

Once in God's Mind, Now in the Body of Christ

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72 So that's the way they done it in the Oriental days, long... or long ago in the Eastern days. They'd kill an animal, stand in between it, tear the piece of goatskin apart, one took one... **And when the covenant was confirmed, they brought the pieces together and they had to dovetail just exactly.**

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128 Oh, Christian friend, put on the whole armor of God. **Don't stand back with some little idea of some creed, or something that you're standing by.** Put on the whole armor of God when you go to fight against the enemy, like our Lord did. He showed that how the weakest of Christian can defeat Satan just with the Word. He had powers, He could have smote Satan any way He wanted to, but He didn't use it. **He just took the Word and defeated him with it. "It's written. It's written." Everywhere, "It's written." So He defeated Satan by the Word of God.**

129 **Now, that was a perfect Masterpiece and God smote it.** What an example It was! What a real thing! Talk about Michelangelo's piece of sculpture over there, by Moses being smitten on the leg? The Bible said, "This Man was marred above all men. He was marred so much till He didn't even look like a son of man. He was beaten. He was bruised. He was bloody. He was striped." He... Everything that could be done. He looked like just a--just a big pile of Blood and bones, walking together. He didn't even look like a human being, as He drug that up Calvary. **God smote Him for us. That's what makes Him the perfect Masterpiece.**

130 Oh, how I love Him, know that He did that for me, know that He did that **for you.** How can we match it? No one could match it. Nobody is worthy to match it. We were here without hope. We without God. We without any way of redemption. Every one of us born sexual, and we just had to pay the price. But He came, the perfect One, and **was so perfect and so pleasing** till God smote Him for you and I.

131 **Now, for nearly two thousand years, God has been trying to cut Him a masterpiece Bride, called a Church.** That's right. How does God do it? **He does it by His never-changing method, the Word.** God never changes His method. Anybody, you can. You change. I change. Time changes. The world changes. But God doesn't change, He's perfect. He doesn't change. And the way He does anything the first time, He does it every time the same way.

132 He saved man one time because he repented. That's the way he will save man again. He healed one man because he had faith. He will heal the next one on the same basis. He never changes His way, because, see, He is sovereign and He's Eternal. He's infinite, omnipresent, omniscient. He's God. And therefore He don't have to ask anybody for wisdom. He don't have to wait till He learns more. He don't need a new degree. He's perfect. And whatever degree, and whatever thing He makes first, His first decision remains the same forever. It can never be changed. Oh, how glad I am!

133 And when He made His first masterpiece, He put him behind the Word. When He made His second Masterpiece, He was the Word. Amen. **He was the Word; not behind the Word. But, He was the Word. God never changes His plan.** That's exactly what He started off to do His first church with, the Word.

134 Now, God, the Word, in the beginning He was **independent** from all other, everything else, all other people. Now, I don't mean to say this to be different. God is a segregationist. You know that? You talk about intregation? God's a segregationist. He certainly does. He separates His people from the world. He separated Israel, His nation. He is trying to separate His church from the world, but the church wants to go on with the world. **But His people is still segregated, segregated to Him.** Who is He? The Word.

135 How can a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, and a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and deny the Word? How can the Holy Spirit in you deny Its own Word that was set forth for you? I can't understand it. It's got to agree with the Word. And if your spirit in you won't punctuate every one of God's promises with "amen," there is something wrong.

136 Brother Fred Sothmann or somebody here tonight, quoted, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." He's the Word. That, sure. He's always the same, see, and your spirit has to punctuate that with "amen."

137 "Oh, He, in one way He is." In every way, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

138 Now we notice that **God begin to make Him a Bride for Christ.** So... And the Bride must be identified with Him and in Him, because it is part of Him. Now, the Bride is part of Him. **She is part of Him. The Word for that day, the Bride becomes part of that Word, for it's Christ.** Now, you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] We have to be in Christ. In Christ, we have to be of Christ, in Christ, part of Christ.

139 What is a woman, when she takes a man, or a man takes a woman? That woman has to be part of him. They're no longer two. They're one.

140 And when God and Christ became one, they were One. Cause, God was the Word, and the Word was made flesh. The flesh and the Word became One. **And when the church becomes Christ's Bride, She and the Gospels are the same.**

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387 "By one Spirit we are baptized into this Body," born of His Spirit, then we belong to a Kingdom. And our lives are not Americans, we're not Germans, we're not nothing; we are Christians. We are settled, and walk in the Spirit, a love-slave, from the things of the world. And our rights to the world, **we've sold out and bought this Pearl of Great Price**, and walk and **letting the Holy Spirit manifest Itself**. That's what His real Church is. That's what you are, or what I am, if we'll let ourself go and serve God, and by His Word, and not by what some creed says.

