### Perfection

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#### Matthew 5:48

<sup>48</sup> Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

#### <u>Hebrews 6:1-3</u>

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

<sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

#### <sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God permit.

#### Hebrews 11:32-40

<sup>32</sup> And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

<sup>33</sup> Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

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<sup>34</sup> Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

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<sup>36</sup> And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

<sup>38</sup> (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

# <sup>39</sup> And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

#### <sup>40</sup> God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

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## We Are Born Defeated

#### 63-0825M - How Can I Overcome? 92 See, as I said at the beginning, you are born defeated. And that <u>birth can never bring you to-to</u> Life, because you're born defeated.

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And you're in a defeated world, amongst defeated people, <u>amongst defeated creeds, defeate</u> d denominations. You've got to come to victory some way.

## How We Were Born Made Us Imperfect

#### Job 14:1-6

1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. <sup>2</sup> He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

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<sup>3</sup> And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? <sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

<sup>5</sup> Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

#### <sup>6</sup> Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

#### 62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The

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#### **Original Seed**

54 Adam's bride could not wait. God had told Adam and Eve, "Multiply and replenish the earth." It was an oncoming thing, a promise. She was not his wife, as yet, because he had never lived with her.

#### 55 The bride of Christ is not His wife yet. The Wedding Supper is to take place. Get it? Notice, oh, this is rich.

56 She got in a hurry, and what did she do? She crossed her seed. She mingled it with the serpent's seed. And when she did, she brought a-a...What did she bring? She brought a child of death. A child, that, she perverted every child after that.

#### 63-0608 - Conferences 202 Every man in this world was born sexual desire, and that's what caused the turmoil at the beginning. That's what done it, made us a hybrid creature.

#### <u>We're born of sex, human</u> <u>desire. It's hybrid. Something has</u> <u>been...That's the reason it's got</u> <u>death in it, as I spoke last night.</u>

<u>But when God made His first man,</u> He never asked woman and man to get together. He created him out of the earth. He was a genuine plant. His sin is what brought him to a hybrid.

## God Demands Perfection

#### 57-0908M - Hebrews, Chapter Five

- <u>And Six #1</u>
- 76 <u>....Be ye therefore perfect, even as</u> <u>your Father which is in heaven is</u>
- <u>perfect.</u>
- <u>That was Jesus' commandment,</u>
- <u>"Be ye so."</u>

77 They say, "Nobody can be perfect, the Bible said, 'There is none perfect.' There's your contradiction." Is it? All right.

#### 78 You cannot be perfect in yourself. If you're trusting in what <u>you done, you're lost. "So be ye</u> perfect, even just as perfect as God is perfect." Now: <u>Be ye therefore perfect, even as your</u> Father...in heaven is perfect.

# Perfection Is Not Legalism

#### 57-0908M - Hebrews, Chapter Five

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<u>And Six #1</u>

67 <u>Watch this. Let's get this word</u> "perfection." Do you know there's only one way you'll stand in the Presence of God? That's,

<u>perfect. God cannot tolerate</u> <u>unholy things.</u>

68 And you legalists: how could you ever perfect yourself, when you have not one thing to perfect yourself with? You were born in sin. Your very conception was in sin.

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The very desire of you being here was sin. "Born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world <u>speaking lies." Now where are you</u> going to stand at?

<u>60-0522M - Adoption #3</u> 56 Remember last Wednesday night, no Christian... Christian sins, but a sinner cannot sin. A sinner doesn't sin, because he's a sinner. He's just a sinner to begin with, and that's all.

Here, take the—the back of this book, it's black, how much of that is black? It's all black. There's just no white to it, it's black. You say, "This much here." No, it isn't, the whole thing's black. It's all black. That's the way a sinner is.

He's just condemned to start with. Well, you say, "What about if he commits adultery? What if he ravishes some woman? What if he—what if he gambles? What if he shoots somebody?" That's none of our business.

That's none of our business, we got laws down here to take care of that. We're not reformers, we're

preachers of the Gospel. We don't

condemn him for what he done, we

don't condemn him for

committing adultery.

# We condemn him because he's a sinner! If he's a Christian, he wouldn't do it. That's right. If he's been changed, he won't do that. But because he is a sinner, that's what makes him do that.

57 There's where it knocks the—the props out from under legalists. Yes, sir. Brother, let me tell you, "It's not by works, but by grace are we saved, and that by faith." Yes, sir.

<u>Now, I won't condemn legalist</u> brethren, they're my brothers. And they'll be there just the same as any of the rest of them will be there, 'cause God foreordained His Church to be there.

But just the thing, you—you keep the people so tore up, they don't know what. "Today, well, maybe if I-I..." Just let them know; as long as they got the hunger of the world, they're not there to begin with.

#### 45 57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six #2 263 Now, we got that this morning, how that we are perfected. Perfected, absolutely spotless and blameless, not one sin on us. Are you above temptation? Ne

ver.

#### Do you sin every day? Yes, sir. But, yet, we are perfected because we are in Him. And God could no more judge us than nothing (couldn't be righteous), He's already judged us in Him.

### When He judged Christ: He judged me, He judged you. And He can't judge me again, because He took my judgment if I've been redeemed.

# All Of Our Efforts Cannot Take Us To Perfection

## 61-0125 - Why? 28 lf... You're not condemned because you are a sinner; you're <u>condemned because you don't</u> <u>accept Jesus as your Saviour.</u>

Now, God would be unjust to condemn you and not make a preparation for you to come out of it, because you were borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies.

