

Our Headship – Christ, the Word of God

“And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire” (Rev. 10:1).

How that Rebekah watered that camel in the cool of the evening. Eliezer didn't find her in the morning. He never found her at noontime; he found her in the evening light (*Gen. 24:11*). *“It shall be Light in the evening time!”* (*Zech. 14:6-7*). Right! That's where he found her. She veiled her face (*Gen. 24:65*). She had no head; she was going to her head. Amen. A woman, it's her nature, of a woman, **to surrender to a man. And it's the nature of the church to surrender to Christ, surrender to His will. Just surrender!** She has no thinking of her own; **she takes His Word**, not somebody else's. If Eve would have done that, we'd have never had to die; but she listened to reasonings. **But the real Bride of Christ takes the Headship of Christ, the Word, and only believes God's Word. That's the real, the restored Bride. Hallelujah!** It's nearly time, friends, it's later than you think. We're at the evening time. The Holy Spirit is here today. [1]

Don't you fail this. **The Body, therefore, cannot recognize any other headship but the Word. Cause, the Head is connected with the Body, and the Head is the Word, and it's the same Word, one Headship! There is one Headship, that's Christ. The Body only recognizes one thing, the Word!** (*Eph. 1:20-23*).

Our Headship is in Heaven. I'm going to Heaven when I die. The Headship is in Heaven.

And the Body must follow the Head, as the wife follows the husband (*John 12:32*). Being that Adam was not deceived, he walked out with Eve (*Gen. 1:22-24; Eph. 5:22-23*). Eve was deceived, she was in the transgression (*1 Tim. 2:12-15*), or the entire resurrection of the whole Body would have come forth at the day of the Lord Jesus when He come forth from the grave. **But He had to redeem Her, which is His Body. She has to be redeemed in order to come to Him.** Do you see it? Oh my! See, it couldn't have happened then. **The redemption is going on.**

Now you see the Seals? **When He was in His mediatorial work back there, redeeming, but someday He comes forth to get this Book that He's redeemed** (*Rev. 5:1-5*). **And all that's in this Book would be Him, for that's**

the believer, the words in the Book, and the Word is Him. And all that's in that, He come forth for this Book of Redemption, whose names are written on the Book before the foundation of the world, when He was slain as a Lamb (*Rev. 17:8*).

And here He is today, in His Word, manifesting the same thing He did there. She can't recognize another headship. No, sir. There's no bishop, no nothing. She recognizes one Headship, that's Christ, and Christ is the Word. Oh, I love that.

As the Head was taken up from the grave, so must His Body follow Him into Eden. Therefore, the Body cannot recognize any other headship, but the Headship of the Word (*Col. 1:16-20*).

Therefore, it's the Word, or nothing. That's right. He, the Word! How do you know it's right? He, the Word, is vindicated. See? He, the Word, properly vindicated, is the Headship, the Head of the Church. He is the Word, the Headship. He is properly identified, vindicated, by His Own Spirit being in the Church Itself, the person. Showing forth Himself, in vindication, is the direct proof to the entire Body. You don't need creeds, then. Denominations have perished. But the Headship Itself, recognized in the Body by personal identifications, see, identifying Himself, proves the Headship to the Body. Then, we are united under One vindicated Headship, that is, Christ, the Word of God, not under any church.

Then, our Headship is a Kingdom. "The Kingdom of God is within you," said Jesus (*Luke 17:20-21*). The Kingdom! We are not a denomination. We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life, bringing to pass every promise in this day, as it did in that day when the Word and God were one. And the Word and God is one in His Church today, making It the Headship of the Body that is redeemed, to bring the Message in the last day; and be taken up from the dead, in the resurrection (*I Cor. 15:51-58*), to go back and restore again, as Adam and Eve, in the beginning in the garden of Eden. The threefold mystery of God, His Body!

