

***“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”***  
(Heb 13:8)

## **Circular Letter**

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I greet you most warmly with the Scripture from Romans 1:3-7:

*“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord [...] By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The apostle Paul set the goal for his ministry right in the beginning of his letter. By preaching the unparalleled gospel of Jesus Christ he wanted and had to attain what the Saviour died for. He, the Son of God, was obedient unto the death on the cross; He finished redemption. His obedience stood against the disobedience of the first Adam. He removed all harm and in Him mankind was reconciled to God.

By his direct calling, Paul was chosen to be an apostle. His task was to proclaim the gospel of God as it had been promised by the prophets in the Holy Scriptures. True believers are also called, separated and they are the *people sanctified* to the Lord. They are the *beloved of God*, called and ordained of God to be *saints, sanctified to God* for a special purpose. They manifest the true obedience of faith depending on the Word of God. They recognize messengers sent by God, receive the message and obtain what God has promised.

God's ambassador must necessarily proclaim a message received from God. Whoever is placed into *apostleship* must have a calling as the first apostles of the Lord and agree with the apostolic doctrine and practice. It still holds today what the Lord said then: *“... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you”* (John 20:21) and also *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me...”* (John 13:20) In Hebrews 13 we read about such people: *“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.”* (verse 7) The faith of all sent by God was exemplary because they believed what God had spoken to them through His Word

and promised therein. The same applies to all true believers in all periods. They believe God and the Word of God.

In the next verse we find the well-known words: *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”* How extraordinary it is that He is not subject to any change, variation or time, and remains the same forever. His gospel is the everlasting message of salvation, reliably preached at the end of times to all people on the earth (Rev 14:6). At the same time, the admonition to prove everything still holds. *“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace...”* (Heb 13:9)

### **Spiritual development**

It is necessary to look back at the recent past. We know about the sending of men of God in the Old and New Testament. They received God’s message and commandments and carried them out as accurately as possible according to the received instructions. What people find difficult is always what God does nowadays. This has been a great difficulty for God’s people in all times. Later on, from afar, they seem to be able to correctly understand that which is long gone and which they did not take part in. However, this will not help anyone living at present. We must recognize what God does in our time or we will not be partakers of it.

As Jesus Christ is and remains the same, He still acts and walks in the midst of those who are His own. He speaks and works as is confirmed by the Holy Scriptures. As He met Saul of Tarsus in a bright-shining light, so He can – whether some believe it or not – meet His chosen instrument in the same light in the 20th century, too. Why should it not be possible today? Do we not live in the days of the Bible and also in a special time in the history of salvation? Or should we be satisfied with what theologians offer us through their philosophy? It is just the supernatural working of God that confirms that the Word does not speak in vain.

If the Lord calls today, it must take place in the same way as in the past and how it is confirmed in His Word. God does not change the way He acts: He always acts in the same way, by which we recognize it is Him.

In our era, something truly extraordinary happened, exactly 30 and 60 years ago. In March 1933, brother Branham saw in visions, like Old Testament prophets, developments and events of worldwide importance. All people acquainted with his ministry know them as “the seven main end-time visions”.

In March 1963, brother Branham spoke about the meaning of the seven seals from the Book of Revelation as it was shown to him in a vision on 22 December 1962. He started on 17 March 1963.

Now, exactly 30 later years later, Billy Graham is holding a huge evangelistic campaign in Essen, Germany. Also here, the beginning is set on 17 March. Is it a coincidence or a sign?

As Branham was harshly criticized in the past, all of a sudden Graham also experiences refusal by various Christian circles. Branham was largely attacked for his special prophetic ministry and fundamental biblical teachings, especially by preachers who did not understand God’s supernatural working because they did not have any supernatural experience with God.

Unfortunately, it was a German called Kurt Koch, who is just pitiful by Bible standards. He did in this generation just as the blind Pharisees did in the days of our Lord Jesus. They were of the opinion that our Lord’s ministry and prophetic gift were in connection with Beelzebub. Religious critics in our days were of the same opinion concerning Branham’s ministry. However, they did not have any ministry legitimated by God.

Just as nation leaders in the past referred to Abraham and Moses, so the critics of this time refer to Peter and Paul. It still holds today what our Lord had to say to His contemporaries: *“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”* (John 5:46-47). The intellectual knowledge of the Word as the letter brings spiritual death to all. Light and life only come when God shows meaning and fulfillment by revelation through the Spirit.

