

Introduction

Wedded But Not Married

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Standing In The Gap

REDEMPTION

Restoration Of True
Relationship

ISAIAH 59:16

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

EZEKIEL 22:30

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

PSALM 106:23

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

Moses Stood In The
Breach – Gap

NUMBERS 14:11-21

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD is
longsuffering, and of great
mercy, forgiving iniquity and
transgression, and by no means
clearing the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers upon the
children unto the third and
fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee,
the iniquity of this people
according unto the greatness
of thy mercy, and as thou
hast forgiven this people,
from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Moses Became Their
Redeemer -
Restored Their
Relationship With
Jehovah

Without Elijah –
The Pillar Of Fire –
The Holy Ghost

MALACHI 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet before the
coming of the great and
dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The Curse Hangs Over You

The Wife / Husband
Should Be Ready And
Willing To Redeem
Their Partners

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10

9 Two are better than one;
because they have a good
reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

59-1217 - What Was The
Holy Ghost Given For?

27 And just as sure as you're
hungering tonight for the
Holy Spirit,

it's something in you, pulling
you, that a purpose of God in
your life has got to be
fulfilled, just like it was with
Ruth.

31 That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost. It's the Father, again, God the Father dwelling in you, working out His plans, to finish His plan of redemption;

working through you, making
you a co-worker with
Him; giving you a place,
giving you a part for your
fallen, lost brother and sister;

giving you His Spirit and His
love, to go hunt the lost, as
He did in the garden of
Eden. “Adam, Adam, where
art thou?” That’s what the
Holy Spirit does to a man or
a woman.

When It strikes into their heart and takes Its abode, there's a thirst and a hungering for lost souls. That's what's the matter with the meetings today.

There is not enough Spirit-touch in it, to go for the souls of the lost and the dying. It's more to make a name, or a church, or a building, or a denomination, instead of a soul-winning program. How pitiful! We could stay on it much.

59-1217 - What Was The Holy
Ghost Given For?

37 Now, God, as the Light
has begin to shine in the last
days, He is expecting us, a
great thing from us.

Because, “Where there is
much given, there is much
required.” So He is going to
require much more of us than
He did of the Lutherans or
the Methodists, because we
walk in a greater Light,

with a greater Power, with a
greater...a—a greater witness
than they had. Now, we have
a greater witness of the
resurrection. We have things
more firmer, more sure than
they had.

Wedded But Not
Married

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Called – Sanctified
But Not
Converted

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GENESIS 2:18, 21-24

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

The Redemption
Story Starts With -
Marriage Of Adam
And Eve

It End With

REVELATION 19:7-10

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me,
Write, Blessed are they which
are called unto the marriage
supper of the Lamb. And he
saith unto me, These are the
true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to⁴⁶
worship him. And he said
unto me, See thou do it not: I
am thy fellowservant, and of
thy brethren that have the
testimony of Jesus: worship
God: for the testimony of
Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Marriage Of The Lamb

God Was Lonely As
Adam Was

64-0705 - The Masterpiece

49 And, He, as any great sculptor would take his—his—his masterpiece...

Now, first, He had a masterpiece of Himself.

But now He seen that the masterpiece was lonesome, like He was, so He divided the masterpiece by striking it in the side and brought forth a helpmate.

The Only Identity
That You / I Are
'Christs' Is-
The Spirit Of The
Lord Jesus Christ In
You/I

ROMANS 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

59-1217 - What Was The
Holy Ghost Given For?

53 I got another Scripture here, in John 14:12. That's a very familiar Scripture with all the people here at the tabernacle.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that believeth on me...*

Now, don't let that word
“believeth” kind of set you
back. In a nominal church,
say, “Yes, I believe. Sure, I
believe Jesus Christ is the Son
of God.” The devil believes
the same thing. That's exactly.

The Bible said he does.

But the Scripture says, in

John, that, “No man can call

Jesus the Christ, only by the

Holy Ghost.”

You've, actually, by the
Scripture...Let me stop here
just a minute, 'fore I finish
reading. You are not
converted until you've
received the Holy Ghost.
That's right.

54 You are believing “unto.”
The Holy Spirit has spoke to
you, and you’ve publicly
confessed Him. The devil has
the same thing.

“I believe Him to be the Son of God.” So does the devil.
But you’re walking on
towards Him.

