

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 4
The Mystery of The New Testament Church as the Bride of Christ

Some falsely teach the bride is already physically married to Christ, but that is wrong. The bride is potentially married to Christ by the baptism of the Holy Ghost in her soul, according to *Power of Transformation* (see below). This is also called the invisible union with Christ. So the reality is that the bride is currently engaged to Christ and her marriage ceremony will take place in the air at the rapture, as Brother Branham taught the wedding has not yet been performed:

*Now, **the Church now is engaged to Christ for the wedding. The wedding has never been performed yet, it will be at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.** So, we see that the Church is now engaged, like a man engaged to his wife. What does he do while they're engaged? He's just bestowing all kinds of things, sending her presents, making her feel good. Well, that's what Christ is doing to His Church. He's sending us gifts of the Spirit. How can you be engaged then when you're denying these gifts exist? It's the very love tokens. It's God's token to the Church. Jesus said so, "These signs shall follow them that believe."*

62-0211 - Oneness

*Help us, Lord. If there is one here... that's called to this Wedding Supper of the Lamb, this thousand years of Millennium reign, and to then enter into the City after the Honeymoon is over. The Millennium is merely the Honeymoon. Then She, the Bride, takes His... Bridegroom takes His Bride Home. It's Hers. Her Bridegroom; His Bride. **Oh, He's gone to prepare a House, since He's become engaged.***

May we be true to Him Who is the Word, for He is the Word. Regardless of how others try to sass us, keep us away from It; Lord, draw me nearer.

64-0802 - The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride

You notice, He said, "a people," not "a church." Why? Yet, It's called the Church, but He would call "a people." Now, a church is a gathering of many people of all different makeups. But God is calling one here... He didn't say, "I'll call the Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal." He said He would call a people. What for? His Name. See, a people; one from the Methodist, one from the Baptist, one from the Lutheran, one from the Catholic. See?

*But He is calling, not a church group, but "a people for His Name," that receives His Name, **engaged in His Name, going to a wedding to be married to Him, to become part of Him**, see, by a predestination. Just as a man that chooses a right wife in life, was ordained to be part of his body. So, that is, the Bride of Christ will be, and is now, from old, ordained by God to be a part of that Body. See? Oh, the Scriptures are so rich, full of honey!*

65-0801M - The God of this Evil Age

*Jesus Christ is our great, glorious Astronaut tube that we'll be in, that will be propelled by the Holy Ghost and power and Fire, when she begins to fly out one of these mornings. The Holy Ghost Fire hit the earth like that, and, when they do, the Church will be lifted up. And all the nations will stand, they won't need television, they'll see Him. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, **as She propels Her way in yonder, into the glorious realms of--of Heaven, to be married to Her Bridegroom.** God help us to live for that day!*

64-0209 - Countdown

*"Separate yourself," the Bible said, "from unbelief." Hallelujah! Now notice. You're not only that, **but you're going to the Wedding in the sky.** And you are wearing the wedding band of predestinated, unmerited grace, a wedding band of grace unmerited of your own. God did it, Himself. He knew you before the foundation of the world, so He slipped the wedding band on you There, put your name on a Book. What a thanksgiving! Hallelujah! Praise our God!*

65-1125 - The Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ

*But a real, genuine child of God don't care what the world says, everything else is secondary. He's got his mind on Christ, and that settles it. Yes. Whatever Christ says do, he'll do it. Wherever the Lamb goes, they're with Him, wherever. And then you see His appearing, His Presence, and what He does. He is always with His people, His Bride. **He is courting her.** Someday there is going to be a Wedding Supper.*

65-0206 - Doors in Door

*What a great thing it is today, Lord, to know that now we are united with one Spirit. One Spirit, the Holy Spirit, has got the Word in His grip, comes in us. And what a great thing it is, what a privilege to cut loose from all the world, to unite ourself to Jesus Christ. **And to think that someday, in a physical form, with a body like His own glorious body, we will set down at the table at the Wedding Supper and there be united and wed in marriage to Him;** to live as Bride and Bridegroom through all times that is to come, through a ceaseless Eternity.*

63-0818 - The Uniting Time and Sign

*Dear God, we are grateful to You tonight for the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ (our Saviour) Your Son and the free pardoning of our sins, and to know that His Blood is sufficient that's covered all of our sins and our iniquities. **They're so blotted out and put in the sea of God's forgetfulness and His Bride will stand at the Wedding Supper, pure, unadulterated, to marry the Son of God.** How we thank Thee for this all-sufficiency and the faith to know that we do not trust in our own merits but in His merit alone, for what He did for us. We're so grateful.*

65-1207 - Leadership

*And there He put His son, Adam, and Adam's bride, wife. Now you might say, "It was his wife." **Potentially it was his wife**, but he had never... never really been his wife yet.*

Like in the Scripture, we find out, where It said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." See? Now it was his wife when he made the promise to marry her, or to have her; but yet it wasn't his wife, yet, because he had never knew her as a wife.

*So that's the way it was here, the reason I said, "God's son and his bride." Adam had never knew his wife as a wife, **but yet it was his wife, potentially. Just like the Church now, and Christ.***

65-1031M - Power of Transformation

Here Brother Branham says God has saved children, or foolish virgins, who are still predestined and foreknown, in every organization:

And now when you hear me sometimes, under the time of anointing, kind of rake down the curtain on organization, I—I don't mean that against your pastor, or against any brother, sister, in church. Because, after all, God has people in every organization there is. But He don't accept the organization; He accepts the individual in the organization. And the...It doesn't take an organization.

Therefore, when people get so bound around organization, then they can't see nothing else but just what that church says, you see. And that makes dis-fellowshipping with others, and it's a system that God is not pleased with, and it's a worldly affair never ordained of God.

So, now, I don't mean any individual. Catholic, Jewish, whatever it might be, or—or Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, any organization, no organizations, and—and un-denominational, and all, God has His children sitting out in there. See? And many times I believe they're out there for a purpose, to give Light, pulling out those predestinated ones from all around everywhere. And—and on that great day, we'll see then, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be called to the—to the great meeting time in the air, and we'll all go up to meet Him. And I'm—I'm looking for that hour.

63-0324E - The Seventh Seal

Later Brother Branham says the saved who don't follow the "last day Message" will not go in the rapture unless they receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost:

"Please explain, because you said that there would be just a small number go in the rapture."

That is these on the earth that's going to be changed. Jesus said, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that find it."

"What about the people that believe in the Lord now and don't--and not the way you preach?"

*They don't have to believe this. They don't have to believe the way I preach it. See? Don't have to believe that. "... for the last day Message. **Will they be saved?**" Yes, if they believe the Lord. See? And if they--if they disagree and say, "I don't believe He's the Word. I don't believe that this is right. I don't believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost," that shows where they're headed for, the tribulation period. But those who can accept the Word in Its fullness, not me preaching It, because It's the Bible says so. Those who accept that is free, because they--the Word's already been judged.*

64-0823M - Questions and Answers 1