

"Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and for ever."

(Heb 13:8)

Circular Letter **December 1998**

Special greetings to all of you world-wide in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ with John 15:18-20:

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."

The redeemed do not fit into this world, they are like a foreign object. They walk the same path and are misunderstood as the Redeemer was and as it was foretold in Psalms 69:4: **"They hated me without a cause."** (Jn. 15:25). We who preach salvation have the same fate as the One Who brought the salvation. There is absolute no reason to hate the believers. The only cause we read about in John 17:14: **"I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."** He was hated for being the Word and we are hated because we have received and preach the Word.

Only for the cause of God's Word true believers are hated by the religious world. The Word always has the same impact: it separates light from darkness. It commands the calling out and the separation from the world. Among those who believe the promised Word can be no hatred. They are chosen sons and daughters of God having the life and the nature of Christ. Whoever hates a brother manifests thereby that Satan has already crept in, giving that inspiration. The Apostle Paul speaks about two kinds of believers: **"But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now."** (Gal. 4:29).

The disciples were after the Spirit, believing the promised Word. The scribes believed in their own traditional way, defending their own doctrines and were full of hate and envy as Cain had been. Therefore our Lord addressed them rightfully with the fitting statement, **"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the hearth the mouth speaketh."** (Mt. 12:34). Everyone reveals by words whatever is in his heart. Life and deeds confirm of what kind we are.

Our Lord said, **"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."** (Jn. 13:34-35). Whose disciples are those who are full of hatred? We do not only have ten main commandments in the Old Testament, we do have more in the New Testament. Brother Branham called **divine love** »the eleventh commandment« in which all the other commandments are expressed and fulfilled. According to Rom. 13:8 love for each other is the fulfilment of the whole law. This eleventh commandment, of love, is twofold: firstly, that we do love the Lord God with all our heart, with our soul, with all our thinking etc., secondly, that we love our neighbour as ourselves. In this twofold commandment whatever the whole law and all the prophets required is expressed (Mt. 22:36-40).

About no other theme was so much preaching, speaking and writing done as about love. In spite of that there is nothing so much missing among believers as true love. In fact, unkindness sometimes right down to deep hatred is manifested. One has to experience it, otherwise it is hard to believe. There are even »believers« whose hatred does not stop with death, but continues thereafter. Of what kind are such people? They certainly do not have the divine nature. This they should know themselves. According to the testimony of the Scripture those who are born again have received a new heart, a new spirit, a new life. They have received God's life. Wherever Jesus Christ dwells in the heart His nature is manifested.

In the experience Brother Branham had, when he was taken »beyond the curtain of time« into paradise, he heard the words, **»only perfect love will enter here!«** Love – not a doctrine, not knowledge –

love is the perfect tie that binds together. It is the love of God that was manifested at the cross of Calvary. Whoever truly experienced forgiveness and reconciliation does love with this divine love which does no harm to anyone, because it is totally good " God Himself. God is love and all who are born of God do love all His children (1 Jn. 5:1).

The redeemed experience the same as the Redeemer: He was not hated by the unbelieving world, but by the religious leaders who were handling the Word of God with their lips. Never do the true children of God accuse others. They are being accused and defamed. Never does one elect persecute another elect (Gal. 4:29). Hatred, envy and jealousy were first manifested in Cain who was a mixture. It was once said, "He that has no Cain as his brother is not an Abel." I would rather say a "half-brother". Cain was a brother-murderer and so are all the false brethren as believing half-breeds. **"If a man says, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also."** (1 Jn. 4:20-21). Of His true brethren the Son of God said, **"Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."** (Mk. 3:34-35)

All who speak about »the message« should read the following text for self-examination: **"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and killed his brother. And why killed he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."** (1 Jn. 3:11-12).

