

# The Holy Spirit in Ephesians # 4

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Let us pray, Heavenly Father, we recall the Words that was said at the grave side of Lazarus, "now that You're here," and we believe that all things are possible, because if You could raise one that was dead, corrupted four days in the grave as You Yourself said they said, "He stinketh." The face no doubt as Bro. Branham said, *"It began to fall in."* It was an actual resurrection, and here we are at the same place, Lord, there's all of us have had problems in our lives and we need a little resurrection, Lord, a renewal, a coming to a life in Thee, Lord, whatever those needs are, perhaps we've had them all of our lives. They've been habits, they've been complexes. They've been ideas, various temperaments and what's so ever, Lord, we need to realize that all things are possible, it's not too late that You're able tonight to give us victory in every dimension, Lord, whatever the need is. There's just one thing you can't do, You cannot lie, You cannot fail, and You cannot be unfaithful to Yourself.

So, Lord, here it is, there's nothing that is left but to believe You. And may we believe tonight as we have never believed before and enter in, Lord, to the things of eternal Life as we never have entered in, to realize not just the possibility, but the capability. "For greater is He that is in us, than he that's in the world."

So, Father, help us tonight in whatever words might be said, that they might be mixed up however, we believe that You will help us in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

[Local announcements made]

1. You know, I was reading in the Scripture here and that I want you to notice something that how It is placed in Ephesians 4, Paul is speaking and then suddenly he changes the tenor. He changes the atmosphere, it isn't the change of subject actually, but it comes just like you're maybe in a beautiful situation, and like the Garden of Eden and then suddenly there comes this blast and you find there's a serpent there.

Now, Paul is speaking in Ephesians 4:7,

- (7) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- (8) Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, (and) led captivity captive, gave gifts unto men.
- (9) (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- (10) (And) He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Now, you heard Bro. Branham say that, *"If Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and is here, back here in the form of the Holy Spirit, then He'll do the same things that He did for us, that He did for Israel in the flesh."*

Now, that's what this is saying here. "That He that ascended, what is it that He first of all descended into the lower parts of the earth?" The One that went up, caught up in a Rapture with Abraham, the rest of them was the One that actually descended into the lower parts of the earth. "And He that descended is the same that ascended." So, the same One that went up, actually came back.

2. And you'll notice however, that talking of the lower parts of the earth, you could hardly call that where the body was. So the same One is risen from the dead, (It tells you) is risen from the dead is come back. He came back upon the people and as Bro. Branham said in the tape (I got to get that, I just am...it was a little too lazy) but he said, *"There's a part of the Holy Spirit that can be only one place at one time."* That's pretty well what he said.

That's the truth, because the baptism with the Holy Ghost in miniscule form, which is a little microcosm of the Holy Ghost would never at any time, if it was trillions of people ever constituted God Himself, it wouldn't do it. There's just no way.

And you see, when the Pillar of Fire was over their heads at Pentecost, a little lick came from the main Body. He didn't say the main Body came down and God separated Himself, that's the end of God. God's now in the human race. Well, I just might as well be Roman Catholic and believe in the pope. I mean, I would it just...you'll never sell me on that. There's no way.

There's nothing in the Bible that says that man ever becomes deity. He's a part of, a derivative of, an attribute, and so on.

3. (11) And he gave some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists;  
some, pastors (some) teachers;
- (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the  
edifying of the body of Christ: (Now, see how beautiful.)
- (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, the knowledge of the Son  
of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the  
fulness of Christ:
- (14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, carried  
about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, cunning  
craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- (15) But (holding) the truth in love, may grow up (unto) him in all things,  
which is the head, even Christ:
- (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by  
that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working  
in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the  
edifying of itself in love. (You say, "Hallelujah, that's the  
Garden of Eden.")

4. Now, watch the blast of cold air come:

- (17) This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that (you) henceforth  
walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
- (18) Having the understanding darkened,...

Now, notice over here, there's no darkened in understanding. You've got a revelation of the Light. The Light Himself. You're not tossed to and fro. You can't be carried away by cunning craftiness, no matter what lies in wait to deceive. But there you are in love, and as:

- (18) Having the understanding darkened, alienated from the life of God through the ignorance (that's) in them, because of the blindness of their (hearts):
- (19) Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
- (20) But (you) have not so learned Christ;
- (21) If so be that (you) have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- (22) That (you) put off concerning the former (behavior) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful (pleasures; that's lusts, that pleasures.)
- (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- (24) And that (you) put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- (25) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
- (26) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
- (27) Neither give place to the devil.
- (28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
- (29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- (30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby (you're) sealed unto the day of redemption.
- (31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- (32) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

5. Now, you can evidently see here, that there was state a and a standing that is not just possible, but is a reality that our standing before God is one of perfection. As Bro. Branham said, *"He can only hear your voice through the Blood."* Just hear what you're saying. *"And He sees your representation, (which of course if Jesus Christ,) He does not see you."*

We understand that, and we understand that Jesus Christ is our righteousness, and receiving Him, the baptism with the Holy Ghost, we have become the very righteousness of Almighty God. This is the old 'state and standing' doctrine.