#### No matter who your parents was, or what they were, you're still just a sinner, as any other child, when you're born in this world.

#### We're all born in sin. We could not save ourself. We could no more save ourself, than we could take our boot straps and lift ourself over the moon. We could not do it. We're totally helpless.

And therefore, God would not <u>condemn you on those basis</u> because you are a sinner. He'd condemn you because you refuse to take the way of escape. So therefore, it isn't God; it's

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yourself. You condemn yourself.

# And when you condemn yourself, there's nobody to pity but yourself. That's all. We're... You—you must pity yourself, because you haven't accepted God's provided way of escape.

Now, when God makes His ways, just wonder wh—how He feels when He makes a way for us, for our healing, for our salvation, for our comfort, for our peace, and all these things, and we just walk away and leave them. It must make Him feel terribly bad.

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#### The God Who Demands Perfection Has Got To Make A Way For It

#### <u>63-0318 - The First Seal</u>

79 And how can a man say that the Bride of Christ goes into the Tribulation? I can't understand it. See? She is took away from the Tribulation.

If—if the Church has been judged, and they have judged themselves and have accepted the Blood, how can God judge a man that's perfectly, totally sinless? You say, "There is no such a person."

80 Every born-again believer, true believer, is perfectly, absolutely sinless before God. He is not trusting in his works; in the Blood of Jesus, that his confession has dropped into. The Bible says so. See?

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"He that—that is born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." How can you make a man a sinner when the bleach of the **Blood of Jesus Christ is between** him and God?

#### <u>That would scatter sin till there be</u> <u>nothing left of it. See? How can</u> <u>that pure Blood of Christ ever let a</u> <u>sin pass there? He cannot.</u>

81 Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." And how could we even start the thought of being perfect? But Jesus required it. And if Jesus required it, He has got to make a way for it. And He has; His Own Blood!

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# Perfection Is Only Possible By Having A Perfect Representative

# 57-0915E - Hebrews, Chapter Seven

- <u>#1</u>
- 207 What if an old mare gave birth to a little mule? And that little mule had both ears broke down. He was cross-eyed, and knock-kneed, bow-legged.

His tail stuck right straight up in the air. What a horrible-looking animal! Why, anybody...If that little mule could think, say, "Now, wait a minute.

When they come out from the house this morning, I'm telling you, I'll sure get knocked in the head. Because, they never feed me. Look what a horrible-looking thing I am. I haven't even got a chance."

208 Well, that's right. You haven't got a chance. "Well, I was born in this world, but looky here what a horrible-looking thing I am. So I\_I\_I\_I'll never have a chance. I won't make it. I can't make it." See?

209 But what if his mammy is really instructed in the law? She'll say, "Son, that's right. You're all out of shape, and you're not even fit to eat the food off the earth. That's right. You're not fit. But, son, somehow another, you're my first.

And, you know, you're born under a birthright. And the priest will never see you. But, for your name, there's got to be an innocent lamb without a blemish, has got to die in your place, so you can live."

210 Well, that little mule could just kick up his heels and have a big time. Doesn't make any difference what he is, because he'll never be seen by the judge, the priest. It's the lamb that the priest looks at. Not the mule; the lamb!

211 And it's Christ that God looks at, not you. It's Christ. So if there's no fault in Him, how can there be fault? How can He find fault, when you are dead and your life is hid in Christ through God, sealed by the Holy Ghost?

"They that are born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." How can he sin when a perfect sacrifice is laying in his place? God never looks at me, He looks at Christ, because we're in Christ.

# <u>63-0628E - A Greater Than Solomon</u>

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198 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is p erfect." None of us can be that. I don't look at what I am. I, I'm not worthy. You're not worthy. Who is worthy?

I don't look at what I am; I look to what He is. He is the One that was looked at. He is my Sacrifice. I'm not worthy to stand here as a minister. If I counted my worthiness, I'd—I'd be in Hell, so would you. But we don't look to what we are.

# 199 You say, "I couldn't do that. I couldn't call. I couldn't touch God's garment. I couldn't do *this*."

200 Oh, you can! Look what happened? He died, in order that you could do it, that you could be saved. That's genuine. Would you like to be like that, and like to be remembered in prayer? Raise your hand, say, "I would, Brother Branham."

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#### <u>62-0908 - Present Stage Of My</u>

- Ministry
- 127 <u>There's a little rope reaching</u>
- down from the Throne tonight, it's
- called the Lifeline. While I'm
- praying, I hope it drags by every unconverted person in here.

Won't you reach up and take a hold of it, sinner friend? You say, "Brother Branham, you said you was getting old, and I guess that's the reason you're..." No, brother, sister. When I was just a little boy, I believed This.

I've give my life for It. And there's only one regret I have, I haven't got but one life to give. If I had ten thousand lives I'd want to give them all for It. Yeah.

128 Won't you take a hold of the Line when it passes by tonight, your way? You say, "Brother Branham, I'm not worthy to take a hold of It." I know you're not, child.

<u>But you go do something to</u> get worthy, and tell me what you done, I want to do it, too. There ain't a thing you can do to get worthy. You was born unworthy.

There's only one thing you can do. just take a hold of the way that's made for you. You're drowning, don't drown in that. God's throwed out the Lifeline, <u>let's—let's reach and get it</u> tonight.

# Perfection Comes By Predestination

57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six #2 292 Paul said, "Let's go on to perfection now." We're talking about perfected. And if we'll run this down, you'll find out, the perfected is the Elected. I'll prove it to you, in a few minutes, by the Bible.

