

Let the Presence of Jesus Christ, The Word, Have Preeminence

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:12-20).

Whether it be Father, Son, Holy Ghost, whatever it is, **"He is before all things."** "Before all things that's in Heaven, in earth; visible, invisible, or anything," **this Son of God was before all things** (Rom. 11:33-36). That right? I don't care, it's thrones, dominions, whatever it is; heavenly thrones, kingdoms, whatever it might be in the great supernatural realms beyond, in the Eternities where it was; whatever it was, Angels, gods, whatever it was, **"He is before all things."** Amen! Can't you see Him? "He was before all things; and were created by Him." The 17th verse.

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

There is nothing can make it run but Him. Whether it's God the Father, God the Holy Ghost; whether it's the Angels, principalities, powers, dominions; whatever it is, **all things run by Him.** *"All things consist by Him."* He!

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead (that is, raise up what He come to redeem); that in all things he might have the preeminence."

"Might have preeminence," you know what it means? That's, **"over all."** **He is over all things that was ever created;** every Angel, every being, every thing that there is. **He is over all things.** What Creature is This? Who can it be? **Over all things!**

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all the fulness dwell."

"All the fullness of all things." All the fullness of God, all the fullness of Angels, all the fullness of time, all the fullness of Eternity; everything dwelt in Him.

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven” (Col. 1:18-20).

There is that great Being we're talking about, "The beginning of the creation of God." (*Rev. 3:14*).

Now, **His very whole purpose was the Church.** Now how do we get into this Church? **"By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body," the Church, the Body of Christ** (*I Cor. 12:13*). It cannot fail.

Now, this outside man is the flesh. That's what we look at; what we see. And it has **five inlets to that body.** And any grammar school child, as myself, would know there are five senses which control the body; see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. Without that, you can't touch the body. That's the only way you have to the body. Now, **that is the evil one, on the outside** (*Rom. 7:14-25*).

Now, inside of that is a spirit, which you become when you're born in the earth and the breath of life is breathed into him. **That spirit is of a worldly nature because it was not given from God, but it was permitted by God.** Now you got that? For, every child that's born in the world, "is born in sin, shaped in iniquity; come to the world speaking lies." (*Rom. 3:10-17*). That right? So, **that person, inside there, is a sinner, to begin with** (*Psalms 51:5*).

Now, it's got **five inlets.** First, I know, is imagination, conscience, memories, reasons, affection (love). **There are five inlets to the spirit.** You can't think with your body; you have to think with your spirit. You can't have conscience in your body. It has no mental faculties at all; your body doesn't, **so you have to think with your spirit.** You have to reason. You can't reason with your physical being, 'cause reason doesn't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear. **Reason is what you can make in your mind.** If you're asleep or you're out, your body is lying there dead, but your spirit can still reason. **There are five senses that controls that inside man.**

Now, **to the last man, which is the soul,** there is only one sense that controls that, **and that is moral agency's free will to choose or to reject.** [1]

I watched one time at the seashore, where a wind was blowing, and it was just shaking. It was up at Lake Michigan. I was standing out there watching the waves as they would come in, the waters a jumping, and the boats a rocking. And I thought, "What is that going on?" I thought, "Why, the lake is having a revival." That's it. It jumping and shaking, why? There is a rushing mighty wind coming down on it. I thought, "Well, you know what? There isn't one more drop of water in it right now than what it was when it was perfectly still. No more water in it; it's just all stirred up. Well, now, what's it

stirred up about?" You know what a stirring up of the water does? Washes all the trash out of it, up on the bank.

That's what we need, a washing of unbelief out, on the bank. Let the Word of God have preeminence. That's what we need, a revival, and wash all the unbelief out, and all the bugs and superstitions, and things. Come out and see that God is still God. That's what we have revivals for (*Matt. 12:38-42; Heb. 13:8*). [2]

When **faith takes the preeminences**, there is no more room for fear. It casts it away. [3]

And may all of our doubts be driven from us now, **that the Holy Spirit will have preeminence in every heart, and every mind, every soul.** [4]

Look on Mount Transfiguration, when the testimony of God Himself, "This is My beloved Son. Hear ye Him!" (*Matt. 17:1-8*).

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 (*John 1:40-41*). Oh, my! How can people doubt it?

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** (*Col. 2:9*). **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.**

What was Jesus manifested for? **To show God. He was God** (*I John 5:20*). 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.

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 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." (*John 14:12*). 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...**

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.**

Now **He sanctified, with His Spirit and Blood, a Church, that He might make every promise in this last day be revealed** (*Heb. 10:10-14; 13:12*). Now, see, He could go back and pick up what these other fellows have 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** (*John 1:1-3,14*), and the **Church becomes the Word** when it lets the Word go through them.

