## "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Heb 13:8)

# **Circular Letter**

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#### Anniversary Edition 55 Years in God's Service

Heartfelt greetings to all brothers and sisters worldwide in the precious Name of our LORD Jesus Christ with the Scripture from Rev 1:1:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John ..."

The Apostle John was such a servant unto whom the prophetic part of the Plan of Salvation was revealed. The Apostle Paul was such a servant who was given the revelation of all things that were to take place during the time of grace until the Return of Christ.

Paul was able to write: "And I thank Christ Jesus our LORD, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, **putting me into the min**istry ..." (1 Tim 1:12). I can say the same. The following remains true as well: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings ..." (1 Cor 12:28).

According to His Plan of Salvation, the LORD God Himself has placed ministries into His Church. In our time, the special ministry of Brother Branham played a significant part in the Plan of Salvation for the entire church all over the world, as does the ministry through which the last message directly foreruns the second coming of Christ.

The LORD spoke to Jeremiah: "But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child (I was 29.): for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ... Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. ... And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee." (Jer 1:7, 12, 19). The high priest Joshua was told: "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." (Zec 3:7).

Truly, God revealed to His prophets and apostles what He had determined for His sons and daughters from eternity – and in these final days He has also revealed it to us. The Word and the whole counsel of God have never before been revealed in such clarity and entirety as they have in our time.

In previous Circular Letters I have reported about the many years and mentioned special experiences that are directly connected to the ministry with which the LORD Himself commissioned me on April 2, 1962.

As requested by various ministering brethren, I will briefly provide some personal data once more. As many of you know, I was born in December 1933 in the region of Danzig, formerly West Prussia. After fleeing the war front with my parents and family members in January 1945, we settled in northern Germany in March 1945. Beginning in 1947, I attended evangelistic meetings and international Christian conferences, particularly in Hamburg. In 1948 I experienced my conversion and was baptized, and in 1949 I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and consecrated my life to my LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

I repeatedly visited the meetings in the Elim Pentecostal Church on Bach Street as well as the Free Pentecostal Church on Eimsbütteler Street in Hamburg. In the postwar years, the Holy Spirit was particularly moving among the refugees and expellees. In some cases, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was so mighty that even the entire congregation harmoniously praised God, speaking in tongues while praying.

The first time I heard about William Branham was in 1949 during the Pentecostal Conference, namely from the American evangelist Hal Herman. He had been a war correspondent in 1945 and filmed the ruins of Hiroshima after the nuclear bomb attack. Also Albert Götz later wrote in his magazine *Mehr Licht* about William Branham and the extraordinary things that took place in his ministry. He published the German translation of the book *William Branham – A Man Sent from God* written by Gordon Lindsay.

Since January 1952, I lived in Krefeld. Here was a small Free Pentecostal Church in which I was also asked to preach at times. After reading the book *William Branham – A Man Sent from God*, the desire arose in me to hear this man of God in person.

In August 1955, I witnessed the blessed meetings of Brother Branham in Karlsruhe. His simplicity and humility made a deep impression on me. In the meetings we saw the gift of healing combined with the gift of prophecy to see in visions what God revealed in that moment about the lives of the sick who were in the prayer line. The same ministry as the one of our LORD reported in the Gospels was happening in front of us. Indeed, the blind received their sight before our eyes; the lame were healed, and the critically ill were made well. The full Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached, and God confirmed it with signs following (Mk 16:20). From the first day on, I was convinced that no one could do the works which were taking place here unless God was with him and did them. They were meetings as described in the Bible, days as in the time of the apostles that I experienced in August 1955 as an eye and ear-witness in Karlsruhe.

I knew how differently the various churches taught, believed, and baptized. For that reason, I wanted to know what this man of God believed and taught; after all, God confirmed the Word then and there before thousands of people. With this profound longing, I attended the large Voice of Healing Convention in Dallas, Texas, USA, from June 6 to 15, 1958, which had been arranged by Gordon Lindsay. World-renowned evangelists spoke during the morning and afternoon services, but in the evening services Brother Branham was the main speaker. That gave me the opportunity to draw a comparison, and the first three days were more than enough to gain clarity: It was the divine legitimation of his ministry which distinguished Brother Branham from all the other evangelists.