When, Peter had been called
and justified, by believing on
the Lord Jesus Christ; and in
John 17:17, Jesus sanctified
them through the Word, for
the Word was the Truth.

And He was the Word. 1st, John says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us.”

He was the Word, so He
sanctified them. He said,
“Father,” speaking to the
Spirit in Him, “I sanctify them
through the Word,” Himself,
by laying His hands upon
them. “Thy Word is the
Truth.”

Just merely spoke Him into existence, in the womb of a woman; oh, totally impossible for Him to be any other way than this Word of God to make Him manifest. “I sanctify them.”

55 He gave them power
against unclean spirits. They
went out. He put their names
in the Lamb's Book of
Life. And He sent them out,
John...

Matthew 10, and gave them power over unclean spirits; cast out evil spirits, and do works, and so forth. And they come back, rejoicing, said, “Even the devils is subject to us.”

He said, “Don’t rejoice
because the devils is subject
unto you; but rejoice because
your names in the
Book.” And Judas was with
them. See how close he can
come;

right on up through
justification, move right on
into sanctification. But where
did he show his light? Where
did he show himself? Before
Pentecost, he showed his
colors.

56 Watch, that spirit will be
just as pious and just as
sanctimonious as it can
be, until it comes to the Holy
Ghost, and they'll cut It off
right there.

That's that spirit (can't you see it?) moving up, the antichrist. And Jesus said,

“They would be so close together, in the last days, it would deceive the very Elected if possible.” But, remember, it’s just the Elected that will see it.
God calls by election.

You, aren't you happy that you're one of them? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Aren't you, people here tonight, knowing that something in your heart tugging,

“I want that Holy Spirit. I
want You, Lord, in my
heart”? That’s because God
put your name on the Lamb’s
Book of Life before the
foundation of the world.

He said that.

“No man can come to Me,”
said Jesus, “except My Father
has drawed him first.

And all that comes to Me, I'll
give them Eternal Life.” What
is Eternal Life? The Holy
Spirit. “Eternal Life,” take that
word and run it in the Greek,
and it said, *Zoe*. *Zoe* is the
Holy Spirit.

“All that the Father has given
Me will come to Me. And all
that comes to Me, I’ll give
him the Holy Ghost, and I’ll
raise him up at the last day. I
will do it,” He said.

Not no if-and-and's about It.
"I will. All that comes; and I
give Eternal Life." He'll have
to raise, 'cause he's got
Eternal Life. He has to come.
Can't die no more than God
can die.

57 Oh, my dear friends from
around this country and in
this little city, if I could only,
with my human voice,

place into your heart the
importance of receiving the
baptism of the Holy Ghost, it
would be the most wonderful
revelation that you ever had
in your life.

To see what...You must do it.
Let me make that clear,
about, “You’re not
converted.”

58 Peter had been saved. He
believed on the Lord,
followed Him. Jesus told him
who he was, had him to
follow Him. He gave him
power against unclean spirits
and sanctified him.

But after all of that, and
become the chief spokesman
of the group; as the Catholics
would want to call it, “the
bishop of the church, or the
pope,”

or whatever it was, the head
man of the church; yet Jesus
said, the night of His
betrayal, “Lovest thou Me,
Peter?”

And he said, “Lord, You
know I love You.”

Said, “Feed My sheep.” He said that three times.

And Peter said, “You know I love You, till I’ll go with You to the—the end, and I’ll go with You to the death,” and so forth.

59 He said, “Before the cock has crowed three times, you’ll...before the cock crows, you’ll have denied Me three times.” He said, “But, Peter, I’ve prayed for you.” Listen. That’s not all of it.

“I have prayed for you. And after you are converted, then strengthen your brethren.”

“After you are converted.”

He had shouted. He had probably danced in the Spirit.

He, he had done all kinds of
things, but he hadn't received
the Holy Ghost yet. "After
you are converted, then
strengthen your brethren,"
that's true, "carry out His
plan."

60 Now let me finish reading John 14:12. Now in the 14th chapter and 12th verse, Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth...” And you cannot believe...”

Believeth on Me.” You can
believe unto Him. How
many understands that? Say,
“Amen.” [Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

61 You remember, in Acts 19.
I hate to stop this here, but I
just have to say it as it comes
to me. In Acts the 19th
chapter, when this Baptist
preacher, which was a—a
lawyer and was converted,

and he was preaching and
getting people saved. And
they had great joy, just
rejoicing and shouting,
having a meeting.