Now look. Notice now, united together under one Headship, in a like manner, type of Israel of old. Now you getting it? Like Israel of old; one God, vindicated by a Pillar of Fire, and revealed Himself through a prophet, to be the Word. The same God, same Pillar of Fire, same way; He cannot change His ways. Just perfect as it can be. Isn't it?

One God! How many Gods did Israel have? How many has the Bride got? "One." How many will there ever be? "One." Sure.

See, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, which was the Pillar of Fire in the days of Moses, the great prophet. He was directed by a Pillar of Fire. Is that right? All right. Going to a promised land.

His Body will do the works that He promised, like in Mark 16, and so forth. His body was not held in the grave, **but was recognized with Him in the resurrection** (*John 12:34*). Do you get it? Then, **the Body of His believing children** will not be held in the grave when He comes, but will be recognized with Him, **because He died for the purpose to resurrect His Bride, the Body. Recognized, because it is His Body, because it's the Word.** It's so completely yielded from denomination things, to Him, and He is the Word. **And it's recognized with Him because now we have the first fruit of our resurrection,** by knowing that we've **passed from death unto Life** (*John 5:24*), become prisoners of His. **And God, proving to us by His personal Headship** that He is the same yesterday and forever, **by doing the same things through the Church** that He did then, **"He in me, and I in Him"** (*John 17:22-23*). That's right.

His body was not held in the grave. Recognized with Him in the resurrection, same as He is now, listen, which means this: **His Word, which He is, has been begin to be risen.** The Word, that down through the age of Luther, Wesley, see, has begin to raise up to Its power; there It begin to move, then It moved a little more, **now It's coming up to identification.** See? Watch. **Now, to the Life in the Body, is a vindication of the Rapture is at hand.** (*I Thess. 4:13-18*). **When you see the Headship and the Body becoming One, and the fullness of the measure of His manifestation, shows that the Body is about ready to be received to the Headship.**

Now we see the promise being fulfilled. Christ, the true Headship going in, coming in His Bride, doing the same works that He did at the beginning, and making ready and fulfilling His Word as He did, at first, in *John 14:12*, **"He that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also."** Then, the Head and the Body are becoming One, in works and in sign and in Life, vindicated by God Hissself through His promised Word for the last days. **He promised this in the last days. Now, if you're spiritual, you'll catch it.**

Then, we can see that the Marriage Supper is at hand. Now, **if I never see you again, remember, the Marriage Supper is at hand.** And then the Kingdom according to the promise is ready to be issued in, the great Millennium (*Isaiah 65:17-25*), the taking up of the Church, and the destroying of the wicked. And the world, under the Sixth Seal, to be purified by volcanic, to take all the corruption and sin of the world and to mold her out again, and bring forth a bright new Millennium for the age that is to come.

When, we see all these, great threefold revelation: **God in Christ; Christ in the Church; the Kingdom coming.** Adam and Eve redeemed back to the Garden of Eden, in the representation of Christ and His Bride, and then the Kingdom is going to be restored according to His promise. Praise be to

God! Now, by the revelation of the threefold mystery, the secret, and by the personal vindicated Word by His original Headship!

But I'm talking about the Headship of Christ. Notice, being personally identified by the original Headship, we have the answer to the devil's question. Amen! He, Christ, is risen and has paid the price, and raising up the Body.

The devil can't stand it. That's the reason these ecumenical kingdoms are setting up. That's the reason they're all coming into what they're doing now. The devil, that's the reason he's howling the way he is. His wickedness has been... his scheme has been uncovered by the risen, resurrected Christ in the Headship over His Body.

We've got the devil's answer. "Not me that liveth, but Christ the Word living in me." (*Gal. 2:19-21*). It's not my idea; it's His Power. Not my idea; it's His Word. He promised it; here it is. He said it would be here, and here it is. We got his answer.