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It's the Elected who God, before the foundation of the world, seen every one of them. And He sent Jesus to redeem that people, not the whole world. He wanted to, but He had to make a way for those.

And the only way He could do, was to send Christ; that He might come, the propitiation of our sins, that those who have been elected, He could bring to Him, in Glory.

# 57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six

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# 294 And then, Christ died to save those who God, by foreknowledge, elected to meet Him yonder without spot or wrinkle. Before the foundation of the world, He seen

<u>you in Glory.</u>

# <u>That's what the Bible said,</u> <u>Ephesians, the 1st chapter. 5th</u> <u>chapter, the 1st verse. God</u> <u>predestinated by foreknowledge.</u>

295 Now, if God did that, predestinated us before the foundation of the world; and knew every one of us by name, before the foundation of the world; and He Elected us to Eternal Life;

#### and sent Jesus Christ to redeem us; that, six thousand years ago, He saw us, that we might appear to His praises in Glory! How can you ever be lost?

# Perfection Comes By The Capping Of The Pyramid

# 62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect

Man

366 <u>....God having provided some</u> <u>better thing for us, that they without</u> <u>us should not be made perfect.</u>

367 You get it? These people who died, in here, are depending and waiting on us. So, this Church has got to come to perfection, in order to bring the resurrection.

# And they're under, souls under the altar, waiting for this Church to come to Its perfection, that when Christ does come.

368 And this Church, you see, is coming smaller, in the minority. [Brother Branham refers to his chalkboard drawing—Ed.] It's a whole lot sharper than that, but just like to write that cross there, see. It's come up to a needlepoint.

# Until, the Church, in the minority, has got to get into a place until it's the same kind of a ministry that this left, because, when this Headstone comes back...

# 62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect

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#### Man

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God.

You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you.

# Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude. <u>Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What's</u> that?) perfect, even as your Father...in heaven is p erfect.

303 You got way up here now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

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# <u>62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect</u> <u>Man</u> 371 <u>And up here, when the</u> <u>pyramid Cap does come, the</u>

<u>pyramid Itself, the Body of Christ</u> will have to be honed. Not only just

<u>some creed or doctrine, or</u>

<u>something other we come</u> <u>through.</u>

# It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ, till, when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. See? Then will come the Rapture, the going Home.

372 Look where we're living now, in Laodicea, where the church was the worst church age they ever had. In the Bible, we find out, it was the only church age that God was on the outside of the church, knocking, trying to get back in His own building.

The creeds and denominations had even put Him out of His own church. "Lo, I stand at the door and knock.

If any man thirst and will open the door, I'll come in, sup with him." See? Here it is, in this church age. They gradually throwed Him out, until here they completely ousted Him. They don't want nothing to do with It.

<u>61-0211 - Abraham</u> What's He doing? God <u>condescending, trying to draw</u> near to His people so He can be loved and worshipped. And we've in the Laodicean Age turned Him on the outside.

# <u>He's knocking, trying to get back</u> <u>in. "As many as I love, I rebuke and</u> <u>chasten: repent," He said. Here we</u>

are.

That's God, that's God our Father in the form of the Holy Ghost trying to get back into our lives to control us. He's got to have a <u>church to make—as I said last</u> night, that capstone come on. It's got to come on there perfect.

# And the church has got to draw into perfection. You say, "Perfection?" That's what He said, "Be ye perfect as My Father in heaven is perfect." God... Let's take

a notion.

#### 64-0823E - Questions And Answers



117 I am not He; I am His servant. And the Pillar of Fire is not He; It's in Spirit form (see?) which was upon the Son of man and has come now to anoint sons of man,

### to bring back a ministry just exactly like He said it would be, in order for the Head and the rest of the Body to connect together.

118 Just like the—like the pyramid as Enoch built. And we find in that pyramid, they never did get the headstone on it. Why? The Headstone's yet to come.

The seven steps in the—in the pyramid...We'll go through that someday, and I'd just like to show you how it really is perfectly with the Scripture.

119 And now, if you notice on your American dollar bill, that great headstone, an eye, says, "The Great Seal." It will come.

And notice those stones...Was anybody here ever at the pyramids in Egypt? Well, if You'll notice...Yeah, here, there's hands there that's up back there. All right.

Those stones are laying in there so perfect, and that top, where the cupola like in the top of it, when that stone comes, it'll be like a great diamond fitting right down in there just perfect with it.

117 120 <u>Now, that stone would not fit</u> <u>down there on</u> <u>that bottom foundation, neither</u>

will it fit on the second foundation

or the third foundation. It'll only fit

on the top foundation, when the

entire building has become fitted

to the stone.

And Jesus cannot come until the <u>Church, a Body of believers and the</u> ministry that He once left will have to be the same then as it was then to...And then, that brings...

## "Them without us is not made perfect," Paul said, Hebrews 11. "Without us they cannot be perfected." They must have this ministry to raise up the Lutheran, Wesleys, and all of them down through their ages.

## When that come, when that part of the—where the eagles gathered... "Just as the carcase is the eagles will be gathered," the questions was. Oh, it's just perfect. I hope that answered the question.

# We Are Invited Into Perfection

#### <u>63-0123 - Identification</u>

111 And now remember, after Jesus doing this, when nobody else could do it, <u>we are invited. Now, church,</u> <u>think of this just a minute.</u>

We are invited to shape our own character to His, by His grace. We are invited, think of it, to become characters like His. If we are ready to lay our character down, and the molding that we had, "

Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, false accusers, and incontinent, despisers of those that are trying to do right, having a form of godliness and denying the power of the Word."