Acts 18, Aquila and Priscilla, we referred to it last evening, and they had went to see him. And they knowed he was a great man, and he was a student.

And he was proving by the
Bible that Jesus was the Son
of God, only knowing the
baptism of John. He didn't
know the baptism of the
Holy Ghost yet.

So he said...

Aquila and Priscilla, that husband and wife, little tent makers; which, Paul was a tent maker, too.

And they had received the Holy Ghost under Paul's teaching. They said, "We've got a little brother that's coming up here. Let him talk to us a little bit about it."

And when Paul came up and
heard him preach, knowed
he was a great man, he
said, “Have you received the
Holy Ghost since you have
believed?”

They said, “We know not
there...whether there be any
Holy Ghost.”

He said, “Then to what,” or
the real Greek word there is,
“to how was you baptized?”

They said, “We have been
baptized already by John the
Baptist.”

62 Now watch what Paul
said. Paul said, that, “John
verily baptized unto
repentance; not for remission
of sins, but unto repentance,
saying that’s what you
believed.”

When you accept Christ as
your personal Saviour, you
are believing *unto* the
baptism of the Holy
Ghost. That is not the
baptism of the Holy Ghost,
my dear Baptist brethren. It is
wrong.

A brother said to me the other day, said, “Brother Branham,” or some time ago, months ago, he said, “Brother Branham, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness.”

I said, “Truly.”

Said, “What more can a man
do than believe?”

63 I said, “That’s all a man
can do. That’s all he can do
today, is believe God. But
God gave him a seal of
circumcision,” that we went
through last night,

“as a sign that He had
accepted his faith in Him.”
And, today, until God...
You believe unto Him when
you accept Him as your
personal Saviour.

But when God gives you the
seal of the Holy Ghost, He
sealed you to your Eternal
destination. Now you
Baptists take that, and I'll go
with you on Eternal security.
Yes, sir.

Because, “Grieve not the
Holy Spirit of God, whereby
you are sealed until the day
of your redemption.” You are
not sealed by believing *unto*,
but sealed by the Holy
Ghost. Ephesians 4:30,

“Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption.” That seals you, when you’ve found favor with God, and He sealed you by the Holy Spirit.

That's so, for the Bible said,
“No man can call Jesus the
Christ, only by the Holy
Ghost.”

64 You say, “I believe it because the pastor said so.” He’s right, but that doesn’t count for you. “I believe it because the Word says so.” That’s right, but that isn’t for you, that doesn’t count you.

The only way that you can
say that Jesus is the Christ, is
when the Holy Ghost comes
into you and bears record,
and witness Itself out, “He is
the Son of God.”

That's the only way you
know the resurrection, is
when the Holy Ghost bears
record. "When He the Holy
Ghost is come, He will testify
of Me, show you things to
come; bring these things, that
I said, to your memories."

You'll never find it in the
school. See? He will bring
these things to your
memories.

62-0211 – Oneness

21 On the Day of Pentecost,
we find the Holy Spirit, the
Pillar of Fire, separating Itself
and setting upon each
member of that Church, God
putting Hissself together!

Then with that group of
people together, what does it
do? Brings back the unified
Body of the Lord Jesus.
Coming together!

22 And today in this great separation that we are living in, denominational differences and things, what a pity, what a disgrace!

23 Joined in Heavenly
wedlock to the Eternal God,
part of Him, part of God. In
flesh I become Branham
because of my father,
Branham.

You become part of your
father and mother, but in
spirit we become in union
with God, is part of
God. That's the reason that
the spirit cannot die.

“He that believeth on Me has everlasting Life. And in the image that he is here on earth, and in his likeness, I’ll raise him up in the last days.”

Not a spirit being, for we'll
have a body like God's
glorious Body, the glorified
Body of the Lord Jesus, raised
up in That Image.

24 Jesus said, going to the
grave of Lazarus, “I am the
resurrection and Life. He that
believeth in Me, though he
be dead, yet shall he
live. And whosoever liveth
and believeth in Me shall
never die.

Believeth in Me, not on Me,
but in Me.” Being in Him,
believing! “If ye abide in Me
and My Words in you.” In
Him, believing! Oh, my! I
hope the Holy Spirit gets that
right down to you.

