Birth Pains

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John 16:20-22

²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from

Romans 8:15-20

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1. The World Is In Birth Pains To Bring Forth A New World; But This Is Only A Reflection Of Birth Pains In The End Time Bride Who Is Due To Bring Forth Sons And Daughters Of

65-0219 - This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled 27 So on Sunday afternoon, when I got up to speak, I was going to take my text on Birth Pains, where Jesus said, that,

"As a woman in travail with a child," she is travailing in birth. And so I was going to speak from there, as, Birth Pains, the subject, saying that the world is in birth pains now. The old has to be done away with, so the new can be born; just like a—a seed has to rot away, in order to give new life.

28 And how the pains, birth pains struck the world! In World War One, she had a terrific pain, because they had poison gas, and so forth, that almost could destroy the world.

And in World War Two, she struck another, harder pain; they had blockbusters, and also an atomic bomb. She cannot stand another labor pain.

With these missiles and things today, one more war will throw her out into space, for she will now be delivered. And there will be a new earth. The Bible said there will be.

29 Under every prophet's Message, Israel got a birth pain, because that these prophets would come on the scene after the theologians and clergymen would have the church all in a organization form.

And when them prophets come on the scene with THUS SAITH THE LORD, they shook them churches,

and she had a birth pain. Finally, she had birth pains plumb on up until she delivered a Son of the Gospel, which was the Word Itself made flesh.

30 So the church really is in birth pains tonight, again, for the deliverance of the Son, Son of God to come again.

All of our theologians, all of our systems, all of our denominations, has rotted right out from under us.

So we are in birth pain, and a Message from God always throws the church in heavier pain, but after a while she is going to be delivered of a Bride. That'll bring forth Jesus Christ to His Bride.

65-0124 - Birth Pains 104 Now, Jesus told us just exactly what would take place just at this time. He told us, in Matthew 24, that the Church, true Church, and the other church, would be...

Church natural, Church spiritual, "Would be so close together, impersonators, until it would deceive the very Elected, if it was possible."

How that it was in the days of Noah, "How they was eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage," and all this immorality of the world that we see today. The Bible, the Book, the Doctor's Book said it would happen.

So, when we see this happening, we know that the birth is at hand. It's got to be. Yes, sir. Now, we look at that, as—as the nation; as not a nation, but a world.

105 Now, Israel, the church, let's start back with her a few minutes. And let's follow her for the next ten minutes, maybe.

Israel had birth pains under every prophet that came to the earth. She had birth pains at his Message. For what did it do? The prophet had the Word.

And—and she had sown so much rottenness and made so much systematic orders in her being, until this prophet shook her off of her foundation. They were hated by everybody.

So, therefore, when God sent a prophet, the church itself went into birth pains. Because, the prophet, "The Word of the Lord comes to the prophet, and him only."

That is, the Word that's spoken for that day is made manifest by the prophet of that age, always has been.

And, the churches, they build so many systems around the Word, until he shook her off her rocker when he come. She had birth pains.

106 What was it? Back to the Word! Back to the Life! Systems doesn't have a Life. It's only God's Word has Life.

The systems that's built around It, where does not have Life. It is the Word that gives Life. His Message rocked the remnant back to the Word. A little group will come out and believe.

Sometime, maybe...In Noah's time, only about eight people. But, anyhow, God rocked the remnant. And, destroyed, the rest of it had to rock away.

107 It did that, all down through the ages, until finally the church delivered to them a Man Child, and that Man Child was the Word, Itself, made flesh.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." He conquered every devil, every power upon the earth, that come against Him, with the Father's Word only.

Every temptation that Satan give Him, He rebuked Satan; not with His—His Own powers that He had, but with the Word of God. "It is written...It is written... It is written... "For He was the Word.

65-0124 - Birth Pains

89 The First World War showed great birth pains. It showed one of the first birth pains of her going into labor.

Because of that time for her, we had brought forth the bombs, and we had machine guns, and poison gas.

And you remember. Maybe many of you cannot. I was just a little boy of about eight years old, but I remember them speaking of this mustard and chlorine gas, and so forth.

"How just look like it'd just get started and," they said, "it would burn up the whole earth. It'd kill everybody. Well, it might be a—a—a breaking of that, just winds blow it across the earth."

And how everybody was scared to death of that great weapon of poison gas! The earth went through, had its first birth pains.

90 And we find out now, we've had a second war, World War, and her pains was much greater. It's more terrific all the time, the birth pains of the earth.

She almost had to give way, during the time of the atomic bomb, because it would destroy a whole city. It was much greater than the pains of the First World War, of destruction to the earth.

91 Now, she knows that her time of deliverance is at hand. That's the reason she's so nervous, flusterated,

as she is, is because that there is a hydrogen bomb, and missiles of the air that could destroy the whole world. One nation is scared of the other, no matter how little it is.

They got those missiles that they claim will just...One of them. They can direct them by the stars and drop them anywhere in the world they want to.

92 Russia, as I heard on news, other day, she claims that she can destroy this nation, and—and keep the atoms or the things from breaking up her nation.

We don't know what to do about it. Everyone is making these claims, and it's so.

93 People's science has broke into God's great laboratory, until they're going to destroy themselves.

God lets, always lets wisdom destroy himself. God doesn't destroy anything. Man destroys himself by wisdom,

- as he did at the beginning, taking Satan's wisdom instead of God's Word.
- Now, she knows she must give way. She cannot stand it.

