

The Mystical Body of JESUS Christ

I Cor. 12:4-7,11-13, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal..."

*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. **For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**"*

"But by one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body," and that Body is a family, the family of God. And that's the house of God, and the house of God is the Name of Jesus Christ. "The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower, the righteous run into It and are safe" (Prov. 18:10; Heb. 3:1-6).

Now, how you going to come in by a title? **But the name of the Lord is "Jesus Christ."**

*"I have chosen to put My Name at the door of the house of My worship, **for My family will be gathered in there under the Blood;** like it was in Egypt, anything outside died (Exod. 12:21-36). And in there there's no leavened bread! (I Cor. 5:7-8). There's no denominational mixture in It anywhere, in My house! **My children, born of My genes!"** Amen! Glory to God! **"My genes are in them! I put My Word in them. I'll write them upon the tables of their heart (Heb. 8:10). That's My family, the family of the Body of Jesus Christ; the family.** And this door you'll come in, not Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostal, **but in the door where I put My Name.**" (I Kings 9:3; Deut. 16:1-2). [1]*

Now you belong to one of those bodies. **There is only two of them in the earth now, always has been, and will be till Jesus comes, and one of them will be destroyed.** Now you belong to one of the bodies. One of them, you've joined; the other one, **you are born in It.**

You belong to one of the bodies. Got to be, it's just got to be. **It's either the Body of God, which is by the Word; or the body of Satan, by the church.** And the whole world will have to belong to some church; it worships some god. **You've got to worship either the god of knowledge, you rely upon what you hear by knowledge, you rely upon this, or that, or the other; or you rely upon God's Word, by faith, watching for Him to vindicate It and make It true.** [2]

He proves all of His Words, all of His Words. Just think of it, all of His Words! **And you were His Word. He was the Word, and you were part of His Word. And, that's the reason you're sent here, to confirm your place in life. See, He is the Word.**

He was in the feet, in Luther; in the thighs, in Wesley; in the shoulders, in Pentecost. See what I mean? **He is the Head (Col. 1:18-20).** You have a part that joins that together, this hour that we're living now; not the feet part, not the thigh

part, not the shoulder part, **but the neck part**. Is that right? **It joins to the head. That's the part of the body. Those that are asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.** The trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first (*1 Thess. 4:13-18*). Is that right? **See, you become a part of that Word, you become a part of Him.** And you take His Name to recognize it, see, **you're placed in there, baptized into His Name, into His Body, "By one Spirit we're all baptized in one Body" (*1 Cor. 12:13*), into here, just exactly like the same position.** He never changes His way. How many believes the early church is in Him? How were they baptized? See, He's unchangeable God. We proved that. We could stay here till midnight tonight, proving that, and still go on and on and on. See, unchangeable! **You are in Him and a part of Him, because you were a part of the thinking of Him.** Before the foundation of the world, He called you! (*Rev. 13:8*). [3]

The baptism of the Holy Spirit puts you into the body of Christ, subject to the gifts for service. It doesn't make you any more of a Christian; **it just puts you into the body of gifts.** "*By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body*" (*1 Cor. 12*), says Paul, **"there are different gifts, and in this body are nine spiritual gifts."** **You have to be baptized into the body to possess one of these gifts (*Rom. 12:4-8*). They come with the body.** [4]

And there's always been an ark in God's economy. There was an ark in the days of Noah, for the saving of His people. There was an ark in the days of the law, ark of testimony. In the days of the law, they followed the ark.