How can God come into a place like that, when they deny the Word? When, He watches over His Word, to vindicate It, to make It come to pass. And the Word is pushed out, how can He identify Himself with something like that?

126 112 We've got to take the entire, full Gospel. We must. And now, being that we have identified ourselves as full Gospel people, let's mold our character. We're invited to be molded in His Image, that we might reflect His Presence.

"And the works that I do, shall you do also. The Life that I live, so shall you." We're invited, by God, to take Him as an Example, and let our character be molded like His. What a thing! My!

113 Then, when we let His character be in us, then we have become sons, by having the mind of Christ, mind, which is His character. Your mind makes your <u>character.</u>

"Let the mind," Paul said, "of Christ, this mind that was in <u>Christ, be in you." Let that mind of</u> Christ be in you. It molds the character of a son of God. Now, how.....

#### 64-0216 - Identification

79 When you receive Eternal Life, there is only one form of Eternal Life. That's the Greek word, Zoe. Is that right, brother? [The brother says, "Yes."—Ed.] Zoe, "God's Own Life." So you, being a son, you become part of that Life.

So the Life that's in you never did begin and It never can end. Think of it. It can't end, because anything that's Eternal never began. The Life that's in you never did begin, that is, if you've got Eternal Life.

And that's God, for you was in His thought from the Eternal, and now it's expressed here in a human being, for His glory. Jesus came to redeem that, being the Son, the fulness of God had to come and become that.

The sinless character of God did that, that He might redeem these other thoughts that was to come to Him, to make a Wife. See what I mean? Oh, it's a glorious story! We ain't...oughtn't to get on that, anyhow. Let's go on. All right.

80 Notice, "created." God, God flowed through Him just like the-the wind would flow through a-a building, or like the water flow down a stream, even He had...Him and the Word being One.

No other character could do it, for He was the only One that was born without carnal. All the rest of them was sexual desire, by carnal. He was born without sex desire. He was the virgin born.

81 God identified Himself as we are. He took—He took His strain, what He was, His strain as God, and stretched His tent down here and become human. He made Himself a tent, a body to live in, and that body is known as Jesus.

God lived in Christ. See, He become human, in order to save us. And He took our upon Him, our form, that He might mold in us His character.

82 And His character was, that, He did everything that pleased God, and He stayed with the Word. That's what He wanted us for, we'd stay with God's Word, find our place, and then know where we were at.

Stay with His Word! And, think of it, we are invited to shape our own character to His. Now we're going to find out what we've done. Shape our character to His Own, by His Own Spirit.

Then we, by Him, are sons of God, just what I've expressed, by having His mind in us, to shape our character to His, His mind. "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you." If that mind is in you, then, you see...

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed 215 Now notice. Now, in this, God foresaw and predestinated a world of sons and daughters. He predestinated them to be there. And because of hybreeding...Disbelieving God's Word caused the hybreeding.

<u>God has put it right back, again,</u> that you don't have to be hybrid anymore. You can come right back to the original Word and <u>be a son of God just like you was</u> supposed to be at the beginning. See?

216 Christ couldn't help being what He was; He was the Son of God. That's it. See what I mean now? See, if you were intended, you see the Word of God, you believe It. Because why? (There's something new.) See? Why?

217 <u>Have you ever heard of strain</u>, in a family? One, a-a-a son, will kind of impersonate his father or-or the mother, or the grandfather, the grandmother. That strain, in the family. You've heard of it. Haven't <u>you?</u>

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218 Well, that's the same thing from predestination. You were supposed to be here in the right way, at the beginning. But, being that you come the way you did, you're subject to the fall.

### But, being that you're predestinated, you hear the Word. It brings you right back where you were predestinated. Amen. (Never saw that before.) Brings you right...

What-what makes you believe the Word of God, and turn down these other things? Is because you were...There is something in you. Way back yonder, you're suppo-...What? You are made to live here forever.

# Perfect Because Of The Name In The Lamb's Book Of Life

### <u>65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The</u> Bride Of Christ 205 Here it brings into view, the two books that's going to be mysterious to you when you read the book of The Seven Church Ages.

The two books: Book of Life, said, one says you can put your name on, you never comes off; other one says you take his name out of the Book of Life.

This brings it perfectly in view, right here. I'm going to stop a few minutes, maybe, on a few notes here, and catch this before we close.

206 Life is a sacred thing, to God, and it's recorded in a book. God is the Author of life. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

207 Our natural life here, we have, is just a perversion. It really should be the right life, to begin with, but it's perverted by the natural birth. The first life, or your first union, you were joined in at birth, by nature, a natural act.

A natural human being associated, man and woman together, associated together in sexual affair, which brought your first life here, and that's associated with sin and death. How can you miss seeing the serpent's seed?

214 Your name of your first nature, was born, and put in a book of life. And all your deeds was wrote in it, too. Everything you done under that nature was put in a book, called the book of life.

215 You notice, in Daniel, when he come to "the Ancient of Days, Whose hair was as white as wool. Ten thousand times ten thousands came with Him, to minister to Him; the—the Bride. And then the books were opened."

"And another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life." See? There is saints already there, the Church, the Bride. "Another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life."

216 Now, you, but when you were separated from that union, by spiritual death: Your natural desire is to cut your hair. Your natural desire is to wear shorts, paint your face.