94 Russia, I believe, would destroy this nation today, if she thought that she could destroy it, and then preserve herself.

Any of those little nations could do it. But, they're afraid, because they know that this world cannot stand in its orbit under such conditions.

95 So, the world knows that her birth pains is so great, she's got to give way.

There's going to be a new birth, born, at hand. I'm thankful for that. I'm tired of this one. Any...anyone knows that—that here is the place of death and sorrow,

and all kinds of discrepancies, and so forth. I'm glad that she has to give way, and I'm glad that time is at hand. As John said, of old, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

96 Now, she must rot, of course, as I have said, in order to bring new birth. Look what she has rotted into. Notice, my brethren!

She's totally rotten. Her politics and systems is just as rotten as they can be. There isn't a sound bone in her, in her world systems, her politics and her religious politics, and whatever it is.

One says, "I'm a Democrat. I'm a Republican. I'm Methodist. I'm Baptist." Why, the whole thing is rotten to the core. There's got to be something give way.

She can't stand. If you put a George Washington or an Abraham Lincoln in every county in this United States, it still couldn't come back. It's beyond redemption.

97 There's only one thing can help her, that's the Coming of the Creator. Amen.

62-0311 - The Greatest Battle Ever Fought 147 The greatest battle was ever raged, is setting right ready now. Certainly, it is. Oh!

Hallelujah!

148 When I think of it! When I stood and watch Him do things, see Him reveal things, open up things, say, "It'll be this way and that way," there it is!

Oh, look back here, and say, "Who is this great Captain?" Oh, I don't look back and see if it's Doctor So-and-so. I see what the Captain said.

"He's the Captain of our salvation." Hallelujah! What is salvation? Deliverance! Glory! "He's the Captain of our deliverance."

149 The great hour of charge is at hand. Hallelujah! Soldier, with armors gleaming, colors streaming!

Faith and doubt is setting yourself in array, in this tabernacle, this morning; doubt on one side, faith on the other. Soldiers, stand at your post of duty. Hallelujah!

Our Captain, the Morning Star, leads on. He never goes back. He (never) don't know the word retreat. He don't have to retreat. Amen. Certainly.

150 The greatest battle ever fought, she is going on right in here now, yes, sir, between life and death, between sickness and health, between faith and doubt, oh, my, between liberty and bondage.

The battle is on! Shine your spears, soldiers. Polish up the armor. God is getting His soldiers ready. Amen. God anoints His army.

151 America dresses their soldiers in the best that they can have to dress with: steel helmets, and armors, and whatever they got, armored tanks, whatever they go in.

152 God dresses His army.
Hallelujah! What kind of
equipment do we use? The Spirit
of the Sword, the Word of God!

Amen! "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword," Hebrews 4, "piercing even to the asunder the bone,

even the—the marrow of the bone, even a Discerner of the thoughts of the mind." The Word of God! To believe His Word, and that's the way God armors.

153 That's what He give Eve to arm herself with. And she broke her armor down. How'd she do it? By opening up her mind to reason. You don't reason with God's Word. It has no reason.

You...lt's just God's Word. There's no—there's no doubt about It. There's no reasoning to It. It's God's Word. That settles it. That's got it. That settles it forever.

2. Like Mary, That Which Is In The Bride (That Little Group) Is "Of The Holy Ghost' Because She Has Accepted The Word That Eve Turned Down!

62-1104M - Blasphemous

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172 I believe there is a Bride that's predestinated. I believe God said He would have "a Church without spot or wrinkle."

I believe in predestination, that the Bride is predestinated. She's got to be There. I hope I'm with Her. That, see, I'm with Her.

Now it's up to me to work out my own salvation with God, until these things are approved of God, and then sealed into the Kingdom of God.

- There is the Holy Spirit. There is the genuine works of God. "It's sealed until the Day of redemption."
- That was her dream. I thought it was beautiful.

173 Now, therefore, when She does that, when that Church comes to this place, or the individual, the Church is going to be There.

Let me say it real good so you get it. The Church is predestinated to be There. I want to be with It, but the only way I'll be with It, is to be part of lt.

How do I become part of It? By being in It. How do I get in It? By a baptism, by one Spirit. First Corinthians 12, "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body." One Body; baptized into lt.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 355 Then from a little group of the true Seed of the Word, God will present Christ a beloved Bride, a Virgin, a Virgin of His Word.

And through them, and by them, will be fulfilled all that has been promised for His Word in the Virgin who knows no man-made creeds or dogmas.

356 The Word of promise in Himself, like It was in Mary, God Himself made manifest. He will act Himself, by His Own Word of promise,

so to fulfill all that has been written of Him, as He did when He came from the virgin womb. Type of the Spirit womb now, so will the Virgin now, accepting His Word,

"Be it unto me as Thou has said." Though it was said by an Angel, while it yet was the written Word, Isaiah 9:6.

357 They will love Him, love His, and will have His potentials, for He is their Head. And they are His subjects, subject to His Head. Headship of Christ was His.

3. We Have A Qualified "Doctor" On The Case: And He Says The Time Is Due For Sons And Daughters Of God

65-0125 - This Day ThisScripture Is Fulfilled29 Just like the doctor here, if he went to treat a patient.

We've got doctors today that says, "You can rub your foot, on the back of the heel, and heal the cancer on your face, you see."

But a good doctor wouldn't listen to such a thing as that. He treats the patient according to the book that he is reading on medical research.

