

COLOSSIANS 1:15

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

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16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

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17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

COLOSSIANS 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

COLOSSIANS 1:24

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

COLOSSIANS 1:25

25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

COLOSSIANS 1:26

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

COLOSSIANS 1:27

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

COLOSSIANS 1:28

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

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29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

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102 Now, God's secret mystery, He had before the world began.

Now, back in the back part of God's mind, there was something that He was trying and was going to achieve, and He had a motive in doing it, in order to let Himself be expressed.

Because, first, there wasn't even a moon, star, atom, molecule, or anything. He was God. But He exactly wasn't God at that time, because God is an object of worship, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him.

103 So, in His great mind, He wanted these attributes to be expressed. And in Him was love; in Him was to be Father; in Him was to be Son; in Him was to be a Saviour; in Him was to be a Healer. And all these great attributes that we see already expressed, they were in God.

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105 Now, God had a purpose and a hidden mystery. And that's what I want to speak on to the Church this morning,

the hidden mystery of God that He had in His mind before the world ever began, and how that it's unfolded itself right down to this present hour that we're living.....

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106 God's great mystery of how, it's a secret. He kept it a secret. Nobody knewed nothing about it. Even the Angels didn't understand it. See, He didn't reveal it.... .

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107 He has showed or revealed it in every type that's in the Bible. Therefore, the entire Bible is the revelation of God's mystery in Christ. Hum!

The entire Bible is an expression of one goal that God had, one purpose He wanted to achieve in the entire Bible. And all the acts of the--of the believers in the Bible has been in type, and expressing what God's great goal is, and now in this last day He has revealed it and shows it.....

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141 The first thing was, that, God wanted to reveal Himself to the people.

142 He couldn't do it as a great Jehovah God Who covered all space, time, and Eternity.

He could not. He is too great to ever be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin. . .

that after you went beyond the cycle of a hundreds of billions and trillions and trillions of years of light space, and on out into the infinite, into the Eternity, and a great Creature that was all that, and still is.

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143 But what He wanted to do, He loved fatherhood, for He was a Father. And the only way that He could express it was to become a Son of man.

That's the reason Jesus kept saying, "The Son of man." See, they didn't know what He was talking about, many of them. But now you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] See? He wanted to express Himself.

That was His, one of His great threefold purposes, was to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, to reveal Himself in Christ.

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129..... The three stages. It was a attribute first, was in God, that He thought of Himself as being human; and that transmitted Him down to be Jesus;

and now, if you'll ever be There, you was with Him then. For, there's only one form of Eternal Life, that's God; and you had to be a part of God at the beginning, not what you just chose down here. He chose you. "All the Father has given Me will come."

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173..... Something had to be lost. And the very thing, that man fell and become lost, He become the Saviour of that, taking His Own law.

And He could not do it as that great Jehovah that covered all space, time; see, He couldn't do it. And He had to become a Man. And He took kinship with the man that was lost, amen, and become a Man: God, made flesh!

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175 God became, from God, to become me, to take my sin upon Him, that He might make me Him, amen, back to His great purpose of sons and daughters of God, for He is the Eternal Father.

That attribute was in Him, see, so that had to be displayed.

176 Now see the whole threefold purpose? See, to express Himself, He wants to become. . . Now, the--the world is lost, now He has to express Himself in a Man, to become a Saviour,

through the reconciliation of the Blood from His cross. Now, He had to become that, to die, in order to save and to bring Himself back into the Church, to have the preeminences in His Church.

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144 Secondly, to have the preeminence in His Body of believers, that is, His Bride, that He might live in people.

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145 Now, He could do that in Adam and Eve, but sin separated them, so now there had to be some way to get it back again.

Oh, my! Oh, when I. . . This, this is rich, to me, just to even think of it. See? See what God's purpose was? Now why didn't He just keep Adam and Eve like that? Then He would never been able to express His fullness, His full attribute.

Because, He could have been a Father there, that's true, but also He's a Saviour. You say, "How do you know He was?" He is, 'cause I've had the experience. See? See? He is a Saviour, and He had to express that. And how could He do it? Only through Christ.

