

We Are The Wife Of Christ, Bringing Forth Children

Romans 7:4, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

We're not only engaged, but we're married. The Church is married to Christ. We are the Wife of Christ, bringing forth children. [1]

The high priest took the Blood to the mercy seat (*Heb. 9:5-14*). And only He, alone, could go in once a year. But when Jesus died, on the day of the atonement, He rent the veil in two. Not only the high priest, but whosoever will may come any time **into the Shekinah Glory of God by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, into a real Pentecostal fellowship (Amen), into a place in the Presence of God**, where the power of God cleanses us from all unrighteousness. We become **new creatures in Christ Jesus** (*II Cor. 5:17*). **The Holy Ghost falls upon us** and all of our backwardness and shameness, we become into a relationship with God. Isn't the Church the Bride? **Well, shouldn't the Bride be bringing forth children crying, "Abba, Father"?** (*Rom. 8:15-17*). What's the matter? **No wonder we can't produce ourselves any more, if we ever get away from that Shekinah Glory, get away from there and don't know Who your papa is, don't know who your mama is, out from under the Blood.**

But now, God doesn't have any grandchildren, God only has sons. Every man, every woman, every boy, girl's, **got to have an experience of entering into the holiest of holies and being borned again** (*John 3:1-8*). It's too bad the Pentecostal church is getting that way too. We got some Pentecostal grandchildren. Let me tell you: God doesn't have any. The church has it, but God doesn't have it. **Every man that comes to God has got to come through the Blood.** [2]

Now, that's the way it is today. **We claim to be the Bride of Christ. We claim we're the Bride. And if we are the Bride, we're to be bringing forth children.** We're not ashamed of the Gospel (*Mark 8:38*).

When I first walked amongst the Pentecostal people, it was quite a bunch; I'll admit that. But there's one thing I noticed: **They weren't ashamed of the thing that they were talking about. They run up-and-down the aisles;** they had a power that I never seen work before. **Because they had entered into relationship with God, and were borned again,** and were sons and daughters of God (*John 1:12-13*). They'd stand right on the street and holler, "Hallelujah, praise God!" They'd walk up-and-down the street everywhere, shouting and praising God; they weren't ashamed.

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Now, the power of the believing church: **Christ has all power in heavens and earth. You believe that? Then what if He's in you? Has Christ got all power?** Matthew 28:18. All right.

He is the Seed Word in His Body, and He in us becomes the Seed Word in us. All that God was, He poured into Christ, and all Christ was, was poured into the church; that's the power (*Col. 1:26-29*).

Now, watch. Remember **God's law of reproduction.** Now, remember, after its kind. Is that right? **The Seed of Christ, the Word, must come through His body.** I want to get this in real good. **The Seed of Christ must come through His Body,** not through a denomination, **but through a born again Seed of the Word** (*1 Peter 1:22-23*); must come through.

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.*"

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; here's 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 (*1 Cor. 12:12-27*).

Now, listen, the same thing took place in Acts 10:9-48. Peter was on the housetop. 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. Oh, my. Angel directed it, **but the Life came 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. And said, "Go up there and lay your hands on him."

Said, "Brother Saul, the Lord appeared to you on the road coming down here." (*Acts 22:1-21*). How'd he know? **He had the Word. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet.** Prophetised, went up there, and said, "He sent me up here that I might lay my hands upon you, and you'd healed and receive the Holy Ghost, and receive your sight." And the scales fell off his eyes, and he rose and was baptized **in the Name of Jesus** and went to studying. Angel directed it. That's right. **But Paul had the Seed germ. It takes the Spirit of God, the Seed to give Life Eternal.**

Now, notice, what happened to Eve's children? Now if God said to Adam's bride, "**Multiply and replenish the earth,**" that was God's commission (*Gen. 1:28*); and she would've done it, and he would mixing themselves together. But what happened? When Adam got ready to come to her, she was already a mother. See what I mean? (*Gen. 3:1-7*).

Now, the same thing has happened to Christ's church, **Christ's bride.** Notice, in this bride, what did she do then? Her first child come forth; it was a bastard child (*Gen. 4:1*), and he was full of death and caused death. And everyone since then is death. Now, you see it had to be sex. Why do you die if it wasn't sex? When God gave a commission which cannot perish... God's Word's Eternal. It cannot fail. **When He said, "Multiply and replenish the earth," that was God's eternal purpose. To carry it out you cannot die, because it's His Word. You have to live.** And if that child would've been brought forth right, there'd have been no death; **but she couldn't wait.**

That's what's the matter today. You want some kind of a phony makeup with **screaming, jumping, speaking in tongues,** or something, **instead of waiting for the real Word of God to be made manifest to the Bride. Them kind that takes the Word is God's true Bride, bringing forth children. They can't die. A child the Bride brings forth on the Word can't die, because It's the Word.** Amen. Did you get it? **That child can't die because he's a Word child; he's a seed child; he's an eternal child.** Hallelujah. [4]

Now look, in the final analysis, look, there is one Jesus Christ, one Man, God, Immanuel (*Matt. 1:23*). Do you believe that? But the members of His Wife are many, see, thousands times thousands of thousands, **His Wife, the Bride**, the Church. You understand now?