Christ is risen and has paid the price for our redemption (*Eph. 1:20-23; Heb. 9:11-12*). What God in Christ manifested, He gave that flesh and Blood; that in the Blood might come the Life, and the flesh be redeemed, that God in this redeemed flesh could manifest His Word for the day as He did in that day. Glory!

Then, we stand justified in the Presence of God. As a drop of ink dropping into 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 Blood of Jesus Christ, and it's never to be remembered (*Col. 1:12-14; 2:13-15*). God forgets it. 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." (*Gal. 4:6-7*). Not we will be; we are! Now we are redeemed.

We have Satan's answer. God has vindicated Himself. God proves Himself, to His promise in this day. Hallelujah! The Headship is here (*Eph. 1:15-23*). 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.

What is it? Not them people. The Headship and the Body has become one unit. It's God manifested in His people. That's the reason the husband and wife is no longer twain; they're one. God and His Church is one, "Christ in you," (*Col. 1:26-27*), God's great revelation. Glory to God! Even bearing His Name; His Name is Jesus, the Anointed. The reason He is called Jesus, He is the Anointed (*Luke 2:21*). It's the anointed Body of Christ, proving, manifested God like That body did. And That body redeemed every

of these bodies, and through there God works His threefold manifestation, going to the Kingdom. **Risen, paid the price! We're redeemed.** God has proved it, vindicated it.

And we stand justified in Christ, before Him (II Cor. 5:21). Because, He cannot pass judgment, for He's already judged that Body, in which I am a part of. What, how am I a part of it? Here It is; It's in me. "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you, then what you say... (*John 15:7*). Ask the Father anything in My Name, it'll be done, because It's there." **Justified!** Glory to God!

Oh, if I could get the world to see that! Why? **There you are. There is the Body of Christ living, standing redeemed. Redeemed!** Oh, my!

Justified in His sight! Why are we justified? (Rom. 5:1-2). We are His victory. The Church is His victory. We come forth in these last days with this glorious Gospel, **showing His victory.** He died for this purpose, **and we are proof of His victory.** Amen! **When we see Him coming down** and living among the Church, **that's His victory.** Shows that he couldn't keep Him in the grave, neither can they keep us. That's right. **And we're already, potentially, arised, because we've raised from dead, unbelief in His Word (John 5:25), from denomination creeds, to an Eternal Word of the Eternal God; which is Him, Hissself, working through us, manifesting Himself that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

And then the Word moves on down into the Body, from the Head. What is it? This same Word. Nothing can be added or taken from It. So that same Word moves from the Head, as the Day comes close, down into the Body, down into the Body, vindicating that they are One. They are Husband and Wife. They're flesh of His flesh, Word of His Word; Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit (Eph. 5:30-32). Amen! How do you know it? Bears the same record, same fruit, same Word. See, manifests Christ; same Life, same God, same Spirit, same Word, same Book! Amen! Same signs, "Things that I do shall you also." Oh, hallelujah!

Notice, the vindicated Word in His Body is His very victory and the reason of His death. See, the death, not in the Spirit; when He died, He only died in the flesh. His Spirit went to hell and preached to the souls in prison (Phil. 4:7-10). That right? His flesh, only, died, then He raised it up again and quickened it. Quickened means "made alive," His flesh, which was His body. And that's the Word. It's been laying dead for years, but It gradually begin to come in the reformation, and now She is standing upon Her feet!

And His Church stands alone. She is not hooked with nothing. But He was identified by God, **being the body that God dwelt in; and the Church is identified by His Body, doing the same thing. She is His Body, the**

manifested Truth of His promised Word for the last days. And She, and She alone, stands by It. That's why the devil is howling, these great organizations, to set up something to close Her up. **They'll never do it. She'll be taken up, not closed up. She is now risen, and by the power of the vindicated Word promised to Her. Amen!**

How a Bride holds that promise! "He told me He would return after me. I'll believe it." Yes, sir. **To meet Her Headship, Her Redeemer, Her Husband, Her King, Her Lord, Her Lover, Her Saviour, in the provided meeting place!**

