"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever."
(Heb. 13:8)

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Special greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For reflection I chose the following text of the apostle Paul:

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of God and our Father." (Gal. 1:3-4)

All of God's Word is precious. But those passages which touch the kernel of God's plan with humanity mean the most to us. We are grateful for all the mighty works God did with Israel which are recorded in the Scriptures. But the personal experienced salvation is the greatest. What good would it do, if God had done the greatest things on earth but nothing had happened to us? Our Lord and Savior gave Himself for us to redeem us "from this present evil age". It is the will of God, our Father, to have His offsprings in each generation during the time of grace. They are the sons and daughters of God - the Word- seed begotten by the Holy Spirit. Scriptural truths and knowledge are very good and essential, but they are not sufficient. God did not only have His truths proclaimed which are all connected with Him Who Himself is the Truth – He is not only proclaimed truth, He is experienced truth, revealed and manifested truth in human form. God is a personal God, Who deals with everyone coming to Christ in a personal way. Our Lord said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (Jn. 10: 10). "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." (Jn. 1: 4). He is come to give us God's life – eternal life, the whole fulness that dwelt in Him bodily. "And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power." (Col. 2:10)

One is not known by teaching or knowledge but rather by life itself. Not deeds but the life which we bear testifies who we are. As long as a tree only has leaves, it is not always easy to know what kind it is. As soon as the fruit comes forth, which expresses the life of the tree, we have the testimony and the actual evidence. Therefore, our Lord said, "... by their fruits you shall know them." Only when scriptural truths are experienced and thereby have become a living reality, we have the evidence that our faith is not a theory but substantial.

Biblical themes are only disputed by those who have not experienced what was promised. Those who have received have the evidence and do not need to discuss. The blind the Lord had healed were themselves a living testimony that He is the healer. The man who was healed gave his testimony like this, "Why here is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from where he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes." (Jn. 9:30). Whether leppers, blind, deafs, dumbs and those with other illnesses, not one who was healed ever discussed physical healing. That is only done by those who have not experienced God's healing power themselves. The same applies to all promises and experiences from conversion to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Whoever can testify of having received according to the apostolic pattern needs not to discuss, but rather is certain because of the same experience which compares with the Word. "... the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning." (Acts 11:15). That is the case in every realm right to the fully revealed Word of God. Discussions are only found where there is uncertainty and where the revealed truths have not yet been experienced.

In view of the rapid changes in world events, we see bible prophecy fulfilled on every hand. In the various camps one hears the same remark, "Now it cannot last too long any more." Some add the statement, "How good to have the message!" So far so good, but it will not suffice. Even if we knew all mysteries from Genesis to Revelation and would not have divine love, wherein divine life is embedded, we are still nothing. God's life in us does not depend on or comes by doctrine or knowledge, but rather is imparted to the individual by an act of the Holy Spirit. The time to stop all discussions and speculations has surely come. We now have to face God and experience the total restoration of all things, before Christ can come (Acts 3: 21). Most important is the right start with God, a true experience with Him, until the infilling and sealing with the Holy Spirit. Matthew 25:1-10 should

no longer be discussed or interpreted, now we should experience the cleaning of the lamps and the filling of the vessels with the oil of the Spirit. That passage will soon be history.

Those who are honest ask in view of the return of the Lord, "What is actually necessary to be in the rapture?" Already in the Old Testament we are told of a few things concerning practical life, if we wish to see the Lord. In

Psalms 15 and 24 they are described who will be found worthy to be with the Lord. The question is: "LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" The answer is: "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor, In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honoreth them who fear the LORD; he that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." All should read this passage prayerfully before the Lord and ask themselves, if from God's point of view we are meeting the conditions, which need to be fulfilled by those who will be with the Lord. Again the question is: "Who shall ascend into the hill ofthe LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." In every generation it is the true seed of God, those begotten by Him who seek His face and desire the fulfilling of His holy Word. The true elect will certainly not be careless. In the contrary, they will compare themselves and check up whether all the scriptural conditions are met in their life. They carry the life of Jesus Christ with all His attributes and do not excuse themselves putting forth their own efforts. In nature, the sap climbs into the tree. At the time of the harvest the ripe fruit is being brought in. We are also compared with trees planted near the water, bearing fruit in the right season.

