That He Might Present It To Himself A Glorious Church, Not Having Spot Or Wrinkle

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Christ The Word Is The Atonement That Perfects The Bride

<u>65-1125 — The Invisible Union</u> <u>Of The Bride Of Christ</u>

323 "Let no man, by his creed, deceive you."

You stay right straight in the promise of God, the Word of God. And that Word, if It's a Word for this day, God vindicates It so. If He doesn't, it's not the Word for this day.

324 The Word that fell on the Day of Pentecost will not work this day. No, sir. That was for Pentecost.

This is for the Bride, going Home of the Bride. We got something different. The Pentecostals represented that, again. We're in the Bride age.

No more than the—the Word of Noah would work in the days of Moses; no more than Moses' law would have worked in the time of Paul here. He tried to tell them, "You are dead to that, and you cannot have that."

325 Church, you who I'm speaking to, tonight, across the nation, if—if you've separated yourself from denomination and all the filth and things of this world,

and all those things that keeps you in man-made creeds and orders and things like that, you separated yourself: Look up. Get ready. The Fire is going to fall, one of these days.

God is going to let Him come, and a sight to behold. Would you be ready when He comes? Would you be ready to go up with Him when He comes? The secret Rapture of the supernatural Bride,

"She'll be made mor-...from mortal to immortality; be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of eye. We which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are asleep." 65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 258 John was the vindicated Word. You believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

It wouldn't work in the days of Jesus. Certainly not. No, sir. "Law and prophets were until John; since then, the Kingdom of Heaven."

259 The apostles, them who set forth the Bible. Here come Luther out, in Reformation, his words, that, his church, won't work today. Wesley's won't. Pentecostal's won't. It worked in their day.

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260 But it's another day. This is the opening of the Seven Seals. I know It sounds strange to you, but God has vindicate it so perfectly.

There's no-no question in It. Just perfectly! I ain't scattering that to the local assembly here. I'm speaking to the people out across the nation. See? Do what you wish to.

261 Now notice the anointed Word of his day, of which you are a part, by predestination. You immediately, like, knew.

When you heard That, you knew right quick that you was an eagle. You also realized that you wasn't a denominational chicken, to begin with.

You knowed there is something wrong there. There is something wrong, that's right, for you know that you were trapped into it, at the beginning.

262 He, the Bridegroom, took away your shame, "And put it in the Sea of Forgetfulness, by the washing of the Water of the Word and the Blood of Life." That's what the Bible said.

Your first husband that you were married to, the world...The anointed Bridegroom, which foreordained you, has washed you by the washing of the Water. By "the church"? [Congregation says, "No."-Ed.]

That don't sound right, does it? ["No."] You might find that in the almanac, but not in God's Bible. "By the washing of the Water by the Word." In the Word! See? By the...

263 You are standing completely justified, as though you never did it at the beginning. This is my Message to the Church now. As you...as we go off the air, just in a minute.

You are standing, if you're standing on God's Word and with God's Word, every amen, every jot, every tittle. Where you standing? I'm trying to tell you, pull away from them shucks.

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And get out here in the wheat, where you can get ripe before the Son. I hear the coming of the combine. You're standing complete, justified, like you never did it in the first place. Hallelujah!

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264 Talk about a thanksgiving! I feel real good. I'm more thankful for that than anything I know of. 265 You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God,

and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned at the first place. You are perfect. The Blood of Jesus Christ! How can you...If

a man...

266 If I was supposed to die in the morning, a man took my place, I cannot die for that sin. Somebody took my place.

267 And Jesus, the Word, took my place. He become me, that a sinner, that I might become Him, the Word. Amen. Let me hold true to It, not the church. The Word! Amen.

268 Oh, that spiritual union of Christ and His Church now, when the flesh is becoming Word, and the Word is becoming flesh, manifested, vindicated.

Just what the Bible said would happen in this day, it's happening, day by day. Why, it's cumulating so fast out there, in those deserts, and things taking place, that I couldn't even keep up with it.

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We're near the Coming of Jesus, to be united with His Church, where the Word becomes the Word. Call of the Holy Spirit, searching the hearts!

269 You're standing, completely. You never sinned at the first place. God don't even know nothing. It's in the Sea of Forgetfulness.

You never did it. You were accused of it, by the accuser. But really, from the beginning, you were predestinated to be a son and daughter of God.

You're standing there, washed. And your old book of divorcement is put away, and it's dead, absolutely out of existence, even in the mind of God.

270 You're the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ. Precious, virtuous, sinless Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride-Word that He washed by the Water of His Own Blood;

that become flesh and manifested, that He might take you which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father, before the beginning, the same as He was. He was that great attribute of God, called "love."