It is regrettable that the critics, unaware of it, did not judge Branham’s proclaimed doctrine by the Word of God, but by the standpoint of their own knowledge. It did not occur to them that they themselves taught, for example, the Godhead and baptismal practice as it had been negotiated at the Council of Nicaea (year 325).

In the apostolic days, there were no debates about the Godhead or questions concerning the biblical baptism of those who came to believe. Not even during the first centuries after the apostolic period do we find a trace of trinitarian doctrine or practicing the trinitarian baptismal formula. As Bible teachers do not take this fact into account at all, they live in a false opinion that they teach and defend the Bible standpoint. Yet it can be proven that it does not agree with the truth. Likewise, it is completely overlooked that the Roman Catholic Church had not existed until the time of the above-mentioned council.

There were various Christian streams and various understandings concerning the doctrine, but not a single church. In individual cities and countries believers gathered in house meetings, like in the small Judeo-Christian church in Rome. It was the emperor Constantine who brought up the Roman Catholic Church from the cradle and brought it to life with the help of the fathers of the Council. This is generally proven by church history.

Bible teachers themselves as theology professors fell victim to a great error and they do not seem to be interested in finding the truth at all. All protestant denominations since the Reformation have carelessly adopted the doctrine about the Godhead, baptism etc. taught by the Catholic Church. It did not occur to them at all that they did not return to the original foundation.

Then, when a man sent by God places the Bible doctrine and apostolic practice on the candlestick as is required and expected of him, it is recklessly regarded as false teachings. What gives them the right to do so? Who is, in fact, a deceiver? Certainly not the one who is in accordance with the apostles and prophets, but those who do not agree with apostolic proclamation and practice. Or are we wrong? *“...and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.”* (Revelation 2:2). The false ones have never agreed with the preaching of the true ones.

As far as Billy Graham is concerned, it is found with regret that his preaching does not agree with apostolic doctrine and practice either. It is apparent that he follows the trend of the large Christian religions and has developed a special inclination towards the Roman Catholic Church. This is not that Billy Graham of the past, but of the present.

The following slogan from the “PRO CHRIST 93” campaign says it all: “PRO PAPST 93 (i.e. PRO POPE 93 – this is what journalists called

the campaign like) SEEKS A GREAT ECUMENICAL BREAK-THROUGH. BILLY GRAHAM IS LEADING PIETISTS (PROTESTANTS) AND CATHOLICS NICELY TOGETHER. THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE AND MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIPS GOING IN THE DIRECTION OF ROME.”

In 1948 Billy Graham said: “*The three greatest threats to the true Christianity are Communism, Roman Catholicism and Islam*”. What does he say today?

In 1948 Billy Graham was asked: “*What results do you expect from the World Council of Churches?*” His answer was: “*I think it will establish the antichrist.*” What does he say today?

However, in 1963 Billy Graham said: “*I admire the Pope John a lot, I have felt that he has brought a new era to life.*” (The Chicago Tribune, 8. 8. 1963)

In 1966 he said: “*I stand closer to Catholics than to radical Protestants. I believe that the Roman Catholic Church experiences a second Reformation nowadays.*” (Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia, 14. 5. 1966)

In 1967 Billy Graham was awarded his «Honoris Causa» degree in the Roman Catholic Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina, USA, where he said: “*The gospel that built this school and the gospel that has brought me here tonight is still the way of salvation.*” (Gastonia Gazette, 22. 11. 1967)

On 21 October 1973 Billy Graham said in Milwaukee: “*Last week I was preaching in a Catholic cathedral at the funeral of a close friend of mine. He was a Catholic and the mass was attended by various bishops and archbishops. As I was sitting there, participating in the mass for the deceased, I found out that it was something really beautiful. (Really?) And certainly, it must have been alright (Really?) and clear in terms of the gospel (Really?) which I believe. There was a kind priest who told me when to stand up, when to kneel down and what to do...*” (Baptist Challenger, May 1975)!

