

THE CHURCH 123

OUR FLESH DOESN'T LIKE KENOSIS

MATTHEW 10:37

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me **is not worthy of me**: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 10:38

38 And he that taketh not **his cross**, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 16:24

24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up **his cross**, and follow me.

MATTHEW 10:38

38 And he that taketh not **his cross**, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

LUKE 9:23

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

AT. THY. WORD_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN FRIDAY_ 50-0714

E-3 **A person who lives their life for theirself, lives a selfish life**. We must live for others: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fill full the law of Christ." And we got to have a feeling for one another.

FAITH. IN. THE. SON. OF. GOD_ HAMMOND. IN TUESDAY_ 52-0715

E-2. So each day I want to live, not for myself. **If I live for myself, I live a selfish life**. I want to live for others, and give what strength I have, **not to myself, and to my own pleasure, but for the benefit of others**, that'll build the Kingdom of God.

THE. WORD. BECAME. FLESH. INDIA. TRIP. REPORT_ JEFF. IN
V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_ 54-1003M

265 And I recognized the other day, **a selfish spirit** coming up in me of saying, "This man's wrong. I ought to tell him about it." That's wrong. God's the One to tell him about it.

That's not. . It's none of my business. But my business is preach the Gospel and love everybody, and move on and love my enemies, as Jesus Christ loved me when I was His enemy. That's right.

When I was unlovely, He--He loved me to His bosom. And anybody that's unlovely, let me love them the same. Let the Spirit that was in Christ, be in us. Amen. I love Him. I love Him. Oh, my.

ACTS. OF. THE. HOLY. SPIRIT_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-10 SUNDAY_
54-1219E

116 When a man's ever born truly of the Spirit of God, and from the crown of his head to the ends of his toe nails, he's been changed by the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and his own selfish ideas have faded away, and God has got complete control of that man, he will believe every written Word of the Lord Jesus Christ and practice the same.....

PRIDE_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY SUNDAY_ 55-0807A

E-44 You say, "Brother Branham, I'm no prostitute."
I don't altogether mean sexually. **Prostitution's on a higher level.** You can prostitute your time.

How much time do you give to Him? **Prostitute your own selfish motives, going around saying, "Well, I belong to this church, I'm better."**

No you're not. You can prostitute otherwise than sexually.

The Holy Spirit will speak to your heart, and you'll say, "**I want nothing to do with that.**" **You blind Pharisee, prostitute.** What's the matter with you? Committing adultery with the world, that's what you're doing.

Oh, you say, "I belong to church," and so cold and indifferent. Oh, you say pretty prayers. Oh, I hate that Pharisaic thing. Oh, you pray and make every comma just perfect, and every period just perfect. Oh, you pray so beautiful.

You can't talk to God like that. **You're listening to what you're saying and punctuating your prayer.** O God, help you to turn loose once and pray. Stop saying prayers.

THE. MIGHTY. CONQUEROR_ CHICAGO. IL FRIDAY_ 58-0110
E-9..... **We'll never conquer as long as we're selfish.** God hates sin. And He will not let it triumph over wrong.

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717
94 O God, make us prisoners like that, **from our own selfish ambition**, and from our own judgments and our better way of thinking, to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I think that was a great statement, that, "I'm a prisoner to Jesus Christ."

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717
98 Oh, tonight, if we, as the Branham Tabernacle, could only become prisoners; **to our own selfish being**, to our own ambition,

that we could **completely surrender ourself** and be yoked to Him, no matter what the rest the world thinks, what the rest the world does. We're yoked with fetters of love. We are prisoners....

THE. ANOINTED. ONES. AT. THE. END. TIME_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-3
SUNDAY_ 65-0725M

285..... Many of you here might be trinitarian preachers. We don't want to be angry with you. We love you. If we didn't, if I didn't believe that,

I'd never leave this church till I got down there on my knees and said, "God, make me right."

I don't want that arrogant, selfish spirit mixed up with mine. I want my spirit to be pure and clean, brotherly love, holy with the Holy Spirit.

Now, if someone does anything wrong to me, that's all right.

And though I might have the right to get back at them, I don't want that in my life. No, I--I want to have love. I want to be ready to correct with love, with love that absolutely answers out yonder for it.

WHERE. I. THINK. PENTECOST. FAILED_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA
FRIDAY_ 55-1111

E-44..... . if you profess to be a Christian, **depart from sin and selfishness and tempers**, and live like Christ did, a peaceful, humble, God-blessed life. Amen. That's right.

THE. QUEEN. OF. THE. SOUTH_ WATERLOO. IA SATURDAY_
58-0125

E-30..... **You see what pride and selfishness does? It shuts you out from the Kingdom of God.** I wonder sometime, as we think, what will happen to this generation.