Before the evening service in Dallas on June 12, 1958, I approached him and said to him, "Brother Branham, I recognize the difference between you and the other evangelists. I would like to know what you believe and teach." His answer was, "I have a message that I must bring. Go and see Leo Mercier afterwards; he is the one who records the sermons on tape. Ask him to give you some of them ..." At the end of this conversation he said, "Brother Frank, you will return to Germany with this message." At that time, I had been living in Canada for 2 ½ years. And that instance was the first time I heard about a "message." At the end of the conversation, we hugged each other. The next day, I went to Brother Mercier, and he gave me five sermons on tape. I left my address and from then on received every sermon that Brother Branham preached.

#### **New Phase**

Shortly thereafter, I returned to Germany. Here I participated in the preaching ministry as I had done before my emigration to Canada in 1956. In October 1959, the head of the Free Pentecostal Churches came to Krefeld and during a meeting publically warned us about William Branham and his doctrine. For me and some brothers and sisters, there were 14 of us altogether, the moment had now come to leave the church. We gathered in a small home fellowship where I translated the first sermon of Brother Branham in December 1959. The LORD bestowed His grace upon us, and soon we had to rent a hall which seated 70 people. Shortly thereafter, we rented a hall with exactly 120 seats. Then we rented one which had 240 seats because more and more brothers and sisters from other cities came to worship. In April 1974, we were able to inaugurate our own church building with 750 seats. Throughout all these years, the sermons of Brother Branham, which were sent to me on a regular basis, were translated in our meetings simultaneously from a tape recorder. Thus, as a church, we experienced a harmonious spiritual growth.

My experiences in the meetings of Brother Branham, whether it was in 1955, 1958, or 1962, and my personal encounters with him are well known to you. The 21 letters from Brother Branham dated between November 11, 1958, and September 30, 1965, testify of my personal connection with the man of God.

#### This Was the Day That the LORD Ordained Without a Calling No Commission – No Commission without a Calling

As of Sunday, April 2, 2017, it has been 55 years since the faithful LORD called me according to His Will, in accordance with His Plan of Salvation. Paul testified of his calling three times, namely in Acts 9, Acts 22, and Acts 26. Brother Branham likewise testified of his calling on many occasions. Those who found favor with God, believed; the ones who did not, walked past it. The same thing is happening now.

The Apostle Paul introduced himself like this: "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God ..." (Rom 1:1). The Apostle James also introduced himself as "servant": "James, a servant of God and of the Lorp Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting." (Jas 1:1). The Apostle Peter did the same: "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus

*Christ* ..." (2 Pet 1:1). A faithful servant does everything according to the instruction of his LORD, as his LORD commands him to do.

In various Circular Letters I have also reported about further experiences that are directly connected to the ministry with which my Redeemer commissioned me personally. HE repeatedly addressed me as "My servant," and I can recall every place and remember where and when it happened. Not a single time was it a dream; I was awake each time. Like Paul, I can say before God and people: "And it came to pass ..." (Acts 22:6). Who can comprehend what it means to hear the all-penetrating voice of the LORD and understand the responsibility when one is given direct instructions?

