

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 6
The Mystery of Christ In You: The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Brother Branham didn't say the words, "See and Hear Principle", but he often preached it. The following quotes show his belief that believers had to have an emotional experience that was similar to the Day of Pentecost:

I say this, my beloved people. Listen to me. I'll stand with you someday in the Day of Judgment. I'll have to answer. I'll never answer to a creed. (So help me, God!) I'll answer to the Bible. That's the Book I'll stand by.

There is no place in the Bible where that they ever received the Holy Ghost without having emotions, speaking with tongues, and shoutings, and praises of God, and prophecies, and manifestations. They never did just walk up and shake hands with the preacher and walk away.

There's no place in the Bible they ever did receive, ever was baptized, outside being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

59-0823 - Palmerworm, Locust, Cankerworm, Caterpillar

In the Fourth Seal, Brother Branham taught something supernatural had to happen when a person was born again. He said it didn't matter what form the Holy Ghost came in; it only mattered that the person was filled with the Spirit:

Now we find out, that—that It—It stimulates and It gives joy, because It is God's Word. And the new wine, the new wine stimulates the...when It reveals the Word. Then, brings joy beyond measure, sometimes. We went through that, that it brings such joy till you get over-flooded.

Now, I know there's a lot of fanaticism, and people carrying on. I know sometimes they do it when the music is jumping up-and-down, and everything. And I know that goes. And I—I believe that, too. But I've seen people in the day when, as long as the music is playing, everybody was jumping and screaming; but when the music stopped, it stopped. See? I believe...Well, that, that's still all right, as far as I'm concerned, you see, as long as people lives right. And...

But, now, what, you start bringing the Word! Now, that's the thing that actually brings Life, is the Word, and that brings the joy of stimulation of new wine. See? Yes. And that's what it was on Pentecost, when the Word was vindicated.

Yes, you can accept it by faith. You have to accept Christ by faith. That's exactly right. And you accept the Holy Spirit by faith; but then let the Holy Spirit come and give the circumcision, as a witness that He has accepted your faith, you see. Then, see, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness." But God give him the sign of circumcision, as a confirmation He had accepted his faith.

So that's the same thing we must do. We must wait on the Holy Spirit till It's done something; not necessarily 'cause we spoke in tongues, not because we've danced, or we got emotional, we shouted. Until we were changed; until

something actually happened! I don't care what form it comes in. Just so it happened, that's the main thing. See?
63-0321 - *The Fourth Seal*

Here is a quote saying the same truth:

2. *Would you explain how Simon knew the Holy Ghost had been given in Acts 8:18? That's at Samaria.*

21 *Well, there's one thing, he didn't know they had the Holy Ghost because of speaking in tongues, or the Bible didn't say they did. They just seen the results. **No one can receive the Holy Ghost without being something happening to them.** That's right. But it didn't say they spoke in tongues there, so it must have been something else that he saw besides speaking in tongue, because it never mentioned them speaking in tongue.*

59-1220E - *Identified With Christ*

Numerous quotes like this one show Brother Branham's own personal experience of the "messiness" or emotional experience of being born again:

But as long as there's any hopes for it not to rot, new Life won't come. That's why we get up from the altar so many times without the Holy Spirit, because we don't rot enough to our own ideas. We got to meet God on His level. I like to meet Him there, because that He never has failed me.

The new birth is no different from any other birth; it's a mess. You ought to seen what mess I was in when I got It. And every once in a while when It comes upon me again, I get messy again with It. I cry, and boo-hoo, and carry on till I guess I don't look very good to look at, but it... I got something on the inside of me that's taking me on and on and on and on and on. It's new Life. I don't care what It looks like; I want to know what It is. That's the main thing.

59-0813 - *Why?*

This quote says a real born again Christian knows what the Day of Pentecost was like because they have had a similar experience:

*And I like to see a real pedigreed Christian! Not packing his letter: he's a Methodist last week, and a Baptist this week, and a Pentecostal this week, and a Pilgrim Holiness next week. He don't know who his pappy is or who his mammy is. **But let me tell you, a man that's born of the Spirit of God can take you plumb back to the Day of Pentecost; can tell you he's pedigreed, pentecostal! Amen! I want to be pentecost from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. I don't mean denominational Pentecost. I mean the real power of the resurrected Christ, the real Pentecostal Blessing.***

60-1211E - *The Laodicean Church Age*

To bring balance to the new birth, Brother Branham told saints to not rely upon, or focus on, emotion or speaking in tongues in the midst of seeking the soul baptism. He assured them

God would take care of the emotional experience. Brother Branham wanted believers to be fully surrendered to Christ, including yielding all their thoughts to Him:

*You people standing here, now look, **don't you rely upon some emotion, although it has emotion in It.** Don't you rely upon whether you're going to speak with tongues, or not. **Don't think nothing about it. God will take care of that, see.** You ask for Jesus Christ to come into your life and to live Himself through you. You don't want more thoughts of your own. You want His thoughts. 'Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.'*

63-1127 - The World Is Again Falling Apart

Although surprising to some, Brother Branham did teach the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the soul was not possible until after Jesus received His glorified body. The following three quotes show this:

