

On The Way To The Fullness Of The Resurrection

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15:51-53).

Listen what God's Prophet said about it:

Notice. **On your way growing to the fullness of the resurrection, led by the Spirit.** [1]

Can't you see we're at the end time? It's all over. **The next thing will be a sweep ... that little group together. In a month or so she'll be gone, as soon as she's gathered together.** Well, we're at the end. There's no hopes left nowhere. Run to Christ, people! (*Acts 1:1-11*). [2]

And then, remember, **if we go before He comes, we will be up and in His Presence, or raised before the others are changed.** *"The trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:13-17).* **Look at the order of the resurrection.** See, God knows that we long to see our loved ones. And if we got there to meet Him first, we'd be looking around to see if mother or dad and the rest of them was there. But see how, the Holy Spirit in His wisdom? **We meet one another first, and then when we get there and sing "Amazing Grace,"** that's when there's going to be **a time of worship.** [3]

...until that last trumpet blows. And you know, we'll be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Think of it. **Missing people, they can't see you no more, but you're getting together with the rest of the group.** "They which are alive and remain to the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or 'hinder,' the word is) those which are asleep." Not dead, no, **Christians don't die.** They're just taking a little rest; that's all. Oh, my. "And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, appear to many..." And **all at once you happen to stand and look, and "Well, there's a brother..."** And you know it ain't long. In a few minutes we'll be changed in a

moment in a twinkling of an eye, and together with them be missing on earth, caught up **to meet the Lord in the air** (*I Cor. 15:51-55*). [4]

And when they say the graves will open, how is the graves going to open when... I haven't got time to get into this, what I wanted to. I'm going to have to take this... Just to show you the simplicity of God. And that calcium, potash, and everything when... **When everything that's in you of materials only makes a spoonful...** That's right. And what that does it breaks on back into spirit and life... **God just speaks and the rapture will come.** It ain't going out there, and the Angels come down and shovel out the graves and get out an old dead carcass here. What is it? **It's born of sin to begin with, but a new one made in its likeness** (*I Cor. 15:35-50*). [5]

Question to Brother Branham: *What likeness will we be in the resurrection?*

As we were when we went down. Exactly, resurrection... Just think of this. This book falls to the floor, and I take this book, a different book, and replace it. That isn't resurrection. **Resurrection is "bring up the same one that went down."** Was Jesus resurrected? Did they know Him? Was He standing with them, the same Jesus? "And this same Jesus that was taken up, will come again in like manner as you seen Him go" (*Acts 1:9-11*). **The resurrection is just like when you die; that's how you rise up.** You die as a human in flesh; you rise as, a human in flesh. That's just exactly. So the resurrection is just the same. [6]

On Easter morning He arose, and Matthew 27 says **that many of the bodies of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, rose, and came out of the city, and appeared to many of them in the city** (*Matt. 27:51-53*). [7]

Only thing it has to do, is for the time cycle of God to float around until the time of the coming of the Son of God. **And every living creature that ever died in Christ will come forth again in His Presence, remembering Him.** Oh, when I come to the end of my road, I want to die in His Presence, remembering Him, that He is the Resurrection and Life (*John 11:25-26*). He is that One.

And when the church gets to that place, **where that Christ means so much to us that we thirst to get in His Presence and with each other, it's a Life-giving Resource.** No devil can ever overtake you. Even death itself is defeated there. Oh, what a hope, what a place! Refresh yourself. And in doing so, remembering Christ was the One Who made it possible for us. He was the One Who did these things for us; we must remember Him. For remember, once we was aliens and without God, Gentiles, carried away with dumb idols.

But remember, **Christ died** not for the Jew, **but for every creature of Adam's fallen race**, Christ died (*Heb. 2:8-10*). [8]

God showed through Abraham, how **He justified** Abraham, the 12th chapter of Genesis. And on this on down, 16th chapter, how He confirmed the covenant through **sanctification**. On the 17th chapter, let him nurse from His breast; **draw in the Holy Spirit. And then He confirmed, or placed him**, took Abraham out and changed his name from Abram to Abraham, gave him part of His Name, Elohim, h-a-m. Then we find out, that after that, **He appeared to Abraham** (*Gen. 18*).