2. Christ Is Headed Straight To Jerusalem – (According To Zechariah) But Takes A Detour To Call In The Bride.

<u>61-0730E — The Sixfold</u> <u>Purpose Of Gabriel's Visit To</u> <u>Daniel</u>

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102 Amen! All right. Now, the Millennium then is on. That's when the Millennium, when the City is to be built. Fourth...I have about six more Scriptures, but we'll hurry. Now, when we come back, I'll pick up these other Scriptures; but just get you the general idea.

103 Number five. "To seal up the vision and prophecy." See, that Angel come to seal the vision and prophecy.

I-I hate to say this. But, some great writer, that I was reading about the other day, if he didn't have that messed up! He said "What it was..."

Now, just to show how stupid...Oh, excuse me, I don't mean to say that. Forgive me. I don't mean that, I really didn't. No. A—a—a man without anointing, see.

The man said, "You see here that visions and prophecy was always allowed to the Jewish church."

And said, "From Daniel's time on, when Daniel come, it meant that they would have no more vision or no more prophecy." Said, "All these things today that they talk about, about having visions and prophecy, was all a thing of the devil," that, "there was no such a thing as visions and prophecy."

Brother, there was dozens of prophets after Daniel. And there was John the Baptist. There was Jesus Christ. There was the prophets through the New Testament. There was visions. There was Angels.

How in the world can a man say that? But, you see, that's with a selfish motive, to trying to push something over on the people, to make it a little church doctrine, or a little petty thing, to become a reality to the people. And if the people hasn't got the Holy Ghost, they'll be deceived by it.

104 Now, let's not take what some man said. Now, there is not a Scripture to prove that. So how could I take that? Well, let's find out what really is the sealing up. Watch! He come to do that, to seal up the vision and the prophecy.

105 Now, let's just turn right back to the Book of Daniel, where we was at. Over in the Book of Daniel, we will find out just what It said. Now let's turn to Daniel the 12th chapter.

Now, as we get to Daniel 12, now, we can begin. And read from...When you go home, I want you to read from the 1st verse on. Let's just read from the 1st verse, down to the 4th.

And at that time Michael shall stand...the great prince which will stand for the children of thy people Now, this is at the end time.

...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since...the nation...

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- That's when the antichrist, this First Seal rider goes forth, when
- he takes place.
- ...even until this time:...

Not in the time that when Titus took the walls of Jerusalem. That was only at one place. Watch when this antichrist, that prince that was to come, watch when he comes.

...even to the same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that's found written in the book. Hallelujah! "Thy people," Israel, "shall be written in a book." And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt-ment.

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106 How in the world could that have been when Titus took the walls of Jerusalem? How could it have been? It couldn't been. See, he is speaking of the end time, at the resurrection. Is that right? Now:

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn away...that turn many to righteousness...the stars for ever...

Listen! Here it is, the real, true sealing. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end

107 What is it? Oh, hallelujah! Do you see it, class? This revelation of Jesus Christ, and of His Power, of His Coming, of the end time, was sealed up until this time. That's what He come to do. It's hid from the scholars;

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no wonder they want to apply, "sealing it up," back yonder, to "no prophets," and everything way back. It won't hold water. But the vision, this vision, has been sealed till right here now.

And there is where I'm placing my faith, that God will reveal them seventy weeks. Amen! "Seal it up," He said, "till the end time. Close up the Words and seal the Book until the end time."

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108 What did He do? To seal up the vision and the prophecy! Daniel had prophesied these things. He had saw it in a vision, and the Angel come down to seal the vision, and to seal the prophecy.

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They can read it, but can't understand it, until the end time. The end time, what is the end time? The end of the seventieth week, when that prince, antichrist, will be revealed, at this time, making himself God. How do we know this is sealed up to the time? Daniel just got through; this is the last chapter of Daniel.

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109 Sister Simpson told me this afternoon, she said, "Brother Branham, I read the entire Book of Daniel. I–I just didn't know no more when I stopped, got through, than I did when I started."

Here it is, Sister Simpson, if you're here tonight. I believe I see her setting over there. I never said nothing in the trailer. I held my peace, 'cause I thought maybe I'd get to it.

But, the vision that Daniel had saw, down there by the river, was sealed up, "until the end time." It's...Let me just go ahead and read it here. See?

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the end time: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

And I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood...two,...one on one side...of the river, and one on the other side of the bank of the river.

And one said to the man clothed in—in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? Now listen.

And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and sware by him that live for ever and ever that it shall be for a time, time, and a half

time;...

Now, we get right-right exactly, "Time, time, and a half time." Now you watch when we get in Daniel's seventy weeks, how that comes out.

That's when the mystery is going to be revealed. All right. "Time, time, and a half time." ...and when he shall...("he," personal pronoun now, the antichrist)...shall accomp-...accomplished accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people,

(that's when he breaks his covenant in the middle of the week), all these things shall be fulfilled. (Amen.) And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O...Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the...[Congregation says, "End."—Ed.]

