GETTING IN THE SPIRIT 41

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

INCAPABLE OF BEING DESTROYED, RUINED, OR RENDERED INEFFECTIVE

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.

DISCERNMENT. OF. SPIRIT_ PHOENIX. AZ V-9 N-3 TUESDAY_ 60-0308

87...... And upon this rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it. "Will never be able to prevail," showed they would be against it.

Now, watch and see where the gates of hell is against.

It ain't against the denomination. The government recognizes that. It ain't. The world recognizes our denominations, all of them. We have the right, each one of us as American citizens, we have the rights of denomination, which is fine; we appreciate that.

But that's not what the gates of hell's against. It's against the spiritual revelation of Christ being here now, the same yesterday, today, and forever. That's what it's against. "The gates of hell shall be against it, but it shall never prevail."

THE. POWER. OF. THE. DEVIL_ CHICAGO. IL WEDNESDAY_ 55-1005

E-49......But I tell you, when Jesus Christ anoints you, you're not made out of running material. That's all. Not the rock of Gibraltar but the Rock of Ages. . .

You climb up on the Rock of Ages; that's God's Word, and take your position there and stand while the gates of hell is a battling against it, with this perfect assurance: That He Who promised it not fail, will never fail. Amen. That's faith. That's when you're not scared.

QUEEN. OF. SHEBA_ BEAUMONT. TX THURSDAY_ 61-0119E E-53....... ."Upon this rock I'll build My church. I don't care how many persecutions, how many lines they draw and cut you out, I'll build My church, and the gates of hell will never prevail against it."

That's right. Shows all the gates of hell will be against it, but could not prevail. "I'll build My church," the Holy Spirit moving, working, the resurrected Christ moving. Who can stop it? Try it. You never be able to do it.

It's going right on, and on, and on. Rise all the critics you want to, it'll only strengthen the church every time you do it: going to move on.

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

143 But there is a safety place, and that's in Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." That's the believer's protection, just under His wings, safely abiding. Certainly.

15-3 THE. REVELATION. OF. JESUS. CHRIST - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 1

Now remember this. Christ in the True Church is a continuation of the Book of Acts. But the Book of Revelation shows how that the antichrist spirit would come into the church and defile it, making it lukewarm, formal and powerless.

It exposes Satan, revealing his works (attempted destruction of God's people and the discrediting of God's word) right down to the time he is cast into the lake of fire. He fights that. He cannot stand it.

He knows that if the people get the TRUE REVELATION of the TRUE CHURCH and what she is, what she stands for and that SHE CAN DO THE GREATER WORKS, she will be an invincible army.

If they get a true revelation of the two spirits within the framework of the Christian church, and by God's Spirit discern and withstand the antichrist spirit, Satan will be powerless before her.

He will be as definitely thwarted today as when Christ withstood his every effort to gain power over Him in the desert. Yes, Satan hates revelation. But we love it. With true revelation in our lives, the gates of hell cannot prevail against us, but we will prevail over them. THE. AUTHORITY. OF. THE. WORD_ CONNERSVILLE. IN TUESDAY 53-0602

E-20...... the Gospel is the Word plus the power: Gospel came in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit........

THE. INSIDE. MAN_ CHICAGO. IL SATURDAY_ 53-1212 E-45.....Now, we are His hands on earth. We are His eyes on earth. We are His Gospel on earth. And the Gospel is not altogether by the Word.

The Word made manifest is the Gospel. The Gospel come not in Word only, but through power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit......

WHY. I'M. PRAYING. FOR. THE. SICK_ COLUMBUS. OH SUNDAY_ 54-0314

E-28....... But after all, passing tracts is not preaching the Gospel. "The Gospel came not in word only," said Paul, "but through power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost." See, you're. . .

Not just teach the Word, but preach, make manifest the Word. The Word has to be made alive. It's a dead letter until it's made manifest.

And then it's quickened, and it's brought to pass, what God said about it. That's the Gospel in action, the New Testament Christianity.

INDIA. TRIP. REPORT_ LIMA. OH SATURDAY_ 57-0126B E-26...... He said, "Preach the Gospel." And the Gospel isn't Word only, but through power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit, which would produce the signs of Mark 16 when He said, "Go into all the world; preach the Gospel to every creature.

These signs shall follow them." The Word Itself is dead until It becomes into a action and produces life.

HEARING. RECOGNIZING. ACTING. ON. THE. WORD. OF. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-13 N-7 SUNDAY_ 60-0221 109...... the Word made manifest is the Gospel. The Gospel came to us not through Word only, but through power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost to demonstrate the power, make the Gospel live.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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....

ROMANS 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of THE GOSPEL of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

I CORINTHIANS 2:4

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in *DEMONSTRATION of the Spirit and of power:

DEMONSTRATION: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 585 apodeixis {ap-od'-ike-sis}
A making manifest, showing forth, a demonstration, proof

I CORINTHIANS 2:5

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I THESSALONIANS 1:5

5 For our gospel came not unto you in *WORD only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

WORD: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3056 logos {log'-os} speech, a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea, what someone has said,

SPEAK. TO. THE. ROCK_ JONESBORO. AR TUESDAY_ 53-0512 E-5 Now, the Gospel is not altogether the Word. This is the Word of God, and all things must be based upon this Word. If it isn't, it isn't true. This is. . . But Jesus said, "Go ye in all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Now, He did not say "Teach the Word," He said, "Preach the Gospel."