Now, you're the little flock,
that's why through the week,
praying and asking God, I
chose this text, to show you
where we stand. Believing in
Him. You cannot believe in
Him until you come in Him,

or, He comes in you, then
you're believing in Him, then
you have Eternal Life. You're
believing *on* Him until you
receive Eternal Life, then
Eternal Life is God's Life in
you, then you're
believing *in* Him.

25 “Ye in Me, I in you. That¹²³
they might be one, Father,
even as You and I are
One.” God in Christ, Christ in
the Church. See? “Just as We
are One, so they be
one.” Then how can you be
one?

“If ye abide in Me, My
Words in you.” See, abide!
“My Words in you, then ask
what you will.” For it isn’t
you no more, it’s the Word
that’s in you, and the Word is
God.

The Mystery
Today Is: Christ In
You:-

COLOSSIANS 1:27

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

The Very Purpose
Of Christ Coming
Is:- The Sheep To
Have His Life

JOHN 10:10,15,17

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

17 Therefore doth my
Father love me, because I lay
down my life, that I might
take it again.

Baptism In Water Is
Unto – Receiving
The Holy Ghost

ACTS 19:1-6

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them,
Unto what then were ye
baptized? And they said,
Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this,
they were baptized in the
name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

ACTS 2:37-39

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

God Added
Daily Such As
Would Be Saved

ACTS 2:47

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

ACTS 5:13-14

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

The Promise Of The
Holy Ghost – Life –
Is T Them God
Calls / Draws

JOHN 6:37-45

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

He Seals Them

EPHESIANS 4:30

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Those Who Come
Otherwise- The
Lord Jesu Christ
Will Pluck Them-Up

MATTHEW 15:12-13

12 Then came his disciples,
and said unto him, Knowest
thou that the Pharisees were
offended, after they heard
this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

MATTHEW 22:11-14

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

MATTHEW 7:21-24

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.

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?

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

24 Therefore whosoever
heareth these sayings of mine,
and doeth them, I will liken
him unto a wise man, which
built his house upon a rock:

They Will Be Lost

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In
His Own Word

29 You can be anointed
out here, in this spirit, and
desire, and do all these other
things.

But when it comes to this tie
post to that Word, you'll
never move from there.

It'll hold right steady and
true, to that Word, as it can
be. Outside of that, regardless
of what you do, you're still
lost.

30 That Laodicean Church

Age, “naked, blind,
miserable; don’t even know
it.” See, it’s out...It’s that
anoointed, anoointed with the
real Spirit. See, that Holy
Spirit can fall upon a man, in
his spirit.

But his soul is his germ; that
germ is the Word. See? And
how...I don't care how much
you can preach, how well
you do *this*, and how much
you love; that's one of the
inlets to spirit.

You can't love with your
body; you love with your
spirit. That's one of the inlets.
And you can love, and even
love God, and still not be
right.

You can cast out devils, and
preach, and do these things;
still not be right. Jesus said so,
said many would come in
that day. That Word settles it!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,...

Come Soberly
And Consciously

61-1105

THE TESTIMONY OF A TRUE WITNESS
JEFFERSONVILLE IN V-15 N-6 SUNDAY

71 Now, the one reason that I am a Calvinistic thinker, of security of the believer, is because that I believe that when a man or a woman is in their right mind,

that is the time to accept the
Lord Jesus and get it all
settled then, once for ever.
Because when we come to
the end of the road, we don't
know just where and how
we're going to be sick.

We may be sick in our mind;
there might be a fever that
would really cook our very
brain; and we might say
anything or do anything at
the end of the road. We don't
know.

But, you see, if we have
already anchored in Christ,
no matter what sickness takes
us, or what condition we are
when we go, it's already
settled. We are sealed until
the day of our redemption.

Ephesians 4:30, says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day (not of your death, but) of your redemption." See? After death's done over, you're still sealed.

62-0714 THE.UNCERTAIN.SOUND
SPOKANE.WA SATURDAY

E-36 Comfort the hearts
of those who are looking
upon him. Let us remember,
Lord, that our bodies are
frail. Dust we are, dust we
return.

But let us remember our
Creator now while we have
our right mind and can come
sanely and sensibly to the
altar and receive Christ as our
Saviour.

Bless Brother Wall, Lord. I pray for him, and I pray for the one that's dying, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

63-0118 SPIRIT.OF.TRUTH PHOENIX.AZ
FRIDAY

27 Now, it's such a
marvelous thing, and--and
yet it's so simple, if we would
just stop and think.

We press, we quiver, we--we
fear, we get in flusterations
and doubts, just thinking.