30 And that's the way I try to do to treat the patient. When I see the church sick, I don't want to try to tell them they need a new handshake or something, a new organization.

I have to treat it according to the Book that I—I know, see. And so when I see the church, look like breaking out with measles,

I want to take the very Prescription I think is right, and for the measles, to get it out of the church; when I see sin breaking out in it, it's the same way!

31 I tried to make a comparison with Esau and Jacob, and then bringing times down. And I won't go into that.

But bringing it down to the last part in my last Scripture to use, was comparing it, not unscripturally, but as Jesus said it would be,

what the main Doctor said the condition of the church should be, in this last days, "It would be a Laodicea, rich, blind, naked, poor church," and it would be compared with the days of Sodom.

Now, we know that's the Truth. If you notice it, historically, He brought in the days of Noah, first, and then the days of Sodom. And that's just the way it's traveled, just the same way.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 58 If you're married to Christ, Christ is the Word of God. In Saint John, the 1st chapter, said, "In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the same was made flesh and dwelt among us." Christ was the living Word.

He always was the Word. He is still the Word. He always will be the Word. He was only the manifestation of the attributes of God, for He was the Son of God.

59 And any son is the attributes of his father, and just as you were in the genes of your father, in the body of your father when he was a young boy, you were in him.

Yet, he could not have fellowship with you, because he didn't know you.

But then, through the bedding grounds of a mother, you were brought forth into the earth and become in the image of your father, then he could fellowship with you.

60 And so were you, sons of God and daughters of God, before there even was a moon, stars, or a molecule.

You were sons and daughters of God, for you are only the physical manifestation of the attributes that was in God at the beginning.

For, there's only one form of Eternal Life, and that was you, before. You don't know nothing about it. Neither did you know when you was in your earthly father,

but you are manifested to...in his image. In the image of God you are made, and you were manifested for the glory and the fellowship of God.

61 And, therefore, as sure as your gene had to be in your father, before your natural birth, your spiritual gene had to be in God,

because you're an expression of the attributes of His thoughts, before the foundation of the world. Right. No way around it.

That's right. Now, now we notice, then, that Life being in you, God's Life being in you, from the foundation of the world.

65-0219 - This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled 127 Luther was right on time. Wesley was right on time. Pentecost was right on time. Nothing out of the order.

128 Now I ask you to consider the age and time we now live in, with the promised Word for today.

If back in other ages, men could say, "this day this Scripture," "this day this Scripture," then what about the Scripture for this day? What's promised for this day?

Where are we standing? What hour are we living, when the clock is beating, the scientific clock, three minutes before midnight?

World has got the jitters. The church is in a bed of corruption. There nobody knows where they're standing.

What time of day is it? What about the Scripture for this day? The conditions of the church, or, the conditions of the church today!

129 In the world, politics, our world system, is just as rotten as it can be. I'm not a politician.

I'm a Christian. But, I ain't got no business talking about politics, but I just want to say they're rotten on both sides.

130 I voted once, that was for Christ; I got to win. The devil voted against me, and Christ voted for me; depends on which way I cast my vote.

I'm glad I cast it on Him; let the world say what they want to.

- I still believe that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He'll prove it. He certainly will. Certainly.
- The increase in crime, juvenile delinquency!

131 Look at our nation, once the flower of the earth, our great democracy was formed back there in—in the...at the declaration of independence,

and declaration of independence was signed, and we had a democracy, and our great forefathers, and the things that they done, we had a great nation.

132 But she is now rottening, and crumbling, and shaking, and giving away. And trying to tax people, to get money to send over yonder, to buy friendship with their enemies;

they're throwing it back in our face. One world war, two world war, and still moving on to a third one. Certainly. Politics is rotten, corrupted, rotten to the bottom.

Just exactly what Matthew 24 said it would be, "Nation would be against nation, kingdom against kingdom." All these things would take place. Let's consider this now. All right.

133 Notice another, the increase in scientific research. Now, one time, just a...My grandfather went to see my grandmother, in an ox cart.

Now it's a jet plane, or even an orbit into the air, into outer space. Its great...How, who said this? Daniel 12:4,

the—the conditions of the world, the condition of science. 134 And notice again, today, in our educational system. Now don't try to deny this. I've got the newspaper clippings, teaching sex in our chur-...in our schools, of young students to

135 How about in our priesthood? Tonight I got a piece out of the paper. Over in Los Angeles, California, of where a bunch of clergymen, Baptist and Presbyterians, ministers,

brought a bunch of homosexuals in and practiced homosexual, saying they was trying to win them to God. When, that's one of the curses of the hour, a Sodomite! And the law even arrested them. 136 Now where we at? Our whole system has rottened out from under us. I seen the increase in homosexual across the United States has increased twenty or thirty percent over last year.

Think of that, man living with man, just exactly like they did in Sodom.

137 Increase in crime, juvenile delinquency! What hour are we living? This day this Word of prophecy is fulfilled.

65-0429E - The Choosing Of A Bride

168 And we find today, that, the modern church, a modern world church,

the modern world church and also that the spiritual Church are both pregnated, to give birth to sons.

169 One of them, a denominational birth, is going to be give, one of...day, to...these days, at the World Council of Churches, which will produce to the world the antichrist, through a denomination.

That's exactly the Truth. I may not live to see it. I believe I will. But, you young people, remember that you heard a minister say that. That'll finally wind up.

