saved, wonder if I'm born again." You don't have to wonder, look in the Bible, find out! Listen to what the prophet said, find out. He's the one that came to tell us. Then why would you and I then begin to look in these things and think we know something? I'm going to bring that up and show you Scripture for it, too, if I ever get preaching. I'm just exhorting right now.

But you must not when preachers' wives and different women and different ones can say, "I wonder if I'm even saved, or how do you know you're saved?" What have they been doing all these years? To whom have they been listening? What are they harboring inside? You know. You know listen, you simply... the Bible teaches that too many people are like a man who is starving, and he dreamed he was eating, and he woke up hungrier than ever. A man's thirsty, famished for water, he believes he's getting water, he wakes up, and his throat's more parched than ever. Hey! Get with it. Never mind your daydreams and these things that come to you, get with the Word of God. Nothing else matters. The Bible says, "Old men shall dream dreams." I dream dreams and they're lousy. They're stupid. I haven't got one Biblical dream for so many years it's pitiful. Is that going to change me? Forget it. I'm not a guy to listen to dreams and pipe dreams. Phooey. You got an infallible Word of God, and it's going to take place whether you go with it or not, so it's a good thing to go with the Word of God.

8. All right, remember God has sent forth waters from the temple, the eastern gate, and there was waters up to the ankles, up to the knees, up to the thighs, waters to swim in, and waters to carry you over. We have come to the place of waters to carry us over. Do you want to get back to your ankles where old Luther was? Get up to your thighs where old Wesley was? Or get up to your hips where the old Pentecostals were? Forget it, I want waters to carry me over. We sing that song, "Sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home, but the water won't do it, bless God." You've got to have a second sign or a second something? Get with it. You're not going to get – you've had your last sign. Bro. Branham discerning, hundreds of times turned his back. You've had your last sign; you aren't going to get anymore. Now if you want a bunch of feelings, I can help you right there, just where do you want to get kicked? Well we might as well hold it up to ridicule. I mean that's the only way people ever learn anything, is hold it up to ridicule, say just where they're going, what they're into. I don't mean to be rude and ignorant here; I'm anything but.

9. All right, now we're going to talk about the resurrection. We're going to get to it on the grounds that we're looking at the proximity. Now last Friday night as we studied the crucifixion of Jesus, that's where it's got to start, because He's the first fruit. And if there isn't any first fruit, there can't be second fruits. In other words, there's got to be the first thing, like they say, "What was first, the chicken or the egg?" Well if you think the egg was first, you're crazy. It was the chicken was first. You get a chicken; you get lots of eggs, hopefully.

10. So all right, you got to have a starting place. And the starting place had to be in the death to have a resurrection in order to have a first fruit. See? And the first fruit was Jesus. I could just start preaching this point, forget my notes, but I'm not going to do it. Because then I would be too long. But the thing is, see, instantly your mind can begin to click when you come upon a principle, which is in the Word of God, sanctified truth, and especially fruit vindicated. That truth vindicated. Now He was the first fruit. So there's going to be more like Him. See? Now remember, He was also a first-born. So all first-borns are first fruit, because they're image of Christ. They were in Him, as He was in God.

11. So, all the fullness was put into Him, and come down through Adam, down through us, then He Himself took a part of our flesh, not exactly the same, but He took a part of it. See, He wasn't born humanly. Now the processes were human in the fact of the gestation and the delivery. But the woman only supplied the chemical elements of the earth through her body to nourish that one. But believe me, Bro. Branham was so correct, he couldn't be otherwise, that the egg and the sperm were created by God and that life in there was that actual life of Jesus, though many millions of times greater than you and I, the Spirit without measure, and He came the same way as we came! We came the same as He came. Except one way. The one thing different was we can't remember back there, because we didn't have that Word or that spirit body, which now we have a Word body, and by the baptism with the Holy Ghost it's commensurate. Well how is it commensurate? It means we're going to get everything that He got! You didn't have to go through that process, see?

12. Okay, last Friday night we studied the crucifixion of Jesus; we enumerated six major errors made by Israel that led to the death of Messiah. Those errors absolutely were based upon a lack of a definitive revelation that pertained to the entire subject of redemption as enunciated by their prophets to Israel. Israel had an absolute entirely wrong conception of redemption. They didn't know redemption had to go back to Adam, had to go back to every single one to get them out of the pit of sin. They figured redemption was a principle that came upon the nation. Now remember they still believed in a resurrection. They couldn't put it together. There was no way they could do it. See? So they entirely couldn't understand what God was doing to them and for them and through them.

13. The doctrine of the restoration of Israel and how it was to be accomplished by Messiah was saturated with so much error that when it was taught as truth, which it was – the doctrines, traditions of men as true doctrine, taught as truth – and received as such, not John the Baptist, or even Jesus, who was a vindicated prophet, could convert that church, and it was, because their roots were in the church in the wilderness, which is spoken of in an allegory in Galatians 4, called earthly Jerusalem, which was truly then a human institution, organized and devoid of God, though they attempted to worship God. As Bro. Branham said, *“One day that God that you say you worship is going to destroy you.”* And that's exactly the way they were. And that's the history we have in the Bible.

14. Now, those errors, and no doubt there were others that we could name, were as follows:

- (1) Who He was;
- (2) His ministry and why He had such a ministry;
- (3) The necessity of His death;
- (4) His foretold and actual resurrection; (which He proved He could do it);
- (5) His future ministry as to office and why it was required (in other words what He would be doing);
- (6) His coming to His Kingdom on earth, and eternally and everlastingly bringing us to the New Jerusalem where the Headship is turned over to Almighty God.

15. Now, we saw and understood exactly all that we looked into last Friday. And I trust you did. That you could see that those were things that they absolutely missed which were pertinent in the Bible and looking back where you find hindsight is better than foresight, you got twenty-twenty vision right there perfectly, or even better. You can look back and say, "Oh, that's the way it is." But now what if something comes in front of you, you say, "Oh my, what is it?" And you can't place it, and you place it wrong, because of something in the past. And it maybe have nothing to do with the past, except there's roots there. But it's put out another branch. See, you've got a problem. And that's what Israel had, that terrible problem, because they could not understand Scripture.

16. So, we saw and understood exactly why that was when we looked into Scripture last Friday, and we see it now in Scripture we'll read this morning, put forth by Luke, the scribe historian, because that's what he was, he wasn't one of the disciples, he was a Greek doctor and a historian, and Peter sums it up. Luke writes it. But as Peter, now looking back, he is able to say in Acts 1:1-11.

- (1) The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- (2) Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the (disciples) whom he had chosen: (This man really knew something, didn't he? You can tell by his language. This was God giving him the words.)
- (3) To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- (4) And, being assembled together with them, commanded them they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- (5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

- (6) When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom again to Israel?
- (7) And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
- (8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- (9) And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
- (10) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
- (11) Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen go into heaven.

Now, this is not Peter, but Luke talking. And Luke is giving a bird's eye view, and a perfect picture of exactly what had transpired, and he's giving them a look into the future, so that they know what to expect. And this is now history recorded because the events are passed, and the recording of that history is very, very good.

17. Now notice, Luke also precedes to Acts 1:15-22, by recording Peter's words, and then preceding to record Peter's words again in Acts 2:22-41, wherein the ministry of the ascended Christ takes over after His earthly ministry had finished. So we look at those verses of Scripture. [Acts 1:]15-22.

- (15) In those days Peter stood in the midst of the disciples, and said, the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,
- (16) Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spoke before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
- (17) For he was numbered with us, and had (received) part of this ministry. (Obtained it means received it.)
- (18) Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

- (19) And (as) it was known unto the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.
- (20) For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

18. Now, you'll notice in there that the man is condemned and the office he had was defiled, and so someone else has to take it, because there has to be a certain number of men there.

- (21) Wherefore (all) of these men which have companied with us ... (and so on. Let's see, well... I won't read any further in that. Well we could read on down here further now, it says in verse 25,)
- (25) That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place (and so on).

So, we find here when Peter is talking, he's beginning to understand now that Jesus has gone, some of the things written in the Scripture, which no doubt Jesus told them about after His resurrection, and things are beginning to fall into place, as they had not fallen into place previously.

19. Now, let's look at it this way, and I tried to bring it out Friday night also. What they could look at after the fact is so different when you're looking according to the fact. Because if you don't have spiritual understanding, or you can't take what the person is trying to give you, because he is the authority, because he's vindicated, you have a terrible job receiving that person. You may never receive him. You could blaspheme God. But if you look back on the ministry, and you wondered, and you couldn't place it, but you knew something was there, but you hadn't challenged, you hadn't tempted, you can look back and say, "Oh, look at that, that's easy." You see? Hindsight. Explain to you, it's easy. But when you're looking at that thing, many times it's very, very hard to see what is going on and what God is doing.

20. So Peter, so frustrated with himself, having had a part of a revelation, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"Blessed art thou, Simon Peter." Why He said, "You're a little rock." He said, "Upon this revelation, which you didn't get. No one gave it to you; God gave it to you, I'm going to build my future church. Built upon the solid rock of revelation."

And Peter was a very boisterous fellow. And you can admire him; you can admire all those disciples. Yet they were those amongst those who actually left Jesus and denied because they did not have that which was necessary to stand with Him. Number one:

revelation – although that really is number two. Number one should be the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and number two: the revelation confirmed because the Holy Spirit's within you. That is what gives people the iron in the blood and the strength to become martyrs and stand with the Word of God, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." See? They love not their lives unto death. It didn't matter.

21. But so we see Peter looking back, and now not even full of the Holy Ghost, but taught by the Lord in the resurrection, a period of about forty days, he is able to know these things, but you'll notice even at this point he makes a mistake. He decides by a vote they should put in Matthias, as Bro. Branham said, "*No one ever heard from him again, because God was the one to appoint the apostles.*"

Now, Peter himself admits that God appointed them, that Jesus appointed them, now he's going to step in and do the work of Jesus. Isn't that like organization, the stupidity of human kind? It is tragic, but look, brother/sister, if this Bible is not a mirror that we can't look into it, and see ourselves and see history, and see everything going on, there's something wrong with our eyesight at this particular time, we've got worse than cataracts. Because the cataract is only a growth, but blindness can be a spirit. And that's where you get a really, really bad situation.