How could He be a Son? Only through Christ. How could He be a Healer? Only through Christ. See, all things are wound up in that one Person, Jesus Christ. Oh, my! When I--when I. . .

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146..... when I see God's great purpose, revealing Himself. And having, first, to reveal Hisself in Christ, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

" And, then, to bring that "fullness of Godhead bodily" into a people, that He could have the preeminences, the oversight, the leading.

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154 First, to express Hisself completely, God in Christ.
155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride,

till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right. 156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam,

back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshipped with them.

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187..... He opened Adam's side and took part of his flesh, which was Adam, to make Eve. The Bride has to be the Word, for He is the Word.

She cannot stand on creeds. She cannot stand on denomination. She cannot stand on good behavior. She has to stand alone on the Word, because She is part of It. She was taken from Christ. See?

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233 Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation.

Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.

234 What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen!

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236.....And when the Word is revealed, It expresses Itself. See? That's God's purpose for Jesus Christ, was to express Himself, to take His Own laws and live by His laws, con-. . . and fulfill His law, by death.

And Christ, God, died in flesh, in order to condemn sin in the flesh, that He might bring to Himself a glorious Bride, redeemed back, that will believe only in the Word of God; and not swap It, like Eve did, for intellectual conceptions of man..... .

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395 Look! What was once God's great secret, great mysterious secret in His mind, is now put in the hearts of the believer, that is, the Body of Christ.

What was God's once great secret in His mind, before the foundation of the world, is now made manifest.....

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397 But God's great mystery, what the Eternal God had as a mystery, has now been unfolded in Jesus Christ, then given right down to His Church.

What was once in God's mind is now in the Body of Christ. Jesus making love to the Church, His Bride, whispering secrets to Her.....

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413 Look! God in His Body, Christ; and Christ in His Body, the Bride. Oh-oh-oh, my! God made manifest in Christ; Christ made manifest in the Bride!

And as God took from the body of Adam, the woman, and she fell; then God has took from the Body of Christ, His flesh, His Body, which is His Word, and is bringing a Bride out that won't fall by denomination or creed. No, sir.

415 She is the second Eve, but She is not breaking and--and spoiling Her skirts of purity and holiness, to Her Husband. She'll stay with His Word regardless of what anybody says; you can have all the ecumenical moves you want to, and all the affiliations.

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432..... Notice, the Tree of Christ's Body in the garden, making. . . now making His mystery known to this Bride Tree.

433 Watch, redeemed by Christ, the second Adam!

You believe He was? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Going back Home, to Eden, with His fallen wife redeemed back Home again. That's Christ, and the Church today, taking His Wife back.....

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442 Making His mystery known to His Bride Tree; redeemed by Christ, the second Adam; going back Home, to be restored back to the original Eden, free from death, sickness, sorrow, shame, going back with Eternal Life.

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458..... now Christ, the second Adam, in Life, redeems His Bride from death; and now on His way back to the original Eden,

restoring back His Bride in fellowship, back with God, as Husband and Wife, in the Garden of Eden, sure, Christ and His Bride.

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524 Now you see the Seals? When He was in His mediatorial work back there, redeeming, but some day He comes forth to get this Book that He's redeemed.

And all that's in this Book would be Him, for that's the believer, the words in the Book, and the Word is Him. And all that's in that, He come forth for this Book of Redemption, whose names are written on the Book before the foundation of the world, when He was slain as a Lamb.....

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529 Then, our Headship is a Kingdom. "The Kingdom of God is within you," said the Bible, Jesus. The Kingdom! We are not a denomination.

We belong to a Kingdom, and the Kingdom is the Word of God made Spirit and Life in our own life, bringing to pass every promise in this day, as it did in that day when the Word and God was one. And the Word and God is one in His Church today,

making It the Headship of the Body that is redeemed, to bring the Message in the last day; and be taken up from the dead, in the resurrection, to go back and restore again, as Adam and Eve, in the beginning in the garden of Eden. The threefold mystery of God, His Body!