And that is the mark of the beast, when she forms that World Council of Churches. And she'll give birth to her son, the antichrist.

170 The other is pregnated by the Word of God and will bring forth the Body, the finished Body of Jesus Christ, which is the Bride.

The Body of Christ isn't finished yet. How many knows that? A man and woman is one. And Christ is one Body, the Word.

The Bride will have to be the rest of that Body. And the two, together, makes the one Body again. Like Adam was at the beginning: man, his wife, are one.

Now, She, the true Bride, so sold out to Him, that She use no mind of Her own. His mind, of course, is His will, and His will is His Word.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 465 And remember, we are now, as His Bride, pregnated with His Spirit. Oh, my! The Church, bearing children, see, pregnated by His Spirit with His Name;

bearing His Name, bearing His Life; bringing forth the signs of His Life, evident with the preeminences, evidence of His resurrection;

showing that He is not dead, but alive for evermore. This is Eternal Life, and vindicated, vindicates to the world that we are alive in Him. Whew!

466 How do you know, 'cause you're a church member? Because, Christ is living through you, so pregnated with His Spirit that you—you're a prisoner to anything else.

You're confined, oh, my, to the Gospel, confined to the Word, and all the children that you can bring forth is that, 'cause you're a prisoner.

467 You can't commit adultery; you're already pregnated. Glory! He can't take a hold.

The womb of life is closed to anything else. You're already His, by predestination. That Seed has come to Life; no world can get in. Oh!

Oh, how we'd like to stay on this for about an hour! I'm sure you understand. See? Christ, and His alone, already finished. The Seed was there. The Seed was, already.

When was It put there? "Before the foundation of the world, has predestinated us unto Eternal Life." And as soon as the Life-giving flow, that Seed laying there...

Other seeds that just would come in, wouldn't take hold, just couldn't do it, like. But when that Seed come in, quickly it stopped up the womb; all the rest of the seed was drove out, see, like that.

468 And you become a prisoner, surrounded, in Christ. Christ in you, His Life bringing forth His evidence, His signs.

Oh, my, my! Look, bringing His signs of Life as a evident of His resurrection, proving to the world that Eternal Life, vindicates to the world that we're alive in Him.

And think of it, alive with God, our Redeemer, Who created us for the very same purpose, the Church, and His creative Life in US.

4. To Bring Forth Word Children The Bride Must Be Like Her Husband-accepting The Word And Becoming The Further Part Of Him.

63-1113 - The Sign of This Time 112 Now the church has come up through the—the score of the church ages, after the first, Ephesian Church Age, in the Bible.

And if the Lord willing, before I leave here, I want to preach on a little subject called The Countdown, and see how we have come, how we've progressed.

Now notice now on the—the Ephesian Church Age and those church ages, until it went into the Dark Age of a thousand years of darkness.

And then Luther, being the first reformer, he come out with justification; here come Wesley, with sanctification; here come the Pentecostals, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The church constantly getting into the minority, greater powers. "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will rise a standard against it."

113 And now we've left the Pentecostal age. Now we are coming to where like in the pyramid, not pyramid doctrines now, but I mean like as the pyramid.

The Headstone when it comes to fit, it's got to be honed.

There's got to be a ministry in the Church, the true Church of the living God, to where when the Headstone comes, Christ, or the ministry of Christ, and Christ will fit right in together perfectly.

Then that brings back the Redeemed, to take the whole House of God to Glory; the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian, through the great reformation ages,

that come out and gave their lives in persecutions and things for the Kingdom of God. But that Stone is coming. Yes, sir. It certainly will come. God will send It. It'll fit all the Building together upon it.

See? Now we see these signs, as we see the ministry from Christ beginning to narrow up now, to the complete ministry of Christ, in the fulness of the Holy Spirit.

114 Under Luther it was same Holy Spirit, justification; then sanctification under Wesley; the messages; then the baptism of the Holy Spirit, making three. Three, not three steps of grace, but three stations, I might call it. 115 Notice like this. When a baby is born, there is three things that constitutes its birth. The first thing in normal birth...

You adults listen close now; the young children will never catch it. But, let's see, the first thing in a normal birth is water, then blood, then life. See?

116 Now that's the same thing that constitutes the new birth; water, Blood, Spirit. The elements that came from His body is what makes His Body. See?

It come from His body, is the material that takes to—to make His Bride. Because, Adam had his bride taken from his body. Christ has His Bride taken from the body.

And when Christ died, there was three elements that came from His body; water, Blood, Spirit; justification through believing, water; sanctification through the Blood; the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

117 Now this last great step must come into the perfection, that the Holy Spirit has to live in that Church so perfectly, it'll make the Head and the Body unite together.

See? See? That's the Body. He is the Head in the Body. Now we find that He promised, in these last days, that that would be done. We find it.

65-1206 - Modern Events Are Made Clear By Prophecy 117 Pentecost, that's why Luther lost his message. That's how Wesley lost his message. See, if the Wesleyan church would have went on, they'd been Pentecostals.

If the Lutherans went on, they'd been Methodists. See? Now if the Pentecostals go on, it'll be the Bride.

If you hang back and keep going back in the world like you're going now, you'll be lost! It'll only be the shuck, and the stalk is to be burned.

We know that. He will gather His Wheat into the garner. But the husks He'll burn with unquenchable fire, although it was a carrier.

It certainly carried It. But the Life left it as soon as it become a leaf, it went on out to make something else until it come to its full stature.

