

## **THE CHURCH IV**

### **MATTHEW 16:13**

13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

### **MATTHEW 16:14**

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

### **MATTHEW 16:15**

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

### **MATTHEW 16:16**

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

### **MATTHEW 16:17**

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

### **MATTHEW 16:18**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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80 Now, we see in witnesses, in Acts 1 and 8, He said, "You shall be My witnesses after the Holy Ghost has come on you."

**What is the church? The mystic body of Christ. Who set it up? The Lord Jesus Himself.** It wasn't set up at Rome; neither was it set up in England by John Wesley; neither was it set up by Calvin, or in America, the Baptists by John Smith, neither was it

set up in California by the Pentecostals. **It was set up by Jesus Christ, the King of the Messianic Kingdom. That's Who it was set up by. He is The King.** He wants to be King. He wants to rule us. He wants to be Lord.

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112 But Jesus lived in a world that no one knewed about, He was an odd Person. He lived in a world of Perfect Faith in the Perfect God, in which He was. If we lived in a Perfect Faith of a Christian, to what we are, **we'd be a mystic to the world; the people wouldn't understand you.** You'd walk in the Spirit. What the Spirit said, you would do. What It forbid, you would not do. Then the people begin to say... they... **you'd be a--a mystic person to them.**

**113 That's the way it is to all believers, they're a mystic.** The people don't understand, because they live in a world to themselves. Jesus lived in a world that nobody else could touch. The disciples couldn't understand Him. When He spoke to them, they say this. And then they said, "Why, You--You talk in riddles! We--we don't understand this. How can this be?" See, they wasn't in the world that He lived in. See, they couldn't understand Him, nobody could understand Him.

### **MYSTIC:**

**Having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding. Being unearthly, supernatural,**

**Paranormal. Someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension.**

**Someone who has divine intent and who can lift the lid of doubt to comprehend a reality beyond most human understanding.**

**Mystic is from the Greek word - mysticos. Someone who is spiritually aware.**

**A mystic is absolutely focused on a path to God. A mystic is heart centered and love is the driving force.**

**A mystic is not aware of being a mystic. If he or she was then they are not mystics. Many may claim to be mystics and of those there are thousands but the true mystic is a discovery of heart.**

THE.SUPERNATURAL\_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY\_ 56-0129

E-23 And that's the reason sometimes **a Divine life** that's been called and set aside has become a fanatic, or crazy, or--or a mystic, or something to the eyes of the general public is because you're considered a--a--a--a, I'd say a neurotic, or a insane person, is because that **you have changed your dwelling place and got into a different atmosphere.** And your own motive, your one thoughts is to **stay in that atmosphere.** Any person that ever come into that atmosphere one time will never be satisfied nowhere else. **And that's why I believe that we should have our churches under control by the Holy Ghost,** that men and women in their work and wherever they should be, should continually desire, and they will, if they've ever once come into that atmosphere.

THE.EXPECTATIONS\_ BURLINGTON.VT THURSDAY\_ 58-0508

E-46.....we share mutually, tonight, this fellowship around His blessings, we would ask that You would come to us tonight, in the way that You did when You were here on earth in a physical body, and **work tonight in Your mystic Body, the Church, and do the things which You did when You were here on earth.....**

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64.....If you are a Christian, you are a borned again creature.  
**You are in a mystic Kingdom of God. Your eyes are not on things of this world, but on things above.** And that's when you're in the church.....

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78.....Who is the Head of this church? Jesus Christ, What Kingdom is it? The Messianic Kingdom, the church, not an organization, a church, **a mystic Body to which Christ is the Head.** Oh, I love that, walking in the Spirit, obeying the King; foolish to the world, precious in the sight of God. Walking in the Spirit; misunderstood, laughed at, made fun of.....

THE.SEVENTIETH.WEEK.OF.DANIEL\_ JEFF.IN DA 89-141  
SUNDAY\_ 61-0806

37.....**the Bride is that mystic Body. By the Holy Spirit we're baptized into that mystic Body.**

BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY\_ 62-1104M

33-3..... **The Church is the mystical Body of Christ, borned of the breath of God.** Did you get it? The Church of God is born of the breath of God. God breathed breath into the nostrils, spiritually, of Adam, and he became a living soul. Did you know the Pentecostals, or the true Pentecostal Church is borned of the breath of God?.....

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114 And so when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean substance faith, he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ. There, **now you're getting into Bride material.** See? See? See? You're getting into rapturing condition, now. That means for each one of us; not just the pastor, deacons, trustees. That means for the laity, every individual walks in a world with God alone. **You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and**

**God.** See? He gives the orders, and you pack them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere, you walk right on. If the Lord says this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it, you go right on just the same. **Now you're coming into Perfect Faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails. Yes, He was a mystic to them with His Perfect Faith; and so is it now with those who have Perfect Faith, are a mystic to others.**

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90 John 14:12, He gives the teaching what the church should do. In John the 14th chapter, the--and the 12th verse, we'll see what that says. John 14:12, so we read it, make it official. All right, John 14 and the 12th verse.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these do he, do, shall; because I go to my Father.