"Well, must I press in?" It isn't that. It's just yielding, see, realizing that you're nothing, and just let Him completely take you over, take over your thinking, take over.

28 Now, I don't mean to
walk up to Christ with--with
just a--a blank mind. I don't
mean that. You come to Him
in your right mind, and in a--
a--a penitent mind, and
humble.

And then say, "Lord Jesus, here am I. Now, it's written here in Your Word, that You 'had many things yet to say to the disciples.'

You said, 'They could not bear them now.'" And perhaps that's our case today, we cannot understand them.

True Marriage That
Binds Two People –
Vows

64-0823E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2
JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY

158 299. If Jesus in a second... (No.) If Jesus--if you in a second marriage where both parties are divorced... the--it (r-e-p-e-n--)--repentance--it--is repentance enough,

or do you have to end--or do you have to end your marriage relationship to be right?" "If--if you're in a second marriage where both parties are divorced..."

I think I've already answered that. See? Yes, already answered that. Where both parties are--are... I just..

I--I wish we didn't have to go through these things, people. I got friends setting right here, out in this audience here that I know...

It just nearly kills me to say that, but I--I got to say it. See? And the world is in such a corruptible condition.

Some poor, little, old woman make a mistake and marry some alcoholic and--and they turn that way, or some poor man married some streetwalker and not know it, and then be bound to that woman or man as long as they live.

That's a horrible thing.

Marriage is a sacred thing.

Many times sinner kids run in and do those things, and then they wonder what it's all about.

I--It's... I believe, if the Lord
will permit me to explain this
marriage and divorce the
way it should be, I believe it'll
clear up a whole lot of that.
It's all... [Blank.spot.on.tape--
Ed.]

The Issues Of
Marriage Are Referred
To In- Marriage And
Divorce Message

65-0429E - The Choosing Of²⁰² A Bride

47 Now, it's a serious thing when we go to choose a wife, a man, for the vows here is "until death do we part." That's how we should keep it.

And you take that vow
before God, that only death
will separate you. And I think
we should...A man in his
right mind, that's planning a
future, that he should choose
that wife very careful.

Be careful what you're doing.
And a woman choosing a
husband, or accepting the
choice of a husband, should
be real careful what she's
doing, and especially in these
days.

A man should think and pray
before he chooses a wife.

65-0429E - The Choosing Of A
Bride

51 And if we would study
what we're doing when
we're going to get
married, when we choose
our wife, our husband, if
we'd study it over!

A man should pray earnestly,
for he could ruin his entire
life. Remember, the vow is
“until death do we part,” and
he could ruin his life by
making the wrong choice.

But if he knows what, he
making the wrong choice and
is marrying a woman that
isn't fit to be his wife, and he
does it anyhow, then it's his
fault.

If the woman takes a husband
and knows that he's not fit to
be a husband to you, then
that's your own fault, after
you know what's right and
wrong.

So, you shouldn't do it until
you thoroughly pray through.

Marriage Vows
Must Be Under
Good Faith –
Truthful

64-0823E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2
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« 193 † 313. Brother
Branham, what is the meaning
of a annulment? Are people free
to marry or is this just another
word for divorce? I would like
some information on this.

Sure they're married. As long as they take that vow, they're married. Just like a boy, if a boy promises a girl to marry her under good faith, he's obligated to that girl. He's just as good as married her.

The only thing the law does,
is give you a--a bill of rights
to live together to keep from
being common-law husband
and wife. But when a man
tells a woman, "I will marry
you, Honey;

I will take you for my wife.
Will you take..." he's married.
Your vow is sacred; that's
what marries you anyhow.

There's not no preacher can marry you, no magistrate, or nothing else; it's your own vow to God and to this man. When you promise, you are married.

Marriage Vows

65-0220X - Wedding
Ceremony

..... Who will I ask to give this woman to be wife to this man? [The bride's father answers, "I, her father, will."—Ed.]

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony,

which is commanded by Saint Paul to be honorable among all men. It is therefore not by any to be entered into unadvisably or lightly, but advisably, soberly, and in the fear of God.

Into this holy state these two persons present come to be joined. If there is any persons here that can show a just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together in this holy matrimony, do you now speak, or, from hereafter, forever hold your peace.