In 1978 Billy Graham said: “*I have found out that what I believe is practically the same as what true Roman Catholics believe... We only differ in a few points concerning later church traditions (Really?)*” (Mc Calls Magazine, 1978)

In January 1981 the press reported about Graham's visit to the Pope John Paul II, which lasted for more than two hours. The talks were called as «private»

and «confidential». We are now finished with these quotes, there is really no need to comment on them. Whoever believes that Billy Graham proclaims the true gospel of Jesus Christ must unfortunately learn that it is not so.

As Dr. Mc Intire, Chairman of the International Council of Christian Churches, announced in 1986 at their meeting in Orlando, Florida, Billy Graham's great turnover eventually took place in 1983, when a Catholic billionaire from Texas invested millions into financing Graham's campaign. The proverb was fulfilled: "Let every man praise the bridge he goes over." And so Billy Graham followed suit. He started to speak so as to please those who financed him. Since then, he was not only the best-paid evangelist in the world, but also the one bought for money.

What we could recently read in commentaries in Switzerland, France, Germany and other countries is terrible, but not surprising given the development over the last 30 years. He has followed the way of compromises. Billy Graham is said to no longer have been the "machine gun" of God, as commentators write. He is delivering friendly fire. He has drunk from the golden cup of the great Babylonian whore (Revelation 17).

### **Also carried by the spirit of the time**

Also in connection with other denominations, up to Pentecostal ones, there are reports of how they continue committing fornication with the Roman Catholic Church. Evangelical alliances developed into the World Council of Churches – a protestant counterpart of the Roman Catholic Church – and now the evolution of an umbrella ecumenical organization is underway. It has room not only for Christian churches, but also for other religions under the auspices of the Roman pontiff as the head.

This is the climax of the great falling away, which Paul warned against, and the man of sin and iniquity, the son of perdition is arriving on the scene. All Protestants up to Pentecostal churches, which assumed the Catholic doctrine about the Godhead, baptism etc. and

incorporated it into their own creeds, return to the bosom of their old mother. They are in the same spirit with it because in their creeds they share the same doctrine.

It is a great difference if we biblically believe that there is only one God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, Who revealed Himself as the Father in Heaven, in the Son on Earth and through the Holy Spirit to bring us salvation and to fulfill His own decision or if it is taught that there is a triune God made up of the three persons from eternity.

If it is then said that the second person – Son – was, somehow and at some time, begotten and born of the first person, i.e. Father, it makes no sense at all. Nicene fathers did not know how the Holy Spirit as an independent person was to come to existence and those who teach it today still do not know it. Under careful consideration, we see that these are blasphemous, unbiblical, antichrist ideas coming from paganism. The only true God is confirmed in the entire Bible in His diversity, and there is no other besides Him.

Where does the Holy Scripture mention a Son of God begotten or born of the Father in heaven? Such statements are only found in texts from various councils and contradict Bible statements. In the Word of God, we find clear description of how the Son of God was begotten and born here on the earth in flesh, as it had already been promised in the Old Testament (Psalms 2:7, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:5–6, Matthew 1:20–23, Luke 1:26–38, Acts 13:33, Hebrews 1:5 and others).

The unbiblical and, at the same time, antichrist statements in the Church Creed had already been foretold by the Lord's apostles with their prophetic insight. "*Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist...*" (1 John 4:2-3) working in all those who believe the falsified creed.

Thanks be to God for the clear Scripture! We simply must know that for Jews in the confession that Jesus is Christ the Hebrew form Yahshua means Yahweh-Saviour in itself. Just as it is with "Immanuel" expressing "God with us", so it is "Yahshua" meaning "Yahweh-Saviour". What matters here is that the Word, Logos, became flesh – the Son, as the Anointed, the Christ, is revealed in flesh. As we clearly read, every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ in another way (for example as begotten and born in heaven or as those who believe

the doctrine of Arius who saw Christ as creation and the wisdom mentioned in Proverbs 8:22-31 attributed to Him) is not of God; “...*this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*” This is THUS SAITH THE LORD in His Word.

There are also some who believe in the Son’s previous existence no matter in what form, for example, that the Son had His predecessor in the archangel Michael. These are antichrist doctrines no matter if they come from the proponents and opponents of the Trinity. To conclude this topic, it must be said: who does not believe that Yahweh of the Old Testament is Yahshua of the New Testament is under the antichrist’s bondage. It does not matter by what methods or forms they interpret or present Jesus: in fact, it is always unbiblical and therefore of the antichrist. God’s true children believe in their Lord and Redeemer according to the testimony of the Holy Scripture.