- Krefeld: My testimony of the mighty experience on April 2, 1962, has been known to all of you for years. At daybreak, I heard the mighty voice of the LORD in the German language: "My servant, your time for this city will soon be over. I will send you to other cities to preach my Word." I answered, "Beloved LORD, they will not hear me ..." HIS reply was: "My servant, the time shall come when they will hear you. Store in food, for a great famine is coming. Then you shall stand amidst the people to give out the food ..." and then came the details to which I have to pay attention. The two last things that the LORD commanded me are: "My servant, do not establish local churches and do not publish your own songbook for it is a sign of a denom**ination** ..." I believe that local churches are scriptural, but it is not my task to establish churches in other cities and countries. Although all churches commonly use a songbook, and we do as well, I may not publish one. I have done precisely what the LORD said.
- Marseille, France: "My servant, rise and read 2. Timothy, chapter 4, for I want to speak to you ..." After the service on the preceding evening, I was approached with the question what the seven thunders in Rev 10 signify. I had no answer at that time. The next morning, the LORD Himself gave me the answer from the Scriptures: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Then I placed my Bible on the small table, raised my hands and said, "Beloved LORD, as certain as You commanded me to read this text, it is equally certain that whatever the seven thunders uttered was not written down as the Word of God. Therefore, it cannot be preached." That is THUS SAITH THE LORD. True servants of Jesus Christ are obligated by God Himself to preach only what is written (Rev 1:1-3) and may not take away or add anything to the

Scriptures (Rev 22:18-20). The seven thunders from Rev 10 will only utter their voices when the LORD descends as the Angel of the Covenant and puts His feet upon land and sea.

- Krefeld: The vision with the wheat field and the combine was • extraordinary. This experience has long since been the target of slanderers. Many years ago, a brother even wrote a brochure with the title "The Combine Dossier." Therein he described me as antichrist, as a deceiver, etc., and ridiculed me greatly. I truthfully state before God Almighty only what I saw and heard: In the Spirit I was taken to a very large, overripe wheat field. I saw the full ears of wheat hanging down in unison, already singed by the sun. I know that throughout the entire time of grace the Word seed is being sown and in every church age a harvest of souls is being brought in. But the Scripture also speaks about what will happen directly at the end, when the wheat is gathered into the heavenly garner (Mat 3:12). I noticed that there were no thistles in the entire wheat field and knew in the spirit that the tares had already been removed, as it is written: "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers. Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles ..." (Mat 13:30). Then I looked to my left and saw a brand-new combine. At that moment, the LORD spoke with a commanding voice: "My servant, the combine is destined for you to bring in the harvest ..." I immediately walked over and climbed on the combine. But then it started getting quite dark; it appeared as though there was a battle going on in the turbulent clouds. And I said, "Faithful LORD, it is too late; I cannot bring in the harvest: The judgements are coming down on the earth." A moment later, the sun broke through an opening in the cloud cover with all its might and shone upon the wheat field. Right away, I moved the lever on the combine and started to bring in the harvest. Just as I had finished, the sky grew completely dark and only thunder and noise could be heard.
- Krefeld: "**My servant, cancel your trip to India!**" I did so only after the LORD commanded me a second time. I had already picked up the tickets from the travel agency and was supposed to fly out on that Friday in October 1976. The airplane that my flight was booked on from Bombay to Madras caught on fire right after takeoff, crashed, and all 96 passengers lost their lives. My name was on the passenger list – this was confirmed by a telephone call from

the Department for Foreign Affairs; however, my time to go home had not yet come.

- Edmonton, Canada: "My servant, I have ordained you according to Matthew 24:45-47 to give out the food in due season." That was my answer from the lips of the LORD, after Brother Bablitz asked me the question on the preceding day whether my ministry could be found in the Bible like that of Brother Branham. Until then, I did not know it myself. O the faithfulness of God! Amen. After all, Brother Branham had told me on December 3, 1962: "Brother Frank, wait with the giving out of the food until you get the rest of it."
- Krefeld: "My servant, when the last move starts, I will speak with you again. Then my Spirit will be sanctified in you ..." The city of Zurich was also mentioned. I am holding fast to the promise that God will do a brief and mighty work at the end, in which we shall partake: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth." (Rom 9:28).
- Krefeld: "My servant, when the borders open up, I shall call ٠ the Bride out of the Eastern European countries ..." In this vision, I was standing on the podium in a very large festival hall. Many people came in and took their seats. Then I saw that many chairs were still empty. The next moment, the voice of the LORD sounded forth, coming from the right side above the chandelier under which I was standing, "My servant, when this happens, My coming is very, very near!" Then I saw the individual groups from the Eastern European countries enter in an orderly fashion. The leading brother of each group greeted me and then continued on with the group to take their seats. After the last group had come in, I looked around the hall and saw that every chair was now occupied. I had this experience thirteen years before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the opening of the borders to Eastern Europe. At that time, in 1976, nobody thought that the Eastern bloc would be dissolved and that the unification of Germany and of Europe would take place.
- Krefeld: "My servant, walk over to the adjacent piece of property, dedicate it unto Me and build thereupon ..." The property next to our chapel had been a prison camp during World War II and was still separated from ours by a 2.3-meter-high barbed wire fence. I went through the narrow gate, which led to