388 Notice, **the anointed Man, the Christ Himself here, O God, is made known**. But now... Look! But, but now (why?) He has the preeminences. God fully manifested, in Jesus Christ, God's great secret of His revelation.

389 **This great Light of revelation has always blinded the wisdom of this world.**

390 In the days of Jesus Christ, **when He was here on earth, they had blinded them**. They said, "Why, you even make yourself God! You make yourself equal with God!" He was not only equal with God; He was God Himself. See, they don't get it. And by the way, some of you might...

391 I've heard infidels one time told me that Jesus never did say He was the Son of God. He sure did. He certainly did. You just don't know your Bible. What did He say to the woman at the well? See? What did He tell her?

392 "I know Messiah cometh. And when He comes, He'll do these things." He said, "I am He, and speaks to you." And to Paul, also, and different ones.

Notice. **But now the Church has the preeminence.**

393 **God's great secret has always blinded the wisdom of the world**. They can't get it. They just don't understand it. Satan don't understand it. None of the rest of them understands it, **but just those who are predestinated to understand it**, how God and Christ are One. They'll make Him three every time. See? They certainly will.

394 Notice, next, secondly, the manifested Christ in you, the hope of glory. That great, **manifested God in Christ; now Christ manifested in you**.

We'll hurry.

395 **Look! What was once God's great secret, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the believer, that is, the Body of Christ. What was God's**

once great secret in His mind, before the foundation of the world, is now made manifest. Think of it! See? Oh, my! Oh, I'm...

396 I'm sure we don't, we don't get it. Well, I can't see it the way I ought to, and I'm sure you don't. See?

397 But God's great mystery, **what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then given right down to His Church. What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ.** Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, **whispering secrets to Her.**

398 You know how you tell your wife things, you know, the little girl you're going to marry. You love her so much, you just tell her the secrets, and get her up next to you, and love you and everything. You know how it is.

399 That's what God, Christ, is doing to the Church. See? He is letting Her know the secrets, just the secrets. **Not these flirts; I mean His Wife.** See? All right. Now look. No. **By having the revelation of His secret made known to them, by His grace!** How the grace of God! People, I know it... I hope you don't think this sounds personal, to a bunch of people, or this, that; but the secret that God is sharing with the whole Church, if they would just receive it. See? It doesn't mean just me or just you. It means the Church, that He is trying to get into it.

401 The prophet Paul said, "In the last days the people would be heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good; heady, highminded, see; having a form of godliness, but denying the Power thereof; from such turn away. For this is the kind that goes from house to house, and leads silly women, led away with divers lusts," with shorts, and bobbed hair, and everything else. "Led away with divers lust, and saying, 'It's all right. Oh, they're crazy out there. Don't pay no...' " See? "Never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. And these men resisted It, as Jambres and Jannes withstood Moses," able to produce a church, and produce a group of people. Yes, sir.

402 "But their folly will be made manifest," when Jesus takes His Bride and sets Her up here, and said, "This is Her," and away He goes with Her. That's right. And their folly will be made known.

403 Look at having the revelation of this secret made known to them by His grace! Look! **When this great revelation, revealed mystery, is made known to you, then you denounce all the things of the world.**

406 Wearing shorts, and these slacks, and things! The Bible said, "Any woman that will," (oh, you say...) "that put on a garment that pertains to a man, it's an abomination to God," filthy, dirty, like an old stinking bathroom somewhere. See? Oh, my! The filth in God's nostrils! And then you try to pray or offer up prayers in such a thing as that? God refuses it, turns it away. That's right.

407 "Well," you say, "now wait a minute, Brother Branham, you are talking about the Old Testament."

408 **He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It's the full revelation of God.** God ever says anything, He can never change it. He always magnifies it, not change it. The law was magnified, not changed. Magnified!

409 "'Whosoever commits adultery shall be guilty of death,' but whosoever," now magnified, "looketh upon a woman to lust after her!" He never changed the commandment. He magnified it.

410 "'Remember the sabbath day; keep it holy,'" one day in the week; now He magnified it, the "rest" comes from keeping the Spirit of God. "Precept upon precept, and line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Hold fast that what's good. For with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. And that is the rest. That's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord."

411 And yet they would not hear it, and wagged their heads and walked away, for their denominations. Uh-huh. "This is the refreshing," see, magnifying the sabbath day; to you Sabbatarians, and so forth. Oh, my! **He don't change. He magnifies it.** "Hell has spread her gates to receive them."