Until now, especially Full Gospel believers have been of the opinion that the Godhead topic is just a matter of dispute. However, it is not so. The Scripture clearly says that if confession about Jesus is not biblical, it is of the antichrist’s spirit. Who has the spirit of Christ will confess Him biblically as the Lord who became a servant and Messiah who came in flesh. Who is of the antichrist’s spirit will fall victim to the fantasies of so-called “princes of the church”. Everybody must make his/her own decision whether to believe the testimony of the Scripture or the antichrist’s Trinity dogmas. Then it will be made clear “children of what spirit” we are.

### **Everlasting testimony of the Scripture**

In the prophetic Scriptures of the Old Testament, there are clear statements that do not allow any private interpretation. According to Isaiah 7:14, the Son is Immanuel – God with us. “*Behold, a virgin (not God) shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*” In chapter 9, verse 6, the prophet Isaiah states: “*For unto us a child is born, unto us (not to heavenly hosts, but to us) a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father (not everlasting Son), The Prince of Peace.*” In Isaiah 35:4 the prophet Isaiah confirmed once again: “*Be strong, fear not: behold, your*



*God will come with vengeance, even God (not a second person) with a recompence; he will come and save you.”*

The same is testified in the New Testament: “*Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.*” (Romans 9:4-5) “*And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*” (1 John 5:20) “*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*” (Galatians 4:4-5)

The Lord Himself calls upon all those who are in religious Babylon, but belong to God’s people: “*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*” (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

The apostle Paul did not only announce that after his departure grievous wolves would enter in among God’s flock and present false doctrines to draw away disciples after them (Acts 20:28-30), but he also painfully experienced this antichrist movement during his lifetime among those closest to him. He wrote to the local church in Corinth: “*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or **another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*” (2 Corinthians 11:3-4)

The antichrist movements preaching another Jesus, i.e. not Yahshua, have their roots in early Christianity. The apostle mentioned in his admonition three things in particular. He reproached that another Jesus was preached, that believers received another Spirit and that another gospel was preached. **In the epistle to Galatians, He was even led by the Holy Spirit to curse those who preach another gospel.**

Regarding this threefold seduction, he surprisingly mentioned the example of the serpent that beguiled Eve. Just as Eve bore two sons, one of whom was of the wicked one (1 John 3:12) and became the first murderer on the earth, while the other was the offspring of Adam and pleasing to God, so there are true and false ones also among believers. On the one hand, there is a true proclamation of Jesus Christ our Lord, connected with the true Spirit of God and true preaching of the gospel. On the other hand, there are antichrist movements, which are under the influence of another spirit, another Jesus, preaching another gospel as a result, which is no longer the message of salvation.

John also writes about these intellectually believing Christians who are of the antichrist: *“They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world and the world heareth them...”* (1 John 4:5). This statement is very clear. Intellectual arguments have been used to make a deity imaginable or comprehensible for humans and all who are of the world receive this secular way of thinking. The main argument is: the Son is not the Father and that is absolutely correct in the natural realm. However, God is supernatural, we cannot judge Him by human criteria. The Son says: *“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.”*

Concerning God’s true children, the apostle writes in the following verse: *“We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.”* (1 John 4:6). So there are only two options: to be in the spirit of truth and know the true God as He is manifested or to fall under the spirit of error leading us away from the truth by earthly arguments.

In 1 John 2 from verse 18, the apostle started to deal with the antichrist topic by a most important note: *“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”* It is remarkable that in connection with the last time, *the* antichrist is mentioned in singular and also that during the New Testament period many were and are under the antichrist influence.

The following verse is very sad and almost beyond comprehension, which testifies: *“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”* It holds that the Lord knows His own (2 Timothy 2:19), which

have been born again of the seed of the Word and of the Spirit unto a lively hope (James 1:18) and become partakers of God's being and eternal life (1 John 5:20).

In the epistle of Jude we read about this diverging development: "*Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain...*" This antichrist movement truly exercised earthly power and shed blood as Cain had done. The Roman Triune Christianity has bathed in the blood of martyrs. Church historians do not agree on how many millions actually lost their lives during the thousand-year autocracy of the Roman Catholic Church. A lot of blood has also been spilled since the Reformation, especially by the Jesuit Order. In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, this antichrist institution is held accountable for the blood of all saints (Revelation 17:6, 18:24, 19:2 and others).

