MORTHY OF COMMUNION

Sunday 8th December 2024

Genesis 14:18 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

1 Corinthians 11:27

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

COMMUNION IS CHRIST

You shouldn't take it 'less you've wrestled it out and become part of God.

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec? 105 Notice, after the battle was over, Melchisedec served His victorious child communion; think of that, part of Himself!

Now we want to see here. In type here is, in view, the communion. After the battle, He gave of Himself, because the communion is part of Christ.

And after the struggle is over, after you've done got yourself whipped out, then is when you partake of Christ, become part of this Being. You get it?

106 Jacob wrestled all night, and wouldn't turn Him loose until He blessed him. That's right. Battled for Life! And after the battle is over, then God gives you of Himself.

That is His true communion. The little bread and wafer just represents It. You shouldn't take it 'less you've wrestled it out and become part of God.

Put first things first! Don't try to get good; you're bad, to begin with, and nothing you can do.

62-1007 - The Key To The Door

116 I guess it's just the church here tonight, as far as I know, I'm not here enough to know who does come or not.

I got a little criticism here not long ago on baptizing a man here in the pool, an old fellow. And I went to him, he was a good old man.

I had the privilege of leading all of his family to Christ, all of them Christians. This old man was a nice old man, and I liked him, so I went to him and I said to him, "Papa, why don't you become a Christian?" He loves me.

117 He said, "Brother Branham, I would become a Christian when I can get good enough."

118 I said, "Tell you what you do, Papa. You look around till you find where you can get good enough, then tell me where that place is, I want to go, too."

I said, "Christ never come to save good man. He come to save bad man." When you think you're good, then He didn't come to save you.

He come to save them that He knows are bad. See? Christ died to save sinners. See? And I said, "Papa, there's a line right here."

He said, "Well, I smoke these cigarettes."
I said, "I ain't going to even talk about them."

He said, "I've tried to give them up, Brother Branham." I said, "All right, we ain't going to talk about cigarettes."

He said, "Well, when I can..." 119 I said, "Don't—don't say no more about them, let them go. I want to ask you a question." He said, "All right, what is it?"

I said, "Do you believe there is a God?" 120 Said, "Certainly, I believe it." Said, "I believe that as strong as you do, I would guess, Brother Branham."

121 I said, "Do you believe that that same God crossed His strain and was made flesh and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ, in order to save man?"

He said, "Yes, I believe that."

"And He died to save sinners
like you are and like I?" See?

"Yes, I believe that."

122 I said, "Now, it's just like this. We're all in one big building over here, and we're in jail, and I can't stand over in this corner and say 'this will help me get out of jail,"

I stand over in that corner and say 'that will help me get out of jail,' we're all in the same fix. And every man that was born in this world was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. He's a renegade, to begin with."

128 Now, I said, "I want to say something. Every man in this prison house, who's holy? Who is the one that wasn't born by sex? Who is one can help the other, no matter what he is? We're all in this same prison.

But God made Hisself one of His creations and come beyond sex, through the holy Blood that He created Himself, and through that Blood He redeemed us."

I said, "You believe that, Papa?"
He said, "I believe that."

129 I said, "Christ died for bad man like you. Now, there's only one way to do. There's nothing you can do. He offers it to you.

You can't merit it. Nothing you can do to get it. He just gives it to you. Will you accept what He did for you, to keep you from hell?"

130 He said, "I'll do that." He said, "But if I could just get rid of these cigarettes."

131 I said, "The cigarettes will take care of theirself. You just...I ain't asking you. I'm not a legalist. I believe in grace.

'And all the Father has given Me will come to Me." I said, "If you believe that with all your heart!" He said, "With all my heart, I believe it."

132 "Then will you accept it on those basis, that you're not worthy of it, but He's the One that's worthy? Don't look at yourself; look at Him,

'cause you can't do nothing for yourself. Look at the One that did something for you. What about Him?"

"Oh," he said, "He's worthy." I said, "That's it, then accept what He gives you." He said, "I do."

133 And I baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. And him go out of here and light up a cigarette.

134 A few weeks ago I was down to his homeplace. I saw a vision one night, of an evergreen tree being cut down, turned upside down. I seen boards nailed on it.

Right next to the last board was a notable board. And down below that board, right down towards the end, running out like this, the tree broke right there.

And a Voice said, "It should have been you," or, "It would have been you." And Papa Cox fell, mashed his back in here.

And so the next morning they brought his cigarettes to him when he was in the bed, the desire had done left him. Weeks ago! He's never tasted one, don't even want one or nothing else.

See? And I seen him a while ago, when his hands was just brown all over, a few weeks ago, with cigarettes, and now he can't even stand for one to be around him.

Put first things first! Don't try to get good; you're bad, to begin with, and nothing you can do. There's a separating line, and all human beings is on that side.

There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life, that is, we have to master the thought of human ability.

61-1119 - Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness

56 The important thing, one of the important things that we must master...Now remember this, and especially you young preachers, and lay members alike.

There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life, that is, we have to master the thought of human ability.

If we ever get to a spot where we think that we can do it with our own intelligence and our own abilities.

we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the thing and lay it aside so that God can use us. That's right.

57 And make a complete surrender! We cannot use one ability. We've got to make a complete surrender!

And, to come to God, <u>you've</u> got to surrender to Him both soul, body, and spirit.

Everything that you are has to be surrendered to God, in order that He can work His will in you and in me.

