

The Way Back

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Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Romans 8:11

¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Acts 2:38

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

Hebrews 13:8

⁸ Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, and to day, and
for ever.

John 1:1-5

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

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shineth in
darkness; and the darkness
comprehended it not.

62-1123 — The Way Back

38 But the king wanted to be popular, and that's the way the people take it today.

And they might put revivals
across the country, and have
slogans of “a million more in
so-many years,”

or increase their membership
and their scholarship and
what-more. And it will never,
never...You are going farther
away all the time.

The way back, God has the way back. I want to speak to you about that way back, and you must come back the way that God provided for you to come back.

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70 Now, just going to tell you the way back. Do you want to come back? You must get inoculated. You must take God's Balm, God's Serum.

He has got It, It is a double
Cure for sin: the Blood of
Jesus Christ. God's Own Son,
with the baptism of the Holy
Spirit, cleans you from sin
and fills you for service.

That's the way we have to come back, is through those elements there. You don't have to do those things, you don't have to do it. And the very reason you do it...

71 Some minister said to me
not long ago, he said,
“Brother Branham, I truly
believe that this baptism of
the Holy Ghost that you
speak of is the truth, I really
believe that.”

He said, “My church teaches the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but we believe we receive the Holy Ghost when we believed,

the moment we believe, that Abraham believed God, and he, was counted unto him for...imputed to him for righteousness.”

72 I said, “That is true, but then God give him the seal of circumcision as the confirmation of his faith.”

I said, “If you have never received the Holy Ghost yet, God has never recognized your faith.”

That's right. We are the children of Abraham.

He said, "If I did that, though, Brother Branham, if I did that, then I'd be put out of my church."

I said, “What of it? I was.”
And he said, “Well I...” said,
“Well, I can’t do that.”

And I said, “Why can’t you do it? Just tell me why you can’t do it.”

He said, “Well—well, I couldn’t get any other meetings anywhere.”

73 I said, “Nonsense. If God calls you to the Gospel, He has got a place for you to preach,

He has got somebody that will listen to you. Certainly. There will be somebody who will listen; stand on the street corner.”

Say, “They will throw me in jail.”

“Then preach to the jailer,”
that’s right, “somebody.”

Paul did it that way, they all
got saved. Yes, sir.

74 You say you have to do it.
No, you don't. The reason
they do it, is because they
haven't tested this
inoculation,

they haven't taken the Toxin
yet for it. There is Something
that will cure that, that will
cure that scare you got,

there is Something that will
make you dress and act like a
lady, there is Something that
will make you live like a
Christian, there is Something
that will—

that will make you be so full of God till you stand and give a testimony that will shake the shingles loose on top of the house, if you will just take the inoculation, but you got to take the Toxin.

75 You got the disease, so there is only one thing to do, is take the Toxin to get rid of it.

That's the way to return back to normal Christian health. The church is sick, it's puny, it has anemia, it has got malignancy, and there is no earthly cure for it;

education won't do it, we
have tried it; denomination
won't do it, we have tried it,
you will only make it worse.
There is only one way back,

and that is through the Blood of Jesus Christ, inoculation. Come back to Christ, come back to the Holy Spirit, come back to Life Eternal again. That is the way we would get back.

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84 Now, there was a time
when this toxin, or balm
which we will call toxin of
God,

that it wasn't too perfect,
because it was called...it was
by the blood of goats, and
sheep, and cattle, and so
forth.

It didn't exactly take away sin, it just covered sin. A man had to go year by year, make his confession and so forth. There was a time when it was, right.

But now the worshipper,
once purged has no more
conscience of sin. And what
is sin? Unbelief. Unbelief in
what? The Word. Certainly.

If you say you believe God and deny His Word, why, you don't believe Him. If you say, "I believe Brother Branham," say, "but he is wrong. He is..." Well, how can you do that?

You couldn't do it. I know you was wrong, 'cause you didn't believe me. And if you say you believe God, and deny His Word, well then, you don't believe God, 'cause God is His Word.

You just can't do it, you got
to accept the Word that is
the way back, back by the
Word-Path, and the Word is
God.

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109 The inoculation held on
Jesus, it held at the cross, it
held when He could have
come down off that cross.

Billy Sunday said, “Every tree was setting full of Angels, said, ‘You don’t have to come off the cross, just point Your finger, We will change the situation.’”