22. Now, watch how Peter talks in Acts 2. Now he's full of the Holy Ghost. And this brother here, Peter, knows the Scripture. And he's been taught a certain amount by Jesus. Quite a lot in fact. Three and a half years, and in the forty days in the resurrection. Now we're going to look then at [verse] 22.

- (22) Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man (not a God, a man) approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, (that's Deuteronomy 18,) which God did by him (God was in him doing it, God in the prophets,) in the midst of you, (he was right here with you,) as you yourselves also know:
- (23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible he should be holden of it.
- (25) For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, (and) he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
- (26) Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:
- (27) Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

23. Now, you see already David saw the fact that Jesus was going to be the High Priest. And after Jesus positively rose from the dead and paid the price, entering into that ministry there, David didn't have a worry in the world. That's how he could... he understood, and the prophets had a certain revelation of this, but they weren't able to know it as we know it now, because we're looking back, and as we look back we must never make the mistake of looking back continuously, but what is in front of me? As Bro. Branham said, "*Always looking back, always looking forward, never getting what's in front of them.*" See? Now Peter's looking back and he's seeing this, he's doing a good job. And he's even telling us concerning the psalmist David. He said,

- (25) For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, (and) he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: (and so on.)

He saw the resurrection without corruption. In verse 28.

- (28) Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
- (29) Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us this day.

24. He didn't say that David was with them. He said the sepulchre was. I don't know if he means that David is dead or not, I don't know that I'd agree with that one right there, because if David didn't come forth in the first part of the first resurrection, how could he possibly type being the prophet king? And Jesus being the first fruit, being the Prophet King, and Jesus of course is not yet exalted to Kingship. Except in an intermediate measure, because He's on His Father's throne. At this point. But the time to crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords is the Wedding Supper. So you see, it's all right though, we're not going to argue with this at all, this man is full of the Holy Ghost, he knows what he's saying, perhaps I just don't quite understand everything he is saying. I guess that's the truth.

- (30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;
- (31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh see corruption.
- (32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Now, the people standing there, I don't think they were witnesses, but the hundred and twenty were, and those that had... about five hundred saw him. I think that was at one time.

- (33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

25. Now listen, you cannot see and you cannot hear the Holy Ghost. There's no way. But what was seen and what was heard, was a demonstration by the energies of the Holy Ghost Himself upon men. And so many people take this and say, "Well this is the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues." You're wrong. It is a historical account of what happened on that day. Because the evidence that Jesus said was to lead you into all truth, and show you things to come. It was to be your teacher and your guide, and we'll go into that at other times, if not this morning. See?

Now, [Acts 2:]

- (34) For David is not ascended (That's not the literal. It said, For David himself was not the one that ascended) into heaven: but he (David said, that's a prophet), The Lord said (to) my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

26. All right, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand." That's the same thing as the Lord shall descend from heaven, we're going to meet the Lord in the air. There's no difference. There's no difference, because the Lamb is on the throne. He gets off that throne at the time of the trumpet. And the great multitude coming up, and the angels and the cherubim all screaming and shouting. See? It's going to be a great tremendous time.

- (35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool. (He said, "You stay there until the foes are a footstool." We're going to get into that too.)

- (36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made (this) same Jesus,

And who's this same Jesus? Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you. Here's this man, see? And you got to recognize he is a man. Now, he's the only begotten Son, that makes him one of a kind, Son of God, that makes him a Son as no other person's a son, he's different. He has what we don't have, he is what we are, and we are what he is.

27. Now, that's very definite, but you've got to understand I'm talking of the intrinsic. And the truth. I'm not talking about the package in which it is, and what the package produces. Because remember, you came here in the flesh to be tempted and tried, and if Adam and Eve, pristine from the hands of God, tested and tried immediately fell, there's hope for you and me if we fall how many times a day? Seventy times a day. What does the Bible say? ...?... But what about seventy times? You've got to forgive a person seventy times. No, you've got to seventy times seven, four hundred and ninety times, in a day. Well you say, "A day's a thousand years." No it didn't say that. Twenty-four hours. See, it's a vessel, don't look at the vessel, nope, don't look at the vessel. You look at that

vessel; you got to see yourself in the Word here, what God says. Then you come away. And you keep that always in heart.

28. So all right, we find here that what they didn't understand previous to His death, they certainly understood after the resurrection. And they saw in the Scripture what was really said concerning Him. It wasn't now a bunch of people mouthing off. These people that stood there and said, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," the whole mob stirred up. Let me tell you, they weren't screaming anymore. They were struck in their hearts. It doesn't mean they even got converted. Although it does say, "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" And about three thousand added one day, five thousand another, they were quite a number. But when you think in 70AD, I guess there's hundreds of thousands that died in Jerusalem, that's just a drop in the bucket to what really came in. There were very, very few that actually came in.

29. But my point is this: that it was only after the resurrection when all that was fulfilled, that they truly understood the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we saw how they made the mistakes, and we pointed out Friday that they're making the very same mistakes today in the second crucifixion of Christ! Because the second crucifixion takes time at the hour of perfection when God brings such a definitive revelation and manifested power upon the earth, literally shaking the foundations of everything that is here, because all things are being shaken preparatory for the coming Kingdom of Almighty God, and people still say, "Ah, that's the devil." Or they say, "I don't know!"

Well just a minute now, this is a life and death question. This is a question of this resurrection. This is a question of eternal life and eternal position. Is this then less valid than the stock market? Are we wondering daily what Mr. Greenspan's going to do to put the interest up and try to keep away inflation, and keep an over inflated market from getting too heated and crash – you bet your life it's going to crash! It'll crash! It's going to go! It's got to go! Because everything in this world is bound up in the church, which is Satan orientated, and Satan heads, and Satan headed.

30. So all right, now he talks about the ministry that's being fulfilled by the ascended Christ in these verses. Having covered the earthly ministry of what He did, why He did it, and what they did to Him, and how wicked they were in doing it.

Now then, particularly note here verses 37-39.

- (37) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what (will) we do?
- (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- (39) For the promise is unto you and to your children, all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

(40) And with many other words did he testify and (so on.)

Now, you're looking at what they said to Peter now, "What are we going to do about this?"

Well he didn't say, "You better go out and hang yourself like Judas, you'd better go out and cut your throats."

He said, "Look I'm telling you, this is the only way that you can get true salvation for you as an individual, and individuals will make up the Kingdom! So you better get individually converted now, because if you deny Messiah now, in the resurrection He'll deny you! It is just that simple!" That's what he preached!

You say, "How do you know?"

Because he said, "Listen, you're the ones that killed Him! Your wicked hands did it!"

"Oh, oh, oh, what are we going to do?"

"Well," he said, "I've got news for you. There was a purpose in this. Now you didn't know what you were doing, and you killed Him."

And so when Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they don't know what they do," these people that repented, they were the ones that got forgiven. And so were the apostles also. They didn't know what they were doing either, and they walked on.

31. Now listen, now that they do know what they did, what do you do now? You repent. Say, "Well, I just don't know how I can do that. Because look at the terrible thing I did."

It may haunt you as it haunted Paul, that he thought he was doing God a favor by killing God's own Bride. It may haunt you, and make you say, "I'm the greatest sinner of all.

But not for one minute did Paul deny that he was the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ! Now that's true repentance right there. And most of us never did understand that, or get to it, because our sins always haunt us and everything about it, but true repentance means it's hundred percent forgiven, there's no record, there's nothing against you, you never did it in the first place. Why? Because you're justified. See? You see seed could never be idolatress. That's why adultery cannot be forgiven of a woman, but you see the Bride is never idolatress, she's never adulteress. Never.

32. All right, and notice,

(41) They that gladly received his word...

They're glad they get off the hook. Then why have we got people today in the church always beating their selves on the head? That's what's wrong with these poor sisters that wonder, "Am I saved?" Why beat yourself on the head? If you're truly sorrowing, if you truly want God, there's no way you're going to miss him! If you're seed. And if you're not seed and you truly want God, it's ten to one you're kidding yourself, you want Him for something that God hasn't got for you in the first place. Because God only wants to be a first, and not even a last in your life, but always the first, because there isn't any last when you belong to God. Always wants Him to be first in your life, making your priority in the areas in which He said He is the priority. So don't get any crazy ideas about physical things, because they'll only betray you. And I haven't got time this morning to preach six hours and go into hundreds of Scriptures, which I could. Nope, they repented. They took God at His Word that God forgave him, so they forgave themselves and they said, "Look, we did wrong, but from now on it's a different story."

33. Now, with this we instantly turn to Ephesians 1, so we can somehow get you to the resurrection this morning. We put a long tape on, a two-hour tape, roasts are going to be slowly done, they'll taste better. They'll fall apart on the fork.

- (1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: (It should be even to the faithful in Christ Jesus.)
- (2) Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (From two people, whether you want to know it or not.)
- (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

You know I like this here, it says, "Grace and peace be from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." I can just see God up there having His ears bent, His arms open for the people, to give His people help, and I can just see Jesus on the mercy seat, He's just waiting for somebody's prayers to get up in His name.

"I don't think..." One fellow told me years ago, he said, "Bro. Vayle, I don't think I believe in prayer to God."

I said, "Why not?"

Well he said, "He's got enough troubles of His Own, without having mine."

And I say, "You got to be kidding." I said, "His only concern is to help us, and He's very concerned if He can't help us!" Or words to that effect. I think the words right now are better than the words I gave him, because I'm more experienced. But it's the same thing.

34. Now am I telling you the truth, or am I not in this resurrection morning? Well come on, read your Scriptures, read your Scriptures, you're going to find exactly what I said. Are we trying to make God useless and Jesus useless? Are we trying to break up a fellowship and communion? Or are we believers? Hey, listen, prayer avails! It's been scientifically proven, prayer avails, as a scientific study has been made in different areas. Not maybe double blinds and so on, so forth, but they found out even with people who did not believe in prayer necessarily, and did not even know they're being prayed for, did not want prayer necessarily, they got better (then) quicker, then those who never had any kind of prayer! And those that wanted prayer and knew they were being prayed for, and were prayed for; they got better quicker than anybody.

If you want to know the truth, if you want to know how plants get big and beautiful, play Mozart! Yeah. Play Mozart! Scientifically proven. If you want to kill your plants, play rock and roll! Now maybe it's not just pollution that's killing the plants. Huh? You ever go down the road, and these kids with their boom boxes, they're calling these cars, whamp, whamp, whamp, whamp! Oh my, heaven help you. Take the boom box and smash it.

