JESUS CHRIST – The Person, God Himself, Veiled In Human Flesh

Colossians 2:9, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Listen to what God's Prophet said about it:

The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that, walk out... That's what Peter said, "Repent, and then see the Deity (Acts 2:38). Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you're ready to go in the Spirit." The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:8). Think of it. That's what the trumpet said.

My revelation by the Holy Spirit is: Christ and the Holy Spirit is the self same Person, only in a different form. So here stands Christ, the Lamb. We know He was the Lamb. He's standing here with the Book in His hand (*Rev. 5:6-10*), and there goes the white horse rider. See? So it wasn't the Holy Spirit (*Rev. 6:1-2*).

Now, that's one of the mysteries of the last days, how that Christ can be the three Persons in One. It's not three different people: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, being three gods as the trinitarians try to tell us it is. It's three manifestations of the same Person, or you might call it three offices. If you're talking to ministers, you wouldn't use office... So I'll tell you... 'Course Christ couldn't say, "I'll pray My office, and He'll send you another office." We know that. But if you want to make it: it's three attributes of the same God, and not three gods; three attributes of the same God. See? And so how could Christ be out there with a white horse conquering (Rev. 6:1-2) and standing here with a Book in His hand? It isn't so; it isn't Christ.

Notice. The Holy Spirit is Christ in another form. That's right. [2]

Like in the beginning God, God dwelt alone, because He was the eternal One, wasn't even God. God's a object of worship. And the Logos, as we call It, the Word that went out of God that, anyone knows that That was the Angel of the Lord (Exod. 23:20-22), or the Word of the Lord, that followed the Israelites through the wilderness: the Angel of the Covenant, the Logos that went out of God (Exod. 13:21-22). And then that Logos was made flesh and dwelled among us. Now, we're in Saint John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And now, as He gave His life for us, then His Spirit comes back upon us. Jesus said, "At that day you'll know that I'm in the

Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." (John 14:20).

See, it's God all along, God manifesting Himself, working Himself through different ages. So those three of, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, same God working in three attributes... And we today are one, the church itself, an attribute of God's thinking before the foundation of the world to have a church. So those which are in Christ were in Christ at the beginning; that was His thoughts, and His thoughts is His attributes.

So you see, God made in Mary both egg and germ. The Protestants more or less believe that it was that Mary produced the egg. If that be so, look what you make Jehovah God doing. The egg cannot be produced without a sensation. He created both in the womb of Mary. And that Man was not nothing but God Himself made flesh and dwelled among us, Emmanuel (*Matt. 1:18-23*), not just a fine man, a prophet; He was fine Man and Prophet; not a teacher, a theologian. Oh, He might've been all that; He was All in all. But above all that, He was God Himself. The Bible said we are saved by the Blood of God (*Rev. 1:5-6; Acts 20:28*): God Himself, not a third person or a second person: the Person, God Himself, great Jehovah overshadowed Mary in the Creator, and created both the Blood cell (the Life) and also the egg. [3]

When the Holy Spirit came upon Him (Jesus Christ) at the baptism of John, and He became the Anointed Messiah. Now, remember, He was the Son of God when He was born. He was God's virgin-born Son. But when He become Messiah, that's when the Holy Spirit come on Him, 'cause the Messiah means the "anointed one." And He was the Anointed One when the Holy Spirit came on Him (*Matt. 3:13-17*). [4]

God, in man, has emptied Himself. Joel 2:28, we find out He said, "I will pour out in the last days My Spirit." Now, if you notice the word there, Greek word... I may have this wrong, but the one I could find... You have to watch the words.

The English sometime means **double meanings**. Just like the word, we say, "god." God created the heavens and earth, Genesis 1:1. But now, in the Bible It said, "**In the beginning Elohim**." Now, Elohim, the English calls "god," but it really was **Elohim**. Anything could be god to--the word "god"; you could make an idol a god; you could make that piano a god; you could make anything a god.

But it isn't so in the word "Elohim"; **It means "the self-existing One."** See? That piano cannot be self-existent; nothing else can be self-existent. So the Word "Elohim" means **"He that always existed."** "God" can mean anything. See the difference in the word?

Now, when It said here that He emptied Himself or poured out, now, we'd think like this, that He "vomit up," the English word of "emptied or poured out from Him, something went out of Him that was different from Him." But the word "Kenos," in the Greek, does not mean that He "vomit up," or some--His

arm went off, or His eye went out another person.

That is, He changed Himself; He "poured Himself into," (Amen!), into another mask, into another form; not another person went out of Him called the Holy Spirit, but It was He Himself. You get it? He Himself poured Himself into the people: Christ in you. How beautiful, how wonderful to think, God pouring Himself into the human being, into the believer: pour out (Acts 2:14-21). It was a part of His drama to do so. God, all the Fullness, all the Godhead bodily was in this Person Jesus Christ (Col. 2:9). He was God and God alone, not a third person, or a second person, or a first person; but the Person, God veiled in human flesh.