You've tried it so hard, but, you're just going to quit trying. You're just going to accept what He did

63-0825M - How Can I Overcome? 187 With our heads bowed, our eyes closed; our hearts thinking, that's the door to the soul, you know.

Is there something that you want to lay aside this morning, something that you want to overcome?

And you've tried it so hard, but, this morning, you're just going to quit trying. You're just going to accept what He did.

I want you just raise your hand, say, "Lord, I want to overcome. A certain thing bothers me."

196 Do you feel you can just leave, now, everything, every burden? You can just walk over, above it now?

If you do, raise up your hand, say, "By God's grace I lay this trial down. I won't fight it, any more. I'm just going to take a hold of His hand, start walking on."

"I've fought, Brother Branham. I tried to quit smoking. I—I tried to let my hair grow out. I've tried to do this. I done...l've tried, so hard, Brother Branham. I just can't do it."

Don't try it, anymore. Just take a hold of His hand, say, "Father, You put my hand in the sleeve." See? "I'm just going to give You my hand.

I'm going to walk on, Lord, looking to You." It'll happen. He'll dress you like a real Christian. You'll be a real Christian.

You become part of the Word.

65-0418M - It Is The Rising Of The Sun 149 Now, you who once walked along with a great big cigar in your mouth, and everything, or a bunch of cigarettes;

and you women who once had short hair, painted, and carried on, and wore shorts, and things like that; all at once, Something screamed, and you looked down here and It was the Word. See, It quickened your...

You said, "No more shorts for me, no more liquor for me, no more lying, no more stealing, no more this, that." See? The Spirit that raised Him from the dead, dwelling in you, will also bring your mortal bodies, the dust of the earth, into subjection.

You see? What is it?
Subjection to what? Christ.
Who is Christ? The Word. Not the theology, but the Word!

150 Then you say, that, "These things, oh, I think it's all right for women to wear slacks." 151 When, the Word said, "No." See, <u>It quickens you to</u> That. See?

You are drawed to It. See, it's you, then. It becomes...You become part of the Word. It brought your body, not...

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

While you're in that Body, you are just as free from condemnation as He is. You'll never have to stand any judgment.

56-0723 - Led By The Spirit Of God 25 Oh, my. That make you forget the hot weather. Notice, and while you're in that Body, you are just as free from condemnation as He is.

You'll never have to stand any judgment. God caused judgment to be struck upon His Body.

And if you're in Him, God cannot judge you; He's already judged you when He judged Christ. Amen.

And you can't be under judgment no more. Christ took your judgment. And when you're baptized into that Body of Christ, you are free from God's judgment.

The wrath of God will pass over you. That's why He said, "When I see the Blood, I'll pass over you."

God poured out His wrath upon that body, and that body is free from sin; and, being in Him, puts us free from sin.

65-0220 - God's Chosen Place Of Worship

121 Dear God, one by one we are called, one by one we have to meet the challenge to walk down through the valley of the shadow of death. And it's due to every one of us, as mortals.

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But, tonight, You have offered us Your petition, that if we would believe on Him and be baptized in His Name, that You would take us in.

And then in this Body, the Body of Christ, not in the church, but in the Body of Christ, that Body has already been judged. It will not have to come to Judgment.

God poured out His wrath upon that body, and that body is free from sin; and, being in Him, puts us free from sin, by His Atonement that died for us.

And in there we have fellowship with one another, while the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, keeps us clean from all sin and defilement.

When man is truly redeemed, that predestinated Seed that sees It and accepts It, his sins are demolished. It's gone. It's separated.

63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 587 Then, we stand justified in the Presence of God. As a drop of ink dropping into a—a—a tub full of bleach, you'll never find the stain of the ink no more.

It went somewhere. It'll never come back again. And when man is truly redeemed, that predestinated Seed that sees It and accepts It, his sins are demolished. It's gone.

It's separated. It's dropped into the ink of the—of the Blood of Jesus Christ, and it's never to be remembered. God forgets

And he stands as a son and daughter of God, in the Presence of God. Amen and amen! "Now we are the sons of God." Not we will be; we are! Now we are redeemed.

588 We have Satan's answer. God has vindicated Himself. God has proved Himself, to His promise in this day. Hallelujah!

The Headship is here. Amen! Christ, the risen Lord, is here in the same Power of His resurrection that He ever was, manifesting Himself. There's the devil's answer.

You being a part of God's gene, a part of the Word, other men a part of God's Word, seated together, manifest the entire Body of Christ

65-1128M - God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 263 The Headstone crying what? "Grace! Grace!" Passed from death and creed, into a living Word of the living God. God's only provided plan for His age,

His sons in the Word age quickened by the Spirit like a spark that's lit off of something to make it alive; and seated now in Heavenly places (in present tense), already alive and subject to every promise in the Word.

Then what does that do? You being a part of God's gene, a part of the Word, other men a part of God's Word, seated together, manifest the entire Body of Christ, because there's no leaven among you.

(See what He's talking about, Brother Brown?) No leaven among you, just the Word only, seated in Heavenly places, in the door where He put His Name: Christ Jesus.

The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on.

65-0725M - The Anointed Ones At The End Time The Son of man is Christ; He is the One that you're feeding on.

You're not feeding on a man; a man, his words will fail. But you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man.

367 If you haven't fed fully on every Word, to give yourself strength to fly above all these denominations and things of the world, will you at this time do it, while we pray?