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Oh, don't you forget that! ...until the time of the end.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

110 The end-time Message shall reveal it; the last church age. Glory! Whew! There you are! Oh, my! It shakes me, to think of it, the mystery! The things that the church world bats their eyes, and says, "It's nonsense."

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The mystery of Who Jesus Christ was; not a third Person, not the second Person, not the third Person, but the Person of God. All these other mysteries of God will be revealed, because it's wrote here in this Book, and be revealed to the end-time generation.

They can no more see it in seminaries, and schools, and denominations, than the Jews could see Jesus being the Messiah. No wonder they try to think you're crazy.

No wonder they think you're foolish. No wonder they can't understand why you don't cluck up with them. Because, there's a Power and a vision behind it,

a Word of God that's been revealed, to get the Church in order for the Rapture and the going Home. Yes. "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." Certainly.

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291 Now, the same as those two prophets did! Remember, the Gentile Bride is to have a prophet, called Elias, Elijah, that's to call them out of their traditions, the Bride;

just the same as these prophets called Jews out of Judaism, to Christ, the Atonement. And the Gentiles already knows the Atonement,

but it's to call the Bride back to the original Atonement, where these (fifty) sabbaths they...All these seven sabbaths that they have got away from; call them back to the end time.

The seven...Listen! The Seventh Church messenger, the Seven Trumpet messenger, is all prophets. Now, that's right. Injected, is the hundred and forty-four thousand.

92 292 Calling, the Seals, which was to the Gentiles. It had to be to the Gentiles, to open up to the Gentiles, to see the Gentile Church. That's all we know. That's all we'll listen to; what's already passed. We look for

Jesus.

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300 Notice what happened. Immediately she turned back to a lovely young woman.

Showing, in there, portraying what He's going to do to the royal Seed of Abraham, to receive the Son that's been promised. She turned back to a young...

301 Look, they went down into Gerar. And what happened? Abimelech, the king, fell in love with her, said, "She is fair and beautiful," and was going to marry her.

Is that right? Old grandma; and all them other pretty girls down there. Granny, "She is beautiful. She is fair to look upon." See? 302 God changed her body, and turned them back. It's a mystery that's to be revealed now in this day, by the Son of man, see, the evening Message. See?

Turned back! And that was the last sign they seen, was (what?) that discernment, before the change of the body come. 303 And before we can ever receive the Son, what happens? "The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first, a new body; and we which alive and remain shall be changed, in a moment,

in a twinkle of a eye," hallelujah, "and shall be caught up together, to meet the Lord in the air." The secret has been made known; the Seals are open.

304 The Trumpet sounded for the Israel; the two prophets is ready to appear. What is it?

The Church must get off the scene right now, so they can appear. He can't deal with two at the same time; He never did.

See?

305 Oh, brother, watch! Exactly, to call all, call them out of the denominations and traditions. Now we see the church of pentecost age is finished.

306 The Bride must step out of the way, to go up now; so the two servants, the two servants of God, in Revelation, the two prophets, can appear upon the scene, to sound the Seventh Trumpet to them, make known to them the Christ.

307 The seventh angel, messenger, say, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!"

Not, "behold my Methodist, my Baptist, my Pentecostal." But, "The Word, the Son of God, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world," for no other foundations is there! You see?

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274 In Revelation 11, call, their ministry will be the ministry of Moses and Elias calling to Israel, out of the Jewish traditions; just as the seventh angel's Message called the Bride out of the Pentecostal tradition.

Remember, Moses and Elijah is to call Israel out of the old atonement of the lamb, and sheep, and blood, and goats, and sacrifice, to the real living Sacrifice, to the Word.

275 And the seventh angel's Message, under the same Trumpet, same everything exactly, the same Seal, is to (what?) call the people, the Bride, out of the Pentecostal and world tradition,

to the genuine Atonement, the Word, Christ impersonated in His Word here, made flesh among us. Science has proved it, by pictures. The Church knows it, the world around.

111 We firmly know it, for He's never told us one thing in THUS SAITH THE LORD but what's been the Truth. Did He not say, down there on the river, "As John the Baptist was sent, so will this Messenger will pull out..."

276 I looked up, and she's twelve o'clock. The midnight hour is here, friends, upon us. See how perfect the Scripture is? Perfectly, how It...

3. The Anointing Of The Word On The Bride Brings Her Into Oneness (Atonement) With Christ The Word-the True Atonement

65-0219 — This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled 182 Now, our attention, a little closer to our day. What does the Scripture say about today, and about the time we live in?

Jesus speaking...I won't have time to take them all, but I want to take this one before we close.

183 Jesus said, in Saint Luke the17th chapter, the 30th verse.Jesus Christ, the Word Himself!Do you believe that?

Jesus Christ, the Word Himself, made flesh, spoke and said what the Word would be in the end time, what will be the sign of the end of the world.

He told them nation would rise against nation, but He said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the day when the Son of man is being revealed."