the neighboring shopping center, walked all the way around, knelt down in the undergrowth, and dedicated that piece of property to the God of heaven for His Church here on earth. Today, the dormitory buildings are located there, as well as the print shop, the office, the mail rooms, and the baptismal pool.

- Krefeld: "My servant, go to R. T., take the elders with you, and read to him the Words the Prophet Isaiah spoke to Hezekiah. He shall recover (Isa 38)." Brother Russ, Brother Schmidt, and I did what the LORD had commanded, and God confirmed His Word with a miraculous healing.
- Krefeld: "My servant, go forth, speak the Word, for the be-٠ lieving woman shall not be put to shame before her unbelieving husband." A dear sister had driven 300 kilometers in a brand-new car in order to attend the worship service. When she wanted to head back home, the car would not start. Several of our mechanically-inclined brothers as well as the professionals from the roadside assistance service tried their best, but could not get it running. I was passing through the prayer room when the voice of the LORD sounded forth. No one can imagine what kind of certainty and what absoluteness it invokes when a Word proceeds from the lips of the LORD. I went outside (some of the brothers were still nearby), met the sister and said, "Return to your car and start the engine, for that is what the LORD has spoken." The sister replied, "But we have tried everything ..." I interrupted her, "Do not speak, but go and do as you were directed in the Name of the LORD!" No sooner said than done: The car started on the first try. and she drove home in that vehicle without any incident. The next morning, the car did not start and had to be towed to the repair shop. There they discovered that the fuel pump had failed and had to be replaced.
- Krefeld: On Saturday, November 18, 1978, the LORD spoke to me around 10:00 a.m. while I was in the office of the Mission Center: "My servant, search in the Book of Acts to determine whether a man was ever ordained to the ministry together with his wife." I picked up my Bible and began reading in the Book of Acts. Soon I realized that even the seven deacons had been called without their wives. Through this direct advice, a prophecy which had been given in May 1976 was uncovered as false by God Himself, namely that I should dedicate a couple to the ministry

- which I did, since I was under the impression that it was Thus saith the Lord.

- Krefeld: In December 1980, I was on a missionary trip through • Africa. One night in Accra, Ghana, I was bitten four times by mosquitos. Upon my return, I was taken to the hospital on January 1, 1981, where I was diagnosed with malaria tropica in its advanced stages. Three days later, I heard the words that the head physician, Prof. Dr. Becker, uttered to his medical team: "It is too late. It is too late. Nothing else can help him now – no medicine, not even a blood transfusion." I could still hear but was too weak to speak. I realized that I was nearing the end, and my only concern was: "LORD, my Redeemer, how do I stand before thee?" Right then I was taken out of my body and transported under the blue sky, where I saw an innumerable multitude dressed in white. All of them were in the bloom of youth (Job 33:25). Remarkable were the different hair colors. The sisters all had long hair cascading down their backs. We were majestically taken up ever higher. Then I saw something like a horizontal dividing line, similar to what can be seen at sunrise above the clouds. I knew in the spirit that beyond it we would meet the LORD in the air. So I looked up and saw the Holy City. Waves of bliss streamed through my celestial body. I knew: This is the Rapture. I was utterly disappointed when I returned into my earthly body.
- Krefeld: "My servant, gather My people unto Me, all who • made the covenant with Me by sacrifice. I want them to hear my Words ..." Later I found two Scriptures that convey the same message: Deuteronomy 4:10: "Gather me the people together. and I will make them hear my words ..." and Psalms 50:5-6: "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself." **The people of** God, the true Church of the New Covenant, are now gathering to hear the Words of God. We must personally accept what God has given to us through the establishment of the New Covenant: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Mat 26:28). The ones who now belong to the people of God will come to hear the Words of God. All the others will continue to go their own ways. This Scripture is being fulfilled: "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ve are not of God." (Jn 8:47).

