THE CHURCH 212 RECONCILIATION THROUGH KENOSIS 89

COLOSSIANS 1:15

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

COLOSSIANS 1:16

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

COLOSSIANS 1:17

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

COLOSSIANS 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728

- 154..... First, to express Hisself completely, God in Christ.
- 155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.
- 156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshipped with them.

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And through that purpose He achieved a Church, that He, the fullness of God, might bring to pass every promised Word of God in these last days; when He gets the preeminences, preeminence in the Church, the position, His place in the Church.....

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 2_ JEFF. IN ROJC 585-643 SUNDAY_ 61-0101

Now, the first throne was in heaven, judgment seat. The second throne was in Christ; the third throne is in man......

......"God Chose a Man's Heart for His Control Tower?" The devil chose his head for his control tower. See? He makes him see things, look through his eyes. But yet God in his heart makes him believe things that he cannot see. See? See, God is on his heart; in the heart of man is the throne of God. You get it? Man. . . God made His throne in the heart of man.....

THIRST_ TUCSON. AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-0919 177 By your desire, you can tell who is on the throne of your heart. By what you love, that's what tells. You, you say, "Well, I think them things are all right, Brother Branham." Well, just remember now, in your heart, you know what's there.

Yes, sir. By what is feeding your soul, what your soul is thirsting for, and you can see it satisfies that; if it isn't this Word, then there is something wrong, because the Holy Spirit lives on the Word only. See?

TRYING. TO. DO. GOD. A. SERVICE. WITHOUT. IT. BEING. GOD'S. WILL_ SHP. LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B 133....... The, Throne of God, of Christ, is erected into your heart; and He's setting on God's Throne, but in the Millennium He sets on His Own Throne; which, He swore that He'd raise up this Man, His Son, David's Son, to set on His Throne.

EXODUS 25:20

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

EXODUS 25:21

21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

EXODUS 25:22

And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

LEVITICUS 16:14

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

LEVITICUS 16:15

Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 3_ JEFF. IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY_ 61-0108

308 Now, "the mercy seat. . ." Now, the mercy seat's in the heart, seat where the shining forth of His--His Glory in all of His children, the Shekinah Glory in the human heart........

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 3_ JEFF. IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY 61-0108

328.....Now, God has a mercy seat today to be guarded. You believe that? Where's the mercy seat found? In the heart of man. Where did it come in the heart of man? At the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost (which is God) come into human hearts......

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 3_ JEFF. IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY_ 61-0108

I was setting the other day and saw this, and I just jumped up and run around and around and around the chair, saying, "Glory. Glory. Glory. Glory. Glory," around, around. Charlie, I act worse than I do up in the woods sometime......

THE. POWER. OF. GOD_ CHICAGO. IL THURSDAY_ 55-1006E E-60....... Crossed the riven veil where the glories never fail, where the Shekinah Glory of God keeps alive, keeps from contaminating, keeps from indulging in the world, and sets aside, sanctifies the believer, taking all the things of the world, all the doubt and darkness from his mind, and putting a pure heart.

God writing His laws, one time, and put it in the table under the ark. And today, the man living in the Shekinah Glory, under the mercy seat, God writes His laws upon his heart and preserves them......

WHY. ARE. PEOPLE. SO. TOSSED. ABOUT_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-14 SUNDAY 56-0101

26-2.....the man who lives in the Presence of God under the veil lives in the Shekinah Glory. I don't care if the storms are raging, or the clouds, or the moon don't shine, and the stars don't shine.

When the candlesticks goes out, that doesn't matter. He's living in the Shekinah Glory of God under the power of the Holy Ghost.

THE. UNVEILING. OF. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0614M

328...... How could the Shekinah Glory ever reveal Him in three persons? See? How could the Shekinah Glory ever reveal Him as being baptized, people, in the name of the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," when there's never a person in the Bible baptized that way?

How could the Shekinah Glory limit Him to an apostle, when He's the same yesterday, today, and forever? See?

329 The Shekinah Glory manifests Him. It brings forth the Word of promise, right out to you. That's the reason that He had to veil Moses' face, because in him was the Word.

He veiled Jesus, as a humble little Man, to keep them from seeing Jehovah. And He veils Hisself today, in earthen vessels, with the Shekinah. The outside looks like a bunch of holy-rollers, old badger skins, but the inside hides the Shekinah Glory.

And It ripens the Shewbread that we feast on, and drive across the country for, hundreds of miles, see. It's the believers' Food. It's only for a believer. Remember, the Shewbread was only for the believer only, see, Shewbread Seed. Notice. What does it do? That Shekinah Glory, over the Shewbread, kept It from spoiling.