I will require and will charge you both, as you'll surely answer at the Day of Judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together in this matrimony,

do you now confess it, for be
it assured unto you that any
couple that are joined
otherwise than God's Word
doth allow, their marriage is
not lawful.

But duly believing that you
have considered this solemn
obligation that you're about
to assume, then, that you
have prepared to enter upon
the same, reverently,
discreetfully, soberly, and in
the fear of God,

I shall propose to you the marriage covenant. You will declare the same as you join your right hands together. [The groom and bride join their right hands together—Ed.]

Will you have this woman to
be your lawful wedded wife,
to live together in this holy
state of matrimony;

do you promise to honor and²²⁷
love and cherish, in sickness
and health, riches or
poverty, and will forsake all
others and cleave thee only
unto her as long as you both
live? [The groom answers, “I
will.”—Ed.]

Will you have this man to be
your lawful wedded husband,
to live together in this holy
state of matrimony;

do you promise to love,
honor and cherish, in sickness
and health, and forsake all
others and cleave thee only
unto him as long as you both
live? [The bride answers, “I
will.”—Ed.]

I will require a token that this²³⁰
covenant will always be
kept. [Two rings are placed
on Brother Branham's
Bible, then offered to the
groom for the bride, then to
the bride for the groom—
Ed.]

Will you join your right hands together again, place them upon the Bible.

False Vows

59-0628E - Questions And
Answers

91. Matt-...(Let's see.) Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?

184 Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, “Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery.”

The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, that—

a woman that's unmarried
cannot commit
adultery, because she has no
husband to commit adultery
against. It's uncleanness for
her. She has to confess that to
her husband before they are
married if she's did that.

If not and her husband finds
it out later, he has a right to
put her away, because she
took a false vow. For the
Bible said, “Be it well...” or
ritual says.

“Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God’s Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful.

I will require and will charge
you both as you'll surely
answer in the day of
judgment when the secrets of
all hearts shall be disclosed,

if either of you know any
impediment why you should
not be lawful joined
together, do you now confess
it.” There you are. See?

185 So fornication is what a
girl, when she lives unclean,
that's fornication, 'cause she
has no husband.

But when she's married, and
then when she lives like that,
she commits adultery against
her husband.

186 A woman come not long ago, and she said, “Oh, I’ve confessed all that.” She was nervous, and had a breakdown, and said, “I’ve confessed all that to God.”

187 I said, “You have to confess it to your husband. It wasn’t God that you committed adultery against; it was your husband.” That’s right.

188 And if a man marries a
woman and she has lived
unclean before she marries
him, and then she comes to
him, if they've been married
ever so long,

and then she comes to him
and says, “Honey, I want to
tell you something. I did run
out with another man, I
never told you.”

Jesus said he has a right to
put her away and marry
another, because they're not
married in the beginning,
'cause she falsely told a—a lie
against him.

65-0221M - Marriage And
Divorce

285 “What God has joined
together, let no man put
asunder.” Not what man
joined together; what “God”
joined together!

When you've got a direct
revelation from God, that's
your wife, and the same
thing, that's yours, the rest of
your life. See? But what man
joins together, anybody can
put apart.

But what God joins together,
no man better dare to touch
it. “Whatsoever God joins
together,” He said, “let no
man put asunder.” Not what
some half-drunk magistrate or
something else put together,

or some backslidden preacher
with a bunch of creeds in a
book, that would let them do
anything in the world, and
the Word of God laying right
there. See? I'm talking about
what God joined together.

The Three Steps Of Marriage

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb

81 Now, marriage, in one sense,
is a type. The earthly marriage
here is a type of the heavenly
marriage. Now let's go over it,
just for a few moments, to
rehearse it a moment.

82 The first thing there is,
there must be a decision
made. The first thing, takes,
in natural marriage, is a
decision has to be made.

The young lady has to make²⁵⁵
her decision, whether she
wants this young man; and
the young man, whether he
wants the young
woman. There has to be a
decision made, and you have
to make it.

She must be the only woman
in the world that you love,
and he must be the only
man. If it isn't, then you
made a wrong decision.

83 And that's the same way ²⁵⁷ it
is by making the decision for
Christ. The first thing you
have to do, is make up your
mind whether you're going
to serve God and take Him as
your Saviour, or you're not
going to do it.

Are you going to serve the world? Are you going to serve Christ? You have to make up your mind.