IMAGES. OF. CHRIST_ JEFF. IN MONDAY_ 59-0525

E-30 Now remember. It's only the sick that demands attention--service, just the sick. They demand attention. And when you see a preacher. . .

And may I not only limit it to a preacher, **but may I limit it to every church member that wants attention: "I'm somebody,"** just remember, there's a spiritual sick person.

They're needing attention. They need the attention of the Spirit of God to give them something **that'll take that attitude out of them and heal them from their selfishness**, and big ideas, and "big me and little you." The Holy Ghost makes us all the same. Too much spiritual sickness--anemics. . .

You know what anemia is? It's someone hasn't got any blood. They walk funny. They're topsy, tipsy-topsy all the time. And that's what's the matter with many of our church members today. They are anemics.

They need a Blood transfusion of Calvary, that'll give them rich Royal Blood to make them walk in the old fashioned Holy Ghost hewed out way of God, that'll give them something to live for, give them a confidence that'll make them walk in the image of their Lord.

GREATER. THAN. SOLOMON. IS. HERE_ TUCSON. AZ
WEDNESDAY_ 63-0605

38..... **To be a Christian is self-denial.** "Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow Me daily." Today it's so soft, and people call themselves Christians.

When, it used to mean death, to confess Christ, and you had to depend on Him daily for everything you had need of.

BE. NOT. AFRAID_ TUCSON. AZ FRIDAY_ 63-0607

106 **Christianity is self-denial.** "Take up your cross daily. Follow Him." Die out, to the things of the world. When all condemnation is gone.....

I JOHN 2:17

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II CORINTHIANS 5:18

18 And all things are of God, who hath ***RECONCILED** us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

RECONCILED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2644
katallasso {kat-al-las'-so}
to change, exchange, as coins for others of equivalent value;
hence to reconcile (those who are at variance); return to favour
with,

II CORINTHIANS 5:19

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN SUNDAY_ 50-0716

E-15..... **Remember. Jesus had all the qualities of the Father in Him.** Do you believe that? Sure He did. All the fine gifts of God was in Christ, His Son; **for He was the offspring of God.**

But notice, when He met Satan, for your example, He never used one gift on him. When Satan came to Him, He said, "It is written....."

THE. MANIFESTATION. OF. THE. SPIRIT_ TOLEDO. OH TUESDAY_ 51-0717

E-17.....Now, God, Who is in Spirit, **in-veiled Himself in a body of flesh**, which was His Son, Christ Jesus. And God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,

and become kinfolks to human beings **to suffer the penalty that He had put on the human Himself.** And He became Kinfolks and a Redeemer.....

SHOW. US. THE. FATHER. AND. IT. WILL. SATISFY. US_ YAKIMA.
WA SUNDAY_ 60-0731

E-57..... **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.** God is a Spirit. He had no hands till He become Jesus. He had no feet, arms, legs, and so forth, till He become Jesus. He manifested. . .

No man has seen the Father at any time, but the only Begotten has declared Him. **He, God, dwelt in the body of Christ.....**

GO. WAKE. JESUS_ TUCSON. AZ SUNDAY_ 63-1103

42 Now, this was at a tremendous time of our Lord's meeting, or His earthly ministry. **And I believe that His earthly ministry has never ceased, because He is in His people now.**

God was in Christ; Christ in the people. And He's doing His same works now that He did then.....

INVESTMENTS_ NY. NY V-18 N-11 SATURDAY_ 63-1116B

68 But in this Jesus, he saw something that no other man had, he saw God living in a human being.

69..... But when we read what He was, then that's what He is today. What God was in Christ, **your Brother Redeemer, that's what He is in you as a redeemed child.**

MODERN. EVENTS. ARE. MADE. CLEAR. BY. PROPHECY_ SBD. CA
V-7 N-6 MONDAY_ 65-1206

172 But the real, ordained of God, that real gene, that real germ, **a soul of God** that was in God before the foundation of the world; remember, you that's really got the Spirit of God in you tonight,

you were here in Christ because He was the fulness of the Word. He was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.** Do you believe that? Look, He was in Christ.

Then if you were in God, a gene, a word, a attribute from the beginning, then you walked with Him here on earth, you talked with Him on earth, you suffered with Him on earth, you died with Him at Calvary,

and you rose with Him again; and now you're setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **communing with Him (the Word) as It feeds into your soul.....**

20-2 THE. REVELATION. OF. JESUS. CHRIST - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 1

The Bible teaches that **GOD WAS IN CHRIST. The BODY was Jesus.** In Him dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead, BODILY. Nothing can be plainer than that.

Mystery, yes. But actual truth--it can't be plainer. **So if He wasn't three people then, He can't be three now.** ONE GOD: And this same God was made flesh.

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M

64 Jehovah God became man, **took on our stock**, crossed Himself from God, and become man. There's the sign. Become. . . He was God, and became man, not rich men, but poor man...