• Varna, Bulgaria: While on a missionary trip, I was taken out of my body and lifted up into Paradise on July 15, 1999, around midday. I saw the rainbow-colored fullness of light move harmoniously, as though it was filled with life. I knew in the spirit that the throne was up higher to my right, because it was the source of the light that appeared to be mingled with fire. To my left, a male choir was singing Psalm 34 in the German language with their hands uplifted: *"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."* Brother Branham said 68 times, "The Angel of the LORD is now here on the platform." It was the presence of the LORD in the supernatural pillar of light.

Everything is grace: the calling, the mission, and the experiences associated therewith. The fact remains that the message must forerun the second coming of Christ. That is how Brother Branham said it 17 times, and nothing can invalidate what has been determined in the Plan of Salvation before the foundation of the world: "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure ..." (Isa 46:10).

Because of God's predetermination, I have been able to carry out the divine commission to this day. Faithful to what the LORD commanded me on April 2, 1962, I arranged meetings in five countries and 25 cities in Western Europe in 1966/67, shortly after Brother Branham's passing. Beginning in 1968, I also traveled to the countries in Eastern Europe via Moscow, even to the Urals and Siberia. Additional countries and continents followed. I drove from city to city, traveled from country to country, flew from continent to continent, and have preached the Word as the LORD commanded me on April 2, 1962 – even in Cairo, Damascus, Aleppo, and Beirut.

Other places where I have taught the Word of God and preached the message include Canada, the USA, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, and even Beijing, where I was received like a guest of state at the beginning of the eighties. The faithful LORD has given His grace and blessing for every journey. I take His commission, which Brother Branham confirmed in the presence of two witnesses on December 3, 1962, very seriously: I give out the spiritual food and preach the everlasting Word of God wherever the opportunity presents itself. In the 55 years since that mighty experience on April 2, 1962, I have been able to visit 160 countries (some of them repeatedly) and preach there in 650 cities. The monthly missionary journeys throughout this entire time span have added up to more than 10 million airline miles by now. I never stay longer than one or two days in one place and preach there in two to three meetings at most, then it's on to the next city to preach the last message by the commission of God, until the last predestinated ones are called out. By means of TV programs, we are able to also reach the countries that I have not yet personally visited. **Thus the Gospel is preached to the remotest corners of the world unto all nations for a witness (Mat 24:14) and unto the elect for the calling out (2 Cor 6:14-18), and then the end will come; that is what the LORD said**.

Throughout all those years, we also had blessed meetings here at the Mission Center. Even though Satan tried to destroy not only me in 1979, but attempted to undermine the confidence in the divine commission, to tear apart the Church, and ruin the work as a whole through slander and character assassination, we nevertheless carried on with God's help. After all, God Himself said in Isa 54:17: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

The true believers have taken the Word of our LORD to heart: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." (Jn 13:20). They have remained faithful. Sadly, the following is also coming to fulfillment: "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, LORD, who hath believed our report?" (Rom 10:16).

I had to come to the understanding that a servant has to bear the same reproach as His LORD and other servants of God; especially Job and his family had a heavy load to carry. The Apostle James wrote: "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the LORD; that the LORD is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." (Jas 5:11). Like Job, the Church will also experience a twofold restoration. What the LORD said about the Church remains true forever: "... and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mat 16:18).