There has to be a decision
made. When you make up
your mind, that you're either
going to serve God or
mammon, then you take
your choice. But the decision
has to be made.

84 And then, after the
decision is made, that you
are, then comes the
engagement. That, you find
that at the altar. You've got
to make an engagement
before this union can be.

And that's the way it is with Christ's Church. It has to be an engagement with Christ, a—a pledge, an engagement, a love affair.

85 And then, the next thing,
is—is promises made. There
has to be promises made to
one another, like that you
make promise. “Sweetheart, if
you’ll marry me, I promise
that I’ll be loyal and true.

I will look upon no other woman.” Or, “I’ll look upon no other man. And I’ll do all that as a duty, as a wife.

We have children, it'll do all as a duty as a—as a mother. I—I'll be a housekeeper.” All these promises has got to be made, or should be, in a correct wedding.

86 And that's the same thing²⁶⁵
when you come to
Christ. "Lord, if You will
receive me into Your
Kingdom, I promise." There
you are. "I'll love You. I'll be
true to You. I'll serve You,
day and night."

It's too bad we forget that. "I'll serve You, day and night. I'll fast. I'll pray. I'll be loyal to You. I'll bring my tithings into the storehouse. I—I'll—I'll pray, many times a day.

I'll—I'll do anything. And I'll
pledge all my love to You.”
That's what you should
do. That's exactly right,
where you promise that, and
it should come from your
heart.

87 If you promise your husband that, and not from your heart, you mean it, you are absolutely not living correctly with him. It's kind of a crystallized affair.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of The Lamb

91 And then a church that's just artificial, called the church of Christ, well, them children then are not in There, that's born of that same organization.

Is only...They're not Christ's
children. They are
denominational children, and
not children of Christ.

92 If the woman isn't
connected with the man in
trueness, then it isn't her
husband. It's just a man she's
taken a vow to live with, and
she took a wrong vow.

She pledged to love him, and she said she loved him, and she didn't do it. All the time, the man is deceived.

93 But there's one thing sure,
friends, we're not going to
deceive Christ. He knows His
own.

94 But, you see, first,
decisions made. Next,
engagement. Then, promise.

95 And, then, the ceremony.
And that's when the bride—
bride takes the bridegroom's
name. She is no more then of
her own name. She takes the
bridegroom's name.

96 And then when the Church has the ceremony, makes their promises, then She takes the Bridegroom's Name. Then She is no longer a church of the world.

She is the Church of the Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen. Not...I
don't mean, that, by name. I
mean, that, by Birth, by
nature, by power of God.

By the revealed Truth of God,
in the heart, She becomes a
Christian Church, the great
universal apostolic Christian
Church. She becomes a part
of Christ.

When She does that,
She...Christ injects into Her
His Own Spirit, His own
Life. And the Bible said, to
Adam and Eve, there, “You
are no longer twain, but
one.”

And when the woman,
Church, is married to Christ,
they are no longer two. They
are One. Christ in
you! Amen. That's it. His Life
has been brought into you,
then you become the Bride.

97 Then, another thing, after she has taken all these vows, and so forth, and the ceremony has been said:

98 Like, my wife's name was Broy before she was married. Now, she is no longer a Broy. She is Branham. Now, she isn't no more Broy. She is Branham.

99 And when you come into Christ, you're no more of the world. You are of Christ. See? You care not then for the things of the world.

They are dead to you. “For he that loves the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in him.”

100 So, you see, you can't be
an artificial Christian. You can
be an artificial, professed
Christian.

101 But you can't be a Christian,
become, until Christ injects
Himself, by the baptism of the
Holy Ghost, into you. Then
you're connected with Him.
You're no longer twain. You are
One. Christ promised to be in
us, as the Father was in Christ.

“I and My Father are One.
You and I are One.” See?
Christ in us! All that God was,
He poured into Christ. And
all that Christ was, He
poured into the Church, to
continue the work of the
Gospel.

102 Then we become, not by artificial name, but by a reality of the Holy Spirit of Life connecting us into Christ.

Then, through the power of His resurrection, we are raised from the dead things of the world, and setting with Him in Heavenly places.

Amen. I like that. Tonight,
we're setting in Heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,
see, resurrected with Him;
died to the things of the
world, and took on Christ.

And when we take on Christ, then the world is dead, then we no more care for the world. The world is dead to us. And we're...And it's dead to us, and we're dead to it.

Questions:
To Address Specific
Conditions