What you're standing is before God is one of perfection in Christ Jesus. But what actually your state is: is what condition are you in and what condition am I in, even as we look at what I believe to be the consummation here, given by Paul when the church, the Ephesian Church, which is *we have become another Ephesus*, as Bro. Branham said in The Paradox.

And we're ready to come into the Promised Land now, ready to cross over to spiritual Jordan, and be into where the Millennium is. You'll notice in here, this beautiful perfection, right in the truth, right in the fullness coming up to the end. The Seven Church Age forming the last little group. Kind of like 'neck', that the head come down upon. "Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things." [Eph 4:15] And then It said, "The whole body joined together, maketh increase of the body into the edifying of itself in love. [Eph 4:16]

6. Now, it's something that Bro. Branham brought out in the Token, and I took a couple of pages here, and I want to read them to you. [Token 09-01-63]

[67] *Jesus said, "This generation shall not cease until everything be fulfilled."*

*And remember, the very night that Israel was made a nation, that was the night the Angel of the Lord appeared to me right yonder. That's right.*

*There we all are. Everything is pointed up exactly the truth. I have not lied to you. I have told you the truth. God has testified I've told you the truth. Now, remember, I'm your brother; I'm a man. I'm just a man, just like you all; but somebody's got to bring it; somebody has got to say it. That wasn't my choice; that was His choice. And I've told you the truth, and He has testified right back that it is the truth. And we see these things upon the earth today, oh, people, this is the last hour. Get that Token over you, quickly as you can, or you get in the Token; get in the Token. As we see the great ensign of the time at hand, warning us: time is at hand...*

7. [68] *Oh, take this solemnly. We should love one another. Oh, my. We should be so in love. Don't ever speak evil against one another. If somebody makes a mistake, pray for him, right quick. We are together in this with God. (Now, you notice how that Bro. Branham is bringing the same thing that Paul brought.) We are brothers and sisters. Oh, live godly. Live like daughters of God. Live like sons of God. Live sweet, kind, humble. Let no evil come in your mind in your thinking; just dismiss it. If it knocks on the door, take it away, just say-- just show your Token. Just keep walking. "I'm under the Blood." Remember, there were a lot of them come by, them women, that night, and say, "Hey, girlie, Lily, some of you, come on out; we're going to a party tonight."*

*"Uh uh, I'm under the Blood. I'm under the Token to stay here. My love is to my Maker. Death is in the land tonight." Death is in the land today. Judgment is waiting; she's pending. Atomic, and hydrogens, (he's talking about bombs) and all kinds of disaster's waiting for the nations. And God is moving His church and showing all... He's been keeping the Lamb up now for quite awhile, watching, seeing what He's doing, watching His nature and everything, but now the Token's got to be applied. It's got to be*

*applied. That is the only thing.  
and of water, He shall no wise enter in."*

*"Except a man be born of the Spirit  
You should love one another.*

8. [69] *Believers should separate themselves from the world. Don't just take it now,  
lightly. Now, you people that's listening to this on tape, women and men,  
you listen a minute. If you ever believed me, you believe it now. It is time  
to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible. Believe  
Jesus Christ; love, honor, respect one another. Men respect your wives;  
you respect your homes. Bring your homes together, because, you  
remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one. The whole home too  
had to be brought in; everything had to be brought in. We should  
love each other, and believers should separate themselves  
from the world. Notice, they were not just come together to talk about  
the message.*

Now, you can come together anytime you want as long as you're in the Message. And you've got the Token you can come together and talk, but these are the people that evidently have not come in. Now:

*...they were not just come together to talk about the message. They come  
together to apply the blood, to apply the token. This is what you must do.  
Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you  
brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world,  
time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're  
positive, sure, and the Token must be applied. Without it,  
you're going to perish; you must perish. That is the only thing.*

9. [70] *Oh, don't come together, and say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How  
to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized in the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody  
believe with all your heart. He was not responsible for any out from  
beneath it.*