35. Okay. [Ephesians 1:]

- (3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (That's the only way you can get to them. Yup.)
- (4) According as he hath chosen us in him (and that's to select people) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him...
- (5) (In love) having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
- (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
- (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- (8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
- (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him (that) worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (That's to get this inheritance you see, not only us, but everything is all predestinated. There isn't one thing that isn't predestinated.)
- (12) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first (hoped) in (him. They put trusted, but I guess the original word is hoped. That means earnestly desire).
- (13) In whom ye also (hoped), after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

36. Now, he leaves out water baptism. But that's no problem, because Paul practiced it. You see the point is it wasn't water baptism that saved you. See, like the thief on the cross. It's repentance, and God doing something in and through you, and to you, rather. So the water baptism, though pertinent, part of the first two things we do, God's bound to do the third. Bro. Branham said so, and that's the Scripture. Not tarrying and waiting and everything else. How do people take Bro. Branham when he said, "*One day you're going to find out you always were saved.*" Why? Because he said, "*My ears, my nose, my feet, who's me?*" Part of God. Part of God needs saving? No, part of God just needs being brought back. That's all. So God gets it back. We came from Him, devil stole us for a while, Jesus rescues us, ransoms us, buys us out of the marketplace, seals us into the Kingdom of Almighty God, now ready to go back. I mean these are things that are absolutely true.

And of course the psychiatrists and the psychologists, they say, "Well, you're just saying that to make yourself feel good." Well I think we should say it all day long, and all night, stay awake at night, too. And they ought to do it too. Because they haven't got such good feelings. How come they got such good feelings and more psychiatrists commit suicide than anybody else? The only trouble is, they didn't do it soon enough. [End of side one of tape one.] I ain't done passed the first page. I'm not even finished the first chapter.

37. Now listen,

- (14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Now, the Holy Ghost couldn't come till after the resurrection. So right now you're seeing part of the resurrection morning message. This is it. You couldn't have it without it. And every morning is resurrection morning. See? Because He's risen from the

dead. And now that He's risen, He dieth no more. Nothing to substitute for sin, it's all over. This is what you call the panacea. Panacea is a general you might say, pan world cure. Works for everything; takes care of it all. Jesus died upon Calvary and made the way for this; that's it. That's it. And if we miss anything, it's our own fault, because there is that room in there that I've been preaching on stewardship, which is an office which God grants you, a position that you are to fulfill, and everything that you need is in that position from God so you can fulfill it. Now let's see who wins the races. Let's see who gets the crowns. See? Too many people esteem it a small thing. They get so lost in certain phases of Scripture they can never take the whole of Scripture. By the grace of God we had a prophet who brought us the whole Scripture. Now we have it.

38. [Ephesians 1:]

- (15) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
- (16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
- (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- (19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

What's he saying here? He's telling you there's coming a time when God Himself will make sure to you every single thing He's spoken of, and you'll be heir to it, and you'll walk right into the Kingdom of God with both eyes open! And if your mouth flapping, maybe flapping with the praises of God, and you won't miss one heartbeat when you're changed to immortality. That's what he told you right here. How do I know? Because this is it! All of this predestinated, this here now, cannot be superimposed upon it, add to it, or take away from it. This tells you how you get it!

39. Right before the resurrection into the resurrection, Seventh Seal, time mingling with eternity, just like a Roman candle bursts, and keeps bursting, and moving, until we're right up to the White Throne, right past the White Throne to the New Jerusalem, the holy City, right there in the great pyramidal City, New Jerusalem, the Lamb on the throne and the Pillar of Fire above the throne, and the rest bringing their glory into the holy City, where there is no night, and no need of a light, because the Lamb is the light thereof. And the Tree of Life is there with roots on both side of the river. That's what you're looking at; say hallelujah. Ah it's wonderful to realize this is what's going on now. Everything in divine order, see? Right here.

40. Now, he tells you that your eyes are going to be enlightened to what he's told you here. And remember, Ephesians 1 is from eternity to eternity in a nutshell. Dr. Sour, the German theologian wrote a book, From Eternity to Eternity. I don't think he had a clue, but I'm sure he had some kind of clue, he's a good man, but he would not know what we know.

- (19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places,
- (21) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but in the world to come:

See, the two worlds are blending at this time. Transition, a mingling, time and eternity.

- (22) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- (23) Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

He's telling you right here this is the consummation of that which in a nutshell shows you here from God back to God, and how it's performed at the end time, and it takes a resurrection, and a Rapture, and it's over! For the Gentile church. Foolish virgin go to the tribulation and die.

41. Now notice in here, which we read, Acts 2:37-39.

- (38) [Then Peter said unto them,]repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of (the Lord) Jesus Christ...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- (39) For the promise is unto you, (and so on.)

And that took us right over to Ephesians, where Paul had the definitive revelation that Peter, though he knew in his heart this truth, he could not propound it the way Paul could, because Paul received the revelation for the Gentiles. And where Peter had a part, Peter was an apostle, but he was not a Word prophet the way that Paul was. See? Okay.

42. So turning to Ephesians 1 where Paul the vindicated apostle to the Gentiles by revelation from Jehovah Elohim in a Pillar of Fire speaks face to face to Paul, and in this epistle, chapter 1, Paul gives the Gentiles what Peter at Pentecost gave to Israel, only more definitively and more powerfully, and with a greater depth of revelation. In fact Paul's revelation was so great, that Peter said, "I'm a little afraid that people are twisting

what Paul said to their own destruction.” But Peter could not deny that Paul had the revelation, because he certainly did.

Now, this is what we’re looking at because of the resurrection and this is ours this morning, because He is risen from the dead, and He’s the High Priest, for us, to face God, to make sure that we get there.

Now remember, there’s no such thing as a hard shell here who believes that you can have salvation and regeneration, and the holy City without a means to an end. The hard shell believes you’re just going to get it without the means, the means having been set forth by the death and resurrection of Christ. That is not so; everybody must repent and be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then God is obligated, if you’re seed, you’ll receive the Holy Ghost. And remember we believe we are seed on the fact that we are listening to Scripture.

43. Now, we read Ephesians 1 here, and with it I could have read, but I’ll read now, Acts 10, and remember Paul was not with Jesus, but Peter was, and in 10:34-38.

- (34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, (this when he opened the door to the Gentiles, to whom Paul wrote this letter.) Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of person:
- (35) But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
- (36) The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
- (37) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
- (38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- (39) And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; (and) they slew and hanged (him) on a tree:
- (40) Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
- (41) Not to all the people, unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And remember on Friday night we found Jesus eating a piece of fish, and some honeycomb. Now that's going to blow your minds right there. Say, "Are people going to eat fish in the Millennium?" Don't ask me. And don't even think about it.

You say, "Well you know there's one thing you could think about, angel food. The Psalmist said that God fed his people angel food, which is manna. Will we eat manna?"

I'm not an angel. What am I going to eat? Who cares. It's going to be good though. Better than this polluted stuff we have here. Listen, if you're supposed to eat spinach and don't like it, you'll eat it up there. You're going to like everything for a change. See?

44. So, now Peter set forth Christ in the resurrection office and ministry as redeemer and keeper, in barren and simple words he did it, and he showed positively that Jesus was vindicated, and so therefore they knew that He was that One. And then Paul, of course as I read here, comes along, and he goes into it in much greater depth even then does Peter, because he goes back to eternity, where Peter does not. Peter merely brings the issue, and as well it should be.

It's like when Spurgeon preached on elect, foreknown of God, and the people wondered and said, "Well, now, just a minute, how does that line up with whosoever will may come?"

And he said, "Well over the church is written 'Whosoever will may come,' but over the altar where you repent before God," he said, "Elect foreknown from the beginning of the world'." See, you don't know.

45. Like Bro. Branham said, "*I'm glad they didn't say Bill Branham, they said, whosoever, because there might be over a hundred Bill Branham's and I wouldn't know which one was which.*"

But whosoever, and that whosoever means that you don't know, but the sheep hear the voice, then they'll follow the shepherd, and so therefore there's a built-in apparatus in the sheep of God somewhere, so they're going to hear and follow. Now you can't deny that because that is the Scripture. So therefore if you have heard William Branham's message, you have something built-in that you can receive it. And you are identified with him, and with Whoever he is identified. And if it's the wrong party, we're stuck. And if it's the right One, we've made it. Because though there's many voices, there's only two sources. One is God, the reality, the truth, the unbending. The other is Satan, who comes in with the Word of God, perverts, perverts, perverts, until he gets them down where the Muslims are, and Mohammed the great prophet. And you ought to see the stupid animal they got painted, he's supposed to have risen up in heaven. He ain't risen to heaven, he's gone down. And their virtue is a virtue of the sword. And they lie, and they said Abraham offered up Ishmael, not Isaac. They haven't got a clue. But you know what? They have the first five books of the Bible. That was the unbending truth of Almighty God, the history written down there. And they took it, and they perverted it.

46. You see, iniquity in Satan was perverting the Word, “Till you perverted the Word you were perfect!” Now when that which is perfect is come, and Bro. Branham defined it as the perfect revelation of the Word of God of this hour, and all of it, then we are perfect! Why? Because we got a perfect Word, there’s no iniquity in us, because we don’t bend it. So now you got two types of perfection. One by the Blood and one by a five-fold ministry, and the five-fold ministry is absolutely not existent, unless there is a prophet to bring us back to the Word. Otherwise they’re a five-fold bunch of God knows what; just garbage. And there are plenty of those. I’m not naming names, because I don’t even know who they all are, and I care less.

47. Now, you remember here in Ephesians 1, I read the first 14 verses. And he started from eternity with God, right down through the Son, “This day have I begun My generations in Thee.” That word ‘begotten’ means ‘begin my generations’ as well as ‘I birthed you’, because that’s what He was, He’s born of God, issued forth from. And in Him was placed all of the generations, all the way down.

So, they went to the Garden of Eden and there Adam was. And Adam now became... God formed him with His hands, and He breathed in him the breath of lives, and he became a living soul. And every one of the sons of God in flesh was placed into Adam. That’s why Jesus had to come and take a part of the flesh on Him. Identify with us, to get us back to our status, our standing, to take us away from the sin. So God did that.

48. Now, Paul tells us absolutely, that in those 14 verses which we read, from beginning to the sealing in, all the thoughts in there of God toward us, and here’s what they are:

- 1) Foreknowledge.
- 2) Election.
- 3) Predestination unto redemption.
- 4) The inheritance of the entire goodness of God lost in Eden and restored with greatly expanded benefits.