It is possible for some to major in head knowledge and sit on the chair of Moses, Paul, Branham, or other, being of the opinion it is sufficient to just defend doctrines or statements. We need a personal experience with the God of Moses, Paul and Branham which includes the whole man. Everyone can check up his spiritual stand whether we are just having theoretical formulations or experienced bible truths. Whosoever believes a God-sent prophet, in fact believes the Lord Jesus Christ – the whole testimony of the Scripture. Such a person will know this time and partake in what God is doing now. Not all who came out under Moses, Paul, Branham, etc. made it into the Promised Land. With most of them God was displeased.

Those who placed themselves in the chairs of such prophets are called by our Lord scribes and pharisees. It is never sufficient to shout, "The prophet said..."; "Malachi 4:5-6 said..."; "Luke 17:30 said...", if the said is taken out of context. Upon those who venerate a prophet, the Lord has spoken the sevenfold woe. There is a great difference between receiving a prophet and benefitting from his ministry or to deify him as a person.

In this point we also have a very clear answer. There are people who erect monuments to prophets and also garnish their tombs. In doing this they do not comprehend that they are looking back and actually live in the past and do not see what God is presently doing. Whoever has received the blessings of a God-sent prophet will have part in all the Lord does, even though the prophet is in Glory. God moves on, and He shares with His Own whatever He presently does. He is not the I WAS or the I WILL BE, but He is the ever present I AM.

Brother Branham so fittingly stated, "Men always thank God for what He did, look forward to what He is going to do, and bypass what He presently does." What God does now is the link between what He did in the past and what He will do in the future. Whoever only speaks now of the things God has done in the past, or about the things which are expected to happen in the future, must permit the question, if he does not bypass what now happens according to the plan of salvation.

It was the man sent from God, William Branham, who had a direct commission to bring the message which would forerun the second coming of Christ. This ministry was not given to us for admirati-

on, but rather to be brought to the recognition of what God promised for today. He was told to store in the food – the revealed Word, the hidden manna. Not one time did the Lord tell him to give out the food. The question now is, for what purpose was he commissioned to store in the food? Most certainly so God's people can be fed with the fresh revealed word.

By God's grace and choosing I was given a direct part in distributing the stored in food. Because of a divine call on April 2nd, 1962,1 have a charge from the Almighty. In April 1962, the Lord spoke to me, only shortly after He spoke to Brother Branham. But I had no way of knowing this. To him He spoke about the storing in of the food, to me He said both, to store in and to give out. Also of the Scriptures of Amos 8:11, that God would send a famine to hear His Word, and of Matthew 24:45, that food should be dished out at the right time, I had no knowledge then. Only with the actual fulfilling one comes to know the significance.

In connection with this it could be mentioned what happened the next day after the funeral of Brother Branham. It spoke so clear and strong in my heart, "Now your time has come to give out the food." It was as though a record was playing the same text. I only heard these words over and again, "Now your time has come to give out the food." Therefore, I spoke to a few brethren, such as Roy Borders, Billy Paul Branham and Pearry Green. I told them of what the Lord had commissioned and asked for the sermons to be printed so we would have the possibility to translate the messages into other languages. In this way the work of God continued as was predicted without interruption after the departure of Brother Branham. I was privileged to take the message - the revealed Word of God into all the world. This was not my intention and not my decision, it was the Will of God Who was pleased to include myself in a small way into His end time plan. I did not have many private experiences with Brother Branham, like for instance Brother Pearry Green to whom Brother Branham said, "Hurry up, if you wish to get that hair cut." I met him on several occasions, ate with him at the same table and rode with him in the same car. My connection to Brother Branham was rather spiritual.