118 And so will the Church come through Justification, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost (restoration of gifts), right on into the formed image of Christ.

Christ is the Bridegroom, the Church is the Bride, and the Bride is a part of the Bridegroom.

It'll have to be a Word Church, not a denominational church. It'll be the Word Church, the Word that's made known, and, with the vindicated Word of God.

65-0221m - Marriage And Divorce

256 Notice, He can put her away, but she cannot put Him away. He did it, has proved it, in the days when Luther, Wesley,

and Pentecost, when they refused to become the further part of Him by having spiritual sexual affair to become pregnated with further part of the Word.

You understand? She refused. The Lutheran church refused for Christ to have any more desire with her;

Luther refused it. And let me say this, going to call me something anyhow; so is it today with every one of them, they fail to take that Word, they refuse Christ!

257 And any woman that refuses a man his child, has no right to be a wife to him. Amen. You remember, in the Bible, when the king married Esther? Because the queen refused, he just got him another one.

And when the...What happened when she refused to come out with the king and obey him? The same thing it is with a woman that refuses to be wife to her husband.

258 And so is it with the church that refuses to become pregnated in the age that we now live in, to bring forth children of this age.

We are not Lutherans, we're not Wesleys, neither are we Pentecostals!

We've got to be the children of this age, through the pregnancy of the Word of God, to bring forth a Child of this age, the Seed Child. Amen.

I hope you understand. Couldn't be pregnated, no, so what did He do? Put her away, in divorcement. That's right. But she daresn't put Him away. He put her away.

259 He went right on revealing His Word to the Body, and vindicating Him, same, by Himself.

His children begin to kind of look more like Him, because It's fully maturing, or, they become children of the Word, not children of the church.

Children of the Word! And the Bride will be a lovely little Lady of the Word, unadulterated, not touched by any man's organization, any man-made theory.

She'll be purely unadulterated, Bride of the Word! Amen and amen! I hope you get that, out on the air. She will be the pregnated daughter of God.

5. Love Affair-You Only Love Your Own nature-The Bride can't help but have the Nature of Her Mate and love Him Back

62-0121e - The Marriage Of The 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 make 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 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 thing 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.

88 Look here. If—if you haven't got teeth, and you use false teeth, now, that's all right. It's substituting for the teeth that you once had. But, actually, those teeth are not connected with you.

It's not part of you. If you had an—an arm amputated, and you put a false arm on, well, that arm is actually not connected with you. It's just stuck on you. See? It's not connected with you.

89 And when we take our pledge to Christ, if we don't become part of Him, like a woman ought to become part of a man and a man part of the woman, then we're artificial Christians.

We're not, really. You're really not married to that woman. You might be loyal.

If you don't love your husband, and him sixty or seventy years old, and you don't love him as good as you did at the beginning, then you're really just raising his children.

90 That's the way the churches are, too many today. We're just taking the name of the "Christian Church," pretending to be the Bride.

When, it's artificially. We're not connected with Christ in any way.

We're like an artificial tooth, artificial arm, artificial eye. See? It's something that's artificial if we're just putting it on. Well, you can't put on Christianity. You've got to be connected with it.

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 l 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.

103 You're a different person, different personality, because you are a new creation. Creation! Not the same creation, polished up; not a—a man that's turned a new leaf.

But a man that's died, and been born again, and become a new creation in Christ Jesus, and the Spirit of the living God lives in the person.

104 Now, just like the woman that's no more Broy, she's a Branham, and she goes by that name.

105 And the Church is no more of the world, but it's in the Name of Christ, she is. She's connected with Him, by His own Life.

56-0805 - The Church And Its Condition

36 And I thought of how God, (the dove is such a loving bird) and the Dove, God, wanting to make love with His human beings.

God wants to be loved. God wants to love you. "God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but to have everlasting Life." Blessed be the Lord! Then God, wanting to make love, He had to some...make something loveable.

He had to make something gentle like Himself. He had to make something that could be loved. He had to make something of His Own Nature.

37 You couldn't love nothing that wasn't of your own nature. Loving has to unite with love.

A husband and wife have to love one another, if they ever make the grade. Family has to love one another, if they ever make the grade.

Something to be loved! You search everywhere, finding a girl to be your wife that you love. She searches, finding a husband that she could love.

38 God searches, trying to find a soul that He can love. So, He represented Himself here on earth as a gentle Dove and a gentle Lamb.

If that Lamb would at one minute ever taken on the nature of a snarling wolf, that Dove would have took Her flight immediately, she'd have got away.

65-0429e - The Choosing Of A Bride

75 That wild, starey, ricketta look, better stay away from her, boy, all that there blue stuff over atop her eyes.

And I didn't...I wouldn't want that. I don't think that's becoming to a Christian.

I don't care how much the television and paper says it's pretty. It's the most horrible-looking, hideous sight that I ever seen in my life.

76 When I first seen that, here at Clifton's Cafeteria, one morning, at a breakfast... I seen some of them young ladies come up. Brother Arganbright had just come in, and I.

And he had went downstairs. And I looked, and that girl come in. I thought, "Well, I—I—I—I don't know." I never seen it before.

It was some kind. Oh, it looked like she was cankered, you know, just kind of funny-looking. I'm not saying that to be funny. I'm—I'm saying it. You know, I've seen leprosy.

I'm a missionary. I seen all kinds of freaks, you know, of how diseases. And I was going to walk up to the young lady and tell her, "I-I-I'm a minister. I-I pray for the sick.