And there is a third dispensation now; like Noah's time, Lot's time, **and now this time. There is an ark now.** And that ark is not a denomination, **neither is it good works that you do. "It's by one Spirit," (*1 Cor. 12:13*), "we are all baptized into one Body,** in the domain of that Kingdom, **one Spiritual baptism."** No matter how good, how bad, whatever, **you're in that Kingdom by Holy Ghost baptism. That's the only way you overcome. It's all that is under the shed Blood is overcomers (*Rev. 12:11*), 'cause you cannot overcome, yourself. It's He that overcome for you (*Rom. 8:37*). You're resting.**

"How will I know then, that I'm in There?" **Watch what kind of a life you're living.** Just look around. **See if it's just lived out of you, automatically. Or, you have to strain and pull, see, then you're doing it.** But don't try to do it. [5]

Now, our eternal destination is not altogether determined by what we see and what we hear, **but it's determined on what discernment we have of what we see and what we hear.**

Paul was not disputing with them for taking the communion. Their act was right, but their discernment was wrong. For taking the Lord's Supper is the commandment of the Lord, **but to take it unworthily, not discerning the Lord's Body, is where the wrong lays.**

These Christians were taking the communion **and not living the Life. Christianity is an experience and a life.** And these Christians were just living any kind of a life, **making a poor example of their profession.** And Paul says, "*That this cause, many are sick and weakly among you, and many are asleep,*" **which**

means they are dead, because they haven't discerned the Body of the Lord (*I Cor. 11:23-34*).

And we who call ourselves Christians, we have no right to take the communion unless we are living above a reproach of the world. We have no right. The communion is for those who are living right as an example of Christianity.

The worst thing there is in the world is a person to try to impersonate something, and there's too much of that in the world today. Not only do we, in this day, are guilty of the same crime that Paul was rebuking the Corinthian church for, but of trying to do something that the Lord had commanded without discerning the Body of the Lord, **and the Body of the Lord is the believers.** But today we are doing things not discerning any of the Word of God. **We should have a discernment on everything that we do. It ought to be measured by the Word of God. All that Christians do and say should be measured by the Word of God.** [6]

By one Spirit are we all baptized into one Body and become members of that Body (*Eph. 3:4-6; Gal. 3:27-28*). And just as sure as God raised that Body in the literal (out from the grave) the spiritual Body will go in the rapture. Truly.

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Everybody says, **"By faith are you saved (*Eph. 2:8-9*); Christ is the way." That's right, Christ is the way. But how do you get to Christ? (*I Cor. 1:30-31*).**

Now, there's His body; the Bible said, "Not by one letter, not by one's confession, not by one profession, **but by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**" (*I Cor. 12:13*), **into the body of Christ which is already been judged. And we're free from judgment (*John 5:24*). We're just as sure, as God raised His body from the grave, the Church will go up just as He did, all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.** [8]

God's people is His called-out people (*I Peter 2:9-10*). I believe they're in every denomination; they could be Catholic; they could be Protestant; they could be Jewish; they could be any kind of a church. **But the real church is the mystical Body of Jesus Christ.**

Now, you cannot organize the mystical Body of Christ. Now, every person that comes to Christ, comes out of the world, **comes into Christ, comes into His mystical Body. And you are a member of that Body (*I Cor. 12:12-27*) when you are brought into this church, called-out and are baptized into this mystical Body.** You get it? It's not Methodist, not Baptist, not Pentecostal, not Nazarene, not Pilgrim Holiness, not Catholic; **but the Body of Jesus Christ. But the Body of Christ is the church.**

Now, He likened it in many parables, **like in a husband and wife. He calls the church the Bride. And the bride is no longer, and the bridegroom is no longer two people; they are one. She's flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone (*Eph. 5:30-32*). And then when a man or a woman is called to the mystical Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, they become a full member of His Body when they're filled with the Holy Ghost, 'cause God took the Spirit out of Christ, raised up His body and placed it on His throne, and sent back the Holy Spirit to make up the mystical Body of Christ, which will be united at the marriage supper at the coming of the Lord. You cannot organize it. It is a mystery.**

Jesus Christ, He is the Head of this mystical Body (*Eph. 1:20-23*). **He's the King over it, working His Own will in His dominion.** Not a bishop's control or a church board's control, **but a King, which is Messiah Himself working in His Own domain. When did it begin? At Pentecost.** Not the Pentecostal organization; **the Pentecostal experience.** That's when it begin with you. He spoke of Its coming. He said what would take place. He told it was coming. [9]