As certain as all of God's children recognized at all times what God was doing in their day, they certainly will also recognize it now. It was always necessary to line up with the God-ordained ministry and work. Otherwise one remains outside the will and plan of God, even in spite of claiming to believe the message and all the prophet said. Up till today, the words our Lord spoke in reference to those He chose for the ministry and sent out are valid, "He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me." (Lk. 10:16) This is said only of those directly called by the Lord for a specific purpose. Imaginary claims only count with the fools who remain in error. A true child of God does not live by bread alone, leave alone by imagination, but rather by every Word of God as it proceeded from the mouth of God. Also in reference to the promised Word for our time we need to experience the same now as individuals. At this serious hour certainly time consuming discussions about different citations of Brother Branham are not to be continued. We must experience the fulfilment of everything God promised to us. Those who take their stand against someone placed by God and even influence others although they find plausible reasons live openly in an opposing state towards God Who without interruption continues His work, until the completion comes at the return of Jesus Christ. Brother Branham spoke about such people and called them "seed of discrepancy". Only those who are born from the seed of the Word by the Spirit have the possibility to be fitted into God's plan laid out in His Word.

The Kingdom of God cannot be divided. He cannot take His people on many different ways. The camps which were put up, not staying with the main stream are not the assembly of true believers, but rather a getting together against the Lord and His anointed. The Lord, in spite of all these developments, will still move with His Own in His ordained way, right to the end. He will not take sides with the different movements, He will remain with His Body, the church, and fit the members together. They are built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

May the dear Lord bless His chosen ones in this present evil generation and help us in our thoughts, actions and lives to live pleasing unto Him. The grace and the peace of God be with you all.

Political developments

The whole world is astonished over the uniting of Germany and connected with it the uniting of Europe. The pace in which the events have taken place is enorm. Many times I was asked how it was possible for me to predict this uniting since over twenty years. It is very simple. I only stated what is predicted in bible prophecy. Daniel saw how, "... the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea and four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." (Dan. 7:2-3). Historically it is known how these world empires began and ended. The last one is the Roman empire. It will exist right to the end and be destroyed by God's judgments directly before the ushering in of the Kingdom of God.

The constellation of this last world empire is very peculiar. But because it is being described from all directions, we have the overall view. Politically this world empire tumbled in 476 A.D. But religiously the influence from then just started in an unsurpassed way. The seer John describes this kingdom which was, is not and will be again, wherein political, religious, and economic power is united. This kingdom has its heads and also its horns. As the seer describes further. there was need for some to reign and also for others to push once in a while. This beast – power was wounded to death at one of its heads. Then we are told that this wound healed again and because of this "... the whole world wondered." (Rev. 13:1-3). Today this Scripture is fulfilled before our eyes. The main head of the Roman empire was Germany. Through the reformation the deadly wound was struck by the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. In certain periods it was called the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation." Already on the 2nd February, 962, the Emperor Otto I had himself to be crowned by the pope above the "Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation". This deadly wound by God's holy. Word almost made an end to the Roman rulership. Then the nation was divided into protestants and catholics.

After World War II it was politically divided into East and West. What could not be achieved through the counter reformation and the religious wars is now taking place with religiously oriented politics. After World War II the arch enemy of the Roman church "communism" was struck at during every national election in our country by the so-called Christian party. Since the change of government to the Social Democrats in 1969 the door was opened to Eastern Europe. The pleading went out for understanding and reconciliation. In recent times the fruits of "détente" can be harvested. The division of the confessions is practically overcome. Everywhere at special occasions there is an ecumenical service. Also the political division is overcome. After Mr. George Bush saw the pope, he was given the clear concept of what is next on the agenda. Three weeks later Mr. Gorbatchev had his audience with the pope, and only after it our own politicians were informed about the uniting of the two Germanies. In a very short time since the national peaceful October/November revolution in 1989 the impossible has happened. Not only the whole world is breathless and wonders, but we who are here daily see and hear how rapid everything moves. On December 9th, 1989, our chancellor, Helmut Kohl, thanked the pope for the role he played in the uniting process right from the famous Brandenburg Gate in Berlin in a TV address.

Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. There will not be two or three powers in Europe, but only one. After World War U the famous British Empire shattered. Now the big empire of the Soviet republics shattered and also other European nations were included in the process for one purpose; that this Roman empire will come into existence, based upon the Roman treaty of 1957. Everything is making progress. We do have the European parliament, we do have the European court, we do have the Central Bank of Europe. All is set for the new world order. The leading head, as can be seen, will be Germany. It is the turning point between East and West geographically, and has a leading position politically, religiously and economically. The Third Reich ended with World War II, now the fourth is being established. The Scripture has to be fulfilled in every way, right

to the statement of peace and safety which is now very predominant (I Th. 5:3).