Would—would you like for me to pray for you?" And I had never seen anything like that. And then, here come two or three more, in. I kind of stepped back then and waited.

77 And Brother Arganbright come by, so I said, "Brother Arganbright?" He may be here. I said, "What's the matter with that woman?" See? And he said, "That, that's paint."

78 I said, "Well, my, my!" See? I thought they ought to have her in a pesthouse somewhere, you know, keep it from breaking out all over other women.

79 But, you know, you have to plan, look, pray, when you're choosing. For, we see, by this, the Word of promise. She, the bride that a man would choose, is going to reflect his character. It reflects what's in him.

80 Now, could you imagine a man, filled with the Holy Ghost, take something like that to be a wife? [Congregation says, "No."—Ed.] I—I—I just don't see it, brother.

Now, maybe I'm just an old crank. But, you know, I—I just can't understand that, see, notice, for it's going to reflect what's in him. She is going to help him make his future home. 81 Now, then, when we change back now for a moment, to the spiritual side. And when you see a church that's in the world, acts like the world, anticipating in the world, partaking of the world,

counting God's Commandments as if He never had wrote Them, then you—you can just imagine Christ ain't going to take a Bride like that.

Could you imagine taking the modern church today for a Bride? Not my Lord. I don't...I could hardly see that. No.

Remember, now, a man and his wife are one. Would you join yourself to a person like that? If you would, it would certainly kind of disappoint my faith in you.

82 And, then, how about God joining Himself to something like that, a regular denominational prostitute? You think He would do it, "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof"?

He would never do it. She must have His character in her. The real, true, borned-again Church must have the—the character that was in Christ, because the husband and wife are one.

And if Jesus did only that which pleased God, kept His Word and manifested His Word, His Bride will have to be of the same kind of character. She could not, by no means, be a denomination.

Because, then, no matter how much you want to say, "no," she is controlled by a board somewhere, that tells her what to do and what she can't do, and, many times, a million miles off of the true Word.

6. You Couldn't Carry The 89 Pregnancy Of The Word Unless First, You Are Married To Christ And Christ Bears The Responsibility To Give To Himself A Holy Church Without Spot Or Wrinkle ---

65-0217 - A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord 48 We got so many things we have to do, so much responsibility that we have to face. Everybody has got to face a certain responsibility.

49 When you—when you come to—to choose your wife, to get married, or choose your husband, you-you've got to take a responsibility. And then you must remember...

Maybe you build a home; it's a nice pretty home. And then, remember, as a married woman, you got to think of the responsibility of raising children. And you got to think of them pretty, slick walls is going to have little, dirty handprints all over them.

Then you got the responsibility of educating your children. You got the responsibility of clothing and feeding.

50 Everything is a responsibility. And it's so easy, when the responsibilities face us, to shirk from them. And we find out that marriage is a responsibility, in all manners.

51 Even, many times, we find...This is hard to say, but it's true,

that ministers, many time, shirk a responsibility for standing for the true Word of God when they're confronted with It. They'll shirk that responsibility.

When Truth of the Word of God is brought face to face with we human beings, we have...we are prone to shirk back until the last resource.

67 If I was a young man, and looking for a wife, to be married; and here stood a girl that met every qualification that I thought it took to make a woman.

Why, morally she was a queen, and lovely, and—and a fine personality, a real Christian, everything that I could think of, to make me a good wife.

No matter how much I say she's perfect, she's exactly right, she isn't mine till I accept her and the responsibility of her being my wife.

68 That's the same thing the Message is. You might say, "It's right, or this, that, or the other." And say, "I sympathize with It.

I believe It's the Truth." But you've got to accept It; and It's got to become a part of you, and you a part of It. You've got...Then, It's yours.

69 When you marry this certain woman that you have chosen, you are—you are one then.And that's the way you are with Christ.

When you see Him manifested and made real, then you are a part of Him, and He is part of you. And, together, you're a part of the Message.

57-0417 - The Second Coming of The Lord

81 What have you been doing, church? What's your conditions tonight?

When your hand's raised up in your devotion, is there something checked you? If you're flirting with the world, if you're doing things that's wrong, your kiss...

82 Think of it, man. Mister, I want to ask you something. And this goes for Miss, too,

and Mrs. Young Lady, what would you think of your boyfriend, if you knew you seen him out kissing and going on with other girls,

and you were engaged to him, and he come over and patted you on the hand, and say, "Dear, I love you only"? You'd say, "You little hypocrite, get out of my view!"

83 What would you...? Think of it, Mister. We're not only engaged, but we are married. The Church is married to Christ.

We are the Wife of Christ, bringing forth children. How would you like to come home of a night, for your devotion to your wife,

and she's got a bunch of little children, and you find that day...? And when she comes in, oh, her nails may be painted (that is, if you're of the world).

You might...She might look ever so pretty, but you know. Think of it, brother, if that woman's been kissing other men.

If those arms that's around you, telling you she loves you, and you know that that's a...that she's loved others too, her love is not true.

Her love is not true. It doesn't belong to you, it belongs to others also. If there's any man about you, you'd scoot her off your lap.

Think of what a feeling that would be. Think of it, lady, if your husband come home. Not only that, but packing diseases of immoral acts.