Your natural desire is to be intellectual, smart man, know something better than the other. That's what Eve wanted. That's the very thing she wanted.

222 Well, you separated from your first union, by spiritual death. Now you are born again, or remarried again, to the new spiritual union; of not your natural life of the things of the world, but of Eternal Life. That germ that was in you at the beginning, found you.

223 Now, your old book is gone, with your old union. Now, your name in your old, in your...has been transferred. Now, you say, "Do you mean to tell me that my old book..." God put it in the Sea of His Forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God.

224 Now, your name is now in the new Book; not the book of life, but the Lamb's Book of Life, what the Lamb redeemed. Not the old book of your natural union, but your new, Bride.

Hallelujah! Your new life is in the Lamb's Book of Life, your marriage certificate, hallelujah, where your true Eternal germ, from the beginning, takes hold.

Now you're not only forgiven, but you're justified. Glory! "Justified," Romans 5:1 said. Yeah. Romans 5:1 said, "Therefore being justified by faith."

225 Look up the word. The word don't mean "forgiven." The word means "justified." It don't mean you're forgiven.

226 For instance, you heard I got drunk and—and done some evil things, and everything. Then you come around, say to me. You found out I didn't do them, then you come around, say, "Brother Branham, I forgive you." Forgive me? I didn't do it, at the first place. See?

227 Now, if I did do it, I'm guilty. But you could forgive me, and I wouldn't be guilty. But yet I'm not justified, because I actually done it.

228 But the word, justified, is though you never done it. Amen. It's not even regarded, at all. How is it done? In God's Book of the Sea of Forgetfulness, your old book and marriage is divorced and dead, and it's not even in the memories of God. Amen. You are justified.

"Therefore being justified." It was accused. You was accused. You never done it, in the first place. The old union is in the Sea of God's Forgetfulness. You wasn't married to it, to begin with.

He, the Bridegroom, bore your shame, Himself, for you, in your place. He took your place, for you were predestinated for Him, to be in His Bride, before the foundation of the world. The Bible said so. You are the predestinated Seed.

229 How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage, to your adulterous parent, Eve. It's no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery.

That's the reason you was born an adulteress. You're a sinner, to begin with. That's right. You was deceived into it. You had no...No, you, it ain't your fault.

230 You never did it. Because, that little germ that was in you, was to be you, before the foundation of the world. God put your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

## We're Not Perfect In The Sense Of Being Sinless

### 54-0103E - Questions And Answers

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146 Just keep your mind pure and on Christ. You can't just say, "Well, now..." Now see, if you don't watch, you'll get yourself over into a place, if you keep on thinking that...

#### You don't—and don't think that...You **can't live so perfect** till you don't make that mistake now.

Now, don't you think you'll ever get that way, 'cause you won't. No, sir! You're not sinless, and you'll certainly get off on their track, on this side and on that side.

147 But a man that's once knocked down, if he's a real soldier he'll rise up again. "Lord, let me rise and try it again."

But a coward, as soon as he sees he makes his first little mistake, just like I said this morning: the bug and the waterspider will crawl right back in the water again. See? He just can't stand it.

### 55-0121 - The Water Of Separation 14 God looking through the Blood, He doesn't see you no more as a sinner, He sees you redeemed. Amen. You're redeemed because He's always sees you through Christ. That's the reason we can be perfect.

Not perfect in the sense of sinless, we're perfect in the eyes of God when we're in Christ. That's the reason He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Paul in the 10th chapter of Hebrews trying to explain the law having a shadow of good things to come, not the very image of the things could never make the comer unto perfect, because God was looking through animal blood. But now He looks through the Blood of His Son.

Perfection come by Jesus Christ. Now, I'm not perfect in your sight. You may not be perfect in my sight. But what about in God's sight? There's where it lays.

And if you're borned again into the body of Christ, then God looks upon you as a perfect as Christ was Himself. Amen. Nothing you can do; it's not by any works you can do at all.

It's by grace God has give you this offer, and if you've accepted it, in the sight of God you are perfect, redeemed, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, Without fault, without blemish, without spot. Isn't that marvelous?

### Bound To Be Backsliding

187 53-1201 - God's Provided Way 23 Now, a righteous man is not a sinless man. For you notice, he said, "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are." He had his ups and downs and his differences. And the Scripture of his life proves that he had his ups and downs like we do.

And he had his times of wondering and his times that his temper got away from him, and he had a lot of things there that went wrong.

But he was still a righteous man, because he confessed his unworthiness and believed in God. So that's what made him righteous.

24 We're not righteous within ourselves; we're righteous through Jesus Christ. I could not be sanctified within myself; I am sanctified through Jesus Christ Who stands in my...

in the Presence of God in my place. It isn't my holiness; it's His holiness. My holiness won't work at all, but His does because God has done accepted Him.

And in accepting Him, He had to accept me because I'm in Him. Amen. That's what makes it real, isn't it? Then we don't have to depend on ourself.

25 Now, that doesn't make us say we can sin. Brother, if you sin, you're just—you're just away from God. That's all. There's only one thing to do, is confess it and get right with God.

And as long as you desire to sin, the desire of sin's still in your heart, then it's time to stay down at the altar till that thing's taken out.

26 Now you will sin. You're bound to sin 'cause you just can't help it, but you... but not wilfully sin. "He that sins wilfully after he receive the knowledge of the truth," see, "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." But every day you're bound to

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sin.

