## **Blessed Assurance**

I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

The evidence of the Holy Ghost is when you can receive the Word; not some system, but have a clear understanding. How do you know the Word is clear, understand It? Watch It vindicate Itself. "Well," you say, "I see this do it, and that." Oh, yes, weeds live the same way. But it's got to be the entire Word. To be the Bride, you have to be part of Him. He is the Word. See? And what a part of Him is it? The Word that's promised for this day when He calls His Bride. Be a part of that. You get it? Now, don't lose that now. [1]

Is there any here that hasn't received the baptism of the Spirit, yet? Now you say, "Brother Branham, I tell you, I shouted one time." That's very good. "I spoke in tongues once." That's very good, too. But still that ain't what I'm talking about. How can you shout and speak in tongues and deny the Word? **The evidence of the Holy Ghost is believing His Word. Always been every age if you can receive the Word.** Those priests had Jesus beat a million miles when it come to fruits of the Spirit: gentle, and peaceful, and meek, lowly. He tore up churches, kicked them over; and tore the people out, and called them "snakes in the grass" and everything (*Matt. 21:12-13; Matt. 23:29-34*). See? But He was that Word. He was that Word. **That's it: believe God. God is the Word.** Believe It. [2]

If you are true seed, you will hear that Word (*John 8:47*); **the Spirit will baptize you into the body of Christ** (*I Cor. 12:13*), filling you and empowering you, **and you will receive the Word for your day and age. See how clear the true evidence becomes when the Word is revealed to you?** Again, note, Jesus was the Royal Seed. He lived in a human body. When the Spirit called to Him (the Word-Manifested Thought), He went to Jordan and was there baptized in water (*John 1:29-34*). **Upon obeying the Word, the Holy Spirit came upon Him** and the voice said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." The voice did not say, "This has become My Son," Jesus was the Son. The Holy Ghost positioned Him as that Son before them all. Then having been filled thus (and the same pattern holds at Pentecost and ever

after), He went in demonstrated power, receiving the full revelation of God and from God, for that day.

Now we have been constantly saying that the true evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost is for the believer to receive the Word for the age in which he lives. [3]

The evidence of a Spirit-filled Christian believer is not to produce the truth (Word), but to receive the truth (Word), and to believe and obey it (*Acts 5:32*). [4]

It depends on where His Word is. Moses had His Word, Pharaoh had spears. Moses had the Word.

That's all he needed, was the Word. That's all you need today. It's not a credential from some church. You don't need a denomination to back you up. You need the Word, to take the Rapture with It. You don't need some credential. You don't need some long history of some school, to be healed. You need to accept the Word, that does it!

You don't need the doctor's word. If the doctor says he's done all he can do, that's all he can do. If he says you got cancer, tumor, you're going blind, you're deaf, dumb, whatever it is, that doesn't matter. **If you could take that Word to that burning promise of the bush yonder, amen, something's going to happen!** God will prove His Word to be so, every time that It's received on the right kind of ground. **That's what you're needing, His Word. He proves It, He keeps It. You can rest assure that It's right.** [5]

I went to some churches, the first day you're there, they'll approach you, "Join our church. If you don't do it, you're not welcome." See? It's a forced thing, it's forced upon you, see, and that's Babylon. But in Christ, you come in by election; not by force, your heart pulls you in. [6]

Paul, speaking there, said, "We who were in past times," one time, some other time than now, "we were dead, and in sin and trespasses; who God has quickened, made alive." (*Eph. 2:1-7*). Now, see, before anything can be quickened, there has to be something there to be quickened by. That's right.

So, you see, if you were in the foreknowledge of God (*Rom.* 8:28-30), then you are becoming a part of God. And the only way you can be a son of God or a daughter of God, you had to be a part of God, and God isn't complete without you (*Matt.* 13:37-39; Luke 8:11). Has to be. That's right, 'cause there is One, only one resource of Eternal Life, and that is God (*Psalm* 36:9), and Him alone has Eternal Life. See? Now, and you were a part of Him, insomuch that you're an attribute, or in His thinking in the beginning. And that, because He thought of you in the beginning, it gives

that little tug towards Him. That's what has to be quickened. Some of them will never be quickened; they just don't have it, that's all.

Just like if you put a grain of corn in the ground... Ever how pretty it was, if it didn't have the germ of life in it, it can never be quickened. **But the germ of life has to be there first.** [7]

While you're thinking of it now, just pray, say, it's in your own heart. See, if you feel something tug, tingling at your heart, that's what it is. It's that attribute trying to declare itself.

No matter how stooped you are in sin, what you have done, that doesn't have one thing to do with it. You apply the Token (*Exod. 12:13*). It's for you. If you feel in your heart there is something tugging, It's for you. You apply the Token. [8]

And a real, genuine Christian will cope with that inside man, that Spirit that was back yonder at the beginning, which is the Word. As He was the fullness of all of you (*Col. 2:9-15*), you were in Him back yonder at Calvary (*Rom. 6:6*).

He foreknew you would be here. He only broadcast what would take place. And you were in Him; you died with Him. You died to your pride, you died to your fashions, you died to the world. You died with Him in Calvary, and you arose with Him when He arose again on the third day. And because you've accepted it, now you're sitting in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus (*Eph. 2:4-7*). Hallelujah!

There you are. It's that inside man. That inside that will punctuate the Word, hang with the Word, regardless. You can't help it. I learned that, many years ago. [9]

Now, if you want the evidence of the Holy Ghost, there it is. When that soul of yours will line with the Word of God, in every respect, it shows you've drawed your life through the thinking man's Filter, God's Filter.