110 But He said, “I do that always what pleases the Father.” What? The inoculation held. The Word and will of God stayed in Him,

no matter whether He was
patted on the back and
called the young Rabbi of
Galilee, or whether He was
called Beelzebub, the devil,
the fortuneteller, whatever it
was,

the blasphemy that they said about Him, the inoculation held. Then they watched how He was...if He would scream and take it all back at the cross, but it held.

Amen. Everything forsook
Him: His church, His people,
and even God forsook Him,
everything, but the
inoculation held.

'Mid rending rocks and
darkening skies

My Saviour bowed His head and
died;

The opening veil revealed the
way

To Heaven's joy and endless
day.

111 That's the way, back that way. It held, no matter what come, or went, it held just the same. The inoculation was held. They watched Him die, not like a coward, like a Prince.

He never flinched, He took it like a Prince. He knowed how to do it, because He was inoculated by the Holy Spirit.

112 Then on Easter morning,
it proved what it was. The
inoculation held, for He
raised up from the dead.

He said, “You destroy this temple, I will raise it up on the third day.” Hallelujah!
What was He doing?

Quoting back the Word of God that God spoke through David again, His father in the earth. Said, “I will not leave My Holy One, see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell.”

And He knowed in seventy-two hours corruption set in, so He said, “Destroy this temple, I will raise it up again.” Why? The Word of God spoke that He would do it.

Didn't the same Holy Ghost said, "These signs shall follow them that believe"? How in the world we going to get away from it? It's...You have it, if you are inoculated.

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113 He said to the woman,
“Can you drink the cup that I
drink? Can you be inoculated
with the inoculation that I’m
with?”

I can't give you the right and left hand for your sons, but if you can drink this cup, and do this, it will be all right.”
Certainly.

“It is not Mine to give that, but you drink the cup that I drink, be inoculated with the same Spirit that I’m baptized with, and everything will be all right.”

114 When those disciples stood there on Easter, a bunch of little women up there at the grave, and they had found out that...

Mary started away, crying, she was sad, and she heard somebody call her name, she looked around, she seen it was Him, He wasn't dead, He had arose again.

115 Said, “Go, tell My disciples I will meet them over in Galilee. I’m back, exactly what I said, the inoculation held.

I died like the Bible said I would do, My soul descended into hell like the Bible said It did, and I have the keys of death and hell. I'm arise...rose again, and I'm alive for evermore.”

Evidence, proof of it, the inoculation held. Amen. Oh, my!

When those disciples seen that, they said, “We want that inoculation too, we want that.”

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116 He said, “Go up there, to the city of Jerusalem, and wait there until I send the Toxin.

If you want Eternal Life, if
you want to do this thing
that I have, this thing that I
have for a resurrection,

you want the Thing that will
keep you the way It has kept
Me, you want the Thing that
will let you die like I died,

you want Something that will raise you up from the grave, I'm going to send It back on you. Go right up there and wait.”

117 Now, He never said, “Go get the...your degree of LL.D.” He never said even, “Go learn your ABC’s.” He said, “Wait until you are inoculated, endowed with Power from on High.

After this, the Holy Ghost has come upon you, then you will be My doctors.” Amen. Amen. “Wait. Stay up there and wait.”

Not, “Go to four years in seminary, and all this other stuff, and get all these degrees, and get all this here embalming fluid pumped into you.” You are not a guinea pig, you are a son.

“Wait until you are endued with Power, until the inoculation of Eternal Life comes upon you, and I will raise you up at the last day, again.”

118 Boy, He had some candidates right away. When I first heard it I was one too, I didn't care what they said to me, I wanted That.

And I always said, “If This isn’t That, I want to keep This till That comes.” Yes. That is what I wanted, that inoculation.

119 They went up there and
waited for ten days. Oh, my!
Oh, when all at once, when
the Inoculation came down
from Heaven,

like a rushing mighty wind,
and it filled every one of
them, inoculated a hundred
and twenty. Oh, what a time
that was! That was the way
back. Oh, my!

They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, begin to speak with other tongues, Tongues of Fire setting upon them, God, the great Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel, God.

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131 You want to know the way back? That's it, that is what Peter said, Dr. Peter, the one who's giving the inoculation. Christ tried it on Himself and it worked,

Peter had it, and it worked, I got it, and it's doing real good. That's the prescription, don't try to tamper with it, don't try to add something to it.