I Timothy 3:16: "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; for G-o-d, Elohim..." Capital G-o-d in the Bible referred it back, anybody, it refers to in the original, It said, "Elohim. In the beginning Elohim... And Elohim... Without controversy great is the mystery of Elohim; for Elohim was made flesh, and we handled Him." Elohim veiled in human flesh, the great Jehovah that covered all space, time, and everywhere, was made man. We handled Him: Elohim. "In the beginning Elohim... And Elohim was made flesh, dwelled among us" (John 1:14-18).

Notice, all the Glory that is in God is in the Word. All the blessings that's in God is in the Word. It's hid to the unbeliever by traditions. See what I mean? But It's all in Christ. All that God was, He emptied Himself ("kenos") and came into Christ; and we, into Christ are behind the veil... (Heb. 6:19-20).

"Well, I'm into Christ," you say. And then believe there's three gods? Baptize in the name of "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"? Believe in all these traditions and things that you believe in, of the elders? No, you're still behind the veil. See? Come into the veil; He, Christ is the Word. How?

"I don't believe in Divine healing. I don't believe in these miracles and things like that."

Well, you see, you're not inside the veil; you don't know nothing about it. See? **Christ is the Word. And when we're in the Word, we're in Christ**. And how can I be in Christ, denying Christ? It's He that said, "Not one word shall be added to or taken from" (*Rev. 22:18-19*). How can you take from and add to then? See, it shows you what veil that's got you veiled away. [5]

Jesus was the Fullness of God's Word, for He was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him dwelt the Fullness of God (Col. 2:9-10). God lived in Jesus Christ. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself: not Jew nor Gentile, but God (II Cor. 5:19). There He stood, making Hisself. How fitting... And God's Own Blood had to shed upon the ground, from the innocent blood of Abel on down, to redeem us. He didn't take His own life; He didn't hold His own life; He said, "Father, is it possible this cup should pass from Me? But, nevertheless, not My will, Thine be done" (Matt. 26:36-42). He give in to the Word.

Today we can do the same thing. You can either take your creeds, take your

so-and-so, and go wherever you want to with it; but you can say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Come back to that Word of God. Take your tinsel and Christmas and do what with it you want to, but give me Jesus Christ in my heart. No matter how many of them people laugh at it, or what of it. Watch its nature; see if it does just like He did. If it didn't, and it doesn't compare with this Word, leave it alone; it's not Christ; 'cause Christ is the Word. [6]

And hear me, what a horrible thing was in the paper the other day concerning a great man, that we all know to be a servant of God: Billy Graham. When it was asked Billy Graham by certain, "What was this great contradiction about the trinity? Was there three gods, three actual Gods, or how was it? One place it looked like three gods and one looked like there was only..." Billy Graham said, "It hasn't been revealed. Nobody knows." **My, if there is three gods, we are heathens**.

Like the Jews said, "Which one of them is your god, the Father, is the Son your God, or is the Holy Ghost your God?" **There's only one God. And those are not three personalities, for a personality has to be a person. It can't be a personality without being a person**. You know that. How can anything be a personality without being a person?

"Oh," said, "we don't believe in three personal gods; we believe in three personalities of the same God." Well, before it could be a personality it has to be a person.

"What is it then?" you'd say. It's not three gods. It's three offices of the same God. He was the Father in the beginning that hung over the wilderness in the flame of fire (Exod. 13:21-22), the burning bush... Fatherhood, God, just as I got through saying, condescending, coming down; that was the highest order. The Spirit, the Agapao, the Zoe, the Life of God Himself made in the form of a Pillar of Fire. And that same One after being in the Fatherhood, became the Son, and the Spirit that was in the burning bush (Exod. 3:1-6) was in the Man Christ. And it brought forth the same evidence that the fire did. Said, "If I do not the works of My Father, don't believe Me" (John 14:10-12). Every tree will bear record of its own fruit.

See, It dropped down from Supernatural into something tangible that could be touched, a body (*Phil. 2:5-11*). And through the sacrificial death and the supreme sacrifice of this one God, Jesus... He said, "I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me." No one could read that any plainer.

They said, "Why don't You show us the Father, and it'll satisfy us." (John 14:7-10).

He said, "I've been so long with you and you don't know Me?" He said, "When you see Me, you see My Father."

As a lady once jumped up, she said, "Why, Brother Branham," she said, "the Father and the Son are one, just like you and your wife are one."

I said, "Oh, no they're not." I said, "Do you see me?" She said, "Yes."

I said, "You see my wife?" Said, "No."

I said, "Then they're not the same kind of one. Jesus said, 'When you've

see Me, you have seen the Father. The Father dwelleth in Me.' My wife doesn't dwell in me." See? They are One; in every way they are One. And we're one through agreement, wife and I. We're one in fellowship, **but** we're two personalities. My wife can do one kind of thinking and me another, and we're two persons. But not so with God, **God and Christ is the selfsame Person**.