And then that shows that in you was that predestinated seed down in you, that makes you hunger for God (*Matt. 5:6*). "All the Father hath given Me, has given Me to redeem; they died with Me at Calvary; they raised with Me in the resurrection; all that He has given Me, will come to Me (*John* 6:37-39). They'll be placed in the Body (*I Cor. 12:12-14*), where foot, arm, nose, mouth, whatever it is; they'll be placed in There. And they will come to Me in their seasons." [10]

The devil will punch at you, and he'll say everything to you, and accuse you, and try to make you think that you're not. **But don't you listen to him.** 

Now, you know you've passed from death unto Life (*John 5:24; I John 3:14*). You know the things that you once loved, you don't love no more. You know that you have believed every Word of God. You've seen God working right among us. [11]

The believers of this age have to believe This, what He promised today. Just the same as they had to come into the ark, to be saved (*I Peter 3:20-22*), go out of Egypt to be saved; they have to come into Christ, to be saved now, into the Word Message, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

How do you get into It? By baptism! Baptism of what, water? **By the Holy Ghost!** "One Spirit, we're all baptized into this one Body." (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4-6). [12]

He did in that age just as He did in all ages, and like He will do, just as He promised to do. God promises anything, then He comes down and proves His Word to be right. **All that believe, all that believe the Message of that age, come in and were saved.** So will it be in any age. All who did not believe the Message and the messenger, perished.

And all who truly believe the Word of God today, will be taken out. All that do not believe the Word of God, will perish with the world, 'cause they are of the world, and everything that's in the world must perish with the world (*Mark 16:16*). And everything that's saved in God, must be in God, and cannot perish, "I'll give them Eternal Life, and raise them up at the last day." Now, what a consolation to every believer, to know, when you're in Christ, that just as sure as God keeps His Word and perishes the world, He keeps His Word and raises up His people and saves them. He proves it. [5]

Now, just no certain evidence. See? You say, "Brother Branham," I feel it in your minds, you see, "how will I know?"

Look, what were you, and what are you? There is how you know. See? What were you before this Token was applied? (*Exod. 12:13*). What are you after It's applied? What were your desires before, and what are your desires after? Then you know whether the Token is applied or not. And these other things just automatically go with That. [13]

Israel coming out, just as a sign like it is today. Watch what Israel got in their exodus.

The first thing they got, to thoroughly identify that the hour was at hand, was a prophet with the message. Moses came down with the message. The Word of God was with Moses (*Exod. 19/20*).

The next thing, **Moses** had to be identified. And **he was identified by a Pillar of Fire.** That identified his work that God had sent him. And Moses had the Word of God, even to create things and to bring them upon the earth (*Exod. 34:27-35*).

And the token that God give them, by the blood, was the assurance, that they would be passed over in the time of death (*Exod. 12*).

The same thing has happened today, same thing. The Word of God has been brought to us; **the Pillar of Fire is among us,** identifying Jesus Christ raised from the dead, "the same yesterday, today, and forever"; **and the assurance of the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon our hearts, putting our love to God** (*Rom. 5:3-5*). The exodus is on again.

No devil, no sickness, no death, no sorrow, nor nothing else, can bother you as long as you hold that Token over it. Amen. Your unchanging faith pulsates that, and it forms a form of Jesus Christ, the Image that you're walking in today.

"And when I see the token, I'll pass over you." It's a sign, it's a sign that the price has been paid. Jesus paid the price, and you received it from Him. Holding the Token in your hand, you have an assurance of resurrection. You have the assurance that everything you have need of, in this journey, is provided in that Token of His suffering at Calvary, where He met the price of every curse that could be put on you. That Token speaks peace. Amen.

There is no devil can stand before It. There is nothing can stand before It, because God has accepted It. And you hold the Token in your hand, that the price is paid. **Oh, it's a positive Token.** [14]

A sister said to the Prophet of God: "I make so many mistakes, and I fail so many times."

He answered to her: That's why Christ had to die, so that you, with your mistakes, wouldn't be lotted to you. See? He took your mistakes. Your desire in your heart is to serve Him. [The sister said: "Yes."] All right. That's what He died for, so you could serve Him. See? Your mistakes are not looked, not lotted to you (*Col. 2:13-15*). See? He is your propitiation. See? He is your sin-offering. Your sins are not known. You're not a sinner, before God (*Psalm 32:1-2*). Christ took your sins, and became you. Cause, your desire is to serve Him (*Heb. 10:1-2*).

[The sister said, "But I've never had an experience that I have been filled the Holy Ghost, that I could put my foot on."]

All right. Notice this. Ordinarily, a human being is born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world, speaking lies. That's the nature of a human being. That was your nature (*Rom. 3:9-26*). It changed once. But what changed it? ["Christ."] There you are, sister. See? That's it. [15]

The lamb had been back there in doing His mediatorial work, for He was bleeding for the people, intercessing for the people until the last soul that was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world come in (*Rev. 5; Rev. 13:8*). There's just going to be so many of them there, and that's it. That's all. The others won't even want to come in; they have no desire to come in. [16]

Well, could you imagine a mother giving birth to a baby and not knowing it? She'd have to be unconscious not to know it. Neither can you receive the Holy Ghost without knowing it. There's something takes place in you. See? There's something that changes you. Your whole system, your whole spiritual system is made new again, and you become a new creature in Christ, as the Bible puts it, a new creation in Christ (*II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15*). You know it. [17]

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- [3] "Smyrnaean Church Age", CAB pg. 154
- [4] "Pergamean Church Age", CAB pg. 165
- [5] "Proving His Word" (64-0816), par. 105-107, 94-95
- [6] "God's Only Provided Place of Worship" (65-1128M), par. 205
- [7] "Lean Not Unto Thy Own Understanding" (65-0120), par. 16-18
- [8] "Token" (63-0901M), par. 316
- [9] "And Knoweth It Not" (65-0815), par. 181-183
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