So the Gospel consists more than teaching the Word, for Paul, confirming that, said, "The Gospel came to us, not in Word only, but through power."

Demonstrations of the Holy Spirit would come and demonstrate the Gospel, bring the Word to a living reality. If you just receive the Word by knowing the Word, that doesn't do you any good.

"The letter killeth; the Spirit giveth life." Then you must be borned again, and then the Holy Spirit quickens the Word to you.....

HAS. THE. LORD. SPOKEN. ONLY. TO. MOSES_ WEST. PALM. BEACH. FL MONDAY_ 53-1130

E-5.....He didn't say go teach the Word. He said, "Go preach the Gospel." He never did commission, "Go teach the Word." "Go preach the Gospel." And the--the Word is the beginning or the forerunner of the Gospel.

The Word goes out, and the Gospel of the power of the demonstration of God follows the Word--makes the Word manifest. That is the Gospel......

WHY. I'M. PRAYING. FOR. THE. SICK_ COLUMBUS. OH SUNDAY 54-0314

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Not just teach the Word, but preach, make manifest the Word. The Word has to be made alive. It's a dead letter until it's made manifest.

And then it's quickened, and it's brought to pass, what God said about it. That's the Gospel in action, the New Testament Christianity. THE. HAND. OF. THE. LORD. CAME. UPON. HIM_ LOUISVILLE. KY SATURDAY 54-0403

E-24......"Go ye into all the world and manifest the power to all nations": Mark 16. Preach the Gospel, not teach the Word; preach the Gospel. The Gospel is not through teaching the Word; it's the Word made manifest.

These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall cast out devils, and heal the sick, and great signs and wonders. . . You see it? There it is; the Gospel made manifest......

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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)

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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......

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

175...... And every Word in the Bible is God's thoughts laid in seed form, that if received into the human being, and spoke by the same thought that materialized the Bible, brings the thing to pass.

See what I mean? How powerful could the Church be? The Bible said, "Let this mind that was in Christ be in you. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Now, your thoughts, if they become expression. . .

Like, God said, "Let there be a world." Before it could be a word, it had to be a thought. So God in the creation, created the world by His thought first, then exp--spoke it, and the thought, expressed became material. See what I mean?

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

178 Now, if that same Spirit that said, "Let there be Light," and there was Light, that said, "Let there be trees," and there was trees;

and if that same mind that was in Christ be in you, how much could it say, "Let there be no cancer," and it would be gone; "Let the blind eyes be opened," and it would be so. See? It--it's your thought. Jesus said, "Verily. . ."
You said, "That was Jesus."

But wait a minute. He said, "Have faith in God. For verily, verily, I say unto you, if you shall say to this mountain, Be moved, plucked up and cast into the sea, and

don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, you'll have whatever things thou sayest." Is that right? "You shall have it, not me, you shall have it." What power has been given to the Church. . .

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

Now, you can express it by mental conception, but if it becomes a real revelation of God, that you see it before it happened, and express it in word form, that word takes a hold and becomes material: a thought expressed.

Oh, my, how God could. . . See? If your heart and your mind is so, and infilled with God's Spirit, until your thoughts become His thoughts. . . Amen. There you are. When your mind, and your leading, and your guiding, becomes a direct place, or a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit that's moving your mortal being. . .

Oh, my.

What kind of people should we be? If the very Holy Spirit has you so embodied or empowered, that you don't use your own thoughts, you don't use your own mind, you don't use your own opinion;

but the Holy Spirit has you so built, until your thoughts and your being is God's Spirit expressing Itself through you, what kind of a church would we be?

What kind of a people would it be, this morning, if this Branham Tabernacle, this morning, was so filled with the Presence of God, why, when you didn't even use your own mind, didn't even use your own thoughts, didn't even have no alternative of your own, but just to be led by the Spirit. . . ?

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

"And they that are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." Then when the human element goes out, and the Spirit of God fills that vacancy, where you empty yourself (amen),

then will be when the Church in Its power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, will walk in His steps, in His Power, in His thoughts, in His Being, in His moving. . . You see what I mean? Then your thoughts will become words, and words will become material.

That's when the Church in its power. . .

I believe it's on its road, that when the Church will be so wrapped in Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind so away from theirselves, that they don't see themselves, they don't have no. . . [Blank. spot. on. tape--Ed.]. . .

thoughts but to serve God. And their thoughts move on. They refuse the things of the world. They just move in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, move in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, so fulfill the law of Christ.

Then the love of Christ in the human heart, moving in the Holy Ghost, that great wonderful Church will go forth with power and Deity; because Deity will be revealed in human beings by the Holy Spirit bringing to pass the thought of their mind.

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

185...... But when you can become so dead to the things of the world, that Christ is first, Christ is all, then your entire makeup is of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, He has full control. That's when your thoughts will be clean. Your thoughts will be pure. Your heart--your heart. . .

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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,.... .

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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......

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"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?

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.....

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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. . ."

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.....

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.....

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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. .

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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......

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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......

FIVE. IDENTIFICATIONS_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0911E

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.

THE. SECOND. SEAL_ JEFF. IN TUESDAY_ 63-0319 201-4 {182}...... it started out antichrist by being against the teaching of Christ that accepted dogma instead of Word,

THE. SECOND. SEAL_ JEFF. IN TUESDAY_ 63-0319 213-2 {269}

.........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

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.

BE. NOT. AFRAID. IT. IS. I_ SANTA. MARIA. CA FRIDAY_ 62-0629

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 10:25

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.

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,