Just as Roman emperors from Nero to Diocletian, the cruelest one, had begun persecuting Christians, Constantine's official church continues with it. Earthly power was coming from Rome and the Roman Church exercised it everywhere.

These two spiritual developments have existed since the very beginning just as there were Cain and Abel, Moses and Balam, Jesus and Judas: the true *Ecclesia*, the called-out church, the redeemed, reconciled with God, the host of the firstfruits redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. And there is also the apostate worldly church, which is defiled by blood, in which all others will be found.

Lord Jesus alone calls this development that deviated from the Word and the Spirit as false Christs and *false prophets* (i.e. false anointed ones). They are Christians that are anointed, but they believe and share what comes from the mouth of the false prophet. There are even signs and wonders in many of these movements to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. However, it is not possible, thanks God. For God's true children, the testimony of Jesus (Revelation 19:10), as presented to us in the Holy Scriptures through the Spirit of prophecy and on the basis of the entire prophecy, is the only valid confession unto the Lord, Who says here: "*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*"

## Baptism that is also of antichrist

The antichrist spirit also turned the original baptismal practice into a religious act, which became a tradition first in the Roman Church, but also in all other denominations and free churches. First, the so-called spiritual leaders removed the NAME which precisely describes Who was the One who came to save His people from their sins: “...and thou shalt call his name *JESUS* (Yahshua (Yahweh-Saviour)): *for he shall save his people from their sins.*” (Matthew 1:21). The Hebrew meaning of the name Yahshua is, as we said, Yahweh-Saviour. The spiritually blind Greek scholars, who had despised and sometimes even cursed Jews at that time, misappropriated the meaning of this word.

The apparent lack of revelation was manifested in the baptismal practice in particular. After His resurrection, the Lord taught His disciples for 40 more days. What they preached and practiced is binding for the Church of the Lord in the whole New Testament period. In the apostolic period and the several following centuries people were not baptized on the three titles in the formula “In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost”, but in the name of “the Lord Yahshua Messiach” as He commanded: “... *baptizing them in the name...*” As you know, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not names, but designations. Everyone can read in the book of Acts about the apostolic baptismal practice.

The covenant name in the Old Testament was Yahweh, the covenant name in the New Testament is Yahshua. It was Yahweh Who declared: “*I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.*” (Jeremiah 31:31). He made this covenant on the cross of Calvary. The New Testament children are baptized into this covenant name.

The apostles accurately understood this command and followed the missionary commission literally when they baptized in *the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*. What matters is not that the missionary commission should be blindly repeated, but that God was manifested as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost in the redemption name of Yahshua, into which those who are His own are baptized (see Acts 2:38, 8:15–16, 10:48, 19:5–6, Romans 6:3). The seal of God is upon the apostolic doctrine and baptismal practice. Unfortunately, even well-known evangelists did not recognize the time and the hour in which we live and did not make the necessary correction. They sold their birthright and ac-

cepted the old leaven of traditional teachings. They probably regard their own esteem and honor in the eyes of other people of more importance than recognition by God the Lord.

### **Serious admonition**

Now a word to all preachers and pastors, ministers of the Word in various evangelical churches, regional and reformed churches, free churches and Christian denominations including free and organized pentecostal churches: Has it ever occurred to you that you automatically adapted to the Roman Church's traditional doctrine? Have you never had any doubt whether this doctrine has any Biblical foundations at all?

Do you see that God has led it in such a way that you have a last-moment opportunity to put it to a test and make your decision? Will you decide for the truth? Can you, with a clean conscience, remain in the false teachings which are truly of the antichrist and preach to people that you belong to the church of Jesus Christ? Can you keep practicing the trinitarian doctrine and trinitarian baptism of Constantine's Church and preach to the church that you belong to the body of Jesus Christ? Do you want to be connected with such a blood-stained system spiritually and in the doctrine until the end, until the return of the Lord? Tear up the Babylonian cloak, set yourselves free of all the leaven of false teachings!