It depends on where you're born from. If you're born of the Word of God, God's Word has the preeminences in His Church (*I Peter 1:23*). That's what He died for. That's His purpose, that He might be able to achieve, **to have His preeminence working in His Church.** Let the Word of God shine forth, first, no matter what anything else looks like. I don't care if the intellectuals say this, that, the other, it has nothing to do with It. God's Word said so, and we are more than able to take it!

Well, does not Hebrews 4:12-13 say, *"The Word of God is quicker and sharper than a two-edged sword, and can discern the very thoughts of the mind"*? **And He was that Word. And when that Word is preeminence in the man, the same thing takes place again, for it is the Word! Amen!**

Once again: **God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began:**

- 1) **The first thing was, that, God wanted to reveal Himself to the people, to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, to reveal Hisself in Christ - the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**
- 2) **Secondly, to have the preeminence in His Body of believers, that is His Bride, that He might live in people, to bring that "fullness of Godhead bodily" into a people, to manifest every promise in these last days, that He promised for the last days - when He gets the preeminence in the Church, the position, His place in the Church - that He could have the preeminences, the oversight, the leading, to express Himself through them. And the same thing, Christ was**

the Word, and the Church becomes the Word when it lets the Word go through them.

What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ. Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her.

- 3) And, **thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position**, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening (*Gen. 3:8*), with His people, talked with them, fellowshiped with them. [5]

That's the reason the Holy Spirit is such a definite must in this day, because It is the One that lives your life. You don't live it yourself. **It's Christ in you** (*Col. 1:26-27*), then, after you have received the Holy Spirit. **And if He doesn't have the preeminences in your life**, then you just remember, you haven't received the Holy Spirit. Cause, **if He is in you, He'll live His Own Life** (*Gal. 2:19-21*). You're no more your own. "You are dead, and your life is hid in God, through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost." (*Col. 3:1-3*). [6]

The Holy Spirit will have the preeminence, to break into every heart and to every mind. "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you." I pray, God, that as **we see that the mind is the controlling tower of the whole being, that it directs us**, and let the mind that was in Christ be in us (*Phil. 2:1-11*).

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He's proved to you that He's God. "*Greater is He that's in you, than he that's in the world*" (*I John 4:4*). It's the Lord God. Now, **He that's in you, let Him have preeminences. Let Him have the oversaying of what you...**

You say in your heart right now, if you can, with all your heart, and believe it, "The disease that was in my body is gone. I am no more afflicted. I have no more disease (*Isaiah 53:4-5*). **He that's in me is greater than he that's in my body. He that's in my heart is greater than he that's in my flesh.** Therefore, He that's in my heart created the heavens and earth. My flesh has been contaminated by Satan, **and I am a temple for the Holy Spirit to live in** (*I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20*). Therefore, Satan, I command you to leave my body. In the Name of Jesus Christ, come out of me."

And we're going there on the battleground, to "fight the good fight of Faith." (*I Tim. 6:12*). [8]

When this great battle started on earth, there had to be a mutual meeting place. There had to be a place selected for the battle to begin, and for the battle to rage. **And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind.** There is where the battle starts. **The human mind was chosen for the place of the**

battle, where it was begin, and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head. Now, they never started it from some organization. They never started it from some mechanical affair. The grounds never started there. Therefore, that organization can never, never do the work of God, **because the battlegrounds, where you've got to meet your enemy, is in the mind.** You've got to make your choice. It meets you.

Decisions are made in the mind, the head. There is where Satan meets you, and the decisions are, because that God made a man that way.

There's your battleground. Your battleground is back here at the beginning, back here in the soul, **back in your mind that opens.** The mind is the gate to the soul, the gate to the spirit, rather. **Your mind opens up and accepts the spirit, or it rejects the spirit.** You can have little consciences, and little feelings, and little sensations, all these things. That has nothing to do with it. That's just little sensations and things. But when it comes to reality, **your mind opens it up. Your mind either accepts it or rejects it.** That's it, friends.

The soul has one sense, and that sense is, either dominates it, **is faith or doubt.** That's exactly. And **there's only one avenue to it, that's free moral agency. You can accept doubt or you can accept faith,** either one you want to work on. Therefore, Satan begins at the principal part, to cause the spirit of man to doubt God's Word. God begins at the principal part, **to lay His Word in that spirit.** There you are. That's what does it.