Now, to his Seed, watch how He's done the Seed the same way (*Gal. 3:7,29*). The Seed of Abraham come through **justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost; manifestation of His Name, revealing of Who He is (that revelation of Who? Jesus Christ)**, baptism in His Name, and so forth like that, that revelation, **dividing His Name with His church**, called them out. Then what did He do? In that same church that He called His Name, Jesus' Name, what did He do? He appeared in the same form that He did to Abraham, being able to discern spirits behind Him. Did He? Appeared in that same Name, in that same thing, in the same form. We're just at the end of the road.

Now notice what taken place. **When He did that, that was the last sign that He give the church before the change come to the church, to Abraham and Sarah** (*Gen. 20*). Now, when the Angel told the mystery, the woman (the Church, which represented), she could hardly believe it, she just laughed within herself. And the Angel said, "Why did she laugh? Why did she think within her heart? Why did she say this?" Now watch, **that was the last sign** before something happened to Sarah and Abraham (*Gen. 18:9-15*).

Now, I preached here one time, and told you that God turned them back to a young man and woman. To prove it, she went down; they took a little trip and went down to Gerar, and Abimelech, that Philistine king, fell in love with Sarah and wanted to marry her. And, of course, she was a young woman again, beautiful. And notice, He had to do something; **He had to change her**. He didn't just put her back to a young man and woman, him and her; He didn't do that; because if they would, the same thing would existed. See, they'd come... 'Cause he married her when she was about sixteen, and he was just a young man, and they lived all their life with no children. If He just set them back, well, they'd just done the same thing again. But **He had to do something different; He had to change them so that they could have this promised son**, the promised son they was going to receive. **But He had to change their whole system**, and turn them back young and change them to receive the son.

And remember, after that sign was manifested fully to Abraham and his group, **then the next thing come was that change.** Now, we done seen everything **through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, placing of the son,** and the signs and wonders of Him, **being in His Presence** to discern the thoughts of the heart, and so forth, as He said: "*As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man*" (*Luke 17:30*). We see that taking place right now. **What was the next thing? The change of the body. Now, show that we are looking for an expected Son.** Glory. Is that right? **We cannot meet Him in these bodies. If we are changed back to young men and women, still we can't meet Him, because we have to meet Him in the air.** There has to be something done besides change us back to young men and women; **we've got to be changed and caught up in the air to meet Him.** And **the next thing coming is the rapture of the church, and the change of the body of the sleeping saints** to meet the Lord Jesus in the air. [9]

Church, if you've separated yourself from denomination and all the filth and things of this world, and all those things that keeps you in manmade creeds, and orders, and things like that, you separated yourself, **look up. Get ready! The fire's going to fall one of these days.** God's going to let Him come, in a sight to behold. **Would you be ready when He comes? Would you be ready to go up with Him when He comes? The secret rapture of the supernatural Bride...** She'll be made from mortal to immortality; be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. We which are alive and remain shall not prevent them which are asleep.

We're entering another age; we're entering the raptured age. You know, the church can't go in its condition, and it can't get any better; it must get worse (*II Thess. 2:1-3*). How many knows that, say, "Amen." It's got to get worse, and it can't go like this. See, it's got to be something, and it's moving right now, friends. It's on, **the move is on for the Bride.** That's the Truth. **That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.** [10]

We are waiting for the fullness of adoption (*Rom. 8:23*). This will take place when? **At the first resurrection. That's when our bodies will be changed from these vile creatures that we are** and we'll have a body like His own glorious body, for we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him (*I John 3:2-3*). [11]