**Or do you, pentecostal preachers and evangelists, really want to keep proclaiming to people that which is false as true and that which is true as false?**

Do you want to continue leading faithful souls to error only through an artificially created mood by singing Hallelujah and with musical rhythms? Have you ever told the sheep entrusted to you where this direction goes to? Have you told them where the way will eventually end? Do you know it yourselves?

When William Branham, a man of God, whom you despise, had called all trinitarian denominations as antichrist movements, I had thought then, more than 30 years ago: "Man of God, you are going too far." But today, I say: *Man of God, you preached the truth. You did not become popular through it as some other evangelists, but thanks be to you, man of God, that you honestly preached the truth. You mentioned a*

*vision in which a man was beating a woman with a triangular stick, the woman repeatedly raising and falling to the ground. You announced the meaning: Whenever God revives the church and it raises, it is hit with the trinitarian doctrine as if a sharp triangular stick, which makes it fall to the ground. Now the hour of truth has come! What will you do?*

Before the return of Jesus Christ, believers must be brought back to the biblical condition of the early church. Those who belong to the church of Jesus Christ will hear the heavenly call, flee from Babylon, out of all confusion, and let the Holy Spirit lead them to all the truth, to be sanctified in the truth and be sealed by the same Spirit, so that they are not left behind disappointed upon the return of Jesus Christ, but that they are ready to meet the Lord.

### **The meaning of Prophetic Word**

A word of clarification must be given concerning misleading interpretations about the antichrist and related terms and developments. However, only those who are not entangled in the antichrist doctrine and practice will understand it. How could a person recognize the antichrist if he/she is controlled by the same antichrist spirit? This is the only explanation why Bible teachers and radio evangelists, being spiritually blind, look for the antichrist among Jews. They present themselves to people as those who know and understand everything.

When we watch them closely, it is apparent that they lie to people. Because they do not have the revelation of Jesus Christ, they cannot have the knowledge of the antichrist either. A lot has been said and written about this. For example all the articles about the antichrist, the image of the beast, the number 666. There are interpretations that the image of the beast, which could speak, is television. That is a devilishly naive nonsense. Television, just as radio, cannot speak, when we turn it on, it can only relay image or sound from a transmitter.

May the following words be inscribed in the hearts of all: What is meant in Revelation is not an image, but the image of the beast (Revelation 13:15), not any number with the value 666, which many arbitrarily interpret as a computer code etc., but the *number of the beast* (Revelation 13:18), not the name of a man, but the *name of the beast* (Revelation 13:17), not the number of any name, but the *number of*

*the name of the beast* (Revelation 15:2) and not any mark, but the *mark of the beast* (Revelation 16:2). And it also refers to the *mark of the name of the beast* (Revelation 14:11).

This sixfold description has *the beast* as the point of reference in each individual case, with the individual and aggregate meaning resulting from it. This key approach is necessary to truly know the individual terms. The same word “image” is also accurately used elsewhere, for example: “*God created man in his own **image***” ... “*Adam... begat a son in his own likeness, and after his **image***.” “*Adam... who is the figure of him that was to come.*” “*And as we have borne the **image** of the earthy, we shall also bear the **image** of the heavenly.*” “*We are changed into the same **image**...*” In connection with the image of the beast, it is really not a photo or even a movie including speech, but a representation of the one who will perform the role of the antichrist.

When we read what experts interpreting the prophetic Word write in their books, then our heart really hurts. There have recently been a lot of interpretations, again and again, when some political changes took place: about Russia, Germany, the European Community etc. When the European Community consisted of ten states, they were the ten horns, when Germany was divided, the interpreters with supposedly prophetic vision saw the East Germans with Russians gathered in front of the gates of Jerusalem. When one of them was asked: “*Will Germany ever be reunited?*”, the answer was: “*The reunification of Germany will take place, but only through Jerusalem and after a judgment is executed step by step upon nations, i.e. in the Millenium.*” What would he say today?

When this “man of Prophetic Word” was asked: “*Is there a political or military hope for Czechoslovakia?*”, he answered: “*No, it will remain communist.*” What would he say about it today?

When he was asked: “*Is the antichrist a Jew?*”, this blinded “*friend of Jews*” answered: “*He must be a Jew. Because Israel will only receive a Jew as their Messiah... The antichrist, that Jew who must belong to Roma at the same time, will be a world dictator.*”

It remains beyond comprehension how people can adopt Jesuits’ teachings from the time of the Counter-Reformation where they claimed that the antichrist would have to be a Jew.