Things we didn’t even know of, and didn’t even have there, but pointed to what could be there, if we’d gone that thousand years. See?

- 5) The complete and full purpose of God fulfilled in us.
- 6) The complete gathering of all elect in one place.
- 7) The entire congregation with Christ as Head giving forth the ultimate in praise and adoration to God.

So, there they are in one great body as it says in the Book of Hebrews 2, He’s in the midst, and He’s leading in praise to Almighty God. It’s a great and tremendous convocation which is coming up, and it’s just around the corner. You better believe it. Now,

- 7) The entire congregation with Christ as Head giving forth the ultimate praise and adoration to God.
- 8) All of the above seven purposes of God in manifestation are based upon the initial promise of Jesus in Jn 14:1-3.

49. All of that, that Paul mentions, and all of that depends upon you being baptized with the Holy Ghost and sealed into God in order to get all this, because you don't get it this side of the resurrection! Anymore than Jesus became High Priest this side of the resurrection. He had a part of it, we've got a part of it, He had everything He needed to be that, and He is that! Now we have everything we need now to be that which is coming ahead of us. You see?

So okay, now that we've got it, remember he stops at the sealing. Then he says, "Now the Spirit of God comes back, and gives you this revelation showing you that all this is yours." The whole thing, just like Paul did. Now from that point on there is what? The definitive power of God that raised Jesus becomes ours. Raising the dead, and bringing about a Rapture, bringing us into full contact with Jesus the Headship and Dominion. Now that's after verse 14. Do you follow what I'm saying?

50. Now, what in Scripture is Eph 1:1-14? I've just told you. So we're going to go to Jn 14:1-3 and read it.

- (1) Let not your heart(s) be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- (4) And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Well that's enough right there, and we go to Jn 16: now. And here's what he says there,

- (7) Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

So, the first thing that Jesus actually accomplished in the resurrection apart from the atoning blood, the cleansing of the heavenlies, which were more in demand to be cleansed than the pattern from the heavenlies down here upon earth. So now they're cleansed. What is He able to do now? He is able to receive the sinners, cleansed implicitly, explicitly, a hundred percent by His Blood, coming as though they had never done it, coming as though they came fresh from the hands of God the way Adam and Eve

did, no sin, no guilt, no blame, no anything, just standing there before Almighty God as innocent people.

Now the Holy Spirit descends, and those people are sealed into Almighty God, and they have completed what Paul says, from verses 1-14, and from that time on, all of them, even those that die, and you and I standing right here, stand waiting for Eph 1:17 to take place, to take us all the way there.

51. So, this is the resurrection message, whether you know it or not. Now I trust you caught on, didn't you? It's a resurrection message. It's a resurrection message. If He's not raised from the dead, everything I'm telling you is a lie. It's just a false hope, a flash in the pan, somebody got too drunk. Maybe knocked his head on the wall besides.

Now taking back, "I want you with me where every single thing that God wants you to have, you are heir to. We will be there together and the Holy Spirit is the One Who does it. You, it's expedient that I go away."

They said, "Why would you go?"

He said, "It's necessary. If I don't go, you will not get the Holy Spirit, and if you do not get the Holy Spirit, every single thing that God has outlined all the way down here is wiped out." Wiped out.

52. Now there's a type in this, although it didn't come to pass. Remember the day that Moses couldn't teach Israel any longer, and they were so hard and stubborn? God said, "Moses, stand aside and I'll wipe them out," and He said, "I'll just make a new nation out of you and your wife, or wives."

And Moses said, "No, no, no. Don't wipe them out."

I'm going to tell you, without the Holy Ghost baptism, unless you're truly born again, and the evidence is believing the Word for the hour, and I can prove that from Scripture, and I got different Scripture on it. Positively, absolutely, that is your evidence. If you do not have that, this is wiped out. Now I didn't say it, Bible says it. Now what's for the foolish virgin? She's outside the city. She brings her glory in. There may be millions and hundreds of millions out there. I don't know.

53. But listen, now we have taken Jn 14:1-3, Jn 16:7, and taking that back to Ephesians 1 and reading 1-12, which are all the beautiful things in there, the wonderful things, what God is doing, right down, till He takes them way up there, fulfilling His whole purpose, come from God, go back to God, just the way God wants it, absolute, like Bro. Branham, he hadn't even got to the New Jerusalem! And he's there over the curtain of time! And he stands there, and this beautiful young lady comes up and she hugs him and there's no sensation of sex or anything else there! Just pure liquid joy in the Holy Ghost. And the angel said, "Do you know who that is?"

He said, "No."

“She was ninety years old when she got saved in your ministry.”

“Who are these? These are Branhamites, just rejoicing.”

And he said, *“We hugged and kissed each other, loved each other, shook hands, but we didn’t eat. Wasn’t necessary, but it was there.”* And then he said, *“Don’t, don’t, don’t, don’t miss it!”*

54. Listen, if he said don’t miss that, what about New Jerusalem? That just gives you an idea brother/sister, of what we’re talking about this morning. I cannot put in words what Paul has already put in words, it takes the Holy Ghost to give us the inner joy and the strength, and the power to apprehend it, and then to enjoy it. Remember, expectation in most cases is absolutely greater, and anticipation and expectation are far greater in ninety-nine percent of the cases on earth, than realization. But I’m going to tell you something brother, realization will be billions and trillions of times greater than anything I expect or you expect.

So, if you’ve got just a little taste now, you better say, “Lord, thank God for the resurrection, because I’m going to get a real expanded taste, and I love the honey in the rock now, but I want to get to the source.” You know honey in the rock, that’s where the shepherd put a little bit of honey on the limestone, the sheep needed the lime, so they’d lick the limestone and get some lime. Well you know, they might have gotten a sore tongue doing it, sheep could only take so much. When we get to the Millennium, oh man, I tell you, it’s going to, you can eat till you explode. You never get enough, and you never get enough of the glory.

55. Now, taking Ephesians 1 and re-reading verses 1-12, that’s up to where he talks about the sealing. How you get all the things he talked about. Then emphasizing 13 and 14, which is the sealing unto the day of redemption, which means your resurrection, and you get all of this completely manifested, the way God wanted it and the way you will enjoy it. We find ourselves baptized and sealed into the body of Christ, the true vine, the true church, the true Bride, and ready for the resurrection. All that by the Holy Spirit sealing, or the baptism, or rebirth, and ready for the Kingdom, whether it be by death or when we are alive at the last minute change into immortality, and incorruptibility, at the last trumpet according to 1 Corinthians 15. We’re one-third finished.

Now then we watch the peculiar and specific Holy Ghost vindicated chronology that we find in verses 1-14, followed by ‘wherefore’. Now just turn back there a minute so we just don’t get this misunderstood. Not hard to understand.

56. Now, [Ephesians 1:]

(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (so on, done all these things and going to take us right down to...)

(6) To the praise of the glory of his grace,

Where all things have worked together by Almighty God Himself, and we got all this inheritance, all these good things, all of this stuff in here, and hallelujah we've been baptized with the Holy Ghost and positively now we've got it, we are a part of it, it is a part of us, that's it, there's no doubts, no nothing, even if I botch up, even if I don't want to live the life, God is going to clean me up and take me out of here, there is no one going to get lost, He's not going to lose one of them, there isn't anybody not going to get this! Now there's some words you might not get, but there's nobody that's not going to get this. Because this is predestinated. Period. And doesn't have one thing to do with you or me, anything we have to do, whatever.

57. Now, and he said, "This baptism is the earnest, it's the down payment of this whole thing, until the day of redemption when you are in the resurrection and that's when you begin to get it all, because it's all there for you now." Now he says,

(15) Wherefore...

58. Now watch that. That word is 'wherefore'. And that's a good tough word. What does the word 'wherefore' mean? It means 'for this reason' or 'because of'! Now you understand what I'm saying? Because you're going to get the cart before the horse as sure as you are alive. Because nobody but us reads this right.

Now start over again. The predestinating God, God, Elohim, sovereign, who can deny His will? Who can stop Him? Who can tell Him? Who can start Him? Leave Him alone. Just leave Him alone. And He's not going to leave you alone. Let's get this flat; He's sovereign. And every single thing here is working to the end of your glorification, your goodness. He loves you, He's going to give you all of this, it's already sealed, and it's already bagged. And because it is, this next thing happens. This thing that happens now doesn't make the previous fourteen verses happen. The previous fourteen verses are necessary, then this happens. Because it says this above here. For all of these fourteen verses, therefore this is necessary. Because of that, we're going to get this. So if there is not a genuine born again Bride at the end time, Christ will not appear to her in the form of the Holy Spirit. And if there is, and there is, then He's got to come! It says right here.

59. Now, everybody gets the cart before the horse, they get this so skewed up it's pitiful. They think that Paul is talking the same thing he's talking here in verses 13 and 14; he is not! Because the word is 'wherefore'. Just as I might say, "We ran out of water, wherefore we had to go to the store and buy some." So therefore this is the running out of water, because there's nothing more left, they've all been baptized with the Holy Ghost now. There's nobody else coming in. It's the end time, and the few people coming in, they'll just be in, they'll be child trained. And at the same time, God Himself will be standing right here on the earth, because of this Bride! And when He comes, what's going to happen? Revelation! The same as, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God! God, You've revealed Yourself to me! Your Son, everything's revealed!"

60. Remember the Bible said, "You can't have the Father without the Son, you can't have the Son without the Father." Then where's Jesus Only bunch standing in? Paul the Apostle fought the Jesus Only bunch. Listen brother/sister, there's something radically

wrong. Something radically wrong with people. They don't know left hand from right hand. It's a terrible condition.

Till 'wherefore,' and because of the previous fourteen verses, especially the 13 and 14, because you are heir to this, you've been sealed into it, God Himself now Who is the Token, comes down and seals in the boxcar! And we're ready for take-off! On the Lord's Hallelujah Train to glory. Now you beginning to see what I'm talking about?

61. Okay. Now, Paul is saying 'wherefore,' because when we all have been sealed in, there is only one thing left and that is for God Himself by His Spirit to come to you for the purpose of verses 17-18, which is revelation, which end in 19-23, which is caught up in the Rapture with the resurrected, and there with Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, absolute in control, they worship Him, and the fullness of the body is there. First resurrection, A and B. The two parts. And of course the attendants, whatever God wants there, will be there.