The Body of Jesus Christ is not an organization. **The Body of Jesus Christ is a mystical Body** (*Eph. 4:4-6*), **it is a Body in a Kingdom that's a spiritual Kingdom** (*I Cor. 4:20*), **that set upon the earth by Jesus Christ being the King of this Kingdom**, the High Priest to offer sacrifices for the wayfaring in this Kingdom. He's a Prophet (the Word) that preaches the Truth and brings the Light of God in this Kingdom; **and He is both Prophet, Priest, and King, in this Kingdom.** And how do we get in this Kingdom? by the denomination? by letter? by hand-shaking? But "by one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body" **which is the mystical Body of Jesus Christ**, and we're baptized in there, not by water, not by sprinkling, not by pouring, not by any kind of a water baptism, but "*by one Spirit, Holy Spirit, we are all baptized into one Body*" (*I Cor. 12:13*). **Yes, we are baptized into this Body by one Spirit, Holy Spirit**, then we don't belong to anything but Christ. **You are Christ's. It's a mystical Kingdom of God that's set up, that we come into It by Holy Spirit baptism.** I love That! [10]

Remember, **the true Church has always been the little bitty group that's been pushed out of the other churches. The true Church never was organized, because it's not an organism, it is the mystical Body of Jesus Christ living on earth, the Holy Spirit moving in these members. So you can't organize Christ, you can't do it.** I want you to hold on to that for that Laodicean Age, now. And remember it and keep it, 'cause every Word I speak is on this tape. [11]

Now, what do we do? Confess our sins, **reckoning ourselves dead**, buried with Him in baptism, raised with Him in His resurrection (*Rom. 6:1-11*). What to? **Set in heavenly places with Him.** That's where we are today, setting (not physically) spiritually; our minds, our thoughts, our souls are far beyond the cares of the world right now. **Where are we? "In heavenly places in Christ Jesus."** (*Eph. 2:4-7*). How do we get into it? **"By one Spirit we are all baptized by the Holy Ghost into one Body of believers"** (*I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:5-8*), **the mystical Kingdom of God.**

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By the Holy Spirit baptism, **we are baptized into that Body, and are free from sin. God doesn't see you no more; He only sees Christ. And when you're in that Body, God can't judge that Body. He's already judged It. He took our judgments and invited us in. And by faith, through grace, we walk in, accept our pardoning** (*Eph. 1:3-7*). And the Holy Spirit brings us into this fellowship with Him. **"And we walk no more after the things of the world, but we walk in the Spirit"** (*Gal. 5:16-26*).

Quickened, the Word came to us. He died in my stead. I'm made alive. Here I am, who was once dead in sin and trespasses, been made alive (*Eph. 2:1-7*). **All my**

desires is to serve Him. All my love is to Him. All my walks want to be in His Name. Wherever I go, whatever I do, **I glorify Him.** If I'm hunting, if I'm fishing, **if I'm playing ball,** and whatever I'm doing, I must be, **"Christ in me"** (*Col. 1:26-28*), **in such a life, that will make men long to be that way;** not tattling, backbiting, and fussing about your churches. You get it?

"By one Spirit we are baptized into that Body." "And when I see the Blood, I'll pass over you." (Exod. 12:13). [13]

"He that heareth you heareth me;... he that despises you despises me;... he that despises me despises him that sent me" (Luke 10:16).

That proves that God speaks His Message through His servants. Always has. That's right.

Now, the power of the believing Church. **"Christ has all power in heavens and earth." You believe that? Now, what if He's in you? Has Christ got all power?** (*Matt. 28:18*).

He is the Seed-Word in His Body. And He, in us, becomes the Seed-Word in us. What? All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was, was poured into the Church. That's the power (*Col. 1:24-29*).

