

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SPIRITUAL DEATH

LUKE 9:59,60

59 And he said unto another, **Follow me.** But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.**

JOHN 5:24, 25

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; **but is passed from death unto life.**

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, **when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.**

I TIMOTHY 5:6

But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

REVELATION 3:1

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

65-0822E A THINKING MAN'S FILTER

69 I believe in an Eternal death, same as I believe in an Eternal Heaven, but not an Eternal hell. There's no such a thing as Eternal hell. There is an Eternal death for the people that are... Many of them, religious, in the world today, **has always been dead.**

70 "The woman that liveth in pleasure," with her bobbed hair and painted face, "is dead while she is alive." The Bible said so. See? See, she may be religious, but she never was saved. She's got a outward motion. She might sing in the choir, or she might dance in the Spirit, she might speak in tongues, and have all the manifestations of the Spirit. **But unless that soul on the inside is God's daughter, see, she is gone, no matter what she does.**

71 Israel was all outwardly spiritually, all filled with God's goodness, and how they revered God, and so forth, but that didn't work. **The inside of them couldn't recognize the Word Itself.**

72 **But when you're born of the Spirit of God, then you've got a... you are a son of God, and you always was a son of God, and you always will be a son of God. No way to separate it, because it's... you have Eternal Life.** And Eternal never did begin; neither will it ever end.

LUKE 15:21-24

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

EPHESIANS 2:1-6

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 **Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,** (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

COLOSSIANS 2:13

13 And you, **being dead** in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath **he quickened** together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

JOHN 11:25,26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY BRIDE

261 Now watch what happens through the great Millennium. Sin all gone, Millennium now set in, it's time now the Holy Spirit takes Its place.

262 Just like He does in us, "passes from death unto Life," dwelling in Heavenly places in Christ, in His glorious Presence. Even physical death will pass away then; **just as spiritual death has passed away now.**

263 There is no such a thing as spiritual death now, to--to a--a baptized saint of God.

"Though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

All Scripture, It must be fulfilled. See? **You can't die. You got Eternal Life. Only thing, the**

Redeemer has made you recognize it. And you were always That, and that's the reason you see the day you're living in. How many sees it? Raise your hand. See? Thank you. See? **The day that we're living in, you recognize it.**

264 Now, the Methodist said, "When you shout, you got It." A lot of them shouted and didn't have It.

265 The Pentecost said, "When you speak in tongues, you got It." Many speak with tongues, and didn't have It.

266 Look how, all kind of forms those Pharisees had, but when the Word was made manifest, they didn't recognize It. See? See?

267 And if you are the Bride, the Bride is a part of the Husband. And if... **The only place that you'll ever recognize It, is recognize what part of that Husband (that Word) you are, or you can't recognize being the Bride.** How many sees that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? See? **You have to recognize your position.**

64-0614M THE UNVEILING OF GOD

72 He came as Son of man, the Prophet. Done exactly. Even that little woman in all of her sin, there at the well, she recognized Him. She said, "We know the Messiah is coming, which is called the Christ, that's what He'll do." See, she recognized because she was a predestinated Seed. Then she...

Where, the rest of them didn't recognize It. They had nothing to recognize with. They were in sin, to begin with.

1 JOHN 1:5-7

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light**, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of **Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

65-0220 GOD'S CHOSEN PLACE OF WORSHIP

54 Notice, it was the only place death could not strike. When death was about to strike the land, there had to be a certain place; all from under this died. Only one place! Now, it didn't mean it was one house; but there

was one place, that's where the lamb was killed. Where the lamb's blood was, the death angel could not strike, because it was the one place God had put His Name. And that lamb was named back there in the beginning, a lamb. Notice, it was the one place he could not strike.