William Branham made a statement on March 19th, 1962, in a message preached in Tifton, Georgia, USA. Please take into consideration that it was only six months after the erection of the Berlin Wall

"There has been a Roman revival. Do you know what happens? If they give the Eastern part of Berlin back, that puts communism (out). That puts the Roman empire just exactly into the circle it was in the times of Jesus Christ. Certainly, it does. Perfect."

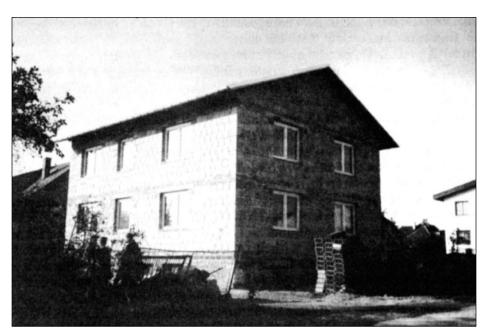
This statement has certainly come to pass. The Catholic church openly celebrates the victory over communism.

To all bible believing Christians it is encouraging when we do see bible prophecy fulfilled before our eyes. By this we know for sure that the time is near. We may lift our heads up, for most certainly our redemption is drawing near. It is a great privilege to know God by divine revelation and also to have the revealed Word of God and thereby being brought up-to-date in the Kingdom of God as well as in world progress.

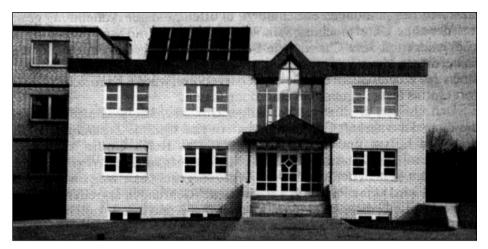
From my heart I wish you all God's richest blessings. May the Lord have His way with His people and give us the promised part in His plan of salvation. He is faithful, He will do according to His Word. Remember me in your daily prayers, that the perfect will of God should be done.

Br. Sronk

By His commission



The photo shows the new erected mission centre in Prague. With uncompared zeal the brethren in Czechoslovakia have put up this building in a very short time. The basement is designed in such a way that the printing press and the dispatching etc. can be harboured. In the main floor there is a small apartment and also office space. In the upper floor is the chapel where our brothers and sisters will meet. On our part we shared in buying the materials. The rest was done by the brethren there. We need to thank them all for their efforts to further the Kingdom of God in this way.



This photo shows the new building on the mission compound in Krefeld. There we have enough space to enlarge our printshop and also office rooms, etc. The building is ready and can be put into service. The inauguration will be during our Pentecostmeetings, June 6th - 8th, 1992. We decided to do all we can with all the means we have and use the time as we see the return of Christ approaching. After the opening of all the frontiers to the countries in Eastern Europe we now have the possibility to print the messages in many languages and so feed the hungry souls with the revealed Word of God. At this time we do have six computers to set the manuscripts in the different languages. By God's grace we are buying another offset press and will bring our printshop up-to-date to the newest standard in every respect.

Should anyone be willing to criticize us, being of the opinion that for such plans there is no more time, we have decided to follow the example of our Lord Who said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." There have never beer greater possibilities as now. The moment will come when no one can work any more. Until then we shall avail ourselves of every opportunity. It would be good, if all of you in the different countries could he present when the brothers and sisters in the Eastern European countries praise God after hearing the message of the hour.

I was impressed seeing the former magnificent "Houses of culture" in the former Soviet Union and the other Eastern European countries, filled many times with hundreds and up to 3,000 people. This is our opportunity, we are here where things take place. God makes history. Together we wish to remember all who are busy in translation work. Please pray for the whole work of God world wide. It is our aim to print the messages harmoniously in the various languages, so the Bride of Christ in the different countries will be brought into step and reach the full maturity. Remember this work in your prayer. May God bless you and be with you as you participate in your allotted portion in God's work.

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