Brothers and sisters have traveled from all over the world to attend our international meetings, which take place every month. By now, more than 1,700 home groups as well as entire assemblies in over 170 countries join us each month via the Internet. The Almighty God has provided us with everything: elders and deacons; singers and instrumentalists who enrich our services; brothers and sisters who speak several languages so that the services as well as the brochures can be translated into 15 languages; capable co-workers in the technical room, print shop, and mail rooms. From the beginning, we were able to send out all of the brochures, books, CDs, and DVDs free of charge into the entire world because God has led brothers and sisters to support the international missionary work. HE did not forget anything. The honor and glory are His forever.

We expect the final move of God among His Own to happen shortly, as it is written in Jas 5:7-8: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the LORD. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the LORD draweth nigh." Blessed are all those who are now partaking in what God is presently doing!

#### The Beginning and the End of the Reformation

This year, the Protestant as well as the Catholic Church are commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation through Luther with



The picture shows some individuals who played a role during the time of the Reformation: besides the Czech Jan Hus, Prague, of course Martin Luther together with his wife Katharina of Bora and his friend Philipp Melanchthon, all of whom worked in Germany, as well as Huldrych Zwingli, а brave Swiss man, in Zurich, and Johannes Calvin, a French man, in Geneva. It is impressive to see the men and women who contributed to the breakthrough of the Reformation.

numerous and, in part, ecumenical events. However, the return to that what is written in the Bible, to the conversion of the individual to Christ, the Savior, and the personal relationship with God had actually already started 150 years earlier with John Wycliff in England and Jan Hus in the Czech Republic. Erasmus of Rotterdam, a Dutch man, was the first to publish the New Testament in the original Greek text. The Reformation was not limited to Germany but was happening in all of Europe. Luther helped it achieve the final breakthrough. Since he recognized the importance of the Bible, he translated it into German for the entire people.

Whoever reads about how varied the knowledge of the reformers and the subjects were, about which they argued among one another, will understand that it was just the beginning. Revivals followed under Menno Simons as the founder of the Mennonites, under John Smith as the forerunner of the Baptists, and under John Wesley as the founder of Methodism. Also the Imperial Count von Zinzendorf with the Moravian Church and other revival preachers increasingly began including the biblical subjects and the personal salvation experiences in the proclamation during the following centuries. And so it went on, until the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Pentecostal revival, which began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on April 9, 1906, on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, was a breakthrough to the original Christianity in regard to the gifts of the Spirit, but not vet to the pure doctrine of the apostles. Most of the Pentecostal churches that came forth therefrom remained with the Trinitarian creed, which was formulated in AD 325 in Nicaea, amended in 381 by the Council of Constantinople, and called the "apostolic creed." It must be made very clear that not a single apostle participated in the above-mentioned Councils. The *biblical* statement of faith is written only in the Bible, and only what the apostles taught by the commission of the risen Savior under the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit is apostolic and valid for the Church of Jesus Christ until the end. It is a deception to write the headline "No other gospel" if a religious tradition is then presented anyway. It is of no benefit to anybody to use the term "faithfully biblical" if it is then followed by a statement that only originated with the state church in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, but has nothing in common with the Bible. In Jn 17, the Redeemer is not talking about the unity of the many churches but about the spiritual unity of the believers: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one ..."

All of the people in the various Christian denominations should give some serious thought to what the Apostle Paul had to write by the commission of God: "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." (1 Cor 3:10).

"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the LORD: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." (Eph 2:20-22).

"One LORD, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Eph 4:5-6).

#### "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal 1:8).

All reformers were in agreement that they rejected the pope as the vicar of Christ as well as the then customary selling of indulgences, the adoration of the virgin Mary, and the veneration of saints, images, and relics altogether. That also included the clean-up in the reformed church buildings: statues, images, even organs were removed. Sadly, the doctrine in these churches and denominations are still not in conformity with the doctrine of the apostles; upon closer examination, every denomination preaches its own gospel.