55 And now the same is today. **There is only one place that spiritual death cannot strike, that's the Word. Death can't strike the Word, because It's the living Word of God.**

But when you put creeds with It, the Word moves out to Itself. It'll separate like water from oil. You cannot mix it together. Therefore, you see, when the creed comes into a denomination, they all go after the creed; and the Word dies out, and goes on with somebody else and increases It more. Picks up the momentum, as It go from justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, **and on out into the Grain!** Do you see the path God has trod? **Bringing His Name, all the time, right down the same way, because He is the Word.**

Notice, It can't die. **The Word of Life can't die.**

56 Notice how perfect, now. The death angel was not forbidden to strike Egypt's great intellectual people. It wasn't forbidden to strike its sacred lands, its great buildings, its pharaohs. Or, the priests of the land, the angel was not forbidden to strike. It could strike any building, any place, anybody, but it could not strike where the lamb was.

Death cannot strike where this provided place of God is, and that is in the Lamb.

57 Notice, not even was the... he forbidden to strike Israel or its Hebrew priests, and, or any of their denominations. All must be in God's chosen, provided place, or death struck.

58 Church, wherever you are, what you belong to, makes me no difference. But, there's one thing you must know, you've got to be in Christ or you're dead. You can't live outside of Him. Your church might be alright, as a building; your fellowship might be alright, as man. **But when you deny the Body, the Blood, the Word of Jesus Christ, you're dead the minute you do it.** It's God's chosen place of worship. There is where His Name is, exactly.

64-0614M THE UNVEILING OF GOD

157 They spiritually die now. This is a spiritual veil. See? That was a natural veil. This is spiritual veil. See? They keep walking right on in behind there, you can tell them. "Oh, I know! I know that, but I..." See, go ahead, it's all right, it only speaks... You remember, the last plague in Egypt was death, before the exodus. **The last plague on earth is spiritual death**, before the exodus. Then they'll be cremated and turned back to the dust, and the righteous will walk out upon their ashes. **But the last thing is spiritual death, rejecting the Word.**

63-1124M WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS CALLED CHRIST

142 Notice, Eve rejected and forfeited her rights. After she had seen the Word vindicated by God, what He had done, she rejected It and forfeited her rights. The same thing they done at Nicaea, Rome. And the same thing they're doing now at the Council of Churches, just exactly. Brethren, there is, from Genesis to Revelation, the same thing. That's what Israel done. That's what Pilate done. That's what the whole thing done, always, from Eve till now, same thing. They reject the vindicated Word and take a dogma, instead. **That forms death, spiritual death.**

Dead! **The Word is still preached to the dead.** Exactly! Won't be through the Millennium, now, see. They're--they're, already preached to. May be getting It right now. See?

63-0321 THE FOURTH SEAL

231 Notice, Thyatira. Now, it begins with the 18th verse of the--of the 2nd chapter.

... unto the angel... (That's the messenger.)... of the church of Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who has his eyes like unto a flames..., and his feet are like unto fine brass; I know thy works, and thy charity, and thy service, and thy faith,... thy patience, and the works; and thou has to be more than the--then the last to be more than... first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou suffers that woman Jezebel...

232 There you are. You know her in the Bible. She was the wife of Ahab. And here is the woman, church, Jezebel, the wife of the false prophet which is supposed to be the genuine prophet of God: the pope (Right.), the genuine prophet and his wife Jezebel. Now, Ahab was supposed to be a genuine Jew, but he was a rascal; you know that. Because his wife just led him anyway he wanted to. We find out Jezebel takes her money and leads these the way they want to too.

... which calleth herself a prophetess... (Get it?)... to teach and... seduce my servants... (See, that Jezebel teaching just swept the country.)... to commit fornications,... to eat things sacrificed to idols.

... I gave her space to repent... (See?)... of her fornication; and she repented not. (Watch this next verse.)

... I will cast her into a bed... (That's hell.)... and them that commit adultery with her, unto great tribulation... (That's going into great tribulation, not the Church now.)... except they repent of their deeds. (Now, watch out here.)

... I will kill her children... (her harlots)... with death;... (Spiritual death... You believe it? That's the Word. "I will kill them with death." And if they're killed, they're eternal separated.)