*...But you believe. Get beneath it. Israel didn't come together to say, "Let's all  
go over to Goshen today. We'll drive up to Goshen. You get on your camel, and  
we'll take the ox cart, and we'll take the Joneses over here, and so forth,  
the Goldbergs, and we'll go to Goshen. And you know what? Moses is going  
to speak today." That wasn't it. No, sir, brother. It's to get beneath  
that blood. Yes, indeed. Not to talk about it, get into it.*

And this is what we're looking at in the pastoral side of Bro. Branham's Message, there were certain precepts that he laid down. And the one great precept that he laid down which we read about constantly is that precept on love. And that love precept is as the Scripture said, "But this shall all men know, that you're my disciples, that you have love one for another." [Jn 13:35] And it is time I believe with Bro. Branham that the hour is very, very serious, that we don't have much time left. The time is running out. As Bro. Branham said, "What was underneath the table, one morning will suddenly be on top of the table."

10. Now, I remember back, and I don't know if there's anyone else remembers back, but I guess you would remember back perhaps to...I guess it was October back in 1929, and that's when they

jumped out of windows in New York. It was just like confetti falling in the streets almost. That's when men who knew something and thought then did understand things, they got out of the market just in time. And they took hundreds of millions of dollars with them. Where actually nations went broke, and we had a Great Depression.

Bro. Branham said, "That Depression that we saw," (and he knew about, the same as I know about,) would be nothing compared to what lies ahead." And what lies ahead I believe can only be brooked, [tolerated] and could only be faced, can be overcome on the grounds that Bro. Branham has laid down here, that as perfect love casts out fear, the love that we have for each other is very, very important, because it's basic to the casting out of fear. The casting out of what's not only will come upon the earth, but how it will be handled as it does come upon the earth.

And I'm convinced as I say, the time is pretty well running out. There's not much time left. I don't say that because of my age, the expectancy they tell me by the charts is ten more years to go, which God forbid that I should ever even hit seventy one, let alone having already hit seventy. But, that's something that God knows, but I don't know about.

11. But, we must be ready for this challenge that's coming upon the earth which Bro. Branham said could come very, very suddenly. And it's quoting from him how that what was under that table could suddenly appear on it, and we'll find ourselves in the midst of it. And brother/sister, it is really time that we begin to disabuse our minds, we can begin to rid our minds of all of those things that have to do with the things of the world, the flesh and the devil, the lust of the eye, the pride of life, all those things that come in. And begin to just turn our hearts and our minds away from that which the enemy would use to hinder us, and thereby hinder others. Because our lives speaks sermons far greater than our words ever do.

And always you'll notice that the enemy and those round about are always so happy to seize upon something that has been done. And it's very easy for Christians to be discouraged with each other, to be disgusted. I found myself, that it doesn't pay, it doesn't pay at all. And I'm looking around and I find that some of my brethren are falling into the same trap that I fell into, which is be critical and censorious of what other ministers were doing. What does it matter to me what any minister does? As Bro. Branham said, *"I don't go to correct anybody anymore, (he said,) God never sent me to judge."* He said, *"They don't work for me, they work for God. They're not my servants, they're His."*

12. And so, it behooves us to understand the way the winds suddenly switched from the warm beautiful breeze of Eden, to the cold blast of the reality of sin. And Paul brings it out right here at this very end time, that there will be all of this going on. **They're out** in their land of wickedness. Their iniquity will increase, while within the Bride the Word and the glory of God is going to increase. But he warns the Bride at all times and he said, "Look," he said, "now listen, I want you to notice what's happened to those people out there." He said, "They, the Gentiles walked in the vanity of their minds. They wouldn't listen to the Word which was given to them. Their understanding was darkened." [Eph 4:17,18]

And the more dark they found themselves into more and more problems, and more and more things. And that's not what God wants us to be into. God wants us to be, bind up more and more with this Word, and It may cost us something.

13. I look back concerning my own life and I see where Bro. Branham spoke. He said, *"Those traps that Satan lays there."* Naming certain traps, and I've watched them. And you know, Satan

will come every single time, he just will not let up. There's no letting up in his tactics. There's no letting up that he won't try to make you come to that very place that you know in your own life which is a 'fault', (that's like an earthquake fault.) That word 'fault' doesn't mean a sin, it means 'an area of weakness', where there could be a separation within yourself. Where there is you have your free moral choice, where you have a choice.