184 Now, when Jesus came to the earth, He came in the name of three Sons: Son of man, which is a prophet; Son of God; and Son of David.

185 Now, He lived here on earth. He never did say He was the Son of God, He said, "I'm the Son of man." Jehovah, Himself, called Ezekiel and the prophets, "son of man," because, He had to come to fulfill Scripture as a prophet.

Moses said, "The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet liken unto me." That's the reason He could not be the Son of God there, because He was the Son of man. He... "The Word came to the prophets,"

and He was the Word in Its fullness, Son of man, the-the major Prophet, not the major Prophet, but the God-Prophet, "The fullness of the Godhead bodily was in Him," therefore, He was the Son of man.

186 Now, for two thousand years, He's been known to us as Son of God, Spirit.

187 And in the Millennium, He'll be Son of David, upon the Throne. We all know that, who believe the Scriptures. <u>63-0728 — Christ Is The</u> Mystery Of God Revealed 370 Christ has mercy. The law put you in jail, but couldn't get you out. The prophets is God's justice, to condemn you and kill you for it.

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That's right. But Jesus was God's love and revelation, to let know, to a predestinated Seed, that He had called you. "This is Him. Hear Him!"

371 Know! The fullness of Godhead is made known. This secret of mystery is now revealed, that God is manifested. God and man become One, the anointed Man, Christ! What does Christ mean?

"The anointed One," the Anointed that was anointed with the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Oh, my! How can people doubt it?

372 Where once, partly, Moses had Him; partly, David had Him; oh, my, but here He is manifested in the fullness, Deity Himself standing on earth.

God, in His fullness, to die for the sin of the people, that He might bring to His Church a sanctified Life; that He might have the preeminence, in fullness, in His Church, to manifest every promise in these last days, that He promised for the last days. See? What was...

373 Listen now. Are you? Now just pinch yourself a little now. Watch.

374 What was Jesus manifestedfor? To show God. He was God.He had to be; no man could die,no prophet could die.

He was God. He was the God of the prophets. He was the prophets. He was the kings.

He was the history. He was He that was to come. He that was, He that is, and He that's to be in this day; the same yesterday, today, and forever. He was manifested for that purpose.

375 And through that purpose He achieved a Church, that He, the fullness of God, might bring to pass every promised Word of God in these last days;

when He gets the preeminences, preeminence in the Church, the position, His place in the Church.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also; even more than this shall he do, for I go to My Father."

See, that was His purpose. There was the manifestation. And now, today, He wants to get somebody that can so see it, that they can let the Word...

376 See, Jesus so seen it so, was so perfectly born for the day, until God expressed every move that He made. He was God's revelation; God, revealed.

377 Now He sanctified, with His Spirit and Blood, a Church, that He might make every promise in this last day be revealed.

Now, see, He could go back and pick up what these other fellows has left off here, in the last days, and by His Holy Spirit reveal all the mystery of the Seven Seals.

See, He is expressing Himself. That's His purpose. That's why He died. That's the second fold of His threefold manifestation.

First, to express Hisself in Christ, then express Hisself through the Church. And the same thing, Christ was the Word, and the Church becomes the Word when it lets the Word go through them.

378 But when they accept a hybrid denomination, how can the Word go through it? It's grounded, then it causes a short and blows a fuse. See?

379 But when the current is flowing freely, the Word of God, It expresses Itself. "The works that I do shall ye be, also." And in the last days it shall come to pass: "Behold I send to you Elijah the prophet, and he shall turn the hearts of the—of the children back to the Faith of the fathers."

380 And in there, there would be a time come forth when He could express Himself in fullness of His Godhead, Deity, through His Church, have the preeminences in this Church.

Oh, my! What? The anointed Man; now the anointed people; oh, my, to bring back the anointed Bride and the Bridegroom. Anointed by (why?) accepting what Eve turned down, and Adam;

coming back with the anointing of the Word, because He said, "My Word is Spirit." See, anointed with the Word. What Eve turned down, He comes back and we accept.

381 See how that hybrid condition, again, just exactly what he done Eve.

382 He told Eve, "Don't you do this, and don't you do that; and you can do this, and that."

383 And Satan said, "Oh! You know..." But she turned around and listened to him.

384 But the Eve in the last day is not going to do it, because She predestinated not to do it. Yes, sir. God's going to do it. He knows. He'll have it.

He said His, spot..."Church would be there without spot or a wrinkle." She is going to stand there in the splendor of Him, His Word made manifest.

385 She'll be a token to the world. She'll be an ex-...She'll be something to the world that the world can look and say, well, the rest of the world say, "Ah, She's a holy-roller.

She's the second cousin. She don't belong to our group." I know. That's a good thing, see. She—She belongs to this Group up here.

158 386 A man said the other day, to me, standing and talking, he said, "Well what denomination do you

"Well, what denomination do you

- belong to?"
- I said, "None."
- "What?"
- "None." I said, "I belong to a Kingdom."