That's why He said to Adam, before sex was ever introduced, "Multiply, to replenish the earth," (*Gen. 1:28*), when he was yet in the beginning, when he was yet both male and female in himself. There, shows then that the Bride has got to come **from the Word, by spiritual multiplication, multiplications**, see, replenishing the earth.

And so is it with the church that refuses to become pregnated in the age that we now live in, **to bring forth children of this age**. We are not Lutherans, we're not Wesleys, neither are we Pentecostals! **We've got to be the children of this age, through the pregnancy of the Word of God, to bring forth a Child of this age, the Seed Child**. Amen. I hope you understand.

He went right on revealing His Word to the Body, and vindicating Him, same, by Himself. **His children begin to kind of look more like Him** (*Eph. 5:27*), **because It's fully maturing, or, they become children of the Word**, not children of the church. Children of the Word! **And the Bride will be a lovely little Lady of the Word**, unadulterated, **not touched by any man's organization, any man-made theory**. She'll be purely unadulterated, Bride of the Word! Amen and amen! I hope you get that, out on the air. She will be the pregnated daughter of God. [5]

That's exactly what Jesus Christ was--a spoken eternal Child (*Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14*). Didn't have to die, but He did it in order to pay the debt (*Col. 2:13-15; II Cor. 5:14-15*). That's the only way it could be paid. Nobody else could do it (*Rev. 5:1-7*); **they were all sexually born after the devil, his plan**. You got it now? See?

But **every man**, no matter whether he's a pope, priest, bishop, whatever he is, **he dies because he's a hybrid**. That's exactly. **He was born between Satan and Eve**. They may call it whatever you want to, it was Satan and Eve. **The original Word had nothing to do with it. The original Word was Life**. He'd hybrid It and it brought death. And when the church today that's called themselves Pentecostal, called themselves Baptists, whatever they want to, when they hybrid this Word with dogma, **it produces a dead child**. And she can't have no life in her. She's dead, and her children's dead.

God said, "I'll throw her in a bed of worldliness and kill her children." (*Rev. 2:22-23*). God said so in Revelation. How many knows that's true?

Put her in a bed of worldliness (That's where she's at.), and kill her children, even with fire. What happens to the tares that's among the wheat? **Be burned** (*Matt. 13:30*). Oh, you can't make the Word lie. It's the Truth. Sometimes your scruples up, but we might make It wrong, but if you'll keep It running straight, It'll run one-two, one-two, one-two, one-two right on. Threw her in a bed of worldliness... **She can't bring forth nothing but dead children.**

Every spoken Word of God is a Seed. That's right. I'm going to prove that just in a minute, where Jesus said so. Every spoken Word of God is a Seed. Then except a man be born again, why must he be born again? He's dead in the fashion he's in. **He's a hybrid. He's got to be born again** (*John 3:3-8*). Why? He was born in sin from Eve's sin, shaped in iniquity (*Isaiah 64:6*), come to the world speaking lies (*Rom. 3:4*). **He's a liar to begin with.** No matter how smart, educated, whatmore he is, he's a liar; the Bible says he is. How holy his parents were or anything about, he's a liar to begin with. And the only way he can tell Truth is say what Truth is through his own lips. That's the only way Truth can come. **Anything contrary to that Word, he's a liar yet.** [4]

Because, the great Creator had just sent forth His Word, and **the Word seed was there before the real seed was ever formed.** And the Word formed the seed. See, "He made the world out of things that does not appear." (*Heb. 11:3*). See, **He made the world by His Word. God spoke everything into existence.** [6]

Now, notice, the greater works were to have the power in the church, not only to heal the sick by prayer, cast out devils by prayer, **but to impart Eternal Life to believers** (*John 14:12*). The Holy Ghost was coming and given into the hands of the church **to impart life.** Oh, that's what Calvary meant!

It took stooped, degraded men and women and lifted them into a place to be sons and daughters of God **to heal the sick and to impart Eternal Life. By giving the Holy Ghost to obedient believers** (*Acts 5:32*), men who were once unbelievers be made believers **and impart spiritual Eternal Life.**

Someone said, "How can you stand and let anyone call you such bad names?" **You don't live for yourself** (*II Cor. 5:14-15; Col. 1:16-18; Eph. 1:22-23*). **You live for others that you might redeem that man** (*I John 5:16*). You become sons. And **the trouble of it is that the church has forgotten they were sons.** You are sons. You're taking Christ's place

(II Cor. 5:20-21). You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others (Rom. 14:7-8).

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man." That's not it. **Live for that man who hates you** (Matt. 5:43-48). Live for that person who'd kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and **He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life.** When that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then. But you sacrifice your own things, give them up like the sheep gives its wool. You look on towards Calvary.