He's got a place to meet Them. You know, **the Bridegroom doesn't leave out nothing. He's got the ring, the identification. He's got the robe that She wears, Her clothing. See? And He's got the provided place to meet Her, that's in the air (*I Thess. 4:13-17*). Everything has been all provided. He's got the Wedding Supper already set; guests already invited, already chosen. All the Angels are standing around, His servants, at attention. Oh-oh-oh!** [2]

What was it? **It was a body**, growing from the feet, coming up, comes up more important parts of the body from the feet, on into the lungs, and the heart, **on into the Head. Who is the Head? Christ. That's the intelligence. How's the body move? By the head.** Amen. And the government shall be upon His shoulders. **What is His shoulders? His body.** Amen (*Isaiah 9:6-7*).

There's where the real true church speaks in His power. There's where the apostolic power returns to the church, **when the government shall be upon His shoulders; judgment. There's coming a real church**, I believe, trying to do my part to present it, have it ready the best I know how, to present my part in my age to Christ when He comes. [3]

Now, if the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who I have proven by the Bible **promised that He would return in the last days and reveal Himself in the fullness of His Spirit**, just like the church coming up, like it comes from a human being, all the way from the feet, comes up to thighs, **up to the Head, and the Head is the head of the body.** And the body's come up ever since the first church, come right on up in the reformation **it's come up to now**, it's come through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. Now it's the Head, Christ, coming to the body, the body of Christ. He's the One Who knows. My hand doesn't know to act, just by my head. But He is the One Who knows.

That's the reason He is the Word. I'm not the Word. I'm a man. But, you see, He uses this body because He died to sanctify this body that He might

use it and give a gift, just like pulling it out of gear. Then the Holy Spirit takes over. [4]

Now, Christ is the Head of this; **Christ is the Head of this Messianic Kingdom.** And you cannot organize a Kingdom of which Christ is the Head. You cannot denominate a Kingdom which Christ is the Head.

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 when you are brought into this church, called-out **and are baptized into this mystical Body** (*I Cor. 12:13*).

Now, He likened it in many parables, like in a husband and wife. **He calls the church the Bride. And the bride and the bridegroom are no longer two people; they are one. She's flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone.** 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.**

And also in Colossians 1:17-18, we might read this just while we're at it: *"And he Who is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church:... (Who He is),... who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."*

Who is the Head of this church? Jesus Christ, What Kingdom is it? The Messianic Kingdom, the church, not an organization, a church, a mystic Body to which Christ is the Head. Oh, I love that, walking in the Spirit, obeying the King; foolish to the world, precious in the sight of God.

What is the church? The mystic body of Christ. Who set it up? **The Lord Jesus Himself.** It wasn't set up at Rome; neither was it set up in England by John Wesley; neither was it set up by Calvin, or in America, the Baptists by John Smith, neither was it set up in California by the Pentecostals. **It was set up by Jesus Christ, the King of the Messianic Kingdom.** That's Who it was set up by. He is The King. He wants to be King. **He wants to rule us. He wants to be Lord.** [5]

Then watch the works of It. It, among us, **proves the same Jesus that once lived in Palestine, the same Spirit was upon Him has come up through a Body until It's come back to Headship again, which He's coming soon to claim the Body. Amen. The Head's coming to the Body.** You get it? That

will be the Son of God, the Son of man, the Son of David, the I AM, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Morning Star.

I am not He; I am His servant. And the Pillar of Fire is not He; It's in Spirit form which was upon the Son of man and has come now to anoint sons of men, to bring back a ministry just exactly like He said it would be, in order for the Head and the rest of the Body to connect together. [6]

Help us, O God, especially Your Church, them that's baptized into that mythical Body of Christ. Which, "It's the Spirit that quickeneth," You said (John 6:63). And as the Son of man ascended up, so shall His Body ascend up (John 12:32). And He is the Head; 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. [7]

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