And you'll notice, as you look at your own lives and you watch. You notice that something's just don't bother you. You're over that. You can walk right on. But there isn't...I don't believe one person that doesn't have a besetting sin in the sense of a place where Satan wants to come in. And you watch how he'll take every way he can to twist your mind to make you see a slant to justify yourself, or to open the door whereby that you feel, or I could feel, that we could get away with anything. You can't do it. There's no way.

And in this hour, it's going to rougher than ever, it will be. Because as righteousness increases, so does wickedness increase. In fact, the only reason the Bride isn't gone, is because wickedness hasn't come to its full yet. That's all. When the wicked and the cup of the Amorites is filled, when the wickedness of this world spiritual darkness is come to the place where it can take over, the Bride will get out of here. But there's things left to be done in that area.

14. But in the meantime, Satan is more actively and pronounced in his coming against the Bride, then he ever has been before. And he wants to get this Word out of us and he wants our lives to say, "Well alright, I believe that Message." And say, "Well, that's good enough."

Well, it's not good enough. It's only good enough when "we walk in the Light as He is in the Light and have fellowship one with another." [1 Jn 1:7] And that's where the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

And it behooves us to listen to Paul and to all the apostles. And Bro. Branham was that (you might call) of that last apostle so to speak. He was, he was an apostle, he went around the world, took the Word, he's a prophet. Went around the world and always in preaching the truth. He warned the people always to walk softly, to walk in love, because love covers a multitude of sins.

It isn't that love is permissive. That's not it at all, it's love recognizes that you and I do not have the authority, or the right; it is God Who has the right in the authority. And when He had the right in the authority to deal with sin, He gave His life and He dealt with it in love. There's a judgment coming down the road. Whatever that judgment is, let God take care of it. As the Scripture says, "Judge not before the time," [1 Cor 4:5] but to begin to walk in love.

15. That's all that I really wanted to say tonight before we have Communion and Foot-washing for you who so desire. To bring these thoughts from what I copied off there, because they impressed me as Bro. Branham spoke on the Token; that there are many people who had positively identified Bro. Branham as a man of the Ages. They listen to what he said on the grounds that they had thought that what he said was very good in many respects. And there, I guess, universal, they're all around, but there weren't too many who really believed him for who and what he was, and it took the Word literally even as he gave It, and then realized there was a life with It, and that: "If we walked in that Light as He is the Light, we'd have fellowship one with another, and the Blood would be cleansing us." [1 Jn 1:7] And we'd be walking in love toward each other.

And that's what this Church has to come to. We all have to come to It, is to not excuse and neither to accuse, but it would be far better to excuse, then it would be to accuse. But if there is

something worthy of accusation, then the person should be helped as a matter of love, not as a matter of reproach.

16. This is where we have been wrong I think over the past. I look at my own life, although I've been rough in my speech, I've never really gone to too many people and said hardly anything at all. Which is not good. If there's something that should be helped, and that's what we look at. Because, correction is help. Bro. Branham said, "*We come to church to be corrected.*"

Well, we could have actually used a better word there, we come to church to be helped. We come to church to leave better than we came. Although sometimes it's the reverse, sad to say when you hear the wrong word and you're given wrong instructions. You leave the place worse, and the Bible teaches that. Paul said, "You come together for the worse, not for the better."

And that's what we're looking at tonight, is to come together every time. Don't look at each other, just look it through the Blood and see Jesus Christ. See the person...you can't see the person if you see the Blood. I can't and you can't. And he said, "Always say good things." And that's the truth. He said, "If you can't say anything good, then say nothing at all."

Now sometimes that is true, that we may find ourselves where we cannot at the moment, or perhaps over a period of time find anything good to say. But you know what? I doubt that that would be a very stern principle to live by. Because surely, there is something good to say about everybody. There's something in there that was good in some degree.

17. And so, we look at those things. And that doesn't mean that we're trying to white-wash them. It doesn't mean that at all. It means it's keeping us in the right spirit and the right attitude. Because remember, the Bible tells us that "we are to agree with our adversaries while we are in the way with him, lest that adversary delivers to the judge, and the judge to the prison keeper." [Lk 12:58] And that the strangest thing of all is the fact that it says: "The man that was in the right, is the one that gets thrown into prison, and he doesn't come out until he pays the uttermost farthing." [Mt 5:25-26]

What he's trying to tell you there is this: You had the wrong attitude and I had the wrong attitude. And believe me, as the Bible says, "Your sins will surely find you out." [Num 32:23] So will you find out that this Scripture is very true, that the judge...that this adversary will deliver you to the judge. And the strangest thing is: the one that wasn't to blame, or in the wrong, is the one that is going to suffer. And he'll pay the price, because he took a wrong attitude.