If you put too much poison,
you'll kill your—you'll kill
your patient, sure as the
world, doctor knowed how
to balance that prescription.
That is right.

132 So, if you want to know how the prescription is given, He has got it wrote right down here in Acts.

That is how to do it. Exactly.
Not, “go shake hands with
the preacher, and have a few
drops of water sprinkled on
you,” and
something-another.

He give the prescription right
Here, and you carry it out to
the letter, and the same
results will come, that is
exactly right,

'cause He never tried it on a guinea pig, He tried it on Himself. And God was made flesh and dwelt among us, and every son of God that is borned of the Spirit of God,

“It’s to you, and to your
children, to them that’s far
off, as many as the Lord our
God shall call, this
prescription will work.”

Amen! I'm not crazy, but I'm inoculated, amen, Something moving down in here. I know it's right, I have tried it, I know it's the truth.

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133 The same results that they had: “These signs shall follow them, believe. The works that I do shall you do also. Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Let the mind that was in
Christ be in you,” if that
same mind is in there with
the same power that’s in
there, you will do the same
works that He did.

134 If you take all the poison out of it, and all the hurt, somebody, say, “I’m afraid to tell...” You sissy. God wants men. “I don’t like to say...” Oh, some need to have, I don’t know what.

They need inoculation. Yes, sir. What we need, inoculation. Yes, sir. “It is for you, and to your children, them that is far off.”

CAB-04 — 4 - The Smyrnaean
Church Age

Hold this carefully in mind.

Now take the next step.

Redeem means to buy back.

It restores to the original owner. God, by His death, the shed blood BOUGHT BACK HIS OWN.

He bought back the Spoken Word Seed Bride. “My sheep hear My voice (Word), and they follow Me.” You always were a sheep. You never were a pig or a dog turned into a sheep.

That is impossible for every kind of life produces the same kind and there is no change in specie. As we were in the thoughts of God and then expressed in flesh,

there had to come a day when we would hear His voice (the Word), and hearing that voice become aware of our Father calling us, and recognize that we are the sons of God.

We heard His voice and we cried out as did the prodigal son, “Save me, oh, my Father. I am returning to Thee.”

A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son.

In fact a lot of true Christians are like the story of the baby eagle that was hatched out under a hen. You know that the eagle is a type of the true believer.

Well, a farmer took an egg from an eagle's nest and he placed it under a hen. In due time all the eggs under the hen hatched out.

The baby chicks got along fine with the mother hen but that little eagle could not figure out the clucking and scratching for food in the manure pile.

He managed to make a living but he was pretty confused about it all. But one day, from way up in the air the mother eagle that had laid the egg spied that little eagle on the ground.

She swooped down with tremendous speed and screamed at the top of her voice for him to fly up to meet her.

He had never heard an eagle cry, but when he heard that first scream something in him stirred and he longed to launch out toward it.

But he was afraid to try.
Again that mother screamed
for him to arise in the wind
and follow her. He screamed
back that he was afraid.

Once more she called out,
screaming that he try.

Beating his wings he hurled
himself into the air, and
answering the cry of his
mother,

he soared off into the blue skies. You see he always was an eagle. He acted like a chicken for a little while but he could not be satisfied.

But when he heard the call of the great eagle he came to his own place. And once a true son of God hears the cry of the Spirit by the Word,

he too, will realize who he is
and run to the Great Prophet
Eagle and be with Him
forever seated in heavenly
places in Christ Jesus.

NOW COMES OUR
TRIUMPHAL CAPSTONE on
the Baptism with the Holy
Ghost. Galatians 4:4-7, “But
when the fulness of the time
was come,

God sent forth His Son,
made of a woman, made
under the law, to redeem
them that were under the
law, that we might receive
the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons,
God hath sent forth the
Spirit of His Son into your
hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Wherefore thou are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

There it is. Jesus Christ came forth, died upon the cross, and accomplished Redemption (restoring to original owner by means of purchase,

or paying the price) and
thereby PLACED US AS
SONS. He did not make us
sons, for we were already His
sons, but He placed us as
sons;

for as long as we were in the world, in the flesh, we could not be recognized as His sons. We were held captive by the devil. But we were sons, nonetheless.