Now, to get this very clear, and I believe I am teaching this correctly based on what Bro. Branham said in Daniel's Fortieth Week, when he quoted those verses, "The Spirit of God comes into the church to make known to the church the hour in which it lives and the great, mysterious secrets of God." That's verses 17 and 18. In Daniel Fortieth Week.

62. Now, teaching this correctly based upon what Bro. Branham said, that verse 14b then, which is "until the redemption of the purchased possession."

The redemption of the purchased possession I believe absolutely is John [7:] 37-39. Now we're getting into the teaching here, which is why I'm very strong on these Scriptures.

(37) In the last day, (the) great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

That's Isaiah. "Oh everyone that thirsteth come to the wells of water, without money, without price." The only price is repent and be baptized, and anybody that doesn't want to get rid of his sins, carrying that huge burden, is crazy, and you can get rid of it for nothing, through the precious Blood of Jesus Christ paying the price. "Come ye to the wells and get water." After you get your water without paying anything for it, you can have milk and honey. Manna from heaven. Yes, enter into the joy of the Lord.

63. Now he says here,

(37) (Everyone that thirsts,) let him come unto me, and drink.

(38) He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said,

That's going to take a divine revelation right ther, because they got the Scripture all messed up at that time. Christ tells them flat. He said, "You won't get it the way

you're believing it. The Scripture says, "Search the Scripture for in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they that testify of Me." Where is your eternal life if you're turning down any part of Scripture? Moses said, "Don't add and don't take," and you're taking away from me. You're cutting me out."

64. Well you're going to cut yourself out. You know, here's the fact of the matter. Nobody ever hurts anybody, you really only hurt your own self. When they crucified Christ, the hurt wasn't on Christ, he suffered, that's true, but they hurt themselves, they crucified themselves. You know, it's a terrible thing when we realize we get out of the Word of God.

(38) ...out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(39) But this spake he of the Spirit which they that believe on him (they that believe on him,) should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.

So, here we are resurrection morning again, talking about the baptism with the Holy Ghost, because that is what the resurrection is all about. You don't get in that first resurrection, and the good part of the second resurrection, without the Blood, and the Holy Spirit. Because you see, they have something. Like Bro. Branham said, "*A virgin's a virgin.*"

65. Now, and is unequivocally the same as 1 Cor 12:12-26. Well we may never see each other again, so bear with me; I've got almost half done. Maybe I can cut it off sooner than I think. But hey, we got to understand this. Now it says in verse 12 here,

(12) For the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (Well that's simple.)

(13) For by one Spirit are we all (every single member) baptized into (the) body, whether we Jew or Gentile, bond or free; and have (all) been made to drink into one Spirit. (That is absolutely Jn 7:37-39.)

(14) For (as) the body is [not] one member, but many.

So, it tells you right there there's no difference between every single person that comes in. There cannot be. I don't care who he is, I don't care what he's done, or what he's going to do, or how favored he is with God, when you come to this without the baptism with the Holy Ghost, you simply ain't. You aren't a part of the body of Christ, which is as though it were one member, and remember Jesus was baptized in water, and the Holy Ghost came upon Him.

66. So, how can you and I be different? Why it's ridiculous to specify something different. You know what? It's not only just inappropriate, it's blasphemous, and it shows

terrible conceit. Well figure it out. Doesn't it? Isn't that the same pride the devil had? "I will have a better kingdom than Michael." And hearing this and this old fellow pretty smart you know, he's a cherubim. And you know, I showed you the Scripture in Ezekiel, and over in Isaiah, God manifesting through the cherubs and the seraphim, but particularly cherubim, and Satan's a cherubim. He had every right to manifest God and could have. And here's a son, he's manifesting himself in a lower creation – archangel. Big shot. Satan. See where it all comes from? Pride. Pride. God give you something to do, and you think you're great because you're doing it. Oh stewardship brother/sister, stewardship. I wish I could live my life over again with what I know now, but it's too late. But I can teach others.

67. Keep on reading. Now, [1 Corinthians 12:]

(14) For the body is not one member, but many. (But yet it's still just one.)

(15) If the foot shall say, I am not the hand, I am not the body; therefore... (So and so and so and so.)

And then let's go down here, and we're the whole body here, and he says there, and the eye and everything else. And that doesn't look good. Now he said, "What if the whole body were just an eye? What if the whole body were just an ear?"

(18) But now hath God (verse 18) set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. (Sovereign act of God to place you in this body wherever He wants you. See?)

(19) And if they were all one member, where were the body?

A whole bunch of arms or feet, everybody talking in tongues, everybody praying for the sick, everybody this or that?

(21) (Now) the eye cannot say (I don't need you, and so on.)

(22) Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

Which seem to be more feeble are necessary. A fellow told me, and he told me wrong about my wife, and her problem with the stroke in the brain. He said, "You see the body's smart. And it will shut down the part of the body you really don't need." Well, you know, if you don't need your memory and intellect, merciful God what do you need? But you know the guy was right on the fact that the lesser member of the body would say, "Now if I had to lose my eye or my hand, let me see. Well that's a tough one. If I had to lose my eye or my finger, well I'd take a finger. See but the finger is just as much a part of my body as the eye is. And the cells that make up my heart are just as much the same cells that make just the skin on my body." Not the same cell identically, but it's the same life and the same purpose in it.

68. So, you see there's nobody that's inferior, and there's nobody that's, you know, superior, as Bro. Branham said, *"There's no great ones amongst us, there's no pope's, not holy ones, no doctors, He Himself the great One is here."* See that's what you're looking at.

So if a man aggrandizes himself, except he boasts in God, and puts the honor and glory where it really belongs, and he's humble enough to do it, then that's fine, but otherwise boasting is excluded, as Paul says. Now, verse 23:

- (23) And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; (that) our uncomely parts have (the) more abundant comeliness.

69. In other words, God is not stinting at anything. And the position you have doesn't make any difference, it's whether you're faithful, because it's required of a steward that he be found faithful. If my finger is faithful, that's as good as my eye being faithful, if my toe is faithful, that's as good as my heart being faithful. See? People say, "Well I don't think that's true." Well then the Bible lied. Just that simple. We're all equal. That's why Bro. Branham even put democracy in the church. The democratic voice can bring in the Holy Spirit. And I believe there's times that we've got people that the Holy Spirit brings right in, teaches good lessons too.

Don't think we're different from Israel, the time when God said, "Now you kill everybody in that land, and don't let anybody fool you, because I want that land cleared for a purpose, that purpose is you."

And the Gibeonites came, I think, behind, and they circumnavigated way, way, round, round, they came up behind, they said, "Oh, we've been traveling for months, our clothes are worn out, and this bread is like a hunk of dry rock, it's terrible" – they didn't ask the Lord. The Gibeonites lived around the corner. Don't fool with God. Don't pretend you know something, see. This is the place where God is everything, we learn to get out of the way, humility, we don't have extravagances, we're known by our moderation – we're supposed to be. I'm just quoting the Word.

70. Now let's keep reading.

- (24) For our comely parts have no need: (See? That tells you right there, the higher the office, you don't need much help. You better help the other fellow.) but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor (the) part which lacked:

- (25) That there should be no schism in the body; but the members should have the same care one (of) another.

What I'm talking about is still Jn 7:37-39. Every one of the seed of God are entitled to receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and it puts you in the body of Christ,

even if you were just a toe in the body, or the toenail in the body, and the fellow above you was an eye, like a great all seeing prophet from God, there is no difference whatsoever at all. When it comes to membership in the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.

71. Now, so Jn 7:37-39 is unequivocally 1 Cor 12:12-26, which does not suggest, but demands a commonality as in Gal 3:26-28. So here we are.

- (26) For (we) are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- (28) (For) there is neither Jew nor (Gentile), bond nor free, neither male nor female: for (you're) all one in Christ Jesus.
- (29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise.

So there's a commonality there we must recognize. But when you look at 1 Cor 12: 27-31, the commonality disappears! Now I want you to understand this, because it's very important to get this. [1 Corinthians 12:]

- (27) Now (we) are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Now we are. We're all in. One door, one faith, one Lord, one baptism, one everything, here stands the church, glory to God. You don't think so?

72. Hold your thumb. Head over to Ephesians 4:

- (4) There is one body, one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through (you) all...
- (7) But every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

That's where the separation comes right there. Every one of you is giving something even though you're all members. All members mean a commonality. Just like Bro. Branham categorically said, "*God does not take a cat cell, and then build a dog cell, and cow cell, and everything else. It's impossible.*" So therefore it's Word, Word, Word when he talked about the body, but I'm going back to the same thing. If you are Bride, it's Bride, Bride, Bride, Bride, Bride. I don't care who you are, what you are, what you've done, what you haven't done, what you will do, and what you're recognized for,

and what you're not recognized for. Forget it. What you look like, anything else. If you're Bride you came just one way, because you were sheep that answered the call and you came by water in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, baptized with the Holy Ghost, you are now a member of the Bride.

73. But watch now from this point on.[1 Corinthians12:]

(27) Now (we) are the body of Christ, (even) members in particular.

(28) And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, (and) gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

He leaves out part of the five-fold ministry, but I want you to know the five-fold ministry is no more important than every single person sitting in the pew, as long as each one does the job assigned to them. But when you begin crossing over, you mess up the program of God, and you get messed up just like the devil, because he crossed over. [End of side two of tape one.] ...I'm not worried about you too much.

74. All right, you'll notice in 1 Cor12:27-31, the commonality disappear, and the same God Who made you all one in the body of Christ now separates you as to offices for stewardship as required, and no crossing of office. Either getting or giving is outside of headship, except in some cases that are fluid as gifts in the church where Bro. Branham said, "*You may speak in tongues at one time, never again, prophesy, never again, and those gifts, but at the same time you will have a certain ministry which I do not know, but only you and God will know.*"

And as your hand does things, because it's the hand, and as the ear does things because it's the ear, and because the heart does what it's supposed to do, so you will be doing what you're supposed to do, because Bro. Branham said, "*This end time is going to be like simple living, natural eating, breathing,*" and so on. You don't need any great mysterious call, any great mystical thing; you don't need a flash out of heaven. I'm going to tell you flat; when a baby boy is born they know it's a boy. Of course they don't anymore now, so forgive me, you know that's because they're so trashy. Little girls the same way. They know what they are. And I'm going to tell you, I would find it presumptuous to believe that we have not got enough faith to know that we are part of the Bride of Christ, not just members commonly, but uniquely, individually set in there so that we do have ministries. Now women might think, "What ministry have I got?" You've got the most important ministry in all the world, and we'll talk about that in stewardship if the Lord ever let's us get that far. But here commonality goes by the board, you see? Special ministries there.