But the Bible said, "If men speak evil of you, [Mt 5:11] and men do all manner of evil and persecute you, then lift up your hands and rejoice." It doesn't say one thing about being thrown in prison. It says, "You're out of prison, and nobody can put you into there."

18. So, I just thought I'd bring you these words here, to let you know that as we go along in this Message, and we dwell in this Message, and I'm not taking a lot of time to preach pastoral messages, because though I am able to do so to a degree. I'm not a pastor, I'm more a man that itinerates and goes around. But Bro. Branham never shunned to let the people know that there was a life.

And he got in that pulpit one time and I remember as he talked to a certain man, and he said, "*That man* (he said, he never criticized Bro. Branham, he said,) *he didn't dare attack my character.*" And he stood there steely eyed as it were, and he made that solemn statement. Not like a man who was fighting, but a man that's right. He said, "*He couldn't attack my character.*"



What if that man had attacked his character? Bro. Branham could come, swung right around the vision and said, *"Where were you four nights ago?"* Or whatever happened, but the man knew better. He may argue Scripture, and Scripture is fine, and It is the greatest thing in the world. To discuss It, to talk It, you can't live without It. Pray by It, there's no other way to pray.

19. There's no confession outside of this Word. There's no way that anyone will ever convince me, that to turn down the Light of the Word of this hour that you're ever going to make it. There's no Token there. They better apply It in a hurry, so to get to see the Message, and understand the Word of the hour. Because the Scripture says, "That the Blood is not effective unless there is Light and if the Light strikes and man turns down that Light, talk all he wants about the Blood, It doesn't do any good. It doesn't help him any. But you know what? He said this, he said, *"A man can live a life and preach a thousand sermons when he couldn't open his mouth and preach one."* He's already preached many.

And I find this, as I've looked back over the years that mostly I've seen in the ministry itself in particular there's been an emphasis a greatly upon a ministry and upon a gift as it were, and "the gifts and callings of God are without repentance." [Rom 11:29] But you know, the thing is this, that's something that you're not responsible for in the sense that it's like something that's automatically there. You didn't perhaps asked for it, which you would not got if you would not asked for anyway when it comes to true ministry.

20. Those gifts, they cost nothing. And although in themselves they're not deceitful, they're...any gift of God is a beautiful wonderful thing, but so many things of God can be taken and used in a wrong way, which we see gifts have been used in a wrong way. But I'm not speaking particularly of that. I'm speaking particularly of the fact of too much in the ministry and I know it spreads out amongst us that as a minister who will utilize a gift, he doesn't realize there's a life to be lived in a way that is transparent and according to the Word of the Living God.

And the people themselves in coming as they do in this hour, and they'll say, "Well, I believe the Message, I knew who the prophet was." And that covers it. It doesn't cover it. It doesn't do it. There's a life to be lived my brother, my sister and so let us understand this as never before. That life is to be lived with a heart of love, a respect, and courtesy in the home. Out of the home and every place, building each other up in the most holy faith, and praying always with all prayers ...?... for each other; and just realizing that love is required of us, and that "love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." [Rom 5:5]

And the question then comes: all right, who is going to receive that love? "Having loved His Own, He loved them to the end." [Jn 13:1] There's only one way that love can go: you can love a sinner, that's true, but it's not the same as loving a saint, your brother and sister in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is just not the same. You love him, because you know he's a human being. You know he needs help. But when you have a brother and a sister in the Lord, you love that person just as Jesus having loved His Own, He loved them unto the end.

21. If He wasn't looking someplace else in His dying moments as it was time to leave this earth, as I believe perhaps the man's name was Harding, (I'm not sure) wrote a touching sermon, he said, "As many men in their dying moments have looked here and looked there and expressed their thoughts, their wishes," he said, "Jesus when He knew He was about to go, (he said,) having loved His Own, He was loving them."

And that's what we're coming to by the grace of Almighty God. More love for each other. We often sing the song "More love to thee O Lord, more love to Thee." But how about singing a

song something about, "More loving each other." Because that's where it lies. And you see, "love worketh no ill to his neighbor." [Rom 13:10]

22. So therefore, there wouldn't be these things that Paul enumerates here:

The darkness has passed, the light has come, we're walking in that light.

And it's time now to walk as we've never walked before.

It's time for me to walk, as I've not walked before.

It's time for you to walk, as you've not walked before.