The Lord Jesus Christ was just one Man, the perfect Man (Phil. 2:5-8). He gave His life, and **He made an example for you.**

Now, what must we do. Now, the first thing I want to say is: **Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life.** When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. **But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal life is living for others** (Matt. 25:31-40).

It proved it when He come in the **Lamb of God** (John 1:29). He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. **He lived for others.** And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day (on Calvary), **and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.** [7]

Now notice, God making Hisself known. **We're not suppose to make converts to Christianity by a government; but by the revelation, the Christ in you, as God was in Christ. As God was in Christ, Christ in you!** (Col. 1:26-27). **What God did in Christ, Christ does in you!** What signs did God in Christ, **Christ does in you!** Oh, isn't that beautiful? Oh, my! I like that.

Jesus said, "At that day," that's this day. "At that day," **when this revelation is made known, "you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me."** **When the revelation is made manifest, "At that day ye shall know that I and the Father are One; I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me."** **Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's, "I in you, and you in Me."** (John 14:20).

And remember, we are now, **as His Bride, pregnated with His Spirit.** Oh, my! **The Church, bearing children, see, pregnated by His Spirit with His Name; bearing His Name, bearing His Life;** bringing forth the signs of His Life, evident with the pre-eminences, evidence of His resurrection; showing that He is not dead, but alive forevermore. This is Eternal Life, and vindicated, **vindicates to the world that we are alive in Him.**

How do you know, 'cause you're a church member? **Because, Christ is living through you, so pregated with His Spirit that you're a prisoner to anything else (Gal. 3:1).** You're confined, oh, my, to the Gospel, confined to the Word, **and all the children that you can bring forth is that, 'cause you're a prisoner.**

You can't commit adultery; you're already pregated. Glory! It can't take a hold. The womb of life is closed to anything else. **You're already His, by predestination. That Seed has come to Life; no world can get in.** Oh! Oh, how we'd like to stay on this for about an hour! I'm sure you understand. See? Christ, and His alone, already finished. **The Seed was there. The Seed was, already. When was it put there? "Before the foundation of the world, has predestinated us unto Eternal Life."** (Eph. 1:3-4). And as soon as the Life-giving flow, that Seed laying there... Other seeds that just would come in, wouldn't take hold, just couldn't do it, like. But when that Seed come in, quickly it stopped up the womb; all the rest of the seed was driven out, see, like that.

And you become **a prisoner, surrounded, in Christ. Christ in you,** His Life bringing forth His evidence, His signs. Oh, my, my, my! Look, bringing His signs of Life as an evidence of His resurrection, proving to the world that Eternal Life, vindicates to the world that we're alive in Him. And think of it, alive with God, our Redeemer, **Who created us for the very same purpose, the Church, and His creative Life in us.**

It's God in man. That's His manifestation. That's what He's revealing. That's what He's trying to do, and God's Own Word revealing It. Shows that man cannot create; God is the Creator. And it ain't man no more; **it's God the Creator, in man, which is His Church now.** Amen! Going Home to Heaven, live with Him, ever. **God expresses Eternal love to the Church.** [8]

Now, **the church now is engaged to Christ for the wedding (II Cor. 11:1-4). The wedding has never been performed yet; it will be at the wedding supper of the Lamb.** So we see that the church is now engaged, like a man engaged to his wife. What does he do while they're engaged? He's just bestowing all kinds of things, sending her presents, making her feel good. Well, that's what Christ is doing to His church (I Cor. 12/13/14:1). He's sending us gifts of the Spirit (Eph. 4:8). How can you be engaged then when you're denying these gifts exist? It's the very love tokens. It's God's token to the church. Jesus said so, "These signs shall follow them that believe." (Mark 16:17-18). [9]

And He is supposed to, according to the Scriptures, return to us in this last days, in this type of ministry. **That will be after the baptism of the Spirit**, and speaking in tongues, and Divine healing, and so forth, these things. **The capping of the pentecostal message is what we're speaking of today. This ministry of the Christ Himself** impersonated among His people, with the very same things that He did when He was here on earth; **in His Body, the Bride**, which is part of Him, doing the same things, **as Husband and Wife, or King and Queen, just before the Marriage ceremony.** [10]

What a great thing it is today, Lord, to know **that now we are united with one Spirit**. One Spirit, the Holy Spirit, has got the Word in His grip, comes in us. And what a great thing it is, what a privilege to cut loose from all the world, **to unite ourselves to Jesus Christ**. And to think that someday, **in a physical form, with a body like His own glorious body** (*Phil. 3:20-21; I John 3:2*), we will set down at the table at the Wedding Supper and **there be united and wed in marriage to Him; to live as Bride and Bridegroom through all times that is to come, through a ceaseless Eternity.**

Lord God, may this not be just a mythical thought to the people, but may it become such a reality till **such hunger and thirst will set into the people** that when they'll read their newspapers, listening at the radio and the news, and **seeing it's uniting time** (*Matt. 5:6*). The signs are flashing.

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