"Well, how do you join that?" "You don't join it. You are born in it." Uh-huh.

"What Kingdom is that?" I said, "The mystical Body of Jesus Christ."

387 "By one Spirit we are baptized into this Body," born of His Spirit, then we belong to a Kingdom.

And our lives are not Americans, we're not Germans, we're not nothing; we are Christians. We are settled, and walk in the Spirit, a love-slave.

From the things of the world, and our rights to the world, we've sold out and bought this Pearl of Great Price, and walk and letting the Holy Spirit manifest Itself.

That's what His real Church is. That's what you are, what I am, if we'll let ourself go and serve God, and by His Word, and not by what some creed says.

388 Notice, the anointed Man, the Christ Himself here, O God, is made known. But now, look, but—but now (Wow!)

He has the preeminences. God fully manifested, in Jesus Christ, God's great secret of His revelation.

389 This great Light of revelation has always blinded the wisdom of this world.

390 In the days of Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth, they-they had blinded them. They said, "Why, you even make yourself God! You make yourself equal with God!"

He was not only equal with God; He was God Himself. See, they don't get it. And by the way, some of you might...

4. The Oneness (Atonement) Is A Magnetizing Power For Take-off

<u>63-0320 — The Third Seal</u> 80 Now, now, there's always the natural and the spiritual. And for the Church sake, I want to type, just before we get to the opening of this Seal.

81 Which, what He give me, I got it wrote down here. I got several Scriptures here, seven or eight pages of it, and as I refer to it.

82 Notice, I want to give a type, of the Church, and make it so plain that you'll be bound to see it. See?

83 Now, there was a natural bride in the garden of Eden. Remember last night? That natural bride, she was Adam's sweetheart, not yet his wife, 'cause he hadn't knew her yet as a wife.

84 Just like Mary was Joseph's wife, but he never knew her yet. "She was found with a child." See?

85 Now, before Adam knew his wife, she was just a bride to him. All right. And we find out that God...She, she fell in the garden of Eden because she failed to hold to God's Word.

86 Now, He knew that Satan would be loosed among them, so He gave them a—a place to stay behind; fortify them.

Well, there, who could know any better place to be fortified, than God, if He's trying to take care of His Own children? 87 If I wanted to take care of my little Joseph, well, brother, everything...And I knowed his life depended on it, why, I'd...and I was able to do it.

Well, if forty-foot concrete, reinforced, would—would be the thing would do it, that's...I'd make it ninety foot, to be sure, that.

88 And if I can think that about my little boy, (which, if his mortal life had lost, I believe a child would be saved,) how much more, to God, to His child that would be Eternally lost! What should

He place him behind? He placed him behind His Own Word. As long as you're in that Word, you're safe. "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you, then just ask what you will." That's it, the Word.

89 So, Eve got to strolling in the garden, and she run into the serpent, a very polished-up sort of a fellow. And she...And he begin...Now, he was on the other side. God lives, dwells, works in humility, never any other way.

See? Now, the little, humble lady walking along there, and Satan come up as a wise, slick, polished sort of a fellow. And he wanted to sell her the program. As long as...

90 No matter how much Satan was around; as long as she stayed behind this Word, she was all right. [Brother Branham pats his Bible—Ed.]

See? So, let Satan do whatever he wants to; you just stay with the Word. Don't make a bit of different.

If he says, "Why, you're sick." "By His stripes I'm healed." "Well, you're going to die." "He'll raise me up again. He promised it."

91 See, just stay behind the Word. That's all. Christ retreated to the Word, Himself. "It's written." See? Now, stay behind the Word.

92 But, Eve, she begin to kind of let down, but she never let it all down. She only let one little phrase down. And that's what Satan wanted her to do. He got her from behind God's promise, by reasoning. Don't never try to reason God's Word. Just believe It! See?

93 So, she stepped out from There. And before Adam ever got to her, for a wife, she was already defiled by Satan. And she...

94 And did you notice? Christ did the same thing, exactly. Now, for redeeming, God had to be there first.

Did you notice? Mary, before she come to Joseph, the Holy Spirit had done got there. Amen. See? That's where the Redeemer

come.

95 Now, now notice, the natural woman fell, and God made a way for her to be redeemed. Although she had fallen, He made a way.

96 Now, that was the first bride on earth, fell, before her husband and her were married. She fell, by—by the reason of-of reasoning, instead of staying with the Word.

She fell. And she fell to death, Eternal separation. With her, she took her husband and everything else there was on the earth. She fell!

97 Now, but, God, full of mercy, made a way to redeem that woman. And now He promised her, telling her that sometime, in the future, the true Word would come to her again.

The true Word will be made known to her. Now remember that. Cause, He promised Christ, through the woman.

98 And Christ is the Word. Saint John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh," see, "and dwelt with us." God dwelt with us in flesh. He was the Word.