75. Now, we are allowed to have a zeal for them, according to verse 31. These, the zeal, to have the gifts in the church. "Covet earnestly the best gifts, yet I show a more excellent way unto you." So the gifts are there. Bro. Branham said that every church, local, could have all nine gifts in there. I've never seen it done, he couldn't get his own church doing it, he tried to, and they walked out. Soon as he said you got to have

someone judge and so on, discerning of spirits at the door, and then written down and judged.

They said, "You're putting us on the spot."

He said, "*Well ain't I on the spot?*"

So if the Holy Ghost can tell him in his office, wouldn't the Holy Ghost tell us in our little offices? See I'm going to tell you what's happened, brother/sister, people got carried away with gifts, and the gift age is over, and they want to be big shots. Now a church in Canada, they're saying, "We're going to put into effect Mark 16." Mark 16 has always been in effect. We've had it here; they've had it all over the world! What are they talking about? They're going to force issue? I'll tell you, let them force issue; see what happens!

76. I want to tell you how it's done. Do you really want something done? When Bro. Branham came to Lima he said, "*Bro. Vayle I'm going to give you a meeting.*"

I said, "Bro. Branham there's other people need meetings more than I do, and they've got better places."

"*No, Lee,*" he said, "*I'm giving you a meeting.*"

Said, "Bro. Branham ...?... Ohio, it's just a little small place, little tiny Baptist church there, and we don't have much, but what about if I go to Lima and get a big building?"

He said, "*You got it, that's it. Lima.*"

Well, I said, "Okay, who's going to preach for us?"

He said, "*You are.*"

I said, "No I ain't." I said, "Not me." I said, "I'm going to be the guest pastor. And I'll set the meeting up, but you better get somebody to preach."

He said, "*Then I ain't coming.*"

I said, "Okay, I'm preaching."

He was a pretty sneaky guy you know. Mede will tell you that, too. Said, "Okay."

77. So, we had to prepare the scene for him. We went back and I told the people, the little Baptist church, because they did understand gifts of the spirit, and they saw certain demonstrations, and people were healed sitting in their seats, like one woman had a bone tumor, a very bad pain.

One night I said, “Hey, you got a bother with your leg, aren’t you? That bone bothers you.” Bone thing disappeared like that.

Another woman, another man, had fits; he took a fit right in the church. I said, “Hold it, hold it, hold it, don’t worry. I’ll run down and pray.” We prayed. I said, “You’ll never have it again.” He never did.

Another fellow was dying, I said ...?... “He’s not going to die, he’s going to live. God told me.” He lived.

Next time he got sick, I said, “Don’t pray; he’s gone.” He went. Time after time, just God moving all over the place.

So, the people understood a little bit about it. So when I explained Bro. Branham we started to pray. And we began praying and praying, we finally got actually chain prayer for all but a few hours at night, and every night we came together and prayed, and we asked God for certain things. That’s the first and last time, the first time in five years, the gift of healing went into operation. And if I’d have said, “When Bro. Branham sneezes, eight hundred people get healed,” I believe they would have been healed. Everybody he called out was healed. Everybody. And many people that weren’t even there to be prayed for, didn’t understand it, were healed. We prayed that God would force people to hang onto their seats lest they fell down under conviction. A man came and told me. He said, “Bro. Vayle, if I hadn’t have held on I would have fallen down in that aisle.” There wasn’t one prayer...

78. Listen, do it the Bible way and you can have anything in the Bible ...?... don’t try to force God’s hand! It would be like the same guy that said, “I prayed and fasted three days.

Bro. Branham said, “Don’t do more than that.”

But he said, “I didn’t get my answer.”

Then why didn’t he just say, “God it’s in your hands now”? I begged the prophet. I think maybe in twenty years you will have forty millionaires sitting there, Big Abe. Of course you won’t be sitting with them. You won’t be here; you won’t be a millionaire either. I ask you, what does this Message come to? What’s it come to? I want to know what’s happening. Is it all a dollar bill, is it all semantics, is it all pride? What’s it gone to? I pray God takes me out of here, lest I do something foolish. I’ve been foolish enough now, stupid enough now to get a comeuppance. But I’ve been all through this, for year after year after year.

Now, let’s go a little further here now. We said here that these verses of Scripture, showing the commonality, also showed where it’s not common. Where is it’s an actual division where people can do one thing, and other people cannot do that certain thing. Because it’s given to them and to them only.

79. Now let’s go to 1 Tim 2:11-15.

- (11) Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- (12) But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- (13) For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- (14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- (15) Notwithstanding (she shall) be saved in childbearing, if they continue in (the path) and charity and holiness with sobriety.

It tells you right there what a woman was created for. And it tells you right there she didn't eat apples. It tells you right there she got off the Word and that's what made the childbearing wrong. It wasn't the act; it's who she did it with. Because sexual intercourse is absolutely a righteous act, because God put it down, that's what it is, and nothing that God gives can be unrighteous. It's only what you do with it. And how you do it. And Bro. Branham was plagued with that, by what people were doing even in his days, over thirty years ago. What's it like today? Stewardship one more time, we'll hit that maybe, if God gives me enough strength. I'm going cover subject after subject before I get off this scene, if God lets me. Not that I've been a good person or am a good person, but there's certain things in the Word of God that someone can aspire to, someone can take up the joy of the Lord in the Word of God, and stand there like a saint of God, like William Branham did. Yeah. Not like a deceived people deceiving others.

80. Even above and beyond that you will notice over here in the Book of Ephesians 4, what we have outlined here, Paul speaking concerning the church, about this commonality of the one body, which I read to you in verses 4-6. And then it says,

- (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

It also says; Paul says, "We've been given a measure of faith to exercise the gifts that are given us. "So therefore anybody that has a certain place in the body of Christ, I don't care what it is, if it's even forgiving with a sweet smile, if it's even serving somebody, giving a glass of water, going to prison, or this and that, and don't try to make big deals out of it. Or a big program. Just do it as you're called to do it. If you're called of something, doesn't mean you've got to call fifteen hundred people to help you. Making some big program. Next thing it's this, it's that. As one fellow once said, "If you build anytime a bunch of people build a cart, someone's going to have to drive it." See?

81. So in here he tells you, everyone's got enough faith, everyone's got enough grace, everyone's got enough office, everybody's got enough everything. Now let God begin to use us by learning to get out of the way as Bro. Branham said which was the greatest gift that he had.

- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- (9) Now he that ascended, what is it but that he (first of all) descended into the lower parts of the earth?
- (10) (And) he that descended is the same also that ascended up above heaven, that he might fill all things.
- (11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and, pastors and teachers;

He gave a five-fold ministry, and that five-fold ministry is to perfect the saints, which is an active ministry apart from the Blood, where the Blood passively – because it’s already shed – cleanses every single person that comes that way. See? Now your active faith takes over! And you can get messed up in a calling like mine. Mine’s been a distinctive calling, not distinguished, but distinctive in the sense that I know that I teach. And I couldn’t be reconciled for years to be a teacher. I wanted to be an evangelist, then I thought well I’d pastor a bit, and every time that it was a matter of teach, teach, teach. I’d open the Bible and suddenly the thing just began to unfold. When did it unfold? As soon as I received the Holy Ghost, the Bible was a brand new book. I said, “Oh, I didn’t know that was there, I didn’t know that was there, when did I miss that? Oh I missed that over here too.” It became alive, and anybody full of the Holy Ghost will tell you the Bible becomes alive to you.

82. So, therefore you don’t have to say, “Well I don’t have enough faith for this, how am I going to stand up and” Bro. Branham said, *“If a man is a teacher, he can take the Bible back and forth, read the Scripture back and forth.”* You don’t have to be worried, you’ll do it, because you’re equipped to do it! Can a fish swim? Oh throw a fish in the water and find out. Aren’t we greater than fish? You bet your life we’re greater than fish, we eat them. We hook them. Some people shoot them just for fun. “Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.” Was that written for the oxen or the man? Paul said, “For the man altogether.”

So you see, we’re much more valuable than that. That’s why I can’t understand these crazy people with their animal leagues. Animal protection. Well why don’t they take God, and hit Him with a baseball bat? He killed two sheep to cloth Adam and Eve. If my wife would like a fur coat, I’d buy her one. I’ll tell you the honest to God truth, she doesn’t like them. We were in Norway in 1970; I could have gotten her a full-length white wild mink, beautiful mink coat, four hundred measly dollars.

She said, “I don’t want it.”

I said, “Well I can’t wear it, so I’m not going to buy it.”

Animal rights? What are they talking about? What about the bleeding sheep? Struggling as they cut his throat with maybe even a dull knife? What are they talking

about? Most of these stupid women like what is it? Bridget Bardot? The filth scuzbag of France? Bro. Branham called her, “*a sex despot.*” Boy, he was flattering her with that one.

83. Romans 12 shows a separation also, the commonality, and yet the distinct separation. And now having looked into the Scripture, my point is that Acts 1:8, and Acts 2:1-4, is the fulfillment of Jn 7:37-39.

So let’s go back to Acts 1:8.

- (8) But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, (now everybody then that’s full of the Holy Ghost will be a witness and there his gift will manifest that witness!)

Yeah. Now that’s easy. Just manifest Christ, it will fall in line. If you live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit.

84. All right, let’s go a little further. Let’s go to the Book of Acts 2, and it says,

- (1) ...all with one accord in one place.
- (2) ...(and a) mighty wind (came down from heaven)...
- (3) (And a cloud of fire appeared upon the tabernacle, little tongues came down.)
- (4) They were all filled with the Holy Ghost...

That’s absolutely Jn 7:37-39. And it follows Matthew, “Come to the well and drink. Ho everyone that thirsteth, come on! Here’s water! Without money, without price, come and get it! Whoever is thirsty, he that cometh to me! You’re thirsty! You drink, out of your belly will flow rivers of living water, “This spake he of the Spirit.” That’s commonality. That is Jn 7:37-39. See?