*I—I'm not a debater, a fusser, but I sure called his hand on it the other day. He wrote a little book called, "Jibber-Jabbers, Tongue Talkers." And I said, "It's pure blasphemy." Absolutely, blaspheming the Holy Ghost... He tried to say that—that nobody... Said, "John the Baptist received the Holy Ghost and didn't speak in tongues. And a lot of these received the Holy Ghost," and so forth like that, and never said anything about tongues, Zacharias and them. **I said, "That was before the Holy Ghost was ever given."** Yes, sir. He said, "Well, they said they had the..." I said, "Now, they did not say they had the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Adam had the Holy Ghost potentially. That's right. All the prophets as they was moved by the Holy Ghost. **But the... Saint John said that—that the Holy Ghost had not yet come, for Jesus had not yet been glorified.** That's right.*

54-0720A - The Maniac Of Gadara

*To understand what I have just said is to clear up why students have never ever found Paul saying at any time, "Be born again and THEN be Spirit-filled." They have inferred it is there, and they have put their own meanings to make it say it, BUT SCRIPTURE DOES NOT SAY THAT. Jesus never said it either. **Look at John 7:37-39, and read it now with understanding.** "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the SPIRIT, Which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" Now it says here distinctly and emphatically that the believer upon drinking by coming unto Jesus in faith would have rivers of living waters pouring out of him. **And it places this experience at Pentecost.***

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*These directions came as a direct answer from Peter relative to what had actually happened at Pentecost. What came to pass was that God according to Joel was pouring out the promised Holy Spirit upon all flesh. **He was not poured out***

before that time or given before that time. This was it. But THIS was to come from now on by repenting, being baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then God was duty bound to fill the ones who came. Peter, or any of the apostles never said, "Ye must be born again, and then filled with the Spirit." Church Age Book - The Smyrnaean Church Age, Chapter 4

The Old Testament saints never had the baptism of the Holy Ghost in their souls because of the weakness of animal blood:

*And the Bible tells us, in Matthew 27, that after His death, and burial, and resurrection, that, "**Many of the saints** that slept in the dust of the earth, rose out of the dust." Why? It was that prophet, speaking with the Word of God, and the Word had been spoke. And the law of God, by the Spirit, raised it up. The Bible said, "They come into the city and appeared to many." Not only did Jesus raise, but the saints raised with Him.*

*Why? Over in the Psalms, it said, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up. Let the Lord of Glory come in." Well, when He conquered death, hell, grave, sickness, rose on the third day, "He ascended on High, and led captivity captive." What was it? Those that were in captive, that looked forward for the promise that we have now. Oh, brother! **Never even had the Holy Ghost.** "But, believed, and give a good testimony. And by it they stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, women received their dead raised to life again; without the promise." Oh, but they looked forward! **Under a sheep sacrifice that could not divorce sin, it could only cover sin. But they believed that there was coming One.** And by their faith, way beyond the shadow, amen, they claimed it.*

62-0422 - The Restoration of the Bride Tree

As a helpful reminder, recall Brother Branham wrote in the Church Age Book that his teaching on the baptism of the Holy Ghost was "Thus saith the Lord":

*Now before we leave this subject **I want to make myself very clear on what the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is according to the Word.** It is not according to me, and it is not according to you. It has to be according to "**Thus saith the Lord,**" or we are falsely led. Amen.*

Church Age Book - The Smyrnaean Church Age, Chapter 4

Moving on to the topic of the soul of man, the next two quotes explain that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is rest for the soul. Thus, the soul contains the New Testament Sabbath:

But when one turns to the Lord and is filled with the Holy Ghost he ceases from all such things. He has a rest in his soul. He really begins to live, and love God and worship Him.

Church Age Book - The Patmos Vision, Chapter 2

One time I tied in with them on this sabbath question. They got the old day that's passed by. **The Holy Ghost is our Sabbath**, the Bible said so, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, **I'll give you sabbath to your soul.**" Not a "day." Paul said, "You that keep a day, I'm afraid of you." See, that's right. Yes, sir. "There remaineth a rest," Hebrews 4, "to the people of God, a sabbath-keeping. For we which have entered into His rest, hath ceased from our works, as God did from His."

64-0112 - Shalom

The soul also contains man's free will, or free moral agency:

Now, to the last man, which is **the soul**, there is only one sense that controls that, and that is **free...moral agency's free will to choose or to reject.**

65-0815 - And Knoweth It Not

According to Brother Branham, the nature of the soul died when you became a Holy Ghost filled Christian and God's nature replaced it:

Now, the soul of man is not the body of man, it's the soul. See? **And the soul is something that's the—the nature of the spirit.** And then when the nature of a man...When he said, "We are dead," the Scripture plainly tells us that, "we are dead, and our lives are hid in God through Christ, **sealed there by the Holy Spirit.**" Now, it wasn't that your body died; it wasn't your spirit died. **It was the nature of your spirit died; see, the nature, which is the soul. The nature of your soul is—is God, if you're born again.** If it's not, it's of the world. Anything that begin has to end, so therefore the only way that you can have Eternal Life is to have a Life that never did begin.

63-1110m - Souls That Are In Prison Now