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you're bound to be backsliding con stantly, so it takes a constant prayer to God. Paul said, "I die daily." And if Paul had to die daily, how much more am I going...

I'm going to have to stay dead all the time, if—if Paul had to die daily to stay right with God. And so, we'll all have to do that, just die out to ourself. And that's getting God's

way.

28 Now, there's only two ways of anything: That's the right way and the wrong way. And them ways are your ways and God's way. And you can't be in your way and God's way at the same time. You've got to forget your own way to get in God's way. And you got to get out of your own way to get in God's way.

For as long as you're in your own way, you're out of His way. So forsake your ways, forsake your thoughts, forsake everything, and just rely one thing, on THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's all. Then you know you're right.

# Perfection Part 2

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#### <u>Hebrews 6:1-3</u>

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

<sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if God permit.

## God's Original Perfect<sup>204</sup> Will Was Perfection By Grace, But His Children Asked For His Permissive Will, Law

### 65-0418E - Does God Ever Change His Mind About His Word? 92 But, and if the people won't walk in His perfect will, He does have a permissive will He'll let you walk in.

### Notice, He permits it, all right, but He will make it work out for His glory, in His perfect will. Now if you'd like...

93 Just like, in the beginning, it was not God's perfect will for children to be born on the earth through sex. No, sir. God created man out of the dust of the earth, breathed the breath of life into him,

and he become a living soul. He took from that man a helpmate, and made a wife to him. That was God's first and original will.

But when sin come in and did the thing that it did, then He permitted man to marry a wife, legally, and have children by her. "Multiply and replenish the earth, then, if that's the way you're going to do it." But, you see, it never was His perfect will. 94 Therefore, all these things that 210had a beginning has to have an end. All sin has to come to annihilation. All sin has to be done away with. Therefore, in the great Millennium when the resurrection comes, we will not have to be reborn again by our fathers and mothers,

but God like He did in the beginning will call man from the dust of the earth, and his helpmate with him. That's right. That's the way He did it at the beginning.

95 So therefore, God never changes His mind about anything, but He will permit you to go on. Now, this is a long ways around to get to what I want to say here about this. But, and, but, it's, you'll...

I want you to understand it. See? <u>God will permit you to do</u> something, and even bless you in doing it, but still it isn't His perfect will.

96 God permitted Israel to take a law, in Exodus the 19th chapter. When grace had already give them a prophet, Pillar of Fire, a sacrifice lamb, a delivering power, but they cried out for a Law.

#### <u>It wasn't God's will, but it was</u> <u>injected because man wanted</u> <u>it. And he was cursed by the very</u> <u>law that he wanted.</u>

216 97 It's best to have God's will. That's what He taught us. "Thy will be done. Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done." We must submit ourselves to His will and His Word. Don't question It. Believe It. Don't try to find a way around It. Just take It the way It is.

So many wants to go around, get some other way. And when you do, you find yourself going on, you find God blessing you, but you're working in His permissive will and not in His perfect, Divine will.

98 <u>He permits it, as I said, but He</u> will not—He will not let it be His perfect will; but He'll make it work to honor and bless His perfect will. And childbearing, by sex, is one of that.

# <u>65-0117 - A Paradox</u> 71 Now they were baptized, repented and were baptized, and come out to walk in a new life, in a new land, in a newness journey, amongst new people, and the hand of God upon them.

But it finally come to a place, in this walk that they had, that they was not satisfied with their walk of grace. They had to come to something that they could do themselves.

72 Now that's where people think, today, of Divine healing, or some any other work of grace, of God, that there is something that you have to do. You, there is nothing <u>you have to do but believe, just</u> believe God.

73 And, they, if they would have continued on! The promise wasn't given them under the law. The promise was given before the law, without any conditions to it, "I have given you this land, go on over into it!"

## But before they got to that promise, they decided there was something they must do themselves.

74 And, that, we still find that among human beings. We're prone to be that way, "There is something we've got to do." We feel that, that we've got to have something into it also.

22575 You do have something into it, that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas, to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished. That's all there is. Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by It, and God does the rest of it.

76 Then they wanted a law. And God always gives you the desire of your heart; He promised to. But we find out, when they turned one step from the side of what God originally promised them,

# then that was a thorn in the flesh until the law was taken away, until Jesus Christ came and was crucified to take away the law. It was a thorn in the flesh.

77 And anything that you try to do within yourself, it'll always work to your dishonor. It'll work to your disadvantage. Just simply believe God, and that settles it.

# Reformation Cannot Bring Perfection

#### Hebrews 7:11-12, 18-19, 23-25

<sup>11</sup> If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

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## <sup>12</sup> For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

<sup>18</sup> For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

### <sup>19</sup> For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

<sup>23</sup> And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: <sup>24</sup> But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

#### <u>Hebrews 10:11-14</u>

<sup>11</sup> And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

## <sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

<sup>13</sup> From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

The First Church Age Had The Original Word, Yet Paul Said, Let Us Go On To Perfection

<u>1 Corinthians 3:10-13</u> <sup>10</sup> 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.

- <sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- <sup>12</sup> Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

<sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

# Ephesians 2:19-20 <sup>19</sup> Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

<sup>20</sup> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

#### <u>1 Corinthians 13:9-12</u>

<sup>9</sup> For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

## 57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six #2 244 Now, "Leaving..." Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection;...