99 Before a Word, it's a thought. And a thought has to be created. All right. So, God's thoughts become creation when it was spoke, by a Word.

That's when He presents it to—to you as a thought, His thought, and it's revealed to you. Then, it's still a thought until you speak it. That's the reason...

100 Moses went out to pray. That Pillar of Fire around him, and He said, "Go, hold your stick towards the east, and say, call for 'flies.'"

101 There's no flies. But he went and held the stick there, and said, "Let there be flies." No flies at all, yet. Went on back.

But the words, God's thought, has already been spoken. It's a word, now it's got to happen.

102 Now don't you see where Jesus said? "If you say to this mountain; not if I say it. But you say to this mountain, 'Be moved.""

103 And the first thing, I guess, in Moses' time, big old green fly begin to buzz. And, after a while, they was five pounds per yard. See? Where'd they come from? He...God created them. Don't you see how...

104 God can destroy this world tonight, with—with gnats, if He wants to. Well, He could pile gnats plumb to the moon.

Only thing He could do is just say, "Let there be gnats, to the moon." That would be all there would be to it. No chemicals or nothing, they'd just keep on growing, growing, growing on. See?

105 He can do what He wants to. He is God, the Creator. The only thing to do is just speak it. [Brother Branham snapped his fingers—Ed.]

That's right. He's the Creator. Now, if we just get to realizing how great He is! See? He just does what He wishes to.

106 He sits up there and looks at people, and these little educators, smarting out, and, "There's no God," and—and everything. Huh! Why, it just like they was at Babel, again. Babel, rather.

107 Now we notice that God told Eve, that, "After so long a time, the Word is coming back to you." Now, how did she fall? I want my class to say it. What did she fall from? What did Eve fall from?

The Word. Is that right? The Word. And God said He would make a way to redeem her back to the Word again. All right. After so long a time, the Word would be known to her.

All right. The Word would come for one purpose now. Hold tight now, what I'm saying. The Word would come to her for one purpose, that was for redemption. All right.

108 But, until—until then, she²¹⁵ had a substitute that would-that would work until the time arrived for the original Word. Now you—you understand clearly? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] See?

He told her the Word would come to her again, but, until that time, He give her a substitute until that time arrived. So, He gave her an offering to make, a substitute for that Blood.

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109 Now, the blood was of bulls and sheep, and goats and things, but it didn't take away her sin. See? It only covered her sin. It didn't take it away, at all.

It covered it. For, it was an animal's blood, and in the animal's blood is the animal life. It was a substitute until the real...Now get your coats on.

110 The real, human Blood, as human beings would be, become incarnate (God); without sex, virgin, the virgin birth produced that.

Now God's Word, promise, became Blood, and was incarnated in the Person of Jesus Christ the Saviour. "The blood of bulls and goats, and so forth..."

111 But now wait. Here God made the promise, saying it would be there when It come, "Her Seed should bruise the serpent's head."

Now, if her seed come just like from Adam, or like had been from the serpent, and so forth, then it'd still be sinful seed.

112 That's the reason John wept. There was no man, because no man...Everybody was across, the other side of the ditch, the chasm.

But there is coming a time that when this substitute blood of animal would be done away with, when the real, incarnate Blood came: God, made flesh and Blood.

The Bible said He was. First Timothy 3:16, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: for God was manifested in flesh." That's right. The virgin birth did this.

113 Now, the blood of sheep and goats covered sin, but didn't get rid of it, for it was an animal's blood. But it was to be all right, was to be a substitute.

114 And they sure got—got used to that substitute, and so they just kept on.

115 And, when, the real, promised Word was made manifest in Jesus Christ, Who proved to be the Son of the great Creator, God;

and was vindicated, Himself, by being the living Word of God. Whew! My! He proved He was. He could speak things into existence.

63-0320 — The Third Seal 120 "A man that was approved, that it was God among you." By the very things He done, proved that He was. Here is Peter, standing at the Sanhedrin, telling them.

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121 Nicodemus knowed the same. He said, "Rabbi, we all know that You are a Teacher comes from God, 'cause no man could do these things 'less He come from God." See? They knew it. But why?

122 Now watch. Now, Eve was promised this. But when...That bride come on down, and refused, when the real Word came to her.

So, the woman refused to recognize; the Hebrew bride. For, she was the bride of—of God; He put her away, in divorcement. Is that right? She was the bride of God.

123 You say, "Well, they wasn't ever married yet." That's right. But Joseph put Mary away before...Was going to put Mary away 'fore they was married. See? He was engaged to her.

124 And when He come, and the Word that He promised, come for the wedding, He found her wrapped in her substitutes, so bad, that she wouldn't take the real promise that had been made, the Word, Christ.

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125 Maybe you don't get it. Now let me go over it again. I want you to get this, see.

126 She was promised, (the bride, Eve), to be a Redeemer. Her Redeemer would be the Word. And when the Word came, made flesh, she rejected lt.