**That's the message of the church: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever," living in the church, King of the church, raised from the dead, same yesterday, today, and forever, performing the same works, doing the same things that Jesus did.** That's the message of the church. If the church isn't teaching **That, it's teaching some false theology.** That's what Jesus commanded them to preach.

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100 **How many knows what the Gospel is? Not the "Word." Paul said, "The Gospel come to us not in word only, but through the power and manifestation of the Holy Ghost." The Gospel is the power of God to make the Word act what It says It'll do.** Preach the Gospel all the world. Preach the Gospel to just the white people or just the brown, yellow, black? "To every creature." Amen.....

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105 **And you that don't believe in Divine healing, you churches** (This is taped, you understand; I'm not only talking to you; somebody else is going to hear It.), **claim that you believe in God and believe in the commission, that your church is commissioned to take the Gospel,** and the very first thing is Divine healing. What was the first thing Jesus told to His disciples when He sent them out? Matthew 10:1, "Heal the sick; cast out devils." What was the last thing He said to His church? "Heal the sick; cast out devils." Alpha and Omega, Benjamin and Reuben, First and Last, He that Was, Which Is, and Shall Come, the Morning Star, the Root and Offspring of David... Hallelujah. That's Him. Yes, sir. "These signs shall follow them that believe. In My Name they shall cast out devils." Just at Jerusalem? "To all the world, and to every creature." Is that the Bible? **That's what it said. That is the message of the church. All the world, every creature, the Gospel... To everyone that believes, these signs shall follow.**

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108 **That's the message of the church, "In My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." That's what He said. That's the message of the church.** That's what He commanded the church to do, to cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues.

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink a deadly thing, it shall not harm them; they... lay hands on the sick,... they shall recover.

**That's the commission of the church. That's the real believing church.** It's not taught in the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness. No, sir, they deny it. Glory. Why? They're organized, and they can't do it. There's a many member in there that believes that, but he can't say nothing about it because he'd be excommunicated.

**That's an antichrist spirit, got them organized. The church of the living God is free-born, don't need any denomination; they follow the King of the Messianic Kingdom.** They don't have to take the people's things. They're

free-born, made free by the Son Who makes them free indeed. These signs shall follow them.

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127.....**The fourth thing**, How Do We Become A Member Of It? "How do we join it? We see what it is; now what--how do we join this church?" You don't join it. You can't join it. **There's no way of joining it. You're borned into it.** I've been with the Branham family fifty-one years and never did join the family. I was borned a Branham. And you're borned a son of God or a daughter of God.

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130 **How do you get into it? Born into it.** Let's read the question further. Nicodemus said unto him, How can a man be born when he's old?... (See that carnal? a teacher, a great man, a priest, aged, read the Bible all of his life.)... can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **(Now, isn't that like some of these intellectual teachers you hear today?)** Jesus answered and said unto him,... verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born of water... (How do we get into it?)... of water and of... Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

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131 "Less he be joined into it? You can't be joined into it. **You got to be borned into it. Not "come and join," come and born.**

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto you, You must be born again. The wind blow where it listeth,... thou cannot tell the sound thereof, but can not tell whence it come, nor whither it goeth: so is every one that's born of the Spirit.

**See you don't join it. It's a mysterious thing. You're born into the mystical Body of Christ. That's how you get into it.**

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134 One Body... How do we come into that Body, how do we get into it? By one Spirit we're baptized into one Body. **And when in that Body, free, guarantee of the resurrection.....**

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142 Just a little farther. All right. Now, I Corinthians 12 and 13, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body."

**Acts, here's the way we entered. Here's the inauguration of the church:** Acts the 2nd chapter. When the first message was preached to the church after the day of Pentecost, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. **Mary, all the apostles, were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, and just carrying-on like a bunch of drunk people.** And when they were just having an awful time, just shouting and praising God, and staggering under the impact of the Holy Ghost, they didn't care whether it was Sunday, Monday, what day it was. **They was having them a big time, just shouting and going on.** Why, the--the great intellectual people said, "These people are drunk on new wine."

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164 Now, did you know... You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I believe," well, listen, "and I've never received the Holy Ghost."

**No, you don't believe yet. You are just believing unto belief.** You have hope. For in I Corinthians the 12th chapter and the 3rd verse, let's just grab that right quick while we're close to it, if you want to. I Corinthians 12, the 12th chapter and the 3rd verse, and we'll get that just right quick, and--and read this here and see what the Lord has in this for us.

I Corinthians 12, all right, and the 3rd verse.



Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaketh by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and... **no man can say... Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.**

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165 **You don't know nothing about it until you've received the Holy Ghost.** You say, "I accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour." Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? **If you don't, you can't even call Him the Lord, because He's not Lord, He's a historical Being that you by faith have accepted.** But when He's come into you by the Holy Ghost, He is your Lord. No man can call Jesus Lord, only by the Holy Ghost; until you are borned of the Spirit of God, and the Holy Ghost is in you... **Then if you are, you are borned into this Kingdom, and you're part of the church. You're the called-out ones then.** You see it? All right, now.