## 245 <u>I like Paul saying those things.</u> <u>Paul never was a person that liked</u> <u>to stay too long in one place. He</u> <u>liked to move on, deeper.</u>

## One time, in the Scripture, he said, "I, forgetting those things which are in the past, I press towards the mark of the high calling." See? He keeps pressing on.

#### Zechariah 4:6-10

<sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>7</sup>Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

# <sup>8</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>9</sup> The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

<sup>10</sup> For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

#### <u>Acts 3:19-20</u>

<sup>19</sup> Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

## <sup>20</sup> And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

#### Matthew 17:10-13

- <sup>10</sup> And his disciples asked him,
- saying, Why then say the scribes
- that Elias must first come?
- <sup>11</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto
- them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

<sup>12</sup> But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

What Paul Had Preached So Far, He Called It Works Of Reformation

## 57-0908E - Hebrews, Chapter Six #2 267 Now let me read that out of the Greek for you. Listen how it reads.

## <u>Therefore leaving—leaving the</u> <u>principles of the doctrines of</u> <u>Christ, the atoned One, we should</u> <u>push—push towards the...</u>

Now, I can't read it. It's blurred out. "And not laying again the form..." Here we are. ...<u>not laying again the form of</u> reformation from the works causing <u>death.</u>

265 268 Now, this lexicon is absolutely not any interpretation, at all. It's just the Greek word for what the English says. And it said, "Now we don't want..." Listen here, see. ...not laying down foundations of reformation from works causing death.

269 Now if you'll get that in your mind, that he's speaking here, that, "Forms of reformation causes death." Paul said, "Leaving the principles, go to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith towards God:

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doctrines of baptism, laying on of hand, resurrection of the dead, **Eternal judgment.**" "Reformation forms causing death," was the right words. That's actually what Paul wrote. See what he's trying to do?

270 Now, all these things, like baptisms: one is baptized backward, one forward, one in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, one Jesus name, one this way, and that way, and all these different little things of baptisms.

271 And of laying on of hands: "Bless God, I got the gift of laying on of hands. Hallelujah! You, you can get It *this* way. Hallelujah!" 272 Laying all of that aside, because that's dead works, these reformations, reforming. See? He is speaking of another class. Now he said, "Let's get away from that, and go on to perfection." You get It? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

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273 And the church is still lingering back in those things. That's what they were trying to do. The early Hebrew church was trying to say, "Well, I was baptized by immersing, and—and I was got this, and this, and all these things."

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#### 274 He said, "Now, lay all of that aside, leaving it behind." But, now, <u>did he say we shouldn't do it? Now</u> listen to what he said about that. And this will we do,...God permit.

- 275 And the original said the same thing.
- This we shall do, if God will permit
- us, see.
- This we shall do, if God permit us.

276 <u>Baptisms, laying on of hands</u>, <sup>274</sup> and things, but that isn't perfect. That's only the carnal reform. And that's where the churches leave off at, today, is on that carnal reform. One of them said, "Oh, well, the water, the word baptism means this and it means that."

277 And they set up organizations: and one sprinkles, the other one pours, the other one baptizes face forward, the other one backward, and all those things; some of them laying on of hands for the sick,

and some making apostles, and some making prophets and so forth, by laying on of hands; and preaching the resurrection from the dead, and which is all right;

and the supreme Deity of Christ, that's all right. "But," he said, "all these are formal reformations. We're just been reforming. Now let us go on to perfection." You get the picture? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

# The First Church Fell Before Attaining To Perfection

## 2 Corinthians 11:1-3 1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

<sup>2</sup> For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

<sup>3</sup> But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

#### <u>65-0718E - Spiritual Food In Due</u> <u>Season</u>

19 But we didn't...they all didn't all die. They're not all—all dead. In the days of the Nicene Council,

many of you people that's read The Nicene Council of the Early Church, when they wanted to make an organization out of it and break up all the other churches,

and come into one, when they had that Nicene Council, rugged men like Elisha come in there from the wilderness, eating herbs alone; great rugged men. But the dignitaries, the high-ups, under Constantine, and so forth, stilled their voice.

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Because those, being prophets, knowed that the corn of wheat of the Church Bride had to fall in the ground, the same as a corn of wheat in the Bridegroom had to fall in the ground. And there it laid for a thousand years.

#### <u>63-0320 - The Third Seal</u>

176 Now notice, now, and here we are at the end time. And spiritual Eve, just as nat-...as Hebrew Eve was promised, the Hebrew bride was promised the Word to return.

And the spiritual bride from Pentecost, when she fell at Nicaea, then she is promised in the last days that the Word will come again. Now you say, then...

177 You want another Scripture, take over here, Revelation 10. And said, "In the hour, the time of the-the last angel, the seventh angel (seventh messenger) begins to sound, the mystery of God is finished."

See? The restoration back to the Word! The Bible said that this messenger of the last days would be, "Restore them back to the original Faith again, back to the Faith of the fathers."

### <u>But do you think they receive</u> <u>It? No, sir. "Last days, He would</u> <u>restore the original Word again,"</u> <u>as He said in Malachi 4.</u>

### 63-0320 - The Third Seal 151 Now, God has promised her, as He did Eve. He told Eve there would come a time that the-the Word would come back to her again.

Now you remember that? What she lost from, it would be restored. Cause, there's only one Thing can restore, and that's the Word. Exactly.

### Pentecost Was A Reformation, Not A Restoration Of Perfection

#### <u>65-0410 - The Easter Seal</u>

- 183 Every time, a religious power went forth to meet the challenge of
- the political power of the
- world. When the lion raised up, the
- religious power, it went to meet the
- Roman power.