Jesus said, "Say to this mountain..." (*Mark 11:23*). And you've heard about what's been taken place; that's the ministry that we're entering into. We're way up the road now. Soon the coming of the Lord Jesus. And **we've got to have rapturing faith in a church that can be changed in a moment**

in a twinkling of an eye to go out, or we'll not go. But don't worry, it'll be there. It'll be there. And **when the power of this church rises,** it'll bring its brethren; the power of that church rises will bring its brethren; the power of that church will bring the other brethren; **then there'll be a general resurrection.** We're looking forward to it. [12]

His great, glorious Presence shall strike the earth. "He cometh in clouds." (*Rev. 1:7*). Oh, I love that. "Clouds," **there will be wave after wave of His glory will come across the earth, and the resurrection of the saints shall come.** When that blessed Holy Spirit that's lived in their hearts, and they died with their corpses laying there, and the tear stains over their cheeks, and things like that, they're placed out here in a graveyard. A great wave of that same Spirit, and a "whoossh," wave after wave.

"He that was last will be first, and he that was first will be last." (*Matt. 20:16*). How can it be that way? **That's the order of the resurrection.** I won't know nobody in the generation before me or the generation after me. I'll know those in the generation of this. And every generation will come successfully, right as it went down. "They which were last will be first." Sure, it has to be. See? **I'll know my people.** The next fellow, my dad will know his people; his grandfather, his people, on down like that.

Wave after wave, after wave, after wave, and the saints arising from everywhere, won't that be wonderful. Amen. [13]

Another question: *Will the Bride be gathered together in one place at the rapture...?*

Yeah, the Bride will be gathered together in one place. That is true, but not until the resurrection. "For (we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord...)" *"We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or hinder) those which are asleep (universally); for the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise, and we shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air."* Therefore **the Bride will all be together when it goes to meet the Lord.** It will be together, but it don't necessarily mean that they all have to be setting in one place like this; because the Bride is sleeping in the dust of the earth around the world, from the Arctic to the tropics, and from the east to the west, from north to the south.

Jesus said, "When the Son of man shall appear" (*Matt. 24:27-31*), why, said, "it'd be like the Light that shines from the east even into the west." The whole thing, **there'll be a resurrection, a rapture, and away it'll go.**

The resurrection will set in first, the resurrection of those that are asleep. There'll be a wakening time, and those which are asleep in the dust now, not

those that are asleep in sin, 'cause they sleep right on. They don't awake for another thousand years. But those who are sleeping in the dust will be awakened first, and **these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed** (*I Thess. 4:15-17*).

These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and you're changed. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman. What's this sudden change? And after while you're traveling like a thought, and you can see those then who are already resurrected. Oh, what a hour! **Then we'll gather with them** and then be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air.

It's not necessary, if your uncle is buried down in southern Kentucky, that he has to be brought up in Indiana, or buried in Indiana has to be taken to southern Kentucky. No matter where he is... Them are dead in the sea shall rise from the sea. Those that were destroyed in that arena and eat up by lions, those who are throwed in the fiery furnaces and not even the bones will be left or the dust, they shall still rise. Whether they were in Rome, or the arena at Rome, or whether they were in the tropic jungles of the south, or in the frozen regions of the north, they'll rise from the dead and be changed and be brought up; **and the living shall be changed in a moment, a twinkling of an eye and be caught up together.**

Look at the missionaries that died down there in the fields of Africa. Look at them that's died up yonder in the frozen regions of the north. Look at them that died in the arena, all over the world, in the Congo, and all around across the world. They've died everywhere in China, Japan, around the world; **and the coming of the Lord will be universal, this rapture will.**

Watch the changing! "There will be two in the bed; I'll take one and leave one," the same moment, "There'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one," one on the dark side of the earth and one on the light side of the earth (*Luke 17:34-36*). **It'd be a universal rapture.** Yes, the church will all be together, but after, after the resurrection and the rapture has set in.