Now watch. Remember **God's law of reproduction**, now, remember, "After its kind." (*Gen. 1:11-12*). That right? **The Seed of Christ, the Word, must come through His Body.**

The Seed of Christ must, m-u-s-t, must come through His Body; not through a denomination, but through a born-again Seed of the Word, must come through (*1 Peter 1:22-23*). Now, remember. What is it? **Christ's Seed.**

How does my seed come? **Through the body.** How does the apple tree seed come? Through the body. **Seed is through the Body, and the Church is the Body of Christ. The Bible Church!** (*Eph. 1:22-23*). **This Birth produces (that's the new Birth) Himself in Body, His Church, is His Word, so that people can see the confirmation of Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."** You believe it? These are not denominational hybrids, now. This is those that's in the orbit, waiting for the countdown, you know what I mean, fixing to take a rocket. Glory! These are not denominational hybrids. No, sir. **It's the Seed.**

Oh, here, we're going to get in something deep now. Now watch this **Seed-Church, this real Church with the real, true Sperm.**

Now remember, God never committed His preaching and His Gospel to an Angel. How many knows that? How many knows that Galatians 1:8 said, *"If an Angel come from Heaven and preach something else beside they had preached, let it be accursed"*? **So, the Angel is wrong if he's different from the Word. God came on down below Angels, and committed It to man, which were sons** (*Heb. 2:9-10*). You believe that? Now watch. Now, He never committed It to Angels. Notice, He did not do it.

Now, Philip had been up to Pentecost, Jerusalem, to worship. How many says "amen" to that?

The eunuch, he had been with all the D.D.'s and L.D.'s, and everything. But why didn't he get something? He come back down, studying the prophecy of Isaiah (*Isaiah 53:7-8*).

Although an Angel directed Philip to him (*Acts 8:26-40*), **but the Germ of Life had to come through the Body, Philip.** Where did the Germ come from? Through the Angel? The Angel showed him where to go. **An Angel is a messenger** (*Heb. 1:13-14*). **Here is a son. Philip had the Germ, the Message, the Word. That's how a Child can be born. Philip laid his hands upon him. Philip baptized him in the Name of Jesus Christ. There come forth the Spirit of God. Sure.**

Now, the Germ had to come from the Body. What Body? Christ's Body. Correct. And Philip was a member of the Body.

Now listen. The same thing took place in *Acts 10:44-48*. Peter was on the house top. An Angel directed him to Cornelius' house. But where did the Word come from? **The Body.** An Angel come and said, "Don't worry. Don't call nothing unclean. Just go on, don't think nothing."

"And while Peter spake these Words," not the Angel, not the cardinal. "While Peter spake these Words." What? He was the Body. He had the Word. The Word took hold. Oh, brother! Angel directed it, but the Life come through the Body of Christ.

Paul, on his way to Damascus, a vision directed him. But **Ananias had the Germ, had the Word. Amen.** That prophet, Ananias, saw a vision that said, "*Go up there, lay your hands on him.*"

Said, "*Brother Saul, the Lord appeared to you in the road, coming down here.*" How did he know? **He had the Word. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet.** Prophet, went up there and said, "He come, has sent me up here, that I might lay my hands upon you, **and you would be healed and receive the Holy Ghost. Receive your sight.**" The scales fell off his eyes. He rose, was baptized, **in the Name of Jesus, went to study** (*Acts 9:1-25*).

Angel directed it, that's right, **but Paul had the Seed-Germ. It takes the Spirit of God, the Seed, to give Life Eternal.** [14]

Help us, O God, especially Your Church, **them that's baptized into that mythical Body of Christ.** Which, "It's the Spirit that quickeneth" (*John 6:63*). And as the Son of man ascended up, so shall His Body ascend up. **And He is the Head** (*Col. 1:18-20*), **His Church is the Body. O God, it's the Head that guides the Body. Let the Headship of the Word guide the Body of Christ. And may I be part of that Body, Lord.** [15]

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