Whoever is of the seed of God cannot hate, cannot commit assassination of character – that would be totally against the divine nature. Out of one source cannot come good and evil, sweet and bitter (Jas. 3:10-12). **"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."** (Mt. 12:35). Only those who are the seed of the evil one, as is written of Cain, spread the deadly poison of a serpent. The heart of such people is full of murder. The two seeds grow on the same field, **"The field is the world; the good seed are the**

children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one" (Mt. 13:38). Upon both seeds comes the same rain, and both enjoy the same sun (Mt. 5:45).

Envy, jealousy and hatred are the marks of those who are not born again. Brother Branham so suitably spoke about the three circles: soul, spirit, body. He said, someone could be baptised with the Holy Ghost in the second realm and in his soul not even be saved. We thought that those who are gifted are already half ways in heaven. True children of God are placed fully into heaven by the real baptism of the Holy Spirit and they are sealed. Their tongues are refined by the divine fire and they are anointed to proclaim the great works of God (Acts 2). First the soul must be saved. **"Man became a living soul."** So the soul is the actual man and must experience salvation and the renewing. The anointing alone is not sufficient. The whole religious world today is full of such as never before.

Christ Who is the true anointed One has spoken about the many false Christs which would raise up as the anointed ones at the end-time. He also warned to be aware of false prophets who would do great signs and wonders (Mt. 24:24 a. o.). Thus saith the Lord: **"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out demons? And in thy name done many wonderful works?"** (Mt. 7:22). Viewing from the outside such people are blessed. They prophesy, speak of revelations, can point to signs and wonders, but are cast away and not recognised by the Lord. Here we should not only think about those in different churches, but take to heart what is written: **"... but let a man examine himself ..."**

In his sermon about **"The Lamb and the Dove"** brother Branham points out the nature of the wolf. He makes very clear the difference between the two natures: a lamb does not bark and bite like a wolf. True believers have the nature of a lamb as well as the nature of the dove which has no gall, if they are truly baptised with the Holy Ghost. In their tongue cannot be deadly poison as James describes in chapter 3:8. In their heart there is also no bitterness. Many things man can hide, but that which is in the heart will be manifested through words and deeds in life.

In John 15 our Lord also touches another aspect. He speaks of Himself as being the vine and His Own the fruit-bearing branches. The life of the vine is expressed in the branches thereof. That is the true fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Our Saviour admonishes us to remain in His love, keeping His commandments as He kept the commandments of the Father. Whoever remains in Him will bring forth plenty of fruit. **"Be fruitful and multiply!"** does also apply to the spiritual creation. Since the inauguration of the New Testament Church, through all the ages people were born again. The Spirit makes fruitful and actually brings forth the life of God. An assembly where no new life, no children are born is not a fruitful church. As long as the time of grace lasts the Lord will add those who are saved to His Church (Acts 2:47).

The Lord speaks about the joy that should be complete in us while keeping His commandments. Time and again He said that we should love one another as He loved us. Then He makes the very meaningful statement addressed to the obedient children of God: **"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatever I command you."** (Jn. 15:14).

Abraham did what the Lord commanded, and he was called **"His friend"** (Isa. 41:8). Only through deeds and works which the Lord commanded we prove indeed that we love and believe Him. Abraham believed God and received the promised son. That is the first part. The second was that he had to sacrifice his son whom he dearly loved (Gen. 22). All goes together: being chosen, receiving the promise, believe and be obedient. **"Was not Abraham, our father, justified by works, when he had offered Isaac, his son, upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?"** (Jas. 2:21-22). Whoever obeys not what the Lord commands only imagines election and faith. In such a case it is a religious theory existing in the world of fantasy. Such may even speak about the will of God, but never get to do it.

To them whoever are truly in the election (Rom 11:7), the words of our Lord apply, **"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and**

that your fruit should remain; that whatever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (Jn. 15:16).