.....Why did He become a baby? When that first **little toothless mouth** opened in that manger, on that first crib--first Christmas morning, in His little manger crib, and the first little yell that went from His voice, **that was God crying.**

Jehovah crying: a man. Come from God; and was man, every whit, man. Come to the world with nothing, but still man. What was He trying to do? What was He purposing?

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M

66 He cried like a baby in the manger. He played like a boy, on the street. He toiled like a man, **but yet He was Immanuel.** This is the super Sign: God dwelling in the creation that He created. The super sign, "It shall be a sign unto you."

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M

68.....**Jehovah God on earth, as a fugitive, a pilgrim in the land that He created:** rejected, and pushed, and laughed at, and scoffed at;

a stumbling Stone to the unbeliever, a Rock of an offense; a devil, to the religious world, but an eternal Sign to the believer,....

God thought it would appeal to the human race, that our God would be one of us, **that He would cross Himself and become our dust**, that He would become our stock, a human stock, the Creator Who made all things.....

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M

70 And another thing, the Word was made dust, flesh, and dwelt among us. The Jehovah, the Word became human, became dust, and tabernacled with us..... .

God, making Himself, tearing out, rooting out all evil, bringing into submission the flesh, the dust that He created, and live with you as a--a partner.

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M

72.....God had to become a kinsman, near. I want you to see it. He never become kinfolks altogether to the rich, to the mighty, but He was born in the stable, wrapped in swaddling cloth: not to the adult, but to the child.

He was God over the creation. He chose to do it. Not come a full matured man, **He came that He might suffer the feelings of the little babies. He came that He might go through the teenage temptations.** Might go, that He could toil the toils and snares of the devil,

as a man, and make a way for people of all ages, of all ages and of all classes: the poor, the rich, the all. He became poor, that, through His poverty, we might become rich and heirs with Him in the Kingdom.

A sign would be given, crossing Himself, making Himself something different than what He was: now a super Sign, crying as a baby, playing as a boy, toiling as a man, **but it was God living in all stages of life like we do.**

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M
76 Watch God in His ways of work. When He created the heavens and earth, He called the Angels together, and He said, "Let us." Every place in the Scripture where He did anything mostly, "Not Me, but My Father."

But when it come to the plan of redemption, He came alone; nobody was with Him. He was the only One that could come. An Angel couldn't do it. **Another man called His son, couldn't do it.** One called something else, a holy virgin, or a holy mother, or--or some saint, couldn't do it. God had to come. "And I'll give you the Sign.

A virgin shall conceive; and a baby will be born, and He will be Immanuel: God with us," the super sign. God in His people. God with His people. **God become His people.** God and man became one. A Sign, a stumbling Block to the world, but a blessed hope for the believer, a Sign that will be evil spoken of.

A. SUPER. SIGN_ JEFF. IN V-15 N-7 SUNDAY_ 59-1227M
89 When Immanuel become through the womb of a woman, **instead of appearing as a theophany**, He said, "As it was in the days of Lot, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man.".....

THE. CHURCH. AND. ITS. CONDITION_ JEFF. IN CH 1-34
SUNDAY_ 56-0805

33..... . Now, when the La--Dove came down, John saw Jesus, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world."

And John said, "I bare record, seeing the Spirit of God like a Dove coming down, and abiding on Him." Hallelujah. There you are.

The Dove and the Lamb united together. That's when God and Man became one. That's when heaven and earth embraced each other. Hallelujah.

That's when God was made flesh. . . ?. . . it; that's when God came down from the Spirit form and was made a Man and dwell among us. That's when all eternity embraced each other.

That's when the human fallen race of Adam's people and Jehovah God and every angel come together, **when God and man was made one on that great memorial day when John baptized Jesus.....**

THE. LAMB. AND. THE. DOVE_ LA. CA MONDAY_ 56-0917

E-4..... **When God and Christ became one**, when the Dove came down on the Lamb, heaven and earth kissed each other. God and man was reconciled together.

Why, it's one of the greatest moments the world ever had, that when man and God was reconciled together. The Dove and the Lamb came together.

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. FIVE. AND. SIX. 1_ JEFF. IN HEB
SUNDAY_ 57-0908M

181-91 Now, but God then became in another type of a tabernacle. And that Tabernacle was Who? Jesus. **And God was inside of Jesus, and He was hid;**

but He was reconciling the world to Himself by His expression. Christ revealed God. He said, "It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me. I do nothing in Myself but what I see the Father doing. The Father in Me, showing Me these visions, and then I go do just what the Father told Me to do." You get it?

God was inside of a human body, not behind goat skins dyed, but was a living, moving. God had hands; God had feet; God had tongue; God had eyes; and it was Christ.

There He was.