THE. IDENTIFIED. CHRIST. OF. ALL. AGES_ TOPEKA. KS V-20 N-1 WEDNESDAY_ 64-0617

And until you come in behind that badger skin, until you get out of your old skin, your old thoughts, your old creeds, and come into the Presence of God; then the Word becomes a living reality to you, then you're awakened to the Shekinah Glory, then the Bible becomes a new Book, then Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

You're living in His Presence, eating the shewbread that's only provided that day for believers, priests only. "And we are priests, royal priesthood, a holy nation, peculiar people, giving spiritual sacrifices to God." But you must come in, to behind the veil, to see the unveiled God. And God is unveiled, that's His Word made manifest.

HEBREWS 8:1

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

HEBREWS 8:2

2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

HEBREWS 8:3

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

HEBREWS 8:4

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

HEBREWS 8:5

5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

I THESSALONIANS 4:3

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

I THESSALONIANS 4:4

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

I THESSALONIANS 4:5

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

FAITH. ONCE. DELIVERED. TO. THE. SAINTS_ INDNPLS. IN MONDAY_ 57-0610

E-12 And the word saints comes from the word, "sanctified one." And "sanctify" is a compound word which means "cleansed and set apart." And the vessels that was put on the altar cleansed the vessels; the altar sanctified the vessels, and they were set apart for the service of the temple.

And a vessel of God, which we are, is sanctified through the Blood of the Lord Jesus and set apart for the service of God......

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SEVEN. 1_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0915E

34...... He spoke to the Church in the form of a Man, His Son, Christ Jesus.

And He is speaking through His Church today, through the anointed Church of the living God, through vessels of clay.

"Ye are the branches. I am the Vine." God is still speaking, and the world sees Jesus as you present Him. That's how the world is. . . "You are written epistles, read of all men." Your life tells what you are.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119

340 Oh, God's strategy is to take empty human vessels and shake the world with them.

.....At Pentecost what did He do? It taken them ten days to get all emptied up. But they was all standing there with their vessels turned up, and God took Himself and filled them up. That's all. They shook the world. Poured Himself into them. . .

That's the need of today. That's what we need today, is the empty vessels (Yes, sir.) so God can fill them up. And you cannot take them. . . (I got to bypass a lot here.) God cannot use them as long as they're already filled up. If you're full of theological training, God can't use you. God's got to have empty vessels so He can fill them.

355-1 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 9

Herein is now set forth the love of God. He desired in love a family of His own, a family of sons--sons like Himself. There before Him lies all mankind as ONE lump of clay. Out of that same lump He will now make vessels unto honor and unto dishonor.

The CHOOSING will be His own choosing. Then those chosen ones, born of His Spirit will be trained to conform to His image in their walk. He REPROVES with all long-suffering and gentleness and mercy. He CHASTENS with nail scarred hands.

Sometimes this Potter must take the vessel He is working on and thoroughly break it down in order that He may rebuild it exactly as He desires it. BUT IT IS LOVE. THAT IS HIS LOVE. ANOTHER WAY OF HIS LOVE THERE IS NOT. THERE CANNOT BE.

JEREMIAH 18:1

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

JEREMIAH 18:2

2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

JEREMIAH 18:3

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

JEREMIAH 18:4

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

JEREMIAH 18:5

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

JEREMIAH 18:6

6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

CALLING. JESUS. ON. THE. SCENE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-8 SUNDAY_ 63-0804E

Oh, if we tonight could only catch that vision! The very Jehovah, that made the heavens and earth, is right in this little vessel of ours, while we're sailing life's solemn main. For, the Holy Ghost is Jehovah, in spirit form, in you. See? God, the Holy Spirit, is God Himself in you.

INVESTMENTS_ NY. NY V-18 N-11 SATURDAY_ 63-1116B 62......They know what you are by the life you live and the things that you do. If the Life of Christ is in you, then, therefore, the works and Life of Christ you live, because that's His Life living through you. You're just in a vessel to carry on the work of God.

EPHESIANS 1:3

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

EPHESIANS 1:7

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

EPHESIANS 1:8

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

EPHESIANS 1:9

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

EPHESIANS 1:10

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

EPHESIANS 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

EPHESIANS 3:18

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

EPHESIANS 3:19

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

FPHFSTANS 4:13

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY 63-0728
- 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.
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- That's what God, Christ, is doing to the Church. See? He is letting Her know the secrets, just the secrets. Not these flirters; I mean His Wife. See? All right. Now look. No. By having the revelation of His secret made known to them, by His grace!....
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- 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 took 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.