We are ordained to bear fruit, the fruit of the Spirit, and also to multiply. The fruit we bear is the actual proof that we are in Christ and love God. The life in us is manifested in brotherly love and also in general love. Such love is not in the head and not upon lips, but comes forth in our lives by the Holy Spirit which is poured out into our hearts (Rom. 5:5). Our Lord clearly said, "**Ye shall know them by their fruits**" every good tree bringeth forth good fruit" (Mt. 7:16-17). Once again our Lord emphasised, "**These things I command you, that ye love one another.**" (Jn. 15:17)

Something about judgement

When Brother Branham was taken »beyond the curtain of time« he saw the Bride in Paradise in a preview. He was told, "When Jesus comes you will be judged." Surprised he asked, "Will Peter and Paul also have to be judged?" The answer was, "Yes, they will also be judged!"

In this circular we shall not deal with the different judgements, for instance when the Son of man shall come and judge the nations (Mt. 25:31) or before the commencement of the Millennial reign (Rev. 11:18; 20:4) or the Final Judgement. Here we need to stress the fact that all, even those belonging to the Bride, will have to appear before the judgement seat of Christ.

The apostle Paul includes himself when he writes about it: "**But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of Christ ...**" So, then, every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:10-12).

Wherefore, we labour that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:9-10).

The Bride does not appear at the »White-Throne-Judgement« which is in connection with the second resurrection. That is clearly spoken of by our Lord with the following words: **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but is passed from death unto life."** (Jn. 5:24). Many believers thought that they will therefore not be judged at all, assuming that they will not have to give an account to themselves, to others and not even before God about what they have done in life. Therefore some even do not have a minimum of the fear of God. The scripture reference of Rom 14; 2 Cor. 5 and others should teach us a very severe lesson. **"... and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."** (Jn. 5:29). Before the saints will judge the world and angels (1 Cor. 6:2-3), they themselves will have to be judged. Anything that was not settled in our life will have to be clarified there. Even for every wrong word which we uttered, hurting someone or causing trouble, we shall give an account. **"But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgement."** (Mt. 12:36).

The apostle Paul brings this theme to the point: **"For I know nothing against myself, yet am I not hereby justified; but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God."** (1 Cor. 4:4-5)

When Brother Branham had that special experience he, in reference to the proclamation of the Gospel comparing himself with Peter and Paul, could make the statement, "I have preached the same Gospel, I baptised the same way. If they will go into Glory with their group, I will go in with mine." That is the assurance of a true man of God and his testimony.

The apostle Paul writes to his co-worker being thoroughly penetrated by the fear of God, **"I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the**

dead at his appearing and his kingdom ... Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:1 + 8)

Right after our Lord spoke about the coming of the Bridegroom and the marriage in Mt. 25:1-13, from verse 14 He continued with the parable of the servants who received the different talents. At the end their Lord reckoned with them. The faithful ones received the reward and went into the joy of the Lord. **"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."** (Mt. 25:23). First the Lord calls us to give an account, and thereafter we are to enjoy the marriage. Paul wrote, that every work will be proven, **"If any man's work abide which he hath built upon it, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet as by fire."** (1 Cor. 3:14-15)

There will even be differences in Glory. **"There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead."** (1 Cor. 15:41-42a)

"And they that be wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." (Dan. 12:3)

Apostle Paul encourages those who were participating in God's work: **"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."** (1 Cor. 15:58). What about those who do not participate in the work of the Lord at all?

The Lord will reward the faithful. He will wipe all tears from their eyes and He will hand out the crowns. Nothing will be left unclarified for eternity. About this topic much could be written. May we run the race in such a way that we shall be crowned as victors (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Having the near coming of Jesus Christ in view all who are part of His Bride should examine themselves and not leave any room for the

accuser of the brethren at all. **"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"** (Heb. 12:14).

