

It's on the Inside of You

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory..." (Col. 1:26-29).

Listen what God's Prophet said about it:

Someone asked me, said, "Then who did He pray to in the garden of Gethsemane?" (*Matt. 26:36-45*). I said, "I'll answer you that when you answer this: Do you believe you have the Holy Ghost?" "Yes." I said, "Then who do you pray to? **Where is He at when you are praying to Him? When, you claim you have Him, and yet you're praying to Him.**" [1] **It's on the inside of you**, of course. [2] People, they just get some little idea and run wild with it, you see, that's the way it goes. [1]

And, brother, sister, **that Deity's in you.** *"A little while and the world seeth Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, **even in you**, to the end of the age"* (*John 14:19-20*). **Christ in you.** Hallelujah. **We're not worshipping Christ in the manger, but Christ in you, the Holy Ghost,** the hope of Life - Hallelujah -, **the Creator, God Himself dwelling in the human being** (*Col. 1:26-27*). [3]

I asked the question, **"A Christian?" That's Christ in you. And if Christ is in you, then the Word is in you.** And then if the Word is in you, when the Light is shining, how are you going to walk out of It? (*Psalms 119:105*). See, that's the question. That's what's in now, the Light. **The evening Light's a-shining** (*Zech. 14:7*). The Bride Tree is blooming. [4]

Now, you notice those people who set and say, "Well, I accept the Lord." (*John 1:12-13*). You take their word for it. I would too. I can't judge. God does. But in ten years from now, **they've never progressed a bit**, just staying right in the same old place.

See, **we grow daily. Each day our heart hungers, keeps moving on. There's something growing inside of you** (*II Peter 3:18; Acts 12:24; 19:20*). Amen. You get bigger, spread out... Paul told the Corinthians church, said, "You're maturing growing (*I Cor. 3:1-8; Heb. 5:11-14; 6:1-3*). But when you ought to be teachers, you're still babes needing teaching when you ought to be teachers," **something in there growing out, pushing out, making bigger, the Holy Spirit, growing.**

The new birth... If a birth is born from the inside out, the child, **it grows if it lives.** If it doesn't, it remains. Is that right? Well, when a birth is on the inside, shouldn't it grow? **The Christ in your heart ought to be growing daily** (*John 3:30*), **getting bigger, more powerful, understanding things better, forgiving,** walking on as God would, **till Christ be formed in you,** the hope of glory (*Gal. 4:19; Col. 1:26-28*). [5]

It takes something to happen inside.

Any doctor will tell you, if you put something on the outside, and heal the sore over on the outside, it'll only make it worse, if it isn't. **It has to heal from the inside out. And that's the way Christianity is.** Isn't joining church or something; **it's healing from the inside coming out. Your conversion comes from the inside, the core, the spirit, the life.** [6]

How that each of us can go back to the time when we were delivered, what it meant to us... I can remember in my own experience, of how my poor boy's heart craved to touch God. I thought, **"If I could only go up and knock on His door and talk to Him a little while."** (*Job 13:3; 23:1-3*).

I might forget my age. I might even forget my name sometimes. **But I can never forget that hour when He delivered me from sin. Something took place down inside me, that it's helped me through the great hours and darkness, the hour of my deliverance. The weights of sin left me** (*Heb. 2:1-3*), **and I was a new person. I'd been a new creature in Christ Jesus ever since** (*Gal. 6:14-15*). [7]

You know, a sheep is a very sensitive and odd animal. And you know, a sheep never was asked to manufacture wool. He was asked to bear wool, because he is a sheep. **And as long as he is a sheep, he will bear wool, because that's his nature** (*John 10:1-5, 26-30*).

And so is it with the Christian church. **We were never asked to manufacture fruits. We were asked to bear fruit** (*Matt. 7:15-20*).

Galatians 5:22-23 said, *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, faith, peace, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience."* **These are not to be manufactured. They're to be products that come from the inside out. The outside life that we live, proves what's on the inside.** Now, we have tried to manufacture this, to manufacture the fruits of the Spirit, and we always turn out hypocrisy, **because you cannot manufacture Christianity. It's an experience by a Spirit that lives in you, and bears fruit of Itself. You cannot manufacture it** (*John 15:1-16*).

We have tried to educate it, and denominate it, and when we do we turn out hypocrisy and failure. It's not to be done that way. It's to be done as God intended to be done, **the Spirit inside of us bearing fruits of Its Presence. That's God's program. It can never be changed.** [8]

I want you to notice another thing. Oh, I like to talk about nature. The dove, did you know you don't catch the dove taking a bath. Why? He doesn't have to. **He's got an oil inside of him that goes out through his feathers and keeps himself clean all the time.** That's the way a real church; **it doesn't have to be bathing up** and going back about this, that, or the other. **But they got an oil, holy oil on the inside, every believer, that keeps him clean from the things of the world. The Holy Ghost inside the believer keeps him clean.** Not from the outside what he washes off, **but it comes from the inside out** (*I Cor. 6:9-11; John 15:3*). Amen.