She is the second Eve, but She is not breaking and--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.

- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY 63-0728
- 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.....
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- 421...... 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.
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- 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.
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- 432...... 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, and 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.
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- The Church is the Blood of Christ, by the Spirit, because the--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......
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- Making His mystery known to His Bride Tree; redeemed by Christ, the second Adam; going back Home, to be restored back to the original Eden, free from death, sickness, sorrow, shame, going back with Eternal Life.
- CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728
- 458...... now Christ, the second Adam, in Life, redeems His Bride from death; and now on His way back to the original Eden, restoring back His Bride in fellowship, back with God, as Husband and Wife, in the Garden of Eden, sure, Christ and His Bride.

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This is God's great mystery of love expressed, that God and man became one. See? The whole thing is God and man, one. God and man was one, there; and God and man is one, here.

See? What is it? Being filled with His Spirit, Him having the preeminences. That was God's achievement, that's God purpose to do that: that He might be in Christ; and Christ in us; and all of us together, one. The Holy Spirit, same thing; It revealed it to Christ, reveals it here; the supernatural creative Power. Oh, my!

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But all this mystery is revealed only, as He promised, to His Bride. Hell is against this Truth, of the revelation of this mystery. But the Bride is standing on it. That's Her stand.

Why do you hunger, Church, why do you thirst? It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you. But you let so many things get it out of you. You let your job, you let your wife, you let your husband, you let your children, you let the cares of the world, you let some pastor, you let somebody else get that out of you, when you know that way down in your heart you're thirsting, hungry. It's God trying to reveal it to you, see, the revelation......

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Now you see the Seals? When He was in His mediatorial work back there, redeeming, but some day He comes forth to get this Book that He's redeemed.

And all that's in this Book would be Him, for that's the believer, the words in the Book, and the Word is Him. And all that's in that, He come forth for this Book of Redemption, whose names are written on the Book before the foundation of the world, when He was slain as a Lamb......

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As the Head was took from the grave, so must the Body follow Him back to Eden. Where, the Head of the family, the Man, the Bridegroom; the Bride being the Body of the Bridegroom, must follow, the Bride, because that's the Head.

And the Head is revealed, and come back with Eternal Life; and the Body must follow that, because it is Husband and Wife again. Amen! And as long as you're pregnated with the same Word, which is His Body; you've took His Body, become in Him, when you took the Word. Not the creed; the Word! Oh, my!

519...... The Body, therefore, cannot recognize any other headship but the Word. Cause, the--the Head is connected with the Body, and the Head is the Word, and it's the same Word, one Headship! Therefore, denominations, and holy fathers, and everything else, is dead dung. There is one Headship, that's Christ. The Body only recognizes one thing, the Word!

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521...... God living among His people, doing the same things, then you can recognize a headship in Rome?

Our Headship is in Heaven. I'm not going to Rome; I'm going to Heaven when I die. See? See? The Headship is in Heaven.

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525 And here He is today, in His Word, manifesting the same thing He did there. She can't recognize another headship. No, sir. There's no bishop, no nothing. She recognizes one Headship, that's Christ, and Christ is the Word. Oh, my! Whew! I love that. Uh! Yes, sir.

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As the Head was took up from the grave, so must His Body follow Him into Eden. Therefore, the Body cannot recognize any other headship, but the Headship of the Word......

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528...... See? He, the Word, properly vindicated, is the Headship, the Head of the Church. He is the Word, the Headship. He is properly identificate, identified, vindicated, by His Own Spirit being in the Church Itself, the person.

Showing forth Himself, in vindication, is the direct proof to the entire Body. You don't need creeds, then. Denominations has perished. But the Headship Itself, recognized in the Body by personal identifications, see, identifying Himself, proves the Headship to the Body. Then, we are united under One vindicated Headship, that is, Christ, the Word of God [Blank. spot. on. tape-Ed.] not under any church.

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Then, our Headship is a Kingdom. "The Kingdom of God is within you," said the Bible, Jesus. The Kingdom! We are not a denomination.

We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life, bringing to pass every promise in this day, as it did in that day when the Word and God was one.

And the Word and God is one in His Church today, making It the Headship of the Body that is redeemed, to bring the Message in the last day; and be taken up from the dead, in the resurrection, to go back and restore again, as Adam and Eve, in the beginning in the garden of Eden. The threefold mystery of God, His Body!

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536....... His body was not held in the grave, but was recognized with Him in the resurrection. Do you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

Then, the Body of His believing children will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognized with Him, because He died for the purpose to resurrect His Bride, the Body. Recognized, because it is His Body, because it's the Word......