84 And, oh, bless your heart, the church is eat up with spiritual venereal, of all kinds of isms and everything else.

It's wrong! God, be merciful! Jesus is coming, friends. You ain't going to have time one of these nights, or one of these days. You better check up now.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed

414 Now, here is what I'm trying to say to you. The law of reproduction, bring forth of its kind, Genesis 1:11.

These last days, true Church-Bride comes to the Headstone, will be the super Church, a super Race, as the...nears the great Headstone. They will be much like, so much like Him, even they will be in His very image, in the order to be united with Him.

They will be One. They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God.

Denominations can never produce This. This will be...They will produce their creeds and dogmas, mixed with the Word, and—and brings a hybrid product.

415 The first son was spoken Seed-Word of God. He was given a bride. (I'm just reviewing. The Spirit now is picking up what I said. See?) A bride, produ-...to produce himself. She fell.

See, that's what...The bride was given, to produce himself again, another son of God. But she fell, by hybreeding, see. Produce himself; but she fell, caused him to die.

416 The second Son, a spoken Seed-Word of God, was given a bride, like Adam.

But before He could marry her, she had fallen, also. For she was put to a free moral agency, like Adam's wife was, to believe God's Word and live, or doubt It and die. And she did.

417 Then from a little group of the true Seed of the Word, God will present Christ a beloved Bride, a Virgin, a Virgin of His Word.

And through them, and by them, will be fulfilled all that has been promised for His Word in the Virgin who knows no man-made creeds or dogmas.

418 The Word of promise in Himself, like It was in Mary, God Himself made manifest.

He will act Himself, by His Own Word of promise, so to fulfill all that has been written of Him, as He did when He came from the virgin womb.

Type of the Spirit womb now, so will the Virgin now, accepting His Word, "Be it unto me as Thou has said." Though it was said by an Angel, while it yet was the written Word, Isaiah 9:6.

419 They will love Him, love His, and will have His potentials, for He is their Head. And they are His subjects, subject to His Head. Headship of Christ was His.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 228 But the word, justified, is though you never done it. Amen. It's not even regarded, at all. How is it done?

In God's Book of the Sea of Forgetfulness, your old book and marriage is divorced and dead, and it's not even in the memories of God. Amen.

You are justified. "Therefore being justified." It was accused. You was accused. You never done it, in the first place.

The old union is in the Sea of God's Forgetfulness. You wasn't married to it, to begin with. He, the Bridegroom, bore your shame, Himself, for you, in your place.

He took your place, for you were predestinated for Him, to be in His Bride, before the foundation of the world. The Bible said so. You are the predestinated Seed.

229 How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage, to your adulterous parent, Eve.

It's no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery.

That's the reason you was born an adulteress. You're a sinner, to begin with. That's right. You was deceived into it. You had no...No, you, it ain't your fault.

230 You never did it. Because, that little germ that was in you, was to be you, before the foundation of the world. God put your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

7. The Revealed Word, Births, Nurtures And Positions The Sons And Daughters Of God

60-0515E - Adoption #1 36 Now, Canaan does not represent the age of the Millennium. It only represents the age of the overcomer, the dispensation of overcoming,

because in Canaan they killed and burned and took cities. And there'll be no death in the Millennium. 37 But another thing that it does, it brings up justification by faith, after they believed in Moses and left Egypt.

Sanctification, to following under the Pillar of Fire and the atonement of the sacrificial lamb in the wilderness. And then entering into a land that had been promised.

38 Now, what is the land promised to the New Testament believer? The promise is the Holy Spirit. "For it shall come to pass in the last days," Joel 2:28, "that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. And upon My handmaids and My maidservants will I pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

I'll show wonders in the heavens above. And in the earth, pillars of fire, and smoke, and vapour." And Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost,

after taking his text and preaching, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission," to remit, to forgive, to take away all back trespasses. 39 Did you notice, Joshua, before they crossed Jordan, Joshua said, "Go through the midst of the camp and clean your clothes and sanctify every one of you,

and let no man come at his wife, for within three days you'll see the glory of God." See? It is a—it is a process of getting ready to inherit the promise.

Now, the promise to Israel, was, God gave Abraham the promise of the land, of Palestine, and it was to be their possession forever. And they was to always remain in this land.

40 Now, they come three stages, coming to this promised land. Now watch, it's perfectly typed in the New Testament.

41 Now this, as I have said, disagrees with some of the thinking of yours. Some of you precious Nazarene people, Church of God,

and so forth, don't let it hurt, but just watch it close and watch the types. Watch and see if every place don't hit just perfect.

42 There was three stages of the journey, and there's three stages of this journey. For, we are justified by faith, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, forsaking the land of Egypt, come out.

And then are sanctified through the offering of His Blood, washed from our sins, and become pilgrims and sojourners, claiming that we are seeking a land, a city that's coming, or a promise.

43 So did Israel in the wilderness, sojourners, no place to rest, traveling night after night, following the Pillar of Fire, but finally come to the promised land where they settled down.

44 That's where the believer comes. He comes first to a recognition that he's a sinner;

then he is separated by the waters, the washing of the water, by the Blood, and...or the washing of the water by the Word, rather, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, being justified by faith, he becomes a partaker, and a peace with God, through Christ, baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ, to omit him into the journey.

You get it? Into the journey! Then he becomes a sojourner and a pilgrim. He's on his journey to what? A promise that God made.

45 Israel had not yet received the promise, but they were on their journey. And without raising...Please do understand. That's where you, the Nazarene and Pilgrim Holiness,

and so forth, fell. Because, Israel, when they come to the spot, of Kadesh-Barnea, when the spies went over and said, "The land is great," but some of them come back and said, "We can't take it, because the cities are walled up, and so forth."