She was given substitutes. Now hold that, "substitute." Given substitutes to go on, until the Redeemer come. And when the Redeemer come, she wanted to continue with her substitute, and rejected the true Word. See it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] And that was the Hebrew bride.

127 So did He, by the second Eve, bride, the mother of all spiritual living. See? Eve means "the mother of all," that's spirit-..." all that's living." Eve, "mother of all that's living."

128 Now, and when He came to the Hebrew bride, she was the mother of all that was living, but she rejected It.

129 Natural Eve fell, in Eden, by listening to Satan's reasoning against God's Word. That's how she fell. All right, sir. She fell because she did that.

130 Spiritual Eve, now, that's the church, Christ's bride. She fell, not in Eden, but in Rome, see, at the Nicaea Council, when she rejected, that Pentecostal church, that went down to Nicaea, and listening to Roman's reasoning, instead of holding onto the Word, she fell.

And everything away from her, died with her, around her. Now, just as natural Eve fell, spiritual Eve fell. God's bride fell—fell in the garden; Christ's Bride fell in Rome. See?

131 Notice, by the same reasoning, against God's Word, she also forfeited her rights of virtue, to Satan.

Which, we found in the breaking of these Seals, that that was Satan, and still is Satan there. The Bible said it's the very seat of Satan. And as Eve forfeited her—her virtuous rights,

and give them over to Satan, in the garden of Eden; the church, the bride of Christ, did the same thing at Rome, when they forfeited the Bible for their dogmas and reasonings. See how it types?

132 You just run those types, you're bound to come out right. If my hand looks like...If I've never seen myself, and I see my shadow coming, I'll know just about what I look like. See?

But, that's the way. If you want to see what's coming, look what has been. "For the...all the old things were shadows of things to come," the Bible said. All right.

133 For, she forfeited her virtuous Word, the Word of God, when she sold the Bible, and put a man in there that says that the church has rights to change anything they want to change.

And they've done it. And the bride of Christ, the pentecostal bride, sold out her virtue, at Nicaea, just as Eve sold her virtue to Satan in the garden of Eden. Exactly. All right.

134 God has promised; this church, this pentecostal church, knowing she would do it; like He did to Eve, God has promised.

135 The pentecostal church, do you believe that she sold her birthrights, before...her virtue, when she left over there? You believe that? She, sure, she did. Then what good is a creed, not based on this Bible?

I want somebody to find what's called the Apostles' Creed, or even one word of it in the Bible. That's a Catholic creed, not apostles' creed.

136 Read Acts 2:38, that's apostles' Creed, if he's got any...?...Now, that's what they used all the time, anyhow. So if you...See?

137 So, they sold out their birthrights. Not only that, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, the rest of them, has done the same.

She formed a denomination. Rome, what made her do that, she formed a denomination and put man at the head of it.

And the Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals and every one, has done the same thing, put a group of men at the head of it. No matter what God says, they...You got to do it the way they say do it.

138 Well, what is it? It's nothing in the world but spiritual prostitution, the wrong type of woman; yes, sir, creeds, lying creeds, man-made.

Then she became, when she did that...Now I'll prove this. She became a whore, to God. Do you believe the Bible says that? Yes, sir. Her daughters has done the same.

139 Now in Revelation 17, if you want to mark it down. John was taken in the Spirit, "And saw a great whore sitting upon..."

And we read it last night. And there was the seven hills, and exactly what she had done. And she had given the world her filthy fornications.

Is that right? "And all the kings of the earth committed fornications with her," cheat, and steal, and lie, and paying for repentance, and—and novenas, and every other thing.

264 140 Well, now remember, she had daughters. Well, if she had become a body, and under an organizational system, then the whole system is wrong. And if Eve, disobeying God, throwed everything into death, that was under her;

and every church that organizes, throws everything to death, under it. Exactly. The whole thing is gone. That's exactly according to the Word here.

Read Revelation 17. And the Bible said that He would "burn her with fire, and all of her children with her." That's right. That means, every organizational system will burn, with the whore.

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190 "If ye abide in Me, the Word, My Word abide in you, then you ask what you will," because you and the Word are the same. He has the preeminences. He's got the rulership.

You're a—you're a prisoner to Him. The world is dead. You have nothing more...You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. You're a prisoner. You're yoked with Him.

"My yoke is easy." Yoked with Christ, with His Word. "I do that only which the...pleases the Father. And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word." So perfect! Notice.

191 Notice now, down through the ages, He has been gradually letting this out, slowly unfolding the mystery, through the prophets and through the types. Now we can just go on to that, and, expressing Himself.

192 He expressed Hisself in Moses. Look at Moses. Born in the time of persecution of the children. He was born to be a deliverer.

He was hid in the bulrushes, just like Jesus was taken down into Egypt. He came out. He went up on the mountain, come back with the commandments.