It's time for me to love as I've never loved before.

And it's time for you to love as you never loved before.

It's time to realize that time and eternity have blended, and all these things of time, all these things of this nature here have all got to go, and by the Holy Ghost within us, all of that can be burned out of us, and it sure it should be, the heart circumcised, the mind circumcised, and begin to walk in that Light as He is in that Light.

We can, because it is not only there in the sense it's appropriate and it's available, but it's there as a reality. And he said, "It's there as a must."

So, may we put on the new man tonight and continue to keep putting Him on Who's created in righteous and true holiness. Putting away all those things that should not be named amongst us, that we ourselves do not care for. We ourselves know better. It's time to come against the old enemy of our souls and our lives, and just walk in this Light with all sweetness and kindness that we possibly can. Because, it won't be too long until there won't be any time left.

Now the Lord bless you.

[Communion service begins]

We're just going to read a little bit out of here in 1 Corinthians 11:23. All right, Paul speaking, he said.

(23) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you,  
the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

(24) And when he had given thanks, he (broke) it, (he) said, Take, eat:  
this is my body, which is (broke) for you: this do in remembrance of  
me. (Now, remember, not a bone was broken, but he died.)

(25) (And then) After the same manner he took the cup, when he had supped,  
saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do (you), as oft  
as (you) drink it, in remembrance of me.

(26) For as often as (you) eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew (forth,  
you proclaim, it's a sermon. You're actually proclaiming, you're actually  
showing) the Lord's death till he come.

You're proclaiming it, you see? You're living It over as it were. You've entered into It. You're understanding It. You're not garnishing the tomb. See? You're saying, "I was there." Like Bro. Branham said, *"When he died, I died as the dead. When He rose, I rose."*

- (27) Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

That's very, very true. It must be done in a worthy manner, which is to be full of the Holy Spirit, and confess our faults one to another, get things out of the way.

- (28) ...let a man examine himself, let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
- (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh (judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

You know, the Lord's body goes far beyond just what people think it is. He talks there of the true Lord's Body. One of which is first of all recognizing a ministry. Bro. Branham speaking concerning his own.

- (30) For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, many sleep.

Bro. Branham said on more than one tape, more than one time, he said, *"If you only knew who I was, there wouldn't be one of you that wasn't healed, you'd all be healed."* That's a tremendous statement to make. But you see, didn't discern the Lord's Body. Didn't discern the ministry there.

- (31) For if we judge ourselves, we should not be judged.
- (32) ...when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, (In other words, we're corrected, we're shown what's right. We're) not condemned with the world.
- (33) Wherefore, my brethren, when (you) come together, tarry one for another.
- (34) ...if any man hunger, let him eat at home; ye come not together unto condemnation (and judgment.) ...the rest will I set in order when I come.

Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we come to you now and ask You, My God, that You consecrate by Your Spirit these emblems which we partake of. We believe that holy hands were used in preparing, O God, this which is set before us at this hour. And we believe, Lord, again that that there is no time when anything that is required of us that we do that it does not add grace in spiritual blessing.

Tonight, Lord, may the broken body which released the Life, which we are thinking in terms of, the shed Blood, releasing that Life that comes back upon us now, sets us apart not only to be those that are fully in the truth as those who received revelation as Paul said, perfected, have entered into the wisdom, into the knowledge, and therefore they are part. But going beyond that we're strengthened for the journey. We're clean for the journey. Sanctified and holy, set apart. Not wandering in wilderness. Not stumbling, and not hesitating, but going on, Lord.

May this be a very vital service for each one of us, because we want that vitality. We need it, Lord, as never before. We know, that the wiles of the devil as we've never known before. We know his tricks. We know every time he'll come and he'll hit that spot. Each one of us has certain spots. We know that he'll be right in there.

God, tonight, give us strength to stand right up to him, to the world. Everything, Lord, stand right up as never before in this end time hour, as everything in the Word, Lord, has come to light, and all these things have been revealed. And the strength of It manifested, a real vindication, Lord God. It's been here, and all that.

Now, let that same strength, Lord, come from within us by the Holy Spirit within us. Come against all forces of iniquity and evil as we stand with this Word, Lord. Confess It, and then stand with the Life, and that Life stands with us, so that though it is still we living here, we've been crucified with Christ. We've been put to one side, and there's that Life living through us, so Satan cannot attack us.

So, Father, tonight we believe that the revelation and the power of the Spirit be heightened within us as we partake of these emblems. Consecrate them now, Lord, the bread and the wine in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

The Lord bless you.