We must work out our salvation with fear and trembling, make all things right with God and men. Nobody should wait until cases as with Ananias and Sapphira happen. Judgement begins at the house of God. We should not permit ourselves to be taken away thinking to be well-pleasing unto ourselves. Only if Christ really is manifested through our lives, we shall then appear with Him in Glory (Col. 3). Let us not be the object of self-deception. **"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."** (2 Pt. 3:14). What fear of God should come upon the believers after we are made aware of the fact that we shall be judged according to our words and deeds!

Thus saith the Lord: **"Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."** (Rev. 22:12). Can we stand in His presence the way we are now? Can we truthfully say, **"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."**?

World-wide developments

Words cannot describe what God has done in the past year 1998. By His grace each month I could make trips into all the world. New countries, new doors have opened up. If we counted right, I altogether visited over 130 nations where I ministered personally. After landing I never kissed the ground, but even before departing and also after arriving I always prayed that the Lord should be with me and those who are chosen would be called out. Everywhere and at all times the two scriptures were proven true: Whoever is sent by God does proclaim His words (Jn. 3:34) and he that is of God, hears God's words (Jn. 8:47).

The spiritual food, the precious Word of God, was left to us in its fullness. Brother Branham was commanded to put the food in store. One can even comprehend by the intellect that the purpose to store the food of necessity would have to be accomplished by the giving out of the food in due season. Why should it otherwise have been put in store for?

The Lord had sent Joseph for one purpose: to store in food which then in the time of famine was given to his brethren. In Amos 8:11 God said that He would send a famine into the land to hear His words. This is certainly fulfilled before our eyes. The spiritual food is now given to those who hunger for it in the right way in due season (Mt. 24:45). Everything is so perfect as it only can be with God and always was. We are now experiencing the last part of the salvation plan as God is completing His work in our time.

I had no influence upon the Lord Who told me about the food which I need to give out. It is His command given to me. Even 33 years after Brother Branham was taken to be with the Lord the statement concerning his ministry and the commission he received in 1933 is valid, "**As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, the message that is given to you, will be a forerunner of the second coming of Christ. Not that I would be the forerunner, but the message would be the forerunner.**" (San Juan, 9th February, 1959).

A messenger is someone *showing* the way, he is not the way. And no one who is on his way would stop at the sign, but would take orientation and hurry to his destination. The stored food can be compared with a real store-house where food is in large quantities. The meal on the table should be well prepared from it. We do that through the preaching of the whole counsel of God now. Nobody on earth can point to one teaching which was not according to the Word of God. I have understood very clearly that the enemy from the very beginning in the garden of Eden remained with the subject but not with the truth. He pulled Eve into arguments about what God had said. He did not change his tactics, not even in regards to the end-time message. I despise arguments and explanations given about what God has said. He always says what He means and means what He says. I must and shall remain to the end, yes for ever, in the Word of Truth in whatever I preach.

After God started the New Testament Church, the enemy began like he did in Eden, as the Apostle Paul refers to it in 2 Cor. 11:1-6, and continues right up to this time. Already in early Christianity men were preaching wrong doctrines. Paul, Peter and John warned the believers of them. Always the **original Word was first** and the interpre-

tations followed. So it is now. Brother Branham brought to us the original Word. The interpretations are being done by those who are under false inspiration. The proof thereof lies in the fact that for their teachings they do not take God's Word at all as the foundation, they only use quotations. How should one esteem a doctrine which cannot be backed up by the Word of God? Of course, as nothing! The commission I received is, **"Preach the Word!"** (2 Tim. 4:2) and, **"I will send you from city to city to preach My Word!"** Whoever does not preach the pure Word and does not harmoniously fit every teaching therein, cannot be commissioned by the Lord. God is the God of order and peace (1 Cor. 14). Satan is the diabolos – the one who puts all things upside-down. In no country, in no city have I been guilty of splitting a church; never did I have any disciples follow me. I serve the Lord and not a religious party.