A lot of people say, "I have to say so and so, and I have to go make a confession. I have to do this." **But you know, the Holy Spirit inside just works the oil out all the time, the atonement, keeping the believer clean** (*Rom. 5:8-*

11). **"For there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."** (Rom. 8:1). [9]

Now, we are resurrected today (Eph. 2:4-7). Why can we have such a time over the things of God? **Because we're resurrected. "Those who He foreknew, He called; those who He called, He justified; those who He justified, He has glorified."** (Rom. 8:28-30). **Then we are now resurrected. We are resurrected from the inside out, not from the outside in.** Oh, do you notice, not sealed out this way, **but sealed in.** Oh, my, if the church could just see it. See, we're not sealed out; **we're sealed in** (Eph. 1:13-14). Them days, when sin was abomination before God, and there was no appropriation to take it away, we were sealed away from it. Now, when that ripped in two (Matt. 27:51-53), and that seal was broken by a sin-offering, **now we're baptized inside and sealed inside. We are resurrected. We are now resurrected, already resurrected** (Col. 3:1-4). How do you know? The Bible said so. Amen. We are now resurrected. **We are now raised with Him in spiritual resurrection.** What does the word "quicken" mean? "Quickened" means "resurrection." (Rom. 8:11). That's right. We're already resurrected right now, **setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus** (Eph. 2:1-6), enjoying the Easter Seal. Amen. That's God's true Easter Seal. How are we? **By one Spirit baptized into the Body, and sealed eternally** (Eph. 4:30). **We are now raised spiritually. What did we raise from? From a life of sin;** we were once sinners and loved the things of the world. [10]

Their nature's got to be different from the inside out, not an outward manifestation or demonstration, **but the inside Spirit of the living God that makes that person a new creature, that humbles his heart or her heart before God.** [11]

In Hebrews 10:1-2 It tells us, that if the worshipper is once purged **he has no more conscience of sin,** or otherwise, **no more desire to sin. The whole thing's gone from him.**

You don't have to sin every day. You don't have to do these things. **You do it because you willfully want to. And the reason you willfully want to is 'cause you have never died to yourself** (John 12:24-25). Oh, brother. I know that's scorching, but it's good. **When you die to yourself then you become a new creature** (Gal. 2:19-21). **Then those things are gone.**

And if you try to act like you've got them before you have, it's like I said the other day like a blackbird trying to put peacock feathers in his wings, say, "You see, I'm a peacock." He isn't. That's something he's stuck in himself. **It has to grow from the inside out.**

And that's the way the Holy Spirit is. It's not something you smear on or something like that. **It's a new birth** (John 3:3-5). **You've got to be born again. And these virtues of the Holy Ghost have to come from the inside out** (II Peter 1:3-11). And when world and sin, and cutting hair, and painting comes out against the Word of God, **it shows the Holy Spirit's not there. That's a direct evidence.**

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Now you say, "Brother Branham, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely. That's gifts of God (*I Cor. 12:4-11*). **But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God.**

This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, **then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, the same as He seals the church ages as a unit** (*II Peter 1:3-11*). The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual; **made out of same material**, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them. **You can't imitate them.** They've got to be **God-sent** and **God-born**. **Imitation only causes confusion.**

It's like I said. Could you imagine seeing a buzzard setting there with a dove feather stuck in his wings, say, "See, I'm a dove!" He's not a dove. He's a buzzard. Could you imagine a black bird with a peacock feather in his wings, and saying, "See!?" That's something that he stuck in.

But it has to come from the inside out, and it produces Christianity; God, by the power of the Holy Spirit! (*Eph. 3:20; Acts 1:8*). [13]

And if a man's born of God, when the church bell rings, you can't stay away from it. **There's something on the inside of you that calls out, the deep speaking to the deep. You've got to go.** Amen. You've got to get right here, brother. And if that spirit in there is still worshipping the world, the love of God's not even in you (*I John 2:15-17*).