The question “*Is the antichrist among us now?*” was answered as follows: “*On February 3, 1962, there was an extraordinary constellation of stars, so millions feared a worldwide catastrophe. An Indian astronomer said at that time that a redeemer of the world had had to be born. An American clairvoyant also claimed that on February 3, 1992, at 7 AM a child had been born in the Middle East, who would lead the world to a single religion...*” Why should Bible believers be interested in the charlatanism of the Indian astronomer or the claims of the American clairvoyant tormented by dark powers?

It is terrible how the antichrist spirit misleads these Bible teachers, who consider themselves so smart. Lies are bad enough, but false teachings misleading God’s people and leading them into destruction are unforgivable. The same spiritually blind man writes: “*It is often claimed that the pope is the antichrist and that the number 666 applies to him. We should be careful with such statements which cannot be substantiated (really not?) because the number 666 had already been dealt with in detail in connection with Nero, Hitler and others.*” Really? The number written in Revelation 13 does not need to be meticulously analyzed, it is written there black on white with the entire description. Thanks be to God.

There had been so many things written about Berlin and Jerusalem, about Gorbachev and political developments. Although all of it repeatedly came out differently, none of the authors found it necessary to make a correction and to publicly admit they were wrong. We can just read a note in an international magazine about Bible prophecies, which should give peace to all readers: “*And even if we saw some things differently in our interpretations, it still holds that Ezekiel’s prophecy will be fulfilled. We may fail in our interpretation, but the prophetic Word can never fail in its fulfillment.*” The Spirit of God is never wrong. Every revelation coming from God is correct.

It is so with true believers that they receive the vindicated prophetic ministry in this time. All preachers that speak negatively about it and reject it have in fact gone astray. God’s prophets are called “seers” in the Holy Scripture (Isaiah 29:10). The Lord says: “*Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.*” (Psalms 105:15). Who transgresses against a “seer” can no longer see. Through their interpretations, such people hold others back from the true, revealed Word. God Himself has placed various ministries into the Church.



*“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speaks, let him speak as **the oracles of God**; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”* (1 Peter 4:10-11). If somebody says what God did not say and utter what God did not utter, what then? Spiritual man lives by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Every minister of the Word should carry out the task actually assigned to him. A true prophet will see the prophetic Word in this prophetic age in its continuing development and fulfillment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and will teach the people accordingly. God-ordained teachers will pass it on in the same Spirit.

Thanks be to God for the prophetic Word which shines now as a bright light. All interpretations are irrelevant. Now, each of us is called personally: *“Arise, shine; for thy light is come...”* (Isaiah 60:1). Jesus could say: *“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”* (John 12:46) John came to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. (John 1:7)

The Lord revealed Himself to Saul as a bright light: *“And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.”* (Acts 22:6) The Lord Himself gave His calling from this light. In our time, the faithful Lord came down in the same light. He is truly the same, not only in words but also in deeds. At that time, there had been no camera to capture the event. At present, we have the evidence with us, thanks God.

It happened in Houston, Texas, on January 24, 1950, in front of about 8,000 people who gathered in Sam Houston Coliseum. Journalists had been giving very negative reports about Branham’s meetings and at that time press photographers, Mr. Kippermann and Mr. Ayers, were to take a few pictures of the man of God. And, behold, there was a pillar of light above his head – no forgery, but a supernatural light captured by the camera just as all other objects were captured. It is no pious invention, but absolute truth. As it is known, the negative came under close scrutiny.

It was none less that Dr. George Lacy, FBI department head, who confirmed the authenticity of the negative. Where should we now place the believers, evangelists and preachers who deny what even unbelievers confirmed as true? There is only one explanation, i.e. they do not want to admit that God the Lord was also vindicated in a supernatural way in our generation. If they admitted it, they would have to steer their doctrine, practice and entire conduct into the biblical direction. And that's what they do not want to do.

In the beginning was the Word – not an interpretation! In the end is the Word again, not interpretations. The Church of the Lord is based on the Word and recognizes the time we live in and its message. Believers do not only hear about distant signs of the time but see the signs of the time and the fulfillment of the Bible prophecy, which requires no further interpretation. Honour, praise and glory be to the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

*“The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.”* May He be with all of you!

In God's commission

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