"In the beginning was the Word", not the interpretation. That should pierce everyone's heart. Some brethren have certain expectations. They expect the seven thunders etc. etc. But in reality they do not know what they are. Only what God promised in His Word will take place at the appointed time. It is not enough to quote Brother Branham. Paul, for instance, said, **"We shall not all fall asleep ..."**, but he and all, who heard these words from his lips, did fall asleep. The unbelievers write critically about such utterances in their books " not we, because we understand things the right way. The Word is written in such a way that it is applicable right to the very moment, when the actual event takes place.

Bible critics throw forward that Jesus Christ deceived His disciples when making the statement in Mt. 16:28, **"Verily I say unto you, There are some standing here, who shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."** Brother Branham pointed out that this prediction was fulfilled when John was on the isle of Patmos, seeing the coming of the Son of man in all of His glory. The Lord only opens the understanding of His disciples to know how His Word is being accomplished. That is the only way to clarify so-called contradictions and answer our questions.

Also with some utterances of Brother Branham great damage was made. If one only hears his words, then the impression can arise

he meant in this way or that way. As soon as we do take these quotations into the Word of God, they are answered and fit into the whole concept.

Apparently it takes a divine call to the ministry of God's Word to really put truthfully everything in the right order. In spite of all the interpretations which are being spread and cause confusion, all of God's true children will go back to the Word and ask, "**What does the Scripture say?**" They will realise where the unadulterated Word is being preached truthfully. It is high time that all who wish to be ready at the return of Christ would take their stand upon God's Word. Only those who remain in His Word have eternal assurance. They are protected from all error. The true called out Church is the Word-Bride. Whoever has an ear, let him hear!

Addressing all who minister the Word world-wide, I have to challenge you by the authority of God's Word only to preach and teach what you can do without doubt and from the Bible only. With every Scripture teaching there is a twofold criteria, and every Bible doctrine must rest at least upon two or three witnesses. The first mark is expressed in the following statement, "**And to this agree the words of the prophets** " (Acts 15:15a). Please, prove whether one of the "thunder-teachings" does agree with the words of the prophets or with the words of the apostles. Most certainly not. Therefore, they are totally out.

Secondly the emphasis is upon the written word again. "**... as it is written ...**" (v. 15b). Where do we find written what is being preached with enthusiasm about the "thunders"? Certainly not in the Holy Scripture! What the seven voices uttered was not even written. Therefore it did not become part of God's Word which must be preached. We are commanded to believe and to keep the written words of prophecy (Rev. 1:1-3). What will happen to those who add so-called "revelations" to the written Word, is explicitly said in Rev. 22:16-21. The hour of decision is here. Whoever is of God will take their stand in His Word, which is our absolute. According to it, the Lord will judge. All explanations and interpretations are foolish and done by those who think themselves to be wise.

Before Christ establishes His paradise Kingdom on earth, the antichrist in his "Eden" takes control on earth. Satan is still the prince of this world who offered then all the kingdoms of earth to our Lord, saying, "**All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.**" (Mt. 4:9). Satan, the old dragon and serpent is shown with seven heads and ten horns (Rev. 12:3). Also the last world empire is shown in the same way with seven heads and ten horns (Rev. 13:1). This last world power was given his throne (v. 2). One does hardly dare to say it, but the European Union is this last world power spoken of in Bible prophecy. It is the fourth empire which Daniel saw in chapter 2 and 7. In Dan. 7:23 we are told, "**The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.**" Very plain, informative and specific!

The European Central Bank under H. Duissenberg, the first president, is already functioning in Frankfurt, Germany. The European Court commences his work with forty judges in Strasbourg, France. Every verdict pronounced there is final. No appeal is permitted. The Euro-currency is being realised. In Brussels the new European parliament was already inaugurated. The proud building carries the inscript, "Caprice de dieux" which means "caprice of gods".