85. Now, let’s understand this. If you understand it, no one will come after the meeting, say, “Bro. Vaile I can tell you places where Bro. Branham was wrong.” Because if you do I’ll laugh at you and have the elders carry you out. Or get a straight jacket. Because spiritually you’re not just sick, you’ve got something radically... I don’t mean to say these bad things, but look, come on; I’ve been all through that jazz for years and years and years. I’ve wondered at times if the prophet was right, and every time proved right. Every time. [John] 16:7-9, it said,

- (7) Nevertheless... if I (don’t) go away, the (Holy Spirit cannot) come...

Now watch,

- (8) When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and judgment:
- (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more;
- (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

See? Now what you're seeing here is also over there in John, where it says, "When the Holy Spirit is come He will teach you all things and lead you into all truth." Now that is not commonality. There are only certain members in the body of Christ that are ordained to teach truth. And that is a true five-fold ministry, headed up by an absolutely vindicated Word prophet, such as Paul and William Branham.

86. So what I'm looking at you this morning and telling you, when it comes to your own life as an individual member of the Bride of Christ, you are very free to follow the leading of the Lord, whithersoever you will go and how you will do it, as God leads you by the Scripture and presses you by the Spirit under certain circumstances how you might behave yourself according to the Word of God, and as a true Christian. When it comes to these other offices, you ain't got a think coming. You don't have a word to say.

87. Like one fellow a while ago, he challenged me over at the house. He said, "And furthermore I don't agree with what you taught the last two Sundays."

I said, "What's to agree?"

Let me tell you something brother, I own that pulpit, that's mine. I will answer to God, and to nobody else, and you or nobody will tell me one thing. I do not invite conferences with anybody. Here is my conference, and I don't have a book of Bro. Branham, or I'd show you conference time every day of my life. And that's my ministry. And it's not a common ministry. And Bro. John's is not a common ministry, and anybody also that aspires to be an elder and takes a position; he also is not simply common. We are common in each other as being born into the body of Christ, and baptized by the same Spirit the same way in the same body, and all things there being equal, but once God begins to separate and ordain, that is why no woman can preach! No woman can preach! She is antichrist!

88. Now the word 'antichrist' my brother/sister, is not 'against Christ', it's 'instead of Christ'! So no woman can be full of the Holy Ghost and be a preacher. That's reserved to the men. It also speaks of men praying in a way that woman cannot pray, because it said, "Let men everywhere lifting up holy hands," and that word in the Greek is 'male', signifying the male in contradistinction to the female. It doesn't mean women can't pray. But it says men are to do a special kind of praying. And when you hear the prophet tell you to pray and fast three days and that's it, you'd better find how he prayed and fasted

before you even commit yourself to that. So you see when we're talking about these things we're talking a little deeper than when people want to see.

89. Now, this brings me back to Ephesians 1 to show you why Bro. Branham is a hundred percent correct with Paul. And when I heard in Daniel Seventieth Week, what he said, "*The Spirit of God comes into the church at the end age, in order to show the church the time in which it was living and various things, the great secret things of God,*" I knew right away, here was an Ephesians. And here it is. At the end time, ready for a resurrection, ready for the Rapture, this happens. What happens? Elohim comes down. The same as He came down to the Apostle Paul, because Alpha and Omega consist all the way through the Bible, there's nothing you can do about it, even the first resurrection has two parts! Alpha, Omega. And we're looking for the Omega. Huh? Well certainly it's right. How can anyone judge the Bible? Couldn't be done.

90. Now, Paul prayed, [Ephesians 1:]

(17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Quoting Matthew 16:

(17) Flesh and blood hath not revealed it, but My Father which is in heaven.

What is he telling you? He's telling you the very same thing in the Book of Lk 17:30, how to identify the right spirit. It's going to be the Son of man days returned to earth. And the Son of man Himself did not have any days, except the fact that He was here in a body for a certain length of time. But He said, "It's only what My Father does through Me, and it's only what My Father says through Me, otherwise I'm a blank!"

91. So, then what is going to happen? The days of the Son of man, then God has to use a prophet once more and Himself come down and do this, the same as He did with Jesus, the same as with Paul, the same as with Moses, but people don't believe it! They don't want it! They say, "There's no such thing! The Bible is full, who needs a prophet? I've got the Holy Ghost, bless God! I can tell what's in there!"

You're a liar and the truth isn't in you! Because if that's the case, then Pentecost never should have come on the scene, because the Methodists and the Presbyterians, and all of them have already come together, and they said, "We'll tell you how it's done!" Why did they dare step out of line when the Holy Ghost is in the community? Hah.

92. Then an individual comes along and tells me without vindication, "Bro. Branham's wrong," or "this is wrong." I tell you, don't even talk to me; I haven't got time for you. Commonality, brother/sister, is fine for the whole body! I am a commonality person right here! Ears, eyes, nose, throat, no matter what it looks like and who cares! Every part of me is common to me. That's the way the body of Jesus Christ is.

But I've got eyes, and they do a certain job, and William Branham was the eye, the last thing that moved. I don't have eyes anymore. But I've got ears and by my ears I can see. That's just I'm like Samuel now, you see. Samuel never saw anything, he heard. And God said, "Tell Eli the vision." Huh? Do you want to have eyes like a prophet? Then you better have ears! Because his eyes are your ears. See? Don't ever, ever, ever get fooled by commonality. And there is a common salvation. And you know where it is? Who knows where that word is? Nobody. I don't blame you; it's okay. But isn't it surprising that word is used in Jude, the last Book before Revelation, about a common salvation, and a bunch of very foolish people who thought their commonality counted for something, or they were somebody, because they had an office.

93. Listen to what Jude said,

- (1) Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in
- (2) Mercy and peace (be unto you,) and love, be multiplied.
- (3) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that (you) should earnestly contend for the faith which was once (for all) delivered unto the saints. (Concerning commonality.)
- (4) (But) there (were) certain men (who) crept in... ordained to this condemnation, (absolutely) lascivious...

Yeah, they're just like the angels that left their first estate. They're like Sodom and Gomorrah. They're like the devil contending over the body of Moses, and Michael knew that he was only an archangel, and Satan was a cherub. And he said, "The Lord rebuke you." Why Cain, the intrusion upon the human race, and Balaam the false prophet! In other words, you've got a common salvation, you're a common people, don't ever rise up as though you got a vote, or you got something in your hearts or your minds, that you could tell an ordained minister, or a man of God, or a prophet where the ins and outs are! Just sit quiet and learn to listen. And as Peter said, "If you let any man speak, speak as the oracles of God." This is a resurrection message, my brother, my sister.

94. Matthew 12, based on Matthew 4 as Bro. Branham taught it, Christ coming to the Gentiles in the form of the Holy Spirit. Elohim coming down, bringing you the very ministry of Jesus Christ. Closing out the Gentile Age, for the Jews are back in Palestine, and I'm cutting my notes shorter, or I hope I can anyway.

Now, then if you follow me, you can see what resurrected Christ era, or Christ in His own resurrection ministry has broadly been doing, but we have not looked at how this was done. The ministry, baptizing people with the Holy Ghost, His Own sheep, setting ministries in order to bring the Bride right up to top peak perfection, knowing the Blood did its perfect work and now there's a ministry of the Word. A true five-fold ministry for

a true sheep who are going to hear that Word and come right up to the peak, right to the Head. And Bro. Branham said, *“It would take a ministry to bring the Head down.”* It must fit perfectly and that ministry was what? The ministry of the Son of man, what they cut off in His death, and He went back up there and finished it, sent the Spirit down, in order that we might have every single thing ready for Him to come down, and put the final finishing touches on, where the Bride now could have the Spirit of God in her, and as Bro. Branham said, if the hand does it, he said the whole body does it. And he was telling you that he did it.

95. He was the one over here in Hebrews 6, and I’ll read it off to you. What came under his ministry, and the people knew it, and they still know it, and they want to defile it, and it says right here, verse 4.

- (4) For it is impossible for those who were once (for all) enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, made partakers of the Holy Ghost,
- (5) Tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

And they’ll fall away. There’s your Matthew 12; there’s your Matthew 4. There you see it. It all opens up before us. See?

Now, the offering of the blood ushered in the everlasting covenant into which covenant we are placed as heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ as seen in Hebrews 2, where He stands in the congregation. And set forth by Bro. Branham as he taught The Future Home Of The Earthly Bride And The Heavenly Bridegroom. Thus the covenant was set up, the pattern in heaven purified so that the pure and purified one Himself could enter and minister as both Head and High Priest, through which He could both mediate, intercede and propitiate, because He is the propitiation. You’re going to have to go back over the tape. I haven’t got time to explain it.

96. Now, remember He came in His Father’s Name to accomplish all this, which we have before us, but what happened in that coming? He was crucified as the Lamb of God. Not as the Messiah of God in good works and healing, raising the dead, and stilling storms, and doing all those wonderful things. He came to take away the sin of unbelief. And that’s what they didn’t want. They wanted their unbelief and they wanted everything else to pile up as though they were justified. He never came to take away the results of sin, which were death and sickness, and all those various things. He never came for that. He just showed in doing it, He could get at the root of it all, which was unbelief. And save them from themselves, and bring them into eternal glory. The faithful Son was revealed and is about to receive His Kingdom at this very moment.

97. If you look at 1 Cor 15:35-57, which we don’t have time to read, in there you will find that God Himself came down to put all things under the feet of Jesus Christ, Himself being accepted in doing it, for God is always above Christ, for the order is: man is the head of woman, and Christ is the head of man, and God is the Head of Christ. And we

also know man is the head of the woman, and Christ is the head of man, typifying simply in the Bride position. But you got the whole thing in there. God has always been his Head. It's always been "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." It's not only just been the Father, Father, Father, that is erroneous. It's God and Father. It is God Who is the Father, and therefore now having a Father Who is absolutely supreme, isn't it wonderful to know what kind of a God He is? And what kind of a Father we have. See all of these things are in there. You just have to look them up yourself.

98. So, what is He doing now? In verses 24-28, God is bringing all things under the feet of Jesus Christ for the great day, which is now at hand in the resurrection. Now here is what I am asking. If Messiah Lamb came in His Father's Name, Who's Name does the Father come in? His Own Name. What's His Name? Jesus. Isn't that the same One that Bro. Branham said went back to the Pillar of Fire, having left the flesh? Isn't that the same One that Bro. Branham said Paul saw on the road to Damascus. "Who art Thou Lord?" He wouldn't call Jesus Lord. "I'm Elohim, I'm Jehovah Savior." You know the Book of Isaiah is full of the compound words, Elohim and Jehovah, Jehovah Elohim? Jehovah Elohim was the One that came down into Jesus; He's the One that came down now. He's the One the picture...