412 **Now, you can see now, the end-time Message, why It's rejected.** Can you? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now, no denomination, but the revelation of His mystery. See, no denomination. The revelation! God is not known by denomination. **He is known by revelation.**

413 Look! God in His Body, Christ; and Christ in His Body, the Bride. Oh-oh-oh, my! God made manifest in Christ; Christ made manifest in the Bride! And as God took from the body of Adam, the woman, and she fell; then God has taken from the Body of Christ, His flesh, His Body, which is His Word, **and is bringing a Bride out that won't fall by denomination or creed.** No, sir. **But She is coming back with the pure, unadulterated Word of God being manifested.**

414 I hope every man that hears this tape, and every woman, will understand that. See?

415 She is the second Eve, but She is not breaking and spoiling Her skirts of purity and holiness, to Her Husband. She'll stay with His Word regardless of what anybody says; you can have all the ecumenical moves you want to, and all the affiliations.

417 Don't make any difference what they say, that Church will stand true in this Light. She's already proved it back yonder, and She'll do it again in the face of everything. It's the Word of God. And they, all ecumenical movements and everything else, will be gone. **She is going to be There without spot or wrinkle. That's right. She'll stand there.**

418 Notice, God manifested Himself in His body, Christ. Now you see the threefold, beautiful thing?

419 Christ in His Body, the Church, **vindicating His promised Word**, like God did through Christ.

420 "Who can condemn Me of sin? If I do not the works of the Father, then where have I--where have I failed? Now you fellows say that you are doing it, you denomination now, now show Me. Yeah. Show Me where I fail to be the Messiah. Show where I failed of, on one sign that God said the Messiah would do, that I haven't fulfilled it," He said. See? God in His body.

421 Now Christ, "The works that I do shall you do also." See, see, the same God. See? "The works that I do shall you do also; more than this, for I go unto My Father," the Church will be a little longer in Light, see, vindicating His promised Word. **As God did His promises in Christ's body, so is Christ doing His same works in Christ's Body, the Church, see, now making His mystery known to His Bride Tree in the last day, bringing forth the fruits that was in the Tree at the beginning.**

428 And where does the fruit ripen at quickly? In top of the tree. Why? The light's on it. Amen! That's right. **And right in the top of the tree, in this last days, He's bringing forth a Bride Tree.**

429 Now remember, He is that Tree of Life, contrary to "the serpent's seed," you see. He's that Seed, "the woman's Seed," the Tree of Life in the garden. "And lest they put forth their hands and move this Tree, they'd eat that Tree and live forever." And He's the only Tree that can be taken, that you can live forever. His Word is Life. And that be the Word then, **the Word of God which Eve turned down in the garden of Eden**; then here is Christ, the Word, made manifest.

430 And when He come on earth, He was the Tree of Life. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] And Rome, what did they do? He had to be chopped

down. And He was put on a tree of disgrace, "cursed is he that hang on a tree," become a curse for the human race.

431 And now through that, He brings forth a Bride Tree, which will be the Tree of Life restored back to Him, as Husband and Wife in the garden of Eden, (oh, glory to God) by the same Word and the same God made manifest in Husband and Wife, the same Bride Tree back again.

432 Notice, making it known! How, my, there's just so much here, we could just keep on going. Notice, the Tree of Christ's Body in the garden, making... **now making His mystery known to this Bride Tree.**

433 Watch, redeemed by Christ, the second Adam! You believe He was? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Going back Home, to Eden, with His fallen wife redeemed back Home again. **That's Christ in the Church today, taking His Wife back. See the threefold mystery now? ["Amen."] God manifested in Christ; Christ manifested in the Church; all together, to bring back the original Adam and Eve again, man and woman, which are one, made out of the same Blood and same Spirit, and everything else.**

434 The Church is the Blood of Christ, by the Spirit, because the Life is in the Blood. That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body, that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word. [Brother Branham pats his Bible--Ed.]

435 Denomination won't, never touch that. It's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it, but she fell; but this one knows it, and won't fall. She is ordained! Hallelujah! Whew! She is ordained to not fall. She won't fail. She is predestinated to it. "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin." You ministers know what I'm speaking of, when there's a couple dozen of you sitting here. See? "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin," David.

436 Notice, redeeming back, with Him, going Home; back to Eternal Life in a human body, eating, drinking, living forever. Isaiah said, "They would build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards and eat the fruit. They'll not build and another take it." The children won't take it, but they'll be there with their offsprings. He'll build it and stay there. Amen. "He don't build, and another eat; he builds and eats, himself." Amen! What is it? His Bride going back with Him, redeemed back to the original Adam and Eve again, for death is left behind. They look back at the cross and see the death has been paid.

437 And now, by faith, we are resurrected with Him, sitting in Heavenly places right now, looking back to what redeemed us; waiting for the Husband to come, to march on Home with Him.

438 Threefold purpose of God, manifested in Adam and Eve, and every prophet, and down through the ages, and He that is to come; He that was, He which is, and He--He which is to come. The whole manifestation, the revelation of the Word of God, Adam and Eve going back Home again, redeemed, God making Hisself known!