

The Firstborn Is Concerned

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Firstborn. -----1) the firstborn

1a) of man or beast

1b) of Christ, the first born of all creation

Church --- G1577 (Thayer). ἐκκλησία

ekklesia

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly
- 1a) an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating
- 1b) the assembly of the Israelites
- 1c) any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance, tumultuously
- 1d) in a Christian sense
- 1d1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
- 1d2) a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake.

**Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet before the
coming of the great and dreadful
day of the LORD:**

63-0318 - "The First Seal". Rev. William Marrion

Branham

151 And only is to be revealed at the last day, when this actual Seal is broken. Broken to who? Not to Christ, but to the Church. Notice, now. Oh, my, that just makes me tremble! I—I—I hope that the Church truly understands it, what I mean, you people. I'm going to call you Bride, see, that You'll understand it.

50-0827E - Take The Rod And Gather The People E-22

Maybe some of those poor Israelites... They left garlic and onions to eat Angel's food, and was complaining about it. They had left the muddy waters of Egypt to drink from the fountain of life, and were complaining about it. They had led--left the boasting physicians of Egypt to be with the great Physician, and was complaining about it. They left a bunch of people that believes the days of miracles were past to be with a bunch of people, believed that all things were possible, and still complaining about it.

Isn't that just like the church today? Come out of Egypt, come out of the world, out here in this glorious Church of the living God, the firstborn, and 'cause we have little trials, God asked us to believe and to hold on. We still complain about it.

Now notice, another thing they had done. They left the people back there that had no signs, to live under the Pillar of Fire and a Cloud, and was complaining about it. No wonder their water supply was cut off. That's what's the matter with the church today. There's too much grumbling about things, complaining. Be satisfied and keep moving on, pressing on.

Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

53-0830A - Why I Am A Holy-Roller

E-79

Lord, look a standing here, Father, as these saints are singing, the Spirit moving in the building. They got their hands up, Lord; they want the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Realizing, Lord, that they're through with all this, that, and the other, they're coming over to where they can see Your signs and wonders. They're coming into the real, the Church of the Firstborn, the sons of God that's born of Spirit of God out of every denomination under heaven. They're moving in this afternoon. They're coming down to Jordan now, Lord. Push out the boat. You promised it. Lord, I know You would. Grant it, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ.

**Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it
with the washing of water by the word,**

**Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a
glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or
any such thing; but that it should be holy and
without blemish.**

**54-0306 - The Unconditional Covenant That God Made With His People
E-48**

The Spirit was upon Christ is upon the Church, 'cause there's the Bride and the Groom. And He taken the Spirit off... "A little while and the world seeth Me no more. Yet you'll see Me, for I'll be with you even in you to the end of the world." The Spirit and the body is taken up.

Now, the same Spirit was on Christ has to be in you or it won't compare with this covenant. See what I mean? Well now, aren't you happy tonight that you're baptized into the Church of the firstborn of the living God, that the very same Spirit that was in Christ is in the Church tonight? And you are a part of It by the Holy Ghost, being dead in Christ take on Abraham's Seed and are heirs according to the promise.

What are we scared about? All devils in hell couldn't shake you. There's nothing can shake you. We receive a Kingdom that cannot be moved. Oh, my. Settle yourself on these thoughts one time and think of what God has said, not your circumstance, not to your... nothing else but what God has said.

**Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for
you, and fill up that which is behind of the
afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's
sake, which is the church:**

55-0501E - The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints E-18

And great persecution will tear down all the differences and run us together as one person. We will... No man, no man will ever be able to do it. That's to big a ma--job for a man; that's God Himself will do that. We will be one someday. Amen. Oh, my, I will be so happy for that, won't you? when it's all over?

Now, they'd been a scattering out of the people here. After thirty-three years you'd think of the great day of Pentecost. And I want to say something here, just a little a call, just a little word. We miscall the word "pentecost." I never did care for it (See?), or the word "pentecost." We're not pentecostal people. Never. The pentecostal peoples was the blasphemers. Sure, they was one up there at Pentecost. They was the one up there in the pentecostal worship, not the church. We're the church of the firstborn. We're the ones that's in the Kingdom of God. It was the pentecostal worshippers that was making fun of those people full of the Holy Ghost. It wasn't the pentecostal people that--that was the... The pentecostal people was the Jews, up there worshipping at Pentecost. And this was a new deal God give to the church. So we're not pentecostal. See? This is something new. They just moved that name on there. See? All right.

Deu 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

55-1119 - Redeemer, Redemption

E-44

And now, they had a--a kinsman there by the name of--of Boaz. And he was a rich man. And Naomi sent Ruth out into the fields to glean in Boaz's field, which was the custom in that day, and still today, right in that same field, made glean behind the reapers.

So what was she gleaning for? She was gleaning for food. And that's what the Gentile church did: come in behind the orthodox church, picking up all they had, which was the Old Testament, gleaning what God give to the prophets. The Gentile church, the young--young church, the Holy Spirit church of the Firstborn, gleaning...

And when Boaz came out to see her, to see how everything was going on, a righteous man, a type of Christ... Boaz was a type of Christ. When he come out to look upon his harvest field, he was the lord of the harvest. Christ is the Lord of the harvest. And he came out to look upon the field, and notice, as soon as his eyes fell upon the beautiful Ruth, it was love at the first sight. Said, "Who is this young maid out here who's gleaning in my field?"

Some of them said, "She's a virtuous woman. She come back with Naomi, some of your kinfolks, and she's out here gleaning."

59-0525 - Images Of Christ

E-35. I'm not interested in seminaries, and what somebody's got to tell me. I don't care about kissing crucifix, or pulling through your heart, or saying prayers to the dead. I'm interested in one thing; that's more of the Holy Spirit to take over William Branham. I'm not interested in joining a greater church than what I belong to. I belong to the real Church of the living God--the Firstborn. I was borned into it. And I want more of the Holy Ghost in my life to reflect Christ, Who I love. I don't care what plane or level I have to come onto to get it. I don't care if I have to go here, go there, be called fanatic, holy-roller, or whatever it may be, I want more of His life to be reflected. I'm not interested in the plane I have to come on; I'm interested in the Holy Ghost, so I can be more of a servant like He was. He was the Lord's Servant

59-0708M - Dedication Of Building, To The Lord

E-13 Paul said in Hebrews, explaining the Sabbath, "That there was a time that God entered into rest on the Sabbath day." And He said: "Again, He limited a certain day, saying in David, 'Today, after so long a time; when you hear My voice, harden not your heart.'"

And Isaiah in the 28th chapter, He said: "For precept must be upon precept; and line upon line; here a little, and there a little: hold fast to that which is good, for with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. And this is the rest."

Oh, that perfect rest, to come from the congregation to the altar, from the altar to the bosom of Christ, the bed, the night, the secret place, the resting place. Justification, Martin Luther taught it. Sanctification, John Wesley taught it. Now, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Pentecost taught it. By the Holy Spirit enter into a everlasting, eternal rest. And as long as you are in that room you are hid away in the holiest of holies with God, and you are in the Church of the firstborn. You are baptized into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. And you are free from judgment. For you have passed through the Blood, and "When I see the blood I pass over you." And Christ took your judgment and you'll never have to go through the judgment, but you've passed from death unto Life. So to enter into the true abiding place of God is by spiritual baptism.