If it hates the world and loves God, you don't have to sign a card to go to church and make pledges. **You'll be there when the door opens.** You can't stay away from it. **Something on the inside of you pulling you. You just can't help from coming.** That's right. It's something that takes place in here. **It's a birth. And that's what the church needs today. Until that old carnal Adam, adamic nature is killed in the man, he's still a sinner** (*I Peter 1:22-23*). He might go to church ever so often. He might put his name on the book. **As long as those things are in him, he's still out of line with God.** Amen. [14]

I believe that the reason we don't have desperation is because **it's a lack of love, the love of God** (*Rom. 5:5; I John 4:16*). **I think that the love of God causes desperation. If God is in you, the Token inside of you**, and you see the conditions of times, and people wading in sin the way they are, **it'll throw you into desperation.** I believe it will. [15]

I believe, Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, till he was of age, **but the Bible and... I think it was Pilgrim's Progress.** You see what kind of a character that molded?

Just let me go in your house and see what kind of pictures you got on your wall (*II Cor. 3:18*). Let me go to your home or your office, and let's see what kind of music is playing. See? **What you read, what you look at, I can pretty well tell you what's on the inside of you, see, because it feeds on that.**

See? And, oh, to a home, **if we made a home more lovely, children wouldn't want to run away. Make things more for them, where they feel welcome and nice and comfortable at home;** where, home, they can't hardly wait till they get there. And that's the way home should be. [16]

That's the way with people who profess Christ. **Many of them look like Christians, try to act like Christians; but you've got to have Christ on the inside of you, which is the Word made manifest, or it'll never mature into a real Bible-believing Christian.** It'll always be a denominational something. **It cannot live, because there's no Life in it, to live.** [17]

Maybe some of the rest of them say, "Well, the doctor told me I couldn't live, Brother Branham. I'm going to die." That's not what we're talking about. **That's the natural thing. See? And if you look to any of that, you'll never live. But you've got to look to a promise that God made,** and that's the promise (*Psalms 16:8-9*). See, **the inside of you...**

This outside is sin. Do you know that? Do you know your body's sin? **That's the reason don't try to perfect that body; it's sin** (*Rom. 7:18-25*). Did you know that? It was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies (*Psalms 51:5; Rom. 3:4*). [18]

And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you're born again (*I Peter 1:23*). And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin is gone from you (*I John 3:2; Phil. 3:20-21; Col. 3:1-4*). See? That's the thing. [19]

May they not only be baptized with water, **which is only an outward sign that something inside has happened.** The Bible said, "*There is one Faith, one Lord, one baptism*" (*Eph. 4:4-6*), **and that baptism is spiritual baptism.** The body being washed, it's just only an illustration, **or to give a sign that something inside has happened. But it's that soul that's got to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, that's the Eternal coming into that human nature and changing it around, to make it a believer.** [20]

And then we never know just what we're doing, **what influence, what we're doing, is having upon others.** The Bible said, "*We are written epistles, read of all men.*" (*II Cor. 3:1-3*). **That is, your life reads so loud to the public, until your testimony, if it's contrary to your life, is without any effect. It's what you are inside of you, that people read; not so much what you say, but what you are,** see. You can pin something on somebody, say, "This is that, and so forth," **but your life being different from what they say, your testimony of your life is louder than the testimony that someone could say something about you. Yeah. So just keep that on mind, that we're bringing influences every day, and the life that you live proves what's on the inside of you. You cannot change that. It reflects. Every person reflects, outside, what he is inside.**

And if we take the testimony of being Christians, I think that that is one of the most solemn things that a man or a woman, boy or girl, could do. When he takes

on the Name of Christ, that he is going **to be a representative of Christ** (*II Cor. 5:20-21*), you should watch every move you make, because somebody is watching you (*I Cor. 4:9*). **And, in this, it reflects what God has done for you, inside of you.** [21]

Like my little eagle story. He knew when he heard that scream of that mother eagle, there's a lot difference between that and the cluck of the hen. See, because he was an eagle from the egg. He wasn't made an eagle right then, **he always was an eagle. And a Christian always was!** That's the reason the divorce, when you're divorced, because you were trapped into it, see, by your first parent, Adam and Eve. You become a sinner by nature. You didn't want to be, but now you heard the Gospel, and **faith cometh by hearing** (*Rom. 10:17*), **revelation comes by hearing. There is a little something inside of you.** [22]

Someday it's going to be over. I'll preach my last time; and close that old Bible for the last time, that's right, or one of them. I'll sing my last song. I'll preach my last sermon. I'll pray for the last sick person. **I'll do everything one time, will end it, and I'll never be mortal no more.** The wheels of mortal life are turning here in my body; making my hands reach, and my eyes look, and my lips speak, and so forth. Every wheel in there, turning, will stand still. That's all.

But brother, **that little Something inside here, is going somewhere else then, going to climb a little higher then.** I'm going to have a body waiting for me up There, that's not made by hands, but is fashioned after God (*II Cor. 5:1-9*).

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