

The Teaching of the One Coming of the Spirit

Bro. Branham taught us the truth of the one coming of the spirit. It was an old Baptist doctrine of the two comings of the spirit and Bro. Branham came from the Baptist background and had their influence in his teachings prior to 1963 when he believed that you had to come to an adoption after you are born again.

In the Mark of the Beast and the Hebrew series messages, Bro. Branham said that the Holy Ghost and the power were “a different thing altogether: not new birth, but new power”.

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MARK.OF.THE.BEAST.title JEFF.IN 56-0715

E-56 056 Let's once together now, slowly, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Right after the healing service, I want each person that raised their hand to come to the altar, personally, kneel down and pray.

"Raising your hands. Does that do anything?" Yes, sir. It certainly does.

"He that hearth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life." That makes you a new creature. Now, I don't mean just imagine; I mean do it. And your fruits will prove it. Then after you've did that, then by one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of power and service.

He never said you'll receive new birth after the Holy Ghost come upon you. Said, "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost come upon you," a different thing altogether: not new birth, but new power. You're borned again by believing. You believe to Eternal Life. But you're baptized with the Holy Ghost until power, power for service. All right, all together.

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He felt that the new birth began when you believe on the Lord Jesus. In the message Countdown, Bro. Branham said:

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COUNTDOWN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-3 62-0909M

37 023 So if a man sets on the thought of just justification's all you have to have, he's wrong, wrong. He's got to be wrong. And then if the church who believes like the many of the Pentecostals, that the Holy Ghost is it, that's all, "just repent and get the Holy Ghost," that's still wrong, because you've got to get sanctification in there to cleanse it before the Holy Ghost comes in. If you don't, you leave out the Blood. See? *And the new birth, as people talks that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the new birth. Now, that's wrong. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is different from the new birth. The new birth is when you're born again. But the Holy Ghost is when power comes into that birth for service. That's exact. See? The Holy Ghost is--baptized into the Holy Ghost.*

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Many places, he spoke of the two comings of the spirit. That is why it was very important after the opening of the seals, to watch how much he changed his thinking on the new birth. In the message THE SEED NOT HEIR WITH THE SHUCK, Bro. Branham stated:

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SEED.NOT.HEIR.WITH.SHUCK.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-4 65-0218

48 022 Now, we understand also that God is perfected in three. Now, God is perfected in three. Grace is five. Seven is completion, like the world. God is perfected in Father, Son, Holy Ghost. That's the perfection of the Godhead: all one God in three manifestations of three attributes of one office--or three offices in the one Godhead.

Now, there is also three in perfection of the steps of grace to the church: justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost. That consists of the new birth. Just like a natural birth is typed by it. Which a woman giving birth to a child, the first thing comes forth is water, blood, then life. The Bible said in I John 5:7--or 7:5, I believe it is--that said, "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (which was the Son), and the Holy Ghost; these three are One. There are

three that bear witness in the earth: the Word--the water, blood, and spirit--water, blood, and spirit; these three agree in one."

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Bro. Branham changed his thinking on the teaching of the on coming after he realized what the New Birth really was for this day. In the message CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY Bro. Branham was clear on what the New Birth really is:

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CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728

37-4 124 The new birth is Christ, is a revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's the new birth. Now, what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest? Oh, if the Church only knew its position. It will one day. Then, the rapture will go when it knows what it is. Now, notice. You say, "Brother Branham, but that--that ain't..." Oh, yes, it is, too. It is the Truth.

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When you receive Christ, you have received everything that you need. There can be nothing added to Christ. He is all.

The New Birth is a clear understanding. That understanding comes from God and is the very evidence that you are the predestinated seed of God and was ordained to be quickened in your day. Everything that you need was included with the coming of the spirit and once a son is quickened, then he steps into his manifestation.

Many people are trying to hold onto their old experience with a birth for another age. Bro. Branham tried to use the old experience for many years, until the Angel showed him the correct definition of a new birth for this age. This turned Bro. Branham around and allowed him to bring us to an understanding of the birth for this day.

In order to understand what Bro. Branham was trying to show us for our day, you have to burn the old ideas, and accept the clear understanding for this day which includes the understanding of the one coming of the spirit, which is the New Birth.