The apostles did not leave us with three or seven sacraments that can supposedly save our souls. They carried out the Great Commission from Mat 28:19, preached the Gospel of reconciliation with God and of the forgiveness of sins, and baptized **in the Name of Jesus Christ** all those who came to believe, according to Mk 16:16. That is the New Testament Covenant Name in which God revealed Himself as Father in the Son and through the Holy Spirit. The salvation of God is only in Him (Acts 4:12). The Trinitarian formula "in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Spirit" is not used a single time in the Bible. International church history confirms that during the first Christian centuries believers were only baptized in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ by a single immersion. The misunderstanding about Mat 28:19 goes back to the Council in the year AD 381.

In Acts 2, on the founding day of the Church, repentance and forgiveness of sins were preached: "*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" (v. 38). The first three thousand believers were baptized (Acts 2:37-41). This is the only valid pattern throughout the entire Book of Acts: Philip preached in Samaria, and we are told the following about those who came to believe: "... only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." (chap. 8:14-17). Peter preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius, and the Holy Spirit fell upon the listeners. Then we read: "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the LORD." (chap. 10:43-48). Paul preached in Ephesus to those who followed the teachings of John the Baptist: "When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus." (chap. 19:3-6). That is valid in the Church of Jesus Christ until the end.

In view of the anniversary of the Reformation, hundreds of articles, pro and contra, have been written about Martin Luther and the subject of "Reformation." One title reads: "500 years of separation are enough." Reconciliation services are taking place everywhere. It is always about the "unity in plurality." But where is the reconciliation of the individual with God through Jesus Christ, the Savior (2 Cor 5:14-21)? When the daughter churches return to the maternal womb of the Church of Rome, they are thereby testifying that they belong there spiritually. All those who have found grace with God return to the original church, to the doctrine of the apostles that went forth from Jerusalem. The last call is now going forth, which is addressed to all true believers, regardless of their religious affiliation, and they will obey this call. "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 Cor 6:17-18).



Let us take a look at all of Christianity. Who among the more than two billion devotees has experienced a true conversion to Christ? Who has experienced the new birth through the Word and Spirit, which the LORD Himself demands: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (Jn 3:3)? Who has made the experiences of salvation as reported in the original Christianity? The Apostle John wrote the following, and it still applies today: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 Jn 5:11-12). No religion, not even the Christian religion, has ever brought anyone forgiveness of sins and the salvation of God.

Also the 300 million Pentecostals and Charismatics must face the question: How many of you have repented, asked for forgiveness of sins, and have been scripturally **baptized in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ**? Is it not rather the case that all churches and denominations preach their own gospel and build their own kingdoms – not upon Christ, the Rock of Salvation, but upon their own creeds? These are serious words, which the LORD spoke in Mat 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

### Rome - the Capital City of the World

On Friday, March 24, 2017, Pope Francis received the EU heads of state and government in the Vatican. The special occasion was the celebration of the  $60^{\text{th}}$  anniversary of the "Roman Treaties." The Roman Trea-



ties were signed on March 25, 1957, by the representatives of Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, and Italy in the Conservatory Palace in Rome. They are the foundation for the European Union. Already at the beginning of last year, the pope promised during a press conference to "do everything so that the European Union has the strength and also the inspiration to make it go forward." All 27 of them also signed a new, mutual declaration in the same hall where the Roman Treaties were made in 1957.

An old proverb says: "All ways lead to Rome, but only one leads out." The Prophet Daniel already saw the four World Empires (chap. 2:36-45; chap. 7:1-8): the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Greek, and the last one, the Roman Empire, which began 63 BC. When Charles the Great was crowned by Pope Leo III. as Emperor of the Romans in the year 800 in St. Peter's Church, he saw himself as the successor of the Roman Caesars. Until 1806, the official designation for the domain ruled by the Roman-German Caesars was "Holy Roman Empire." On the Internet one can best follow how the Vatican is involved in everything that is taking place worldwide. The main concern is peace and security. A peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, obtained through the direct mediation by the Vatican, is thought to achieve that objective in the Middle East, the focal point of the world. But then shall come to fulfillment what Paul wrote already in his time, with prophetic foresight: *"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction ..."* (1 Ths 5:3).

