

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT 39

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.

CHURCH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1577

ekklesia {ek-klay-see'-ah}

a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly of the people convened at the public place

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70 But now, let's go to the second thought, so we can try to get through all of it. "**Who Set It Up?**" that is, its mystical Body? **WHO STARTED THIS? JESUS CHRIST.** And it is the... He is the Head of this mystical Body. He's the King over it, **working His Own will in His dominion.** Not a bishop's control or a church board's control, but a King, which is **Messiah Himself working in His Own Domain. When did it begin? At Pentecost.** Not the Pentecostal organization; **the Pentecostal experience. That's when it begin with you.** He spoke of Its coming. He said what would take place. He told it was coming.

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71 Luke 24:49, we'll see what He said.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you're endued with power from on high.

Now, **He promised of a coming church, a coming Kingdom.**

Now, turn right over to Acts 1 and 8. Now, remember, He spoke also in Matthew 16:18, of, upon this rock He would build His church and the gates of hell should not prevail against it; we're going to get to that just in a few minutes, as we go on down into the other subject. Acts 1 and 8.

But you shall receive power, after... the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,... Judaea,... Samaria, and to the utmost parts of the world.

A coming Kingdom of witnesses, witnesses of His resurrection, witnesses of His power, witnesses of His... of being alive. "You're My witnesses," now, Acts 1:8.

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74 Then we also find, that in Ephesians the 1st chapter, 22nd verse, you that's putting that down. Just there's plenty of it to put down, but just to nail it down to make it sure that you're--you see it. All right, the 22nd verse of Ephesians the 1st chapter. And has put all things under his feet,... (That's Christ.)... and gave him to be the head over the things to the church, Which is his body, and the fulness of him that filleth all in all. **WHO SET THIS CHURCH UP? JESUS CHRIST**, no bishop, no group of men, no pope, no manmade powers at all. But Jesus Christ spoke of It being **His Kingdom that was coming in power.....**

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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.

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80.....**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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82 People let Him in, say, "I'll let Him be Saviour," but they won't let Him be Lord. **"Lord" means "ownership, rulership."** **"Come into my heart, Lord, save me from hell, but don't tell me what to do." That's the attitude of the people.....**

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86.....Now, I want to find out, **"What Is The Message Of This Church?"** What should this church teach? What's its message? The first message that I can think of, that this church (mystical Body) will teach, **WILL BE REPENTANCE.**

LUKE 24:46, let's begin with the 46th verse.

And He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins... (Oh, I want that to soak in, 'cause I'm coming to something in a minute on that, "remission of sins")... repentance towards God, and remitting of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things...

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87.....He's the One the whole Bible's turned around, involved around Him. **Surely He'd know what ought to be taught; He'd know what ought to be done.** And He said repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations for a witness, beginning at Jerusalem.....
.....But that's what He said, **HIS MESSAGE. That's the message of the church.**

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88 **Now, Jesus is King (the second message), Jesus is King and is alive forevermore**, Matthew 28:20. Jesus is King and alive forevermore; **that's what the church should teach**. Matthew 28:20.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (That right?)

Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." **That's the message of the church: doing His work, proving His resurrection, and giving witnesses.....**

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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.

Every creature: you believe that means that? I seen God baffle a bull one day. I seen Him cause hornets not to sting. I seen Him

raise up a opossum that'd been laying dead all night. Every creature... **The Gospel will take effect upon anything that you ask.** You say, "That's wrong, Brother Branham." It isn't wrong.

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102 Jesus said to that tree, "Cursed be you; no man eat from you, from henceforth," and **the Gospel was preached to that tree.** Amen. I feel religious right now. To every creature... Amen.....

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111 **Now, another thing this church will teach, will be Divine healing, the message of the church.** I just quoted it, Matthew 10, when He sent His church out. Let's just go to Matthew 10:1, and find out just a minute. Watch what Jesus said when He ordained His church and started it out. And then he... called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast out--cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases. **(the first commission to His church)**

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112 **The last commission, "Go into all the world, preach the Gospel.** He that believeth and is baptized..." Let me quote it the way it should be, the way it's broke down. "Go ye into all the world and to every nation and **demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost.....**

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117 **Now, also the church must teach baptism.** It must be baptized. That was the commission. Jesus said here in Mark 16, we'll just use it. "He that believeth and is baptized." Believe first, and then be baptized for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. "And the Holy Ghost will also come upon..." **will be a teaching of the church,.....**

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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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131.....You can't be joined into it. **You got to be borned into it.** Not "come and join," come and born.
.....**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..... 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.....**
..... "And when I see the Blood, I'll pass over you," and are free from death, free from pain, free from sin. "He that's born of God, does not commit sin, 'cause the seed of God remains in him and he cannot sin. No sin... "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect," Jesus said. How can you be perfect? You can't do it. You was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. But when you accept Christ **AS YOUR SIN-BEARER**, when you accept Him by faith, you believe that He saved you, and He died in your place and took your sins, **then God accepts you and baptizes you into the Body and cannot see no more sin. How can I be a sinner when there's an atonement on the altar for me?**