The European flag is seen everywhere. It was designed by the Belgian Jew Paul Levi. Directly after World War II he converted to Catholicism and in 1949 was appointed leader of the cultural department by the European Council. One day Levi saw a statue of Mary with the crown decorated with golden stars under the blue sky. The explanation given to him is, that Mary was the woman crowned with the twelve stars of Rev. 12:1. That is the Catholic teaching. And so the blue European flag with the twelve stars was designed by him for the glory of Mary. The Pope has already dedicated the whole of Europe to the »immaculate heart« of Mary and declared her to be »the queen of Europe«.

It becomes more obvious that all world-power is being united in the »European house« where everybody finds his own room. The Hague, Netherlands, was chosen to be the seat of the »world court-martial«. And the 16 foreign ministers of the European Union who just held their

annual meeting in Rome decided that the »High court« of the whole world will be set up in Rome itself.

In Frankfurt fifteen additional skyscrapers are to be build, so the world-capital, that means all important banks of the nations will have their seat there. Headlines in the international press carry the slogan: »World capital in one hand«. The uniting of Europe and therefore the coming into being of the old »Roman Empire« is now a reality. The spiritual power can avail herself of the worldly power, holding the reins in her hands and inaugurate the last round (Rev. 17).

The United States of America are shown forth as the second world-power, speaking as a lamb, having two horns, namely worldly and religious power (Rev. 13:11-18). The USA as the protestant world-power has the obligation to bring all the inhabitants to one certain point, that is to recognise and worship the first world-power. **"And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast (13:1-10) before him, and causeth the earth and them who dwell on it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."** (Rev. 13:12). Through the "remote-controlled" Clinton-case the U.S. presidency has suffered world-wide reproach. The European Union has no such a scandal, she is predestined to be the world-power No. 1. Everything runs smoothly according to God's time plan.

About the end-time developments much could be said and written. We do not live in darkness but have the bright shining light of the prophetic Scripture (1 Thess. 5:4; 2 Pt. 1:16-21) which gives us an overall picture. It is wonderful, for God at the right time gives the right understanding and clarity. Also as we watch Israel and the developments in that region, we can see that everything is moving towards the climax. On 4th May, 1999, Yassir Arafat will announce his Palestinian State. The Pope has already planned his trip to Jerusalem in the »holy year« 2000. The time for the »covenant« to be made is in reaching distance (Dan. 9:27). The coming of the Bridegroom is even closer. We already see the things taking shape which will happen after the Bride will have been taken up. How close is then the great event of His return?

Thank you

At this time I wish to take the opportunity to thank all in Jesus' name for their prayers and support in this work of God. Only together we can serve God's people world-wide. Here in the Krefeld Mission Center we print in nine different languages and serve over 130 countries. Brother Alexis Barilier is responsible for the French language, Brother Etienne Genton for the Italian, and many other brothers in different parts of the world are taking care of various languages.

God is faithful, He has led the brethren who bear also responsibility world-wide to have a good orientation in His Word. The proclamation of the message bears multiplied fruit. God be praised for that throughout eternity. The reward will all who minister faithfully receive from the Lord. Also to those who work here in the Mission Center I like to express my deep gratitude.

For the year 1999 I wish all of you God's richest blessings. He guides us safely until we shall see Him. Together we say, "**Maranatha!**" "**Come soon, Lord Jesus!**"

By His commission

Bro. 

Announcement

By God's grace my new book »The Challenge of the Christian Theology and more ...« is almost ready to be printed. God willing, it will be sent out in the first part of 1999. I am sure that all will be strengthened in the true faith and in the right doctrine and be blessed richly. Whoever needs additional copies for selective distribution can write us.

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The two photos were taken at the first weekend of October, 1998, in the Krefeld Mission Center. Above is shown the meeting in the church, below a baptismal service.

We did experience throughout the years that God in His faithfulness has granted His living and revealed Word unto us. The spiritual hunger for the true Word can be noticed worldwide. People are coming from near and far from East and West to hear His Word. Those who truly believe obey the LORD in biblical baptism according to the apostolic pattern of Acts 2:38, being administered in the name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

