

Theophany Part 2 - The Holy Spirit and The Theophany

In part two of this theophany series we would like to discuss the difference between the Holy Spirit and theophany. Many people in the message do not know the differences, and thus they confuse them.

In starting, let's find out what Paul and Brother Branham taught the theophany is.

II Corinthians 5:1

*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, an house not made with hands**, eternal in the heavens.*

II Corinthians 5:1

I Corinthians 15:39-40

All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

*There are also **celestial bodies**, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.*

I Corinthians 15:39-40

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*Then when a man is borned again from heaven, he becomes a spirit babe in Christ. And then when this robe of flesh is dropped, **there is a natural body, theophany, a body not made with hands**, neither born of a woman, that we go to.*

Then that body returns back and picks up the glorified body.

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Both the scripture and Brother Branham teach us the theophany is a body. This is important to understand, because it helps you separate the theophany from God the Holy Spirit. God is not a body, He is a Spirit (St. John 4:24). He can indwell himself in a body, but His being is a Spirit. The theophany by itself is nothing but a body. It takes God, the Holy Spirit, to get into the theophany in order for it to move around. God uses a body to make Himself tangible and able to be seen. Let's highlight this further by showing what Brother Branham said.

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In the quote above, Brother Branham said "God's first being was Spirit, and that second He begin to form Himself down into a theophany." Thus, before God ever got into a theophany, He was a Spirit. God is a Spirit being. That Spirit being is separate from a body. Even Brother Branham made that clear in the quote above. He said, "that second He begin to form Himself down into a theophany." First and second are not the same thing. First comes before second. Thus, God's first being (Spirit), is not the same as the theophany form. Once again, that is important to understand because you can not make the Holy Spirit and the theophany the same thing. The Holy Spirit is God, the theophany is a house. The Holy Spirit indwells itself in the theophany. Notice, Brother Branham said, "He was in the form of theophany." The key thing to see is that God was "in it." He was indwelling in it. It was the Spirit of God inside a body. The body and the Spirit were two separate things. They only become unified when the Spirit moves into the body. It is the same as when God moves into my flesh. My flesh is not God. It is earth that God dwells in so He can be tangible. The theophany is the same way. It is a body that God dwells in so He can do certain things. The theophany is not the Holy Spirit.

Another way to show this is that God is an unseen Spirit, but the theophany is a body you can see. Let's look at a scripture and quote to show the difference.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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And then you see, He come right down the regular line, from attribute to... Before the foundation of the world his Name's put on the Lamb's Book of Life. Then from that He become the Word, the theophany, that could appear, disappear; and then He become flesh and returned back again, resurrected that same body in a glorified condition.

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St. John taught that God was an unseen Spirit. That he had to get in a form to be declared. Then in Who Is This Melchisedec, Brother Branham said the theophany could "appear". It could be seen. Thus, the Holy Spirit and theophany are different. One can be seen (theophany) and the other can not be seen (Spirit). Let's drive this point home further with one more quote where Brother Branham talks about the great "Spirit-God" that had to put on a body to be seen.

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God became expressed in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the Express Image of God.
Again in John 1:14,

“And the Word was made flesh and dwelth amonst us.”

The very substance of God was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. **The great Spirit-God unto Which no man could approach, Which no man had seen or could behold was now tabernacled in flesh and dwelt among men, expressing the fullness of God to men.**

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The last point we want to show to express the difference between the Holy Spirit and theophany, is that the Holy Spirit is an inside Teacher. The Bible and Brother Branham both teach us the Holy Spirit will guide you to the truth. Let's look at some quotes and scripture showing this point.

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**; for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come.

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26 And today, we're trying to run to this church and say, "Is this got the message?" Over here... "Has this got the message? Is this the right?" There's one thing God has give us an everlasting Star, that's the baptism of the Holy Ghost. **The Holy Spirit is the Guider of the Church of the living God today to lead them into Truth and all Light.** Amen. (I'm not shouting at you, but that's pretty strong now, there, and I was backing up a little from it.) **Look, the Holy Spirit, when He has come, He will lead and guide you into all Truth and will show you things to come.** That's the sign of the church today.

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Now when God is silent we had better be silent. But where He has spoken we had better speak, too, and say what He has already said. He told us the evidence, or what would happen after being baptized with **the Holy Ghost was that we would have the Teacher come and teach all truth. But that Teacher was an INSIDE teacher,** not an outside teacher. If the Spirit wasn't inside, you wouldn't hear the truth and receive it by revelation if you heard it every moment of the day. That was the sign of the indwelling Spirit in the days of Paul. Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost heard the Word, received it and lived by it.

Those who did not have the Spirit heard it only as carnal men, put a wrong interpretation on it and went into sin.

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Is it clear now? The Holy Spirit is a Teacher. It is the inside teacher. It will lead and guide you to truth. You can not find one quote or scripture that says the theophany is a teacher or will guide you to the truth. You can not find one, because the theophany is not a teacher or a guide, it is just a body. It is only a house. The Holy Spirit and theophany is not the same thing.

In summary, remember one must understand the difference between the theophany and Holy Spirit. The theophany is a body that the Holy Spirit dwells in. The theophany can be seen, and the Holy Spirit is unseen. The Holy Spirit is an inside teacher that guides you to the truth, while the theophany is just a body. These differences are clearly expressed in the Bible as well as Brother Branham's message. We want to make sure our revelation matches what the Word says.