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135 How could a policeman arrest me in the city, when the city ordinances give me rights to run any speed that I want to? You cannot arrest me. If the mayor says, "Reverend Branham, you're going on sick calls, make any speed you want to in any zone," gives me a letter of recommendation of that, no policeman

can take me in. **Because the mayor has put confidence in me, that I wouldn't do it 'less it was on emergency.** And when God accepted me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, **He had confidence in me that I would not sin willfully. Amen. I would not sin willfully.** Therefore, His Son made an atonement for me, and I cannot be a sinner as long as I'm justified and He's took me in His Body; I'm redeemed with Him. Not what I do, but what He did for me. **That's the Gospel.**

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142.....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.....

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154 Now, Doctor Simon Peter wrote out the prescription. What about you doctors? Why are you trying to put something with it? Don't add nothing to it. Take it the way it is. **That's the commission of the church. That's how you get into it, by repenting and being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins; and a promise that you will receive the Holy Ghost.** Now, that's what the Bible said, "Baptized into the church, baptized into the church..."

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159.....**here's how we come to the church, by repenting, being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins, and a promise that we will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.....**

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162 Now, **Can We Get To Heaven Without The Church?.....**
.....No, sir, you cannot get to heaven without being a member of this church.

Now, first thing, in John 3: and 5 Jesus said, "Except a man be borned of water and of Spirit..." Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall then be borned of the Spirit, born of the water, borned of the Spirit. **Except a man gets this, he cannot even enter the Kingdom of heaven;** he cannot even see the Kingdom of heaven." Then if you are borned of water and Spirit, you are in the church. If you're not borned of water and Spirit, you're not in the church, and cannot see the Kingdom of heaven.....

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164.....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, 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.....**

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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..**

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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.....

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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.....

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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.....**

FIVE.DEFINITE.IDENTIFICATIONS.OF.THE.TRUE.CHURCH.OF.THE.LIVING.GOD_ JEFF.IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E
37.....**anything that's against the teaching of Christ is antichrist.**

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201-4 {182}.....it started out antichrist by being against the teaching of Christ that accepted dogma instead of Word,

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.....When the spirit went forth it was antichrist, against the teaching of Christ.

HEBREWS 10:24

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

HEBREWS 10:25

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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E-2.....we're taught that as the day begins to approach to the end, that we should not forsake the assembling ourselves together, **as some who have not faith**; but we are to assemble ourselves together.....

Pliny, a secular writer about 112 A.D., made a report to the emperor Trajan in which he unconsciously bore witness to certain vital aspects of Christianity. Of special interest was the witness he bore to the tenacity maintained by the Christians in regard to their assemblies. They attended the regular worship services in spite of every hindrance. Legal meetings on a publicly recognized day of rest, as in these days, were impossible. Christians met in the darkness of pre-dawn assemblies; and no impediment whatever was allowed to interfere. As Pliny said, "On an appointed day they had been accustomed to meet before daybreak." He went ahead to relate that their services were nothing of a scandalous or improper kind, that they partook of a meal of the most harmless and ordinary variety, that each sang a

hymn to Christ as God, and that they bound themselves with a promise not to commit fornication or theft or any other crime.

HEBREWS 10:26

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

I JOHN 2:6

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked.**

MATTHEW 7:21

21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

MATTHEW 7:22

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

MATTHEW 7:23

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

JOHN 14:21

21 He that hath my commandments, and **keepeth them,** he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

I JOHN 2:4

4 He that saith, I know him, **and keepeth not his commandments,** is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

I JOHN 2:5

5 But whoso **keepeth his word**, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

ROMANS 13:11

11 ¶ And that, knowing the ***TIME**, that now it is high ***TIME** to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

TIME: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2540 kairos
{kahee-ros'}

Season, opportunity, a measure of time, Oportune or seasonable time

TIME: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5610

hora {ho'-rah}

a certain definite time or season, any definite time, point of time, moment

MATTHEW 26:40

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them **asleep**, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

MATTHEW 26:41

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

MATTHEW 26:42

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

MATTHEW 26:43

43 And he came and found them **asleep again**: for their eyes were heavy.

MATTHEW 26:44

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

MATTHEW 26:45

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest:** behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

EPHESIANS 5:14

14 Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest,** and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

I THESSALONIANS 5:6

6 ¶ Therefore **let us not sleep,** as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

I THESSALONIANS 5:7

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

I THESSALONIANS 5:8

8 But let us, **who are of the day,** be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

ROMANS 13:12

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, **and let us put on the armour of light.**