236 All right, remember, He gave her a space to repent. Thyatira Age was the dark age. The dark horse rider rode in that time, when all the masses and everything had to be paid for and the prayers and--and the novenas and so forth.

Now. See his black horse then? After he refused to repent in Thyatira (Watch.) changes his riding from a black horse to a pale one, **death, for his last ministry.**

237 Now, I might just give the individual a little shake here. **To refuse God, to refuse God's call, you'll do it the last time sometime.** And just like that church did, it's over. God's patience will not always strive with man. See? And when she refused it, and refused to accept it, then she changed, and went; now she's got a name called death, separation.

God said, "I'll even take her children, the Protestants, and every one of them I'll kill with eternal separation."

There you are, Thyatira Age, the dark age. His black horse now turns to death for his last ministry. See how the church ages blend in with the Seals just perfect, then we know it's right. The Holy Spirit makes no mistake. He gave us a great a-vindication the last time when we got the church ages done back there, you know.

See the loving, long-suffering of God. Before He passed judgment upon her, He gave her a place to repent. And it's in the Name of the Lord I say this: He's give the Protestant church the same thing, and she won't do it. These messages shook everywhere, and she won't do it. She's going to have her own dogmas and creeds; I don't care how much you explain it.

241 As I said there in Chicago, the other day 'fore more ministers than there are people setting here... And there they had me penned off about the doctrine of serpent seed, and all this other thing. I said, "Somebody get your Bible and come here and stand by me then." Nobody said nothing.

Tommy Hicks said, "I--I never heard that like that before, Brother Branham. I want three hundred of those tapes. I want to send them to all my ministers."

There was about fifty or seventy-five said, "I'm coming down there to be rebaptized." Did they come? Not a one of them. Why? He give them space to repent. He will cast their children to death, spiritual death. (We'll pick that up tomorrow night, the Lord willing, or in Saturday night on those plagues that passes over. You watch what takes place there.)

245 Like He give Egypt, He give Egypt place to repent. What was that last plague? Was death. **That's the last plague that's hit the Pentecostal church. It's spiritual death; she's dead.** **That's in the Name of the Lord. She's spiritually dead.** He gave her place to repent, and she rejected it; now she's dead. She'll never rise again.

63-1110M SOULS THAT ARE IN PRISON NOW

298 What do they do today? The same thing. "I belong to the Assemblies. I belong to the Oneness. I'm--I'm... I've danced in the Spirit. Glory to God, I speak in..." All right, go ahead. "I'll cut my hair if I want to. I'll do this. I'll--I'll just say this. I don't have to be baptized in Jesus' Name. I--I don't care what said. Paul is an old woman hater, anyhow. That's a..." All right, go ahead.

299 One of these days, if you haven't already, you'll cross that line. You'll never desire no more to do what's right. Did you hear what I said? It's a matter. Brother, sister, do you realize what's been said? You'll cross that line, and you'll never want to do it. You'll still hear the Gospel, sure, but you'll never accept It. You can't accept It. But the Gospel will be preached to the doomed, those that are Eternally lost, can't get saved, no more. **You're already in that spot, and don't know it. You think you're living in pleasure, and dead while you're alive.**

63-1124M WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS CALLED CHRIST

127 Like by the same means that the mother, Eve, corrupted the whole world to a physical death. The mother, Eve! Listen. Mother Eve corrupted the whole human race, by physical death, (how?) by rejecting the Word and accepting something almost like It. She caused all physical death because she left the true Word, and believed the true Word all but just a little bit. One little disagreement with the full Word of God caused every heartache, every death and everything has ever been on the earth. **Eve done it, the mother of death.** Now you see where we're coming? **The mother of death, notice, she just disbelieved the Word.**

64-0802 THE FUTURE HOME OF THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY BRIDE

274 Heavens and earth have met; God and man is reconciled. A restored Eden has begun; see, all the curse is gone.

275 Just like, all the curse of sin is gone when the Holy Ghost accepts you. See, you don't accept It; **It accepts you**, see, 'cause It's God's attribute. See, if It's the Holy Ghost, means, God's Spirit; and it's the attribute, **the thought of God, has accepted you because that you were ordained for that purpose.** See? Yet, you was born in sin; but God had that attribute, and here you expressed yourself here on earth, and He comes down and gets you. See, you're back here;

here is where you belong. See? See, sin has lost its power. That's right. The desire of sin has done gone from your heart, when the Holy Spirit comes in. You are a restored person.