Now, He went away, and the Spirit come in that, that through His death He might **perfect the Church and bring the Church submissive.**

And then the same Spirit that was in Christ is in the Church, **doing the same things Christ did**, "A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you even in you to the end of the world."

THE. FUNDAMENTAL. FOUNDATION. FOR. FAITH_ CHICAGO. IL
THURSDAY_ 55-0113

E-37 When He was here on earth, we. . . I say this maybe out of repetition. I don't mean it to be that way, but I've said it before.

But let's look at His life just a few moments and see what type of Person He was. Then you can have an idea on what He should be today.

Now, when He was here on earth, He was a perfect example of everything of the Godhead. He was the fullness of the Godhead bodily. In Christ was God.

The body of Jesus was only the tabernacle of God. It's where Almighty God Himself lived and dwelt in a human being. You believe that, don't you? You have to to be saved. You have to believe that.

ABRAHAM_ ZURICH. SWITZERLAND FRIDAY_ 55-0624

E-15..... Christ had perfect faith in God. For **Jesus is just the body, and God was in Him.** The Bible says that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.

EXPECTATION_ SHAWANO. WI SATURDAY_ 55-1001

E-15.....Now look, when Jesus went into His own country, many mighty works He could not do because of their [Audience says, "Unbelief"--Ed.] unbelief, is right, unbelief.

No matter how great He was, **He was Jehovah God invested in a body of flesh. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. But He could not move until faith come.**

LOVE_ SHREVEPORT. LA THURSDAY_ 56-0726

E-3..... . as we preached the other night on "The Dove and the Lamb." And the Dove abode in the Lamb. He stayed there. He was Emmanuel. **God was in His tabernacle.**

The--the Son of God, which was Jesus, was the flesh of God, a tabernacle that God dwelt in here on the earth. And now, that was--that was Christ and God became united. And that's the way God could be seen.

No man has seen the Father at any time, but the only begotten Son has declared Him..... **Jesus being the Tabernacle that God was dwelling in here on earth.** . . . "A body has Thou prepared Me." See? And God dwelt in Jesus Christ. And that made the Father and the Son united together, now, and become One.

Now, notice, now, what was in Christ, was the Fullness of the Spirit, the entire Fullness of God. **God gave Christ the Spirit without measure.** But He's give It to us by measure. Christ had all the measure, everything.

He was Emmanuel. But you and I are little cupfuls out of that Seed. But when the Spirit that's in us, is of the same quality, not as much in quantity, but the same quality, 'cause it's part of the same Spirit. See?

SHOW. US. THE. FATHER. AND. IT. WILL. SATISFY. US_ LA. CA
SUNDAY_ 59-0419E

E-37....."God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself."
The flesh part was man. The Spirit was God. Jesus said, "I can do nothing except My Father shows Me first."..... .

THE. SPOKEN. WORD. IS. THE. ORIGINAL. SEED_ JEFF. IN V-3
N-1 SUNDAY_ 62-0318

33-3 "Christ" means "the anointed One," **a Man that was anointed.** And God dwelling in Him, what was it? The germ with the flesh, the anointed One, flesh being anointed with the Spirit of God produced the Word of God made manifest.

THE. SPOKEN. WORD. IS. THE. ORIGINAL. SEED_ JEFF. IN V-3
N-1 SUNDAY_ 62-0318

56-3...When the Word was in Christ, a man, **human man,** expressing Itself through Him, that was God, the Word, in Christ expressing Himself

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-
0303

E-14. . Jesus was the Son of God, as we was talking today. He was the Son of God as much as He was a man. At thirty years. .
. We have no record of Him doing anything till He was thirty years old.

When He was baptized in Jordan by John, then the Holy Ghost came upon Him without measure. In Him dwelled the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. He was Emmanuel. God was in Him. Why was God in Him?

Because He was sinless born and because that He had a way that He could yield Himself to God, and in Him dwelt all of God.....

154-3 SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
CPT. 4

..... Jesus was the Royal Seed. He lived in a human body. When the Spirit called to Him (the Word-Manifested Thought), He went to Jordan and was there baptized in water.

Upon obeying the Word, the Holy Spirit came upon Him and the voice said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." The voice did not say, "This has become My Son," Jesus WAS the Son. The Holy Ghost positioned Him as that Son before them all.

JESUS. CHRIST. THE. SAME. YESTERDAY. TODAY. AND.
FOREVER_ BEAUMONT. TX WEDNESDAY_ 61-0118

E-39..... we find out that at the age of thirty He was baptized in the river of Jordan by John the Baptist. And when He was baptized, going straightway out of the water, we find that **the Holy Spirit, God,**

like in a form of a dove, coming from heaven in a voice, saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." And the right translation of that, "Who I am pleased to dwell in," 'cause God was in Christ.