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166.....A man that's a good man, can be just as good church member as a Christian. A man that's a good man, can be just as good a citizen as a Christian, a good man, moral man. **But when he dies, that's it, unless he's borned again of the Spirit of God. Because, everything that had a beginning has an end.**

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168 God is the only thing that's Eternal. Therefore, we are part of God by receiving His Life. Jesus said, "I give unto them Eternal Life." The Greek word there is "Zoe," means, "God's Own Life." **And the only way that you can ever live again, is to have Eternal Life, which is God's Life.** Because your life will perish. But His Life will be raised up again, because God is Eternal. And you've got Eternal Life, and can no more die than God can die. Aw, "He that believeth on Me has Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up at the last day, raise him up again." The Eternal Life that's in him will raise him up.

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169 Now, can we get into heaven without be in the church?  
**You can't be in the church until you're borned again.** You  
can't go to heaven until you're borned again. If you're borned  
again, you're in the church. **So you can't go to heaven until  
you're a member of this church. And you can't be a  
member until you're borned into it.**

And now, let me smother you a little. And you can't be a member  
unless God has called you to be a member. Now, how happy you  
ought to be for that, **for you were predestinated before the  
foundation of the world.** And your name--your names was  
written in the Lamb's Book of Life, the church Book, before the  
foundation of the world. That's the Bible.....

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171 Let's settle that a minute; let's turn to Ephesians the 1st  
chapter, right quick. Listen to this; this is Paul. Now, he had to go  
on to perfection with this church. Paul's addressing this to  
Christians. How many Christians is in here, let's see your hand.  
All right. This is not for babies now; this is--this is those who can  
eat meat. Now, the 1st chapter, watch who he addresses it to.  
Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,... (not by the  
ordination of the bishop, not by the organization)... an apostle,...  
(one that's sent by the will of God)... to the saints... (That's the  
sanctified ones, or sainted ones.)... which are at Ephesus, and...  
the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Who is it he's addressing it to? To those that's already in the  
church. When you're in Christ, you're in His body. Is that right?  
Then you're members of the church.

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173 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,  
and... the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

How did He do it? What did He do it? **They had reached Jordan, they had crossed into the promised land, and they were setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.** Here it is: Blessed us together with heavenly blessings, the teaching of the Word, as the church, the called-out Ones that's in Christ Jesus, as we're setting together in heavenly places, like the church, when we're borned in Christ Jesus. **The sainted, called-out ones, oh, my, somebody you can teach something to...** Had so much trouble with the Corinthians, but not this church, he could teach them great things. All right.

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174 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all... (You remember my last two messages?)... all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According... (Listen, let this shock you now.)... According as he hath... (past tense)... chosen us in him... (At the last revival? Did I read that right?)... According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, before the world,... (Looky here.)... before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having... (p-r-e-d-e-s-t-i-n-a-t-e-d)...

**What did we do? Nothing. What He done is what I'm looking at.** When did He do? Chose us, put our names on His Book, on His church Book to be a member of this mystical Body before the world ever began.

And has predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to His own good pleasure of his will,

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175 **Whew. You got to be in that church, brother, if you make it,** for He's coming for a church. Well, what kind of a church? A church that's without spot or without wrinkle. How can

we be that? By being dead in Christ, baptized by the Holy Ghost into His mystical Body, and the Blood atonement of the Son of God laying there for us every hour of the day: **found blameless, that's the church, without spot, or without wrinkle.** He chose us in Him, and put our names on His Book. The Bible said that "Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain... Nineteen hundred years ago? How far? The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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180 What is the identification of the church? What is she to be? What was she? What is it? The called out group. Who set it up? Jesus Christ; not a bishop, not the Catholic church, not Methodist, not Luther, not Wesley. No, sir. Who set it up? Jesus Christ. What is its message? Repentance, water baptism, baptism of the Holy Ghost, Divine healing, salvation. How do we become a member of it? By being borned into it. Can we get to heaven without it? No, sir. For those that are dead in Christ will God bring with Him, and not--not anyone else but those who are dead in Christ. Jesus is coming for those that are dead in Christ.....

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181 **Now therefore, she is a called-out group, a mystical Body.** Christ set it in order. Before He died, He spoke of it coming, He said, "I will come and be King over this domain. A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you shall see Me. You won't have nothing to do with the kingdom of the world.".....

.....Somebody said, "I sought God, I sought God." That's contrary to the Bible. **It's God seeking you, not you seeking God.** God went up-and-down the garden of Eden, crying, "Adam, where art thou?" Not Adam crying, "God, where art Thou?" It was God crying, "Adam, where art thou?"

**MATTHEW 18:15**

15 ¶ Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

**MATTHEW 18:16**

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

**MATTHEW 18:17**

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

**MATTHEW 18:18**

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

**JOHN 20:23**

23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.