193 Jesus went up to the mountain, His first sermon, Sermon on the Mount, come back down with the commandments. "You heard them say, them of old times,

'Thou shalt not commit adultery.' I say to you, whoever look upon a woman, to lust after her, has committed adultery." Law-Giver, Priest, King, Leader, just exactly!

194 He expressed Hisself in Joseph, born amongst denomination, his brethren. They hated him, without a cause, because he was spiritual.

He saw visions. God was with him. He could interpret dreams. And his brothers hated him. He was sold for al-...by his brethren, by almost thirty pieces of silver.

Just exactly like He was sold by Judas Iscariot, one of His brethren, by thirty pieces of silver. He was throwed into a ditch and supposed to been dead.

That's right. The father and them was told that he was dead. That he's throwed into this ditch; taken up, and went to the right hand of Pharaoh.

195 In the dungeon, how he suffered there! And—and there was two saved...The butler and the baker, one of them lost and one was saved, rather. And the—the butler...

One of them was lost and the other one saved. Just as on the cross, when He was in His prison house, of tacked to the cross for our sins, become a Prisoner, one thief was lost and one was saved. See, just exactly.

196 Then he become at the right hand of Pharaoh, the king that he dreamed, that had the vision that he would set at the king's feet, and all authority in Egypt was given to him. His vision had to come to pass.

He might have studied of it, many times, while he was in-in that prison down there. His whiskers growing out, and so forth, but he studied it. Some day his vision had to come to pass.

197 Though it linger, it's got to happen! As I spoke last night, or night before, Wednesday night here at the service.

See, it has to happen. When God says so, it's got to happen. It's a vindicated prophet, and it has to come to pass, 'cause it's God's Word.

5. The Bride Is Won Over To Christ The Stone By Divine (Unconditional) Love

<u>54-1204 — God Perfecting His</u> <u>Church</u>

8 So, we give God praise tonight, to know that the Holy Spirit is in us. Last night, I was teaching of the—the perfection.

God Perfecting His Church, bringing the Church to perfection through the Lord Jesus Christ. That how we being dead in Christ take on Abraham's seed, are heirs according to the promise.

And we are perfected, not in our own self, not in our own holiness...My... Someone said to me not long

ago, said, "Brother Branham, do you believe in holiness?" I said, "Yes, sir. Without such, no man can see God." I said, "But not my holiness, 'cause I have not any. I believe in His holiness (See?), something that He has done,

and it's that I rest my hopes upon, not on my own merits; l have none. I rest upon His merits, having this assurance, as He loves me, I love Him. And the whole thing becomes a love affair. See? It's a...

9 All—all Christianity is wrapped up in big—one big love affair. Don't you believe that? See? Without love...Love is the most perfect thing there is in the Bible. "God is Love.

And they that love, are of God," said John. See? Love...Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels, though I understand all the mysteries of God,

and I have faith to move mountains, give my body to burned as a sacrifice, give all my goods to feed the poor, without love I am nothing."

Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord, have not I cast out devils in Your Name? Haven't I done many mighty works in Your Name? And haven't I prophesied in Your Name?"

all those great signs and things that we look at today...Jesus said, "I will confess to them, depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you." See, see? Without love...

10 So, when God has anchored His love in the human heart, there is something...For a personal testimony.

If I am condemned when I come up before the judgment seat of God at the end time, if it's planned that way, and I have to stand in His Presence, and He points His majestic finger at me and say, "Depart from Me." If I keep this same attitude that I have now, and I be in hell, I'll still love Him. See?

And He's just. I've deserved to go there at the first place. And if I knew that I was going to be condemned, and know now that I would be condemned at the end, after I've worked for Him a hundred years from now, I'd still desire to work for Him.

11 If there's no—if there would be no heaven, if there'd be no reward, I still want to be a Christian. That's right. It's just such a perfect satisfaction, something that just...peace that passes all understanding.

I wouldn't trade it for nothing. I've tried everything that I was big enough to do. And a lot of things I wasn't big enough to do, I tried anyhow.

But I've never met anything that filled me so perfect. And nothing had ever touched the borders until one night Jesus Christ come in this poor Irish heart of mine. It made a different person out of me. See?

If I, tonight, preached and a thousand people got converted, and—or let's say a thousand people had died with the inspiration of God fifty years ago, and they rose up tonight, and I was dying.

304 And say, "Brother Branham, don't trust it; it's false. Get away from it. Trust something else..." I'd still say, "Let me die believing on the Lord Jesus Christ." For something actually happened in my life.

12 If I prayed tonight in the healing line for a thousand people, and in the morning all thousand of them was dead, tomorrow night I'd be praying for the sick just the same.

Never move my faith. Because this...It isn't what my results is; it isn't what...lt's what God's Word teaches, what makes it truth. That's right. God said so, so that settled it.

Maybe the people didn't have faith. Maybe it was some fault in me. But it's no fault in God. God is truth always, always truth.