And hear this: AND BECAUSE
YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH
SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF
HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS
WHEREBY YOU CRY,
FATHER, FATHER.”

Upon whom did the Spirit fall
at Pentecost? Sons. At
Corinth? Upon Sons while
they HEARD THE WORD.

What is the Baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit Baptizing you into the body of Christ. It is the new birth.

It is the Spirit of God coming in and filling you after you have repented, (having heard His Word) and been baptized in water as an answer of a good conscience toward God.

What we have just set forth would be much easier for all to understand if all believed the doctrine of the oneness of the Godhead.

For there are not three persons in that Godhead but ONE. Thus we are NOT born again by the Spirit of Life of Jesus coming in,

and then subsequent to that the Holy Spirit coming in to give us power. If that were true, why are we dishonoring the Father by not giving Him a part in our complete salvation,

for if salvation is of the Lord
and there are three Lords,
then HE (Father) must have
something to do, too.

But surely it can be seen that¹²⁶
Jesus made this very clear that
it was He and He alone Who is
God and it is He and He alone
Who is coming into the
believer. John 14:16 says that
the Father will send another
Comforter.

But verse 17 says that He (Jesus) dwelleth with them and should be IN them later. In verse 18 He says He will come to them. In verse 23 in speaking to the disciples He said,

“We (Father and Son) will come unto him.” Thus it is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost all coming in at the one time for IT IS ONE PERSON comprising the Godhead.

That advent took place at Pentecost. There aren't two comings of the Spirit, just one.

The trouble is that people
don't know the real truth,
and they simply believe in
Jesus for remission of sin
but never go on to receive
the Spirit.

The Earnest /Deposit

60-0109 — Sirs, We Would¹³²

See Jesus

5 I'm so glad to know
tonight, as a testimony, that
I have confessed all my sins
to Him some thirty years
ago,

and have been on the field
trying to represent Him to
people, as a real Attorney
who can plead the case so
perfect, until God forgives
every sin,

and sends back the Seal of His recognition to us to be sons and daughters of His: the Holy Spirit, to give us witness.

6 And now, I love your city.
I've just had, perhaps, my
first little walk around the
city today, and I would not
have to say this, but I just
want to say it.

And the people are so friendly, and even the policemen are, was friendly and so nice, and everyone trying to help—help you to find places.

7 I was trying to find a certain store, and then something struck me that just thrilled my heart, a man walked across the street, took a hold of my hand.

And I thought, “I’ve seen this gentleman before.” And he introduced himself, and as I looked at him I thought, “I’ve seen him somewhere.”

60-0109 — Sirs, We Would See

Jesus

19 Now, the thing is to get the person...Divine healing is based upon, not the merits of your salvation, or your church affiliation,

or your standing, which is very, very fine, but the—the merits, Divine healing is based upon the merits of your faith, “If thou canst believe.”

And surely if we can place
enough faith in God to raise
this body up from just a little
spoonful of ashes off of the
earth,

surely, we could trust Him to patch up these bodies to live for Him even more. I believe it is the—the, what we would call, “the earnest.”

60-1211M — The Ten
Virgins, And The Hundred
And Forty-Four Thousand
Jews

11 And I do believe in Divine
healing;

it's one of the great doctrines of the Bible. But Divine healing has more to it than just Divine healing.

Divine healing only says that “there is a God who’s coming again.” What does Divine healing speak of? It’s the earnest of our resurrection.

If there's no Divine healing then there is no resurrection, see. And if there is no Holy Spirit now to baptize us, there is no Eternal Life in the world to come.

The Bible said, “This is the earnest of our salvation.”
And you know what the earnest is? Is the “down payment,” see.

If you go down and pay...Say you bought a farm, they wanted ten thousand dollars for it, and you paid two thousand, that's your "earnest" money, they call it the earnest of it.

Now, if this baptism of the Holy Spirit is just the earnest on what's coming, oh, what will it be when we—when we get the full price? It'll be glorious!

61-0117 — The Messiah

57 Now, we're made up of
light meters, inside of us is
cosmic light. Now, that
cosmic light is a light that
they can take an x-ray with.

The x-ray doesn't come
from the x-ray light, it
comes from your own light.
And then if that cosmic
light, say, could be pushed
to a place to where not
cosmic light,

but Eternal Light, God could
dwell supremely, to do our
thinking, do our walking, do
our talking, then it's no
longer the man, it's God in
the man.