In regard to Israel, everybody should take what God Himself said to Abraham seriously: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Gen 12:3). It is still valid today, just like the promise: "And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again." (Zec 2:12). After all, Judea is part of the heartland of Israel, and Jerusalem had been the capital city of Israel since the time of David. Jerusalem is mentioned 780 times in the Bible. According to His counsel, the LORD God will first complete His work of redemption with the Church from all nations and then with Israel (Rom 11; and others).

Bible believers should pay attention to the signs of the time and take the words of the LORD seriously: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk 21:28). In the same manner that Paul proclaimed the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) and in his Epistles actually set forth every biblical subject and every doctrine, it happened once again in our time. The man sent from God in our time was William Branham. He truly has illuminated the basic doctrines of the Church once more. The original doctrine about Godhead, water baptism, LORD's Supper, and all other subjects were clearly outlined upon the foundation of the apostles.

We cannot postpone correction until the final judgement: Then it will be forever too late. Judgment begins now at the house of God: *"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"* (1 Pet 4:17). Through the true proclamation, everything is now being restored and coming to completion in the Church of Jesus Christ worldwide.

As soon as the last message has fulfilled its purpose, the LORD will return as Bridegroom (Mat 25:1-10) and take the Bride unto Himself (Jn 14:3). The wise virgins will go in to the marriage supper as the Bride of the Lamb (Rev 19:7). I believe what Brother Branham was told by the LORD, namely that the message of the revealed Word, which was entrusted to him, foreruns the second coming of Christ. Everything is now coming to its conclusion, even the true proclamation of the true Word. Blessed are they who can believe God as Abraham believed God (Gen 17:5; Rom 4:17)!

In the last Epistle to Timothy, Paul could write: "Notwithstanding the LORD stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." (2 Tim 4:17). I thank my LORD that He Himself called me, sent me, and gave me instructions. In conclusion, I thank Him for the privilege of allowing me to carry the pure Word-message into the entire world until today. To Him be the glory for all eternity.

We are closely united with all brothers and sisters worldwide and remember each other in our prayers. May the LORD God especially bless the brothers all over the world who give out the pure Word, the pure spiritual food.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." (Jude 24-25). We are all looking forward to see 1 Ths 4:13-18 fulfilled, "... we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel. And with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air ..."

May the LORD bless you all.

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Dear brothers and sisters in the LORD,

With deep gratitude in my heart I look back on the past 47 years since I first met Brother Frank. I can truly say: "Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth." (1 Ki 17:24).

From the beginning, I was able to hear the translated sermons of Brother Branham in the German language from the lips of Brother Frank and read the Circular Letters and brochures that he has written about all the important biblical subjects.

The prophetic Word for our time was scripturally placed as well as all of the events that are connected to the end time. That has considerably contributed to our spiritual growth.

I myself can testify how the Spirit of God was at work in the meetings. Each time the Word of God was freshly revealed unto us from the throne of God.

By God's grace, I was also honored to accompany Brother Frank on some missionary journeys, especially to Portuguese-speaking countries.

The Original seed, the Word of God was sown. The same doctrine that the apostles of our LORD had received was proclaimed. We were brought back to the faith of our fathers according to the promise of Mal 4:5-6. The stored in food was given out according to Mat 24:45-47.

Never have I heard anything but the pure Word of God from the lips of Brother Frank. There are those who have come to a standstill with the mighty ministry of Brother Branham and who twist his statements that are hard to understand unto their own destruction (2 Pet 3:16), and there are those who keep up with what God is presently doing and place everything scripturally.

We now find ourselves before the imminent Return of the LORD. Let us be diligent and bring the Work of God and especially the carrier of His Word before God in our prayers. Please remember: The best is yet to come!

United in the love of Christ,

Your Brother Helmut Miskys