63-1124M WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS CALLED CHRIST

104 Now, the Holy Spirit is the Word. God is not three. He is the same God in three dispensations, three offices. God, the Father, over the law; God, the Son, in grace; and God, the Holy Ghost, as you call It, the same God in the Holy Ghost dispensation. God, the Father, was the Word; God, the Son, was the Word; and God, the Holy Ghost, is the Word. See, it's just three offices. And to re-... **And the Holy Ghost seals you, therefore you're sealed by the Word.**

61-0217 THE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE SEAL OF GOD

E-14 Now, the Mark of The Beast, the Seal of God. Now, how many was here last night? Let's see, was been in the class. Oh, about everybody, I suppose. All right. Now, therefore to get a little background where we're going tonight with it... Now, I had to take both of the subjects and put them together, because they run parallel one to the other. And we find out... I announced what I thought they were at the beginning, and now using the Scripture to prove that I think that this is right.

I think that the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. The Bible supports that. **The mark of the beast is to reject the Holy Spirit.** There's only two classes of people. And on the side of salvation and rejecting begin in Genesis like everything else begin.

EPHESIANS 1:12,13

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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.

4972 » **sphragizo** {sfrag-id'-zo}

-- seal (22)

-- set to (one's) seal (1)

-- stop (1)

-- seal up (1)

-- set a seal (1) [26]

1) **to set a seal upon, mark with a seal**, to seal

a) for security: from Satan

b) since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence, keep secret

c) **in order to mark a person or a thing**; hence to set a mark upon by the impress of a seal or a stamp: angels are said to be sealed by God

d) **in order to prove, confirm, or attest a thing; hence to confirm authenticate, place beyond doubt: of a written document, to prove one's testimony to a person that he is what he professes to be**

EPHESIANS 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.

61-0402 THE TRUE EASTER SEAL

198 And Satan's sons will be sealed in this last days. There's a time now, that the Bible spoke of, that all that did not have the Seal of God took the mark of the beast. **And we know that the mark of the beast is disbelief.** The first time... "Where'd you say the mark of the beast begin?" In the garden of Eden. **Mark of the beast and the Seal of God was performed in the garden of Eden.**

GENESIS 4:3-8

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

HEBREWS 11:4

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

GALATIANS 3:6,7

6Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

ROMANS 4:11, 12

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 12And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

63-0321 THE FOURTH SEAL

73Yes, you can accept it by faith; you have to accept Christ by faith; that's exactly right. And you accept the Holy Spirit by faith, but then let the Holy Spirit come and give the circumcision as a witness that He's accepted your faith. You see? Then...

77 See, Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him for righteousness, but God give him the sign of circumcision as a confirmation He'd accepted his faith. So that's the same thing we must do. We must wait on the Holy Spirit **till It's done something**, not necessarily 'cause we spoke in tongues, not because we have danced, or we got emotional, we shouted: until we were changed, until **something actually happened**. I don't care what form it comes in, just so it happened; that's the main thing.

65-0829 SATAN'S EDEN

123 I heard Brother Neville say, this morning; someone might have been asking him why didn't I preach on the Holy Ghost, why didn't I do this. Here it is. **The Holy Ghost is the action in you.** **It's a Life, not an emotion;** not some sort of a fleshly evidence. **But It is a Person, Jesus Christ, the Word of God established in your heart,** to quicken every Word of this age. Right. Watch the Holy Ghost in action, not so much in demonstrations; but, in action, what It does according to the Word.