"Then what's the Holy Ghost?" The Holy Ghost is that same Spirit of God dwelling in the people whom He has died for and put their name on the Lamb's Book of Life, which they were one with Him in the beginning (Rev. 13:8). The Scripture said so. Did not Jesus tell them that they were with Him before the foundation of the world? (John 17:6-8.14-15). Your minds are blackened and darkened; we all are to those things. But we're just not some little coincident happening here; we are sons and daughters of God in the beginning of the creation of God (Job 38:1-7), and been dropped down here for a witness to witness the grace of God that's shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Rom. 5:5). We have an eternal Spirit. And there's no way to stop it. God's church will be there just as sure as it can be sure. [7]

What is faith? **Faith is something that's revealed to you**, that is not yet, but you believe it will be (*Heb. 11:1*). **Faith is a revelation of the will of God**. So by revelation...

And the churches today don't even believe in spiritual revelation. They believe in a dogmatic teaching of some system. "By revelation Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, which God testified he was righteous" (Heb. 11:4). Amen. I hope you see that. See where we're living, see the hour?

I was talking to a gentleman not long ago, a Christian scholar and gentleman. He said, "Mr. Branham, we refuse all revelations."

I said, "Then you have to refuse Jesus Christ, for He is the revelation of God, God revealed in human flesh." (II Tim. 3:16). Unless you see it, you're lost.

Jesus said, "Except you believe that I am He, you'll die in your sins" (John 8:21-29). He is the revelation of God, the Spirit of God revealed in human form. If you can't believe that, you're lost. If you put Him a third person, second person, or any other person besides God, you're lost. "Except you believe that I'm He, you'll die in your sins." A revelation.

No wonder they couldn't see Him. "No man could come to Me except My Father draws him (*John 6:44*). **And all the Father has given to Me** (in the **roots), will come to Me**" (*John 6:37-39*). See? You get it? Oh, how we should love Him, adore Him, praise Him, to see the fruit of the Spirit in the last days in a Bride Tree ripening in the top of the time. [8]

Now, in order to study the Scripture... Paul told Timothy (II Tim 2:15), "Study It, rightly dividing the Word of God which is Truth." Then there's three musts in the Scripture. In using God's Word there is three things that you must not do. Now, let's study those for the next ten minutes: Three things that

you must not do... And all out in the land wherever you are across the nation, be sure to put these down in your mind if you haven't got a pencil. You must not do these things. We tell you all the time how you must do; now, I'm going to tell you **what you must not do.**

You must not misinterpret the Word. You say, "Well, I believe It means this." It means just what it says. It needs no interpreter. And you must not misplace the Word. And you must not dislocate the Word. And if we would do either of these, it throws the whole Bible in a confusion and in a chaos.

Notice. To misinterpret Jesus in the form of God in a man you would make Him one god out of three. To misinterpret Jesus Christ being the Word, you'd make Him one god out of three, or you'd make Him the second person in a godhead. And to do that, you'd mess the whole Scripture up. You'd never get nowhere. So It must not be misinterpreted.

And if you say that a certain thing, you put an interpretation on It, and you apply It to another time or It's been applied to another time, you also make an incorrect interpreting.

If anybody misinterpret Jesus Christ in the Bible of not being God Himself, make Him the second person, or, one god out of three, this would upset every Word in the entire Bible. It would break the first commandment, "Thou shalt not have any other god before Me" (Gen. 20:3). All right. It would make the whole Christian race a bunch of pagan worshippers worshipping three different gods. See what kind of a Bible you'd have? Then it'd make us what the Jews say we are: said, "Which one of them gods is your god?" See? So you see, you mustn't misinterpret the Bible, for Jesus Himself is the Interpretation of the Bible when He's made manifest in the age that the part of His Body is being made manifest. If it's a hand age, it must be a hand; it can't be a head age. If it's a voice age, well then, it can't be a foot age. See? And now, we're at the eye age. And now, the next is Him Hisself to come. [9]

See, I've always preached that He was Deity, not just a man; **He was God manifested in the flesh,** God, the Attribute of God of love, the great Attributes that come down displayed here on earth of God. Jesus was God's love, which built a body that Jehovah Himself lived in. **He was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily.** What God was, He manifested through that body. That body had to die so He could wash **the Bride** with His Blood. And notice, not only is the Bride washed, forgiven, but she's **justified in the sight of God.** [10]

Reference:

[1] "The Patmos Vision", pg. 97, par. 144 / [2] "The First Seal", pg. 156 / [3] "The Seed Shall Not Be Heir With The Shuck" (65-0429B), par. 32, 100 / [4] "Possessing The Enemy's Gates" (59-1108), par. 79 / [5] "The Unveiling Of God" (64-0614), par. 74-79; 238 / [6] "Why Little Bethlehem" (58-1228), par. 129 / [7] "The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit" (58-0928), par. 90-97 / [8] "Anointed Ones At The End Time" (65-0725), par. 53-56 / [9] "Christ Revealed In His Own Word" (65-0822), par. 72-76 / [10] "The Rapture" (65-1204), par. 160-161

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