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You say, "Is the Holy Ghost a Seal?" Ephesians 4:30 said, "*Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption.*" That's the genuine, true Easter Seal. **Shows that sin has been paid for, for you, and God has accepted you, and you're sealed into Christ by the Holy Ghost.** Sin is finished. The Eternal Seal has been finished. Now, **we are resurrected today.** Why can we have such a time over the things of God?

Because we're resurrected. *"Those who He foreknew, He called; those who He called, He justified; those who He justified, He has glorified."* (Rom. 8:30). **Then we are now resurrected. We are resurrected from the inside out, not from the outside in.** Oh, do you notice, not sealed out this way, but sealed in. We are now resurrected, already resurrected. How do you know? The Bible said so. Amen. We are now resurrected. **We are now raised with Him in spiritual resurrection.** What does the word "quicken" mean? "Quickened" means "resurrection." That's right. We're already resurrected right now, **setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus** (Eph. 2:6). **How are we? By one Spirit baptized into the Body, and sealed eternally.** We are now raised spiritually. What did we raise from? **From a life of sin; we were once sinners and loved the things of the world.**

Now, that's what God is doing to His Church. He's honing off the people, and making it in such a perfect way, that when the Headstone, Christ, comes, it fits the building together, and then a resurrection of the whole thing, the church is gone up. [9]

Don't you never let Satan tell you anything else. Being a part of one another, we are a part of God, and we're fellow-citizens of the Kingdom, **enjoying these blessings together of the resurrection.**

And now you are already resurrected. **When God raised Him up, He raised you; the Son is just now on you** (Rom. 6:4-6). **And now you're growing into a blossom Life like He was to be resurrected completely in that last day.** Your potentials you have now. Why do you know? **Your soul changed, didn't it? Your body come in obedience to It, didn't it? Into obedience to what? A church? The Word, which is the Life. Then you are now resurrected from the dead.**

We're all resurrected together and we will rise at the last day even though our spirits leave our body, even though the bodies rust, may they go to dust, may they be burnt up, may they be in the bottom of the sea-the Bible said an Angel poured out his upon the sea and everything that died come up. **There's nothing can hide us or separate us from that God that we love so well, that's raised us up together** (Rom. 8:35-39). [1]

Now, notice, **when this great moving power of God comes into a son of God, it quickens him; the Spirit of Life enters into him.** Then what does it do? It seats them in **heavenly places**, right now, not they will be, **we are now.** Now we've already resurrected; the dynamics and the mechanics is gone to work quickened to us, and **we are quickened up into the Presence of God, where His Spirit is.** And now we are seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: in Christ Jesus, setting in there, been raised from the dead.

We're a part of it. **If you're a part of the Bride, you are, because the Bride's part of the Groom, you know** (*Eph. 5:30-32*). So we find out that it's the same thing, and She'll do just exactly what's predicted for Her to do in this day. **She won't be a Laodicea, not by no means, a lukewarm. But She'll be on fire for God, She'll be moving on in the Spirit of God.** [15]

There has to be a Creator if there is a creation (*Col. 1:15-17*). And if there is a creation, it was made by a Creator. And **any man's work reflects himself**. He's a good carpenter, he does good work, he builds. And if he's a good mechanic, he does good work. **Your work only reflects you. And God's creation reflects God. And God made everything for a purpose. And everything that serves God's purpose, when it dies, it has a resurrection.** Tell me one thing.

And if a man serves God's purpose, there is a resurrection just as sure as anything. Only thing you have to do, is, God's just waiting on time, just like He is now. [8]

The heathens that's never heard the Gospel shall be raised in that time (when Christ and the Bride return in the Millennium), and the sons of God will be manifested. If he's to reign, he's got to have something to reign over; he's got a domain. **"And they ruled and reigned with Christ," and Christ ruled with a rod of iron the nations** (*Rev. 2:26-28; Rev. 5:9-10; Psalm 2*). **Then the manifested sons of God with the authority just like He had when He was here,** there will come the millennium in that reign (*Rev. 20:4-6; Rom. 8:18-21*). [16]

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