Now remember, it's not Christian Science, now, mind over matter. **The mind accepts the Life, which is the Word of God, and there brings the Life.** Just your thought doesn't do it. **But, the Word of God, brought in the channel of your thought.** See? It's not the thought, as Christian Science make it, mind over matter. No. That isn't it.

But, your mind accepts It. It grasps It. What is your mind controlled by? **Your spirit.** And your spirit catches the Word of God, and that's the thing **that's got Life in It. It brings Life into you.** Oh, brother! When that takes place, **when Life comes down that channel, into you, the Word of God is manifested in you.** *"If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, then ask what you will and it'll be done for you."* (John 15:7).

Then what does that do? **From the middle of the heart, which is the soul,** from there goes forth, **feeding every channel.** The trouble of it is, we're standing in here with a lot of doubt, trying to accept what's out there. You've got to stop that; **and come down that channel with the true Word of God,** and then it goes out, itself, automatically. **It's what's on the inside. That's the thing that counts, is the inside.** [9]

Let them know, Lord, that we never come to a picnic, but to a battleground: **fight, every inch of the way. Give them courage.** Strengthen them. [10]

We're living in these last days, to where the Gospel does not have the preeminences as It should have. It doesn't have the rights that It should have. It's all sewed up in politics and things, and just like a union. **And that's what it's finally coming to, because the mark of the beast has to come by union,** we know. Cause, **it's a boycott,** "no man can buy or sell, save him that have the mark of the beast." (*Rev. 13:16-18*). [11]

Make us fit servants. Forgive our past. Bless our future. Guide us, O Lord God, with Thy mighty hand, Jehovah. Bless these ministers here. Bless all the laity, all the visitors. Be Thou with us, Lord. We are Your servants and we give ourselves wholly to You, **that the power of Your Spirit might have more preeminences in our life** and in our being. Help us, God. Forgive us and help us, we pray. Raise up mighty men! Raise up mighty warriors of the Faith! Open, Lord, **that hidden Manna, that Rock beneath the rock, that we might see the program of God.** Cap off the pyramids of our life, Lord; **put the Capstone, Christ Jesus, upon each and every one of us.** May His great magnificent, holy blessings be upon us all. May the fire of the Holy Ghost come upon us. May the power of the resurrection be manifested. God, how we thank You. We are Yours. We give ourselves fully to You, Lord. [12]

And I am looking for a time **of a breaking forth of the Spirit of God in these last days that we're now living in; for another surge of the Holy Spirit, into the Church; for a rapturing faith,** just before it comes. And everything is sitting straight in order for that. And I believe that we're now at the time **that the Word should have preeminence.** I believe that the time to lay aside our creeds **and our thoughts, and come back to the Word.** [13]

As we pray, Father, **we forgive every man his sin against us. If there be found anything in us, that's unlike You, forgive us, Lord.** For, we're told that we're to be "written epistles of God, read of all man." (*II Cor. 3:1-3*).

Let the power of Jesus Christ break today, and separate every person, from any unbelief, **and let the Presence of Jesus Christ, the Word,** Who knows the thoughts of our heart, **let It take preeminence today in every heart.**

And we rebuke Satan and all of his powers of darkness, all of his powers of unbelief. The Spirit of God has raised up a standard against you (*Isaiah 59:19*). **Satan, you are a defeated being. Jesus Christ defeated you at Calvary.**

He raised up, the third day, triumph over death, hell, and the grave. He ascended on High and gave gifts to man (*Eph. 4:7-12*). **He is here in Person.** He said, "A little while and the world will see Me no more; yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, **even in you**, to the end of the world." (*John 14:19-21*). **We see His Presence here, fulfilling His Word.** By faith we believe that every sick person in here shall be healed, for the glory of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ. [14]

We would also ask today, Lord, that You'll help me, **the most needed one, perhaps, of the audience; knowing that placed before me here is the purchase of the Blood of the Lord Jesus** (*I Peter 1:18-20*). There are, perhaps, sinners setting here, **that is so bound with sin that it'd be hard for them, impossible almost, for them to reach out to a place to accept Christ, as long as Satan has them so bound in his power.** But knowing that it is written, "*In My Name they shall cast out devils*" (*Mark 16:17-18*).

And give us power today, Lord, **through the preaching of the Word to cast every devil of doubt, and superstition, and fear** from the people's hearts and minds, that those who are bound by flusterations and doubt might be brought into the arms of Christ. And it's also written that "They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover." **There are those here who are Christians and are bound with demons of disease** (*Mark 16:17-18*).

Lord, give me power today of the Holy Spirit to deliver every sick and afflicted person, that the great Holy Spirit might have preeminences in every heart and everybody that's in Divine Presence. [15]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]