99. Now, that's not His picture, that's just a Fire. That's the Shekinah glory, Bro. Branham said, which is the glory attendant upon the Presence of Almighty God Himself. That's just to let you know He's there. That's what we catch here on a camera what Paul saw, what Moses saw, William Branham saw. It's allowed us. But it's not really the real picture; it's a reflection. I think as far as I know, because Bro. Branham said, "*What you saw on the wall was a reflection.*" But anyway the camera caught a light and it is said to be by George D. Lacy, head of the F.B.I., departments in photography, manuscripts and so on, that's the first and only known picture of a supernatural being.

So, we know that God is behind that. Who is it? It's not the Lamb. He's got His Own life He's living out. Just like you and I are living our own lives, but Who's the Head? The One right up there. And He's doing His ministry. So Who's down here now doing it? Elohim's doing it. He always did it anyway. Jesus never said, "I'm doing it, look what I'm doing, look what I'm doing, look what I'm doing." He said, "Look what the Father's doing. And therefore he that seeth me sees the Father. Because I can't do this. You're looking vicariously at God. The great Creator and sustainer." My what a tragic thing people are missing in this here.

100. It's also 1 Th 4:16,

"The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a Shout, the voice of the archangel, the trump of God, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air." He's already down here. What Lord's up there? The One on the throne. For Jesus is both Lord and Christ. He's our Head; He's our Messiah. Where does that leave God? Over Him. See? Actually Messiah was God in the sense God was in His flesh. Redeeming the world to us.

Is this the same Jesus that Paul talked to? Who had gone back to a Pillar of Fire? Is the Jesus Bro. Branham said, *“Just think how wonderful, the same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word to Paul is here revealing it to us.”*

101. So my message this Easter, and I’m sorry like Good Friday have to cut it short, my message this Easter, where we take a heathen name and speak the truth of the resurrection, the whole world lies in the lap of the wicked one, and all kingdoms, all religions, save that of the Bride is in idolatry, all Easter, (?Ashteroth, Astarte?) whatever you want to call her, Easter, it’s all doomed, it’s all gone. Yet the Lamb now on His Father’s throne, as present King, He’s in that particular form right now, has brought us now, to where as even God raised Jesus, He is now getting a Bride ready for the resurrection and Rapture, and the Wedding Supper.

We must make no mistake about it, Bro. Branham will have every vision fulfilled. Anything that wasn’t done before his decease, because as far as I know, Bro. Branham paralleled this exactly to Jesus, and I trust it is, because it’s the end time. As Paul’s ministry is merely vindicated, Bro. Branham’s went far beyond it. There is no Scripture that Paul ever said that his ministry was the Son of man. He never did say it. No.

102. I know people think, “Bro. Vayle, you make too much of Bro. Branham.” Well who do you make much of? Where’s your authority? I’ve got Scripture. Find me where Paul said it. Didn’t say it. Who’s going to fulfill it? Anybody that God ordains and does it! What’s that to you and me? We’re going to take a vote? Well I wouldn’t vote for any of you, and if you voted for me, I’d bust your jaw in. I’d call you what you are, and I’d have to think up some new words, and I got a lot of vocabulary. I’d maybe study a foreign language. Come on. You don’t... we’re dealing with reality. That’s not a symbol anymore, brother/sister. You don’t go up and bow to it like some silly symbol. That’s a picture of reality. The light was there. And God is here somewhere; He hasn’t gone back. I don’t know where He is. He could be in this building. He could be very happy here. Not with me, but with Himself, and what His Word is. And then He’d be happy with me too, because if I’m His, well, you know you got to be happy somehow. Aren’t you stuck with your own kids to be happy with them? Well? Not too bad a thought either. The Lord’s happy with us. Don’t think for one minute He’s not. God is not angry with us; that anger was taken away through the cross. Therefore having been justified by faith we have peace with God. And that peace with God is not you and me having peace, that’s God having peace with us. The reconciliation was not us being reconciled, it’s God being reconciled to us. Now we can come and join with Him, see?

Yet, now he says, the Lamb now on the Father’s throne, the priest King has brought us now to where as even God raised Jesus. So He’s now getting a Bride ready, ready for the Rapture and the Wedding Supper.

103. So, I say make no mistake about it, all of Bro. Branham’s visions have been fulfilled, except he said that one. And I believe that’s the one about the tent. And he said, *“Don’t worry, that will be fulfilled,”* and he told Billy Paul, *“you won’t be an old man, before the coast falls down.”* He said, *“The Token is here.”* Jesus Christ Himself, the God Almighty that said the Token has sealed the church in, the body, ready for delivery.

When the last one in is child trained, it's ready to go, it's gone. How are you going to get child trained? There's only one way, it takes a teacher. Who's that great Teacher? The Holy Spirit Himself. Who's He doing? He's bringing a people up to His Own image and His Own glory. The veils have been removed for all the faces, there's no longer any doubt, God has been exposed, Christ revealed, the devil exposed, we know who's Bride, and who isn't Bride, not individually, but on the reality of a doctrine of designation. And that Bride is that one who recognizes the One in the midst, and receives the revelation. And William Branham said, "*I am not trinity, neither am I oneness,*" and they accuse us of being twoness.

104. Something's wrong somewhere, brother/sister. Something's wrong somewhere. It's not with us. I give you my word on that. It is not with us, because there is only one God, and there are many demi-gods, prophets, and there's multitudes of children of God, but neither gods in the lower case, g-o-d-s, and all the children, and even the Son of God, approximate Jehovah Elohim, G-O-D, they're all children. I don't know why they can't see that. There's not three of them. There's not two of them, there's one. And He said, "I and the children of God worship God." And Bro. Branham said in that New Jerusalem, which is right on target, right on time, whether we know it or not, "*The Lamb's on the throne, the Pillar of Fire above the throne.*"

105. Well brother/sister, that's the Easter Message this morning. It's the resurrection message. And by the grace of God I believe the Scripture I've given you based upon the prophet has taken us all right to the very hour of the resurrection in the Exodus. So shall we rise and be dismissed at this time?

Now before I go on, I want to say again how pleased I am to have been with you all and you to be with us. I would say under many conditions if I were just a mere mortal man, which I really am, and worse than that, but I never give way to pride, I would feel very proud that this number of people came to visit here, thinking perhaps that there was something here of value, and me as a person. But I know you're here for one reason, that you believe the Word as we've tried to place it. When I've been in your towns and your homes, around the country, and you've been here, it's always the same theme, we've never varied, we've never gone away. The only digression we've made is the good digression, is to bring more material of the same substance into the same doctrines.

106. So, this morning you saw again more clearly than ever, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a common thing for every Bride of Christ, but when you're placed in offices, only God does that in His Own uncommon way, for the good of everybody all working together. Let no man aspire to be what he's not, but let him believe, and be what he is. Don't let God down by not being what He wants you to be, don't let Him down by trying to be what you're not supposed to be, eat your humble pie, I had to do mine. I'm no flaming evangelist. I'm a mean ...?... teacher. With my cynical ways of trying to show you truth. I wouldn't change it for a billion dollars. My interest is just one thing: can I help anybody with this Word? Can I show somebody, can I find something the prophet said? Can we see reality? That's all.

You remember that as we go, we may never see each other again. It isn't just my eyes are getting dimmer, every time I take services, I take a little longer to recover, and one day, happily, I won't recover. Or I will entirely. I don't know what He's going to do. I'm not trying to double guess God, I'm not trying to figure anything out, but I appreciate your prayers. The only reason I believe I'm here in the measure of health I have is because of your prayers, in fact I know that to be the truth.

107. So, I love you very deeply, I haven't had a chance to talk to everybody, but I know most of you, and most of you by name, I love you very much, appreciate you very greatly and deeply, I count you above, let's face it, just the whole world when it comes to the Word of the living God. Not that others, you know, don't have their little counting's too, but we have a communion and a fellowship here with you all, whether you come often or not, that is beautiful in my own estimation, and I trust in yours too, that is something to covet and something to keep, and I certainly do appreciate it all. And I certainly appreciate in going, I never can say anything, but what I have to put a little twist on it, but I certainly do appreciate one lady that came, young lady that came all the way from Saskatchewan, and little Ruth Bakanec, and I said, "Ruth, where's the rest of the gang?"

She said, "Who cares."

And I said, "That's my girl."

She says it just as I would say it. Not that she doesn't care! The point is: "They could have come and they didn't. And I'm here to get everything I can, to have fellowship, to enjoy the people of God, enjoy the things of the Lord, and I just can't think about that anymore, I've got to think about me." I'm going to tell you something; you've got to think about you, brother/sister, now. You got to think about you. You've got to think about you. Let's bow our heads and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father again we want to thank You for Your love and Your goodness, Your kindness O God that You've extended... [Blank spot on tape]...as we depart from this place, Father, that Your Name will be taken with us, and Your Word taken with us, so that Your Name shall be glorified. And we shall not now have thoughts of our own, except as those thoughts relate to You and what You would want us to do. Even as Bro. Branham said, and it was such a mysterious, and yet such a true and pure thing, and so simple when he said, "*I always do what I want to do, I always want to please Him.*" And I thought, "Oh my, oh my, why would he say that? It just makes me feel so terrible, because I can't say that." But Lord, I know that by Your grace and a dedication every single person can say that, and know that it can be done, to just simply want to please You, and bring Your will into being in our lives, through the Word of the living God, which is living within us.

So help us to begin to assimilate these things, and to become what we know is in there for us, and not try to become what is not in there for us, and just be level in this life, as Bro. Branham said. Coming to the place where this Christian life, this end time with You here Lord, is just a beautiful, natural moving onward, so that now no matter what

happens, life or death, peril, a sword, nakedness, no matter what it is, we know that You love us, and we love You, and we're more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Again we pray Lord take the burdens from the people, and heal the sick amongst us, Father, many things we don't understand, they're puzzling to us, but we're not going to worry about the puzzling part, we're just going to ask you Father, heal the sick amongst us, help us all Lord to go day by day until we all meet You in that great and wonderful resurrection, and Rapture, and the Wedding Supper. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be all power, honor, and glory, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord. Amen.

'Take the Name of Jesus with you.' See?