But Joshua and Caleb stood out, and said, "We're more than able to take it!" Because of their already signed-up documated statements, they believed in two works of grace,

justification and sanctification, and could not move any farther. And, listen, that whole generation perished in the wilderness.

But two that went over into the promised land and brought back the evidence that it was a goodly land, "and we were more than able to take it, because it was God's promise."

Then instead of the people going on, receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking with tongues, receiving the power of God,

the baptism of the Holy Ghost, signs, wonders, miracles, they felt that it would break down their tradition of doctrine. And what happened to it? Perished in the land! That's right.

46 But the believers, the Caleb and Joshua outfit, that was going on to the promise, they moved on over into the land, and took the land, and settled down in the land, as a possession.

And we never stop at justification, sanctification. Let's go on to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let's not stop at believing on the Lord Jesus, being baptized.

Let's not stop because He cleaned us up from a life of sin. But now we pressed on into a position, to a promise of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

For Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

47 So, Ephesus here sets us like Joshua, positionally. You notice, Joshua, after crossing over the land, and taking the land, then he divided the land.

"Ephraim here, Manasses here, a nd this one here, Gad here, Benjamin he re." He divided the land.

8. Through The Labor Pains God Gets His Church Lined Up In Their Position...With The Word And With Each Other For A Perfect Walk

60-0515E - Adoption #1 110 Now, who could doubt that? That's what Paul said. That's Paul's Scripture. That's Paul's writing.

That's what he taught his church. The church, positionally, before the foundation of the world.

When God, in His labor pain, was bringing forth, bringing forth you, knowing what you would do,

He positionally placed you into His Own Body, to be a housewife, to be a farmer, to be a preacher, to be a prophet, to be this or to be that.

He placed you positionally. Then when we have come from the garlic lands of Egypt, through sanctification, and is baptized into the promised land...

For, the promise of God is the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption."

Then God, having predestinated the church, He said, "And all the peoples, there will be millions times millions that will walk very religious and be deceived."

The only ones that will not be deceived will be those that have come over into the promised land,

who before the foundation of the world had their names put on the Lamb's Book of Life, and is come over into the promised land, and enjoying it.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

50 How that God has set some in the church, through the labor pains! Oh, they get tremendous sometime. When a church is groaning under the persecution of the outside world,

believing on the Lord Jesus, that the promise of the Holy Ghost is just as real to us as it was to Pentecost, how they groan and cry under labor pains!

But when they are born, and positionally born into the Kingdom of God, then the Holy Ghost has set in the church, some apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, some evangelists.

Then He's give into there, speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, knowledge, wisdom, gifts of healing, all kinds of miracles.

57 Why did they die, innocent man? Because one man stepped out of line. You see reason this needs to be taught?

The church lining up, lining up with the Word of God, lining up with God and lining up with each other, walking perfectly upright, soberly, before all man, fearing God.

Because one man stole a garment, and done something that he should not done, took the life of sixteen man! I think it was sixteen, maybe more. I believe it was sixteen man that was dead.

54-1212 - He Swore By Himself 101 Listen. I'm going to say something. Look. Faith is unconscious. Amen. You believe it? I've learned that in the years of travel around the world,

and meeting the peoples of all different walks. But, faith is unconscious. You got faith and don't even know it. That's right.

102 Jesus Christ, no matter, if He was in a storm and the gale is knocking the boat from one side to the other, or He was standing in a face, a mess of demons;

if He was hanging anywhere, it never moved Him. He walked right on, just as calm and quiet as He could be. Why?

He was simply unconscious of fear or anything around Him. That's right. Whether it was going to happen, or whether it wasn't going to happen;

He knowed it was going to happen because God said so. He didn't say, "Oh, have I prayed through? Wonder if I fasted long enough? Wonder if I did this?"

He just walked right on, unconscious. That's right. He believed what God said was Truth. The Words must be fulfilled, and He knowed what His life was to fulfill Them. That's right.

103 And you're here to fulfill It, too. Just walk unconscious of fear. Walk unconscious of criticism.

Walk unconscious unto the world. Walk, as you walk in Christ, walk with Him. Not paying any attention, the right or left hand; just keep moving on.

If something comes up in the church; walk with God. Hallelujah! If sickness strikes you; walk with God. If the neighbor don't like you; walk with God. Just keep on walking with God.

104 Enoch, one day, walked like that. You know what he done? He walked all the way Home, with God; got so far up the road, he didn't want to come back anymore. Amen.

105 Walk with God! Doctor says you're going to die; walk with God. Yeah. Doctor says you can't...

Well, walk with God. Just walk with God, that's all. For God has promised you, "I'll never leave you or forsake you.

I'll be with you to the end of the world." And He took an oath, by that covenant that He give you, that He would confirm it. Just walk with God, then.

106 You'll have your up's-and-down's. Don't worry. You got to go through brier patches, over sharp rocks, over bluffs, down over the hillsides, up through the mountains, over waters;

but walk with God. Yes, sir. "There's so many hills to climb, upward," you've heard the old song,

"but how little it'll seem when you get to the end of the way." My, my! Just look at there, all that's been, look back at your footprints; won't be very much.

...after he had...endured, he obtained the promise. Men, for when men...swear by the greater: and the oath of...is confirmed, confirmation is to them an end of all strife.