58 I suppose I'm deafening you by this thing, 'cause I hear it rebound, it's got an awful voice. It isn't me, it's this, now see, lay it onto that.

59 Now, he's got Light, Life. Eternal Life is the Light of God that dwells in the man. And as he'll yield to the Spirit, more he becomes un-man -sinner-like, and becomes more God-like.

60 Here not long ago they
took an x-ray of a man
praying for a sick man,
Reader's Digest wrote it up,
and found out a ray of Light
coming from one of the
men, not all of them,

but one of the men's hands reflected a ray of Light when they put a piece of lead foil beneath the man's hand. I guess you read it yourself.

61 In England, they turned the healers, they called them, loose to all the hospitals, there was eighty percent more healing done by Divine healing than medical cures had performed.

Reader's Digest picked it up
over here, that was in
Newsweek, and Reader's
Digest picked it up and tried
it, and they find that there
is a ray of Light.

62 When this man, sincerely, not knowing they were doing it, put his hands upon a man and prayed a earnest prayer, they was putting the x-ray down,

and found out a Light,
coming from his hand. God
knew what He talked about
when He said, “Lay hands on
the sick, and they shall
recover.”

He knows what He was speaking of. Oh, I want to see the Church press into that place where It can come like God wants It to be!

63 Then when God was made flesh and became the Messiah, then if we can yield ourselves to be the anointed like He was, we become Messiahettes, little Lights.

That's what the Church is supposed to be, Lights, little anointed ones. That's God's Church.

64 His standing Light is the Light of Messiah, risen Christ in His people, the anointed ones, carrying forth His Light into all the church ages.

Sometimes It almost goes completely out, then It comes back again, God's anointed One, God's Messianic Church.

65 If Messiah means “the
anointed One,” and means
“King,” then if the Church is
anointed by the Messiah
Spirit, it becomes a lesser,
but still, a Messiah,

because It has His Light,
reflecting His power,
reflecting His glory,
reflecting His dominion, so
It is Messiah. Oh, how it
reflects Him in His Kingdom
in His domain!

65-0221E — Who Is This
Melchisedec?

71 But, look! When this
body receives the Spirit of
God, the immortal Life
inside of you,

it throws this body in
subjection to God.

Hallelujah! “He that’s born
of God doth not commit
sin;

he cannot sin.” Romans 8:1,
“There is therefore now no
condemnation to them that
are in Christ Jesus; they walk
not after the flesh, but after
the Spirit.”

There you are. See, that
throws your body subject.
You don't have to say, "Oh, if
I could just quit drinking! If I
could just..."

Just get in Christ, and it's all gone, see, see, because your body is subject to the Spirit. It's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead.

They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism, and you are a new creation in Christ. And your body, becoming subject to the Spirit, try to live a right kind of life.

72 Like you women claiming you got Holy Ghost, and going out here and wearing shorts and things, how could you do it?

How could the Spirit of God in you ever let you do such a thing as that? It just can't be so. Certainly, it can't be. He's not a filthy spirit; He's a holy Spirit.

73 And then when you become subject to that Spirit, it throws your whole being subject to that Spirit. And that Spirit is nothing in the world but this Seed Word made manifest,

or quickened, hallelujah,
made alive. And when the
Bible said, “Don’t do this,”
that body quickly turns to it.
There is no question.

And what is it? It's the
earnest of the resurrection.
This body will be raised up
again, because it's already
started.

It was once subject to sin, and mire and corruption, but now it's got the earnest; it's turned Heavenly. Now, that's the earnest that you're going in the Rapture. It's the earnest.

65-0221E — Who Is This
Melchisedec?

74 A sick person laying,
dying, nothing left but death;
that's all can happen.

I've seen a shadows of people, done eat up with cancer and tuberculosis; and see them persons, a little while after that, perfectly normal and strong.

If there is no Divine healing,
then there is no
resurrection, 'cause Divine
healing is the earnest of the
resurrection. Amen!

75 You know what the earnest money is, don't you? It's the down payment. "He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we're healed." Notice how wonderful! We love Him.

76 Now, this body is subject to the Spirit. Have not yet entered into the Word form, but we are still in the flesh form, but subject to the Word. Death in the flesh will take us there.