## 184 And then when come the sacrifice hour, the ox went, because he's the sacrifice Beast of the Lord.

185 Then come the reformers. down through the church ages, come the face of a man. And the reformers had been since Luther, Wesley, oh, Calvin, on down, down, pentecostal age.

186 <u>But in the last Message that</u><sup>297</sup> went forth, there come a flying <u>eagle. It's eagle time, reveal time,</u> the Word of God made manifest, the Word of God proved. Oh, children, walk into this baptism of the Holy Spirit. Come in and believe It, with all your heart, God will fill you.

### 64-0418E - Jesus Keeps All His

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- <u>Appointments</u>
- 12 And then come
- the great reformation again,
- <u>Pentecost, coming out of those</u> <u>organizations, with the</u>
- restoration of the gifts; speaking
- <u>in tongues, Divine healing. Great</u> <u>miracles and signs come off.</u>

That went for a long time. It's been fifty, about fifty-eighty years now, since the Holy Spirit begin to fall on old Azusa Street out in California. Here in the United States, where It started falling, a great time come.

13 Then, what did Pentecost do? One made him an organization. One said, "He's coming on a white horse"; another, "On white cloud." And away they went, in organizations, and split up, breaking up their brotherhood among the people.

# 17 Just like the pyramid. Did you notice how the pyramid was made? Not a pyramid doctrine now; just a pyramid.

19 And the—the capstone that goes upon the pyramid, was...it was rejected. It never was on the pyramid, isn't till this day; the Stone of Scone, they claim. But it never was put on, the capstone. Why?

303 <u>When Enoch and them, in the early</u> days, built the pyramids down in Egypt, we find out, and in there, they knew that the cornerstone, the capstone, would be rejected. And that pyramid is put so perfectly together till they don't need mortar.

It was so mechanically hewed out until one stone fits against the other one, so tight, you can't even put a razor blade between them. Now, just kept heaping up, and now it's all honed off, on top, ready for the <u>capstone when it will come.</u>

20 That's the way God has brought His Church, from justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, and now the ministry of the Spirit which is what quickens the Word. That ministry in the Church will have to be just exactly like His.

21 Just like this, when my shadow here, of my hand...If I never seen my hand, seen the shadow, it's kind of...It gets pale, as it gets away. But as it gets closer and closer, the negative and positive are coming together, until they both become the same thing.

22 And that's exactly when the <u>Church and the Word has to be</u> one, like Jesus and God was one, just exactly. They...God has, was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.

And so will Christ have to be in the Church, the anointed of the Word, to make everything fulfilled. And that's the Capstone that comes upon the last church age. Not the Laodicea, now. It's a calling out of that, a Bride out of a church,

### <u>Church out of a church, in</u> otherwise, just like He called a nation out of a nation, in Egypt. And now we're living in that day, and we're grateful for these great things that we've been seeing.

64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God 321 And His ministry comes, from them reformations, back to the original Word again. The Word comes to a prophet.

And He promised it, in Malachi 4, "And to restore the Faith of the people back to the original grain." What went in the ground is here the same. The grain is come up through here.

It come up as Son of God, now It reveals Itself here as Son of man, and then It reveals Itself as Son of David on the Throne. See, them three Sons, just exactly. Oh, my, again like the original!

322 Now to the perfect ministry of Himself; not some man, not some denomination, as they've worked down through that age there, see; but Himself made manifest, manifests Himself to the promise, making Saint Luke 17:28, Malachi 4, and so forth, Hebrews 13:8, just exactly right.

### <u>At that time, what time should it</u> be? When the royal Seed of Abraham is looking for the promised Son. And all types must be fulfilled.

And God Himself appeared in the form of a human being, to Abraham's natural seed, before the destruction, and Jesus said it would be the same thing to this royal Seed before the promised Son returns.

65-1127B - Trying To Do God A Service Without It Being God's Will 217 The Day of Pentecost, the Spirit directed it right into That, to Joel 2:38. See? The day of Luther, It directed it right into That; Wesley; in this last pentecostal move;

but this is another age, this is the calling out of the Bride. Not two thousand years ago at Pentecost, or the repeat, or the return. Pentecost...

### 218 The Holy Spirit was in Luther, the Holy Spirit was in Wesley; it's God's Word being anointed.

And the Holy Spirit returned to the people of the age and they begin to have the restoration of the gifts. They found out, by yielding themself to God, the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues through them.

They laid their hands on the sick, and they was recovered. They danced in the Spirit. See? That was the age of the reformation bringing the church back into order.

### And the last order of the church was placing the gifts into the church; like Luther placed justification, Wesley placed sanctification, Pentecost placed the gifts.

### But what did they do? The same mistake, as nature has patterned to the wheat stalk, they denominated, which is against God, contrary to God.

<u>65-0718M - Trying To Do God A</u> <u>Service Without Being The Will Of</u> God 177 The Word, the evening Message, must carry evening results. The evening Message must sow evening Seed, not morning seed.

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Evening Seed! Is that right? The midday scene, its seeds back there, was denomination; it died, perished.

\*But evening-time Message will show evening-time Light, will show evening-time results; the evening-time Message!Jesus' time, midday message, showed midday results.

\*The beginning message showed the beginning results, made creation. He made His Son in His Own image, in the midday. In the evening time He makes a Bride for It. See? What by? His Word. How did He form the earth?

How did He speak it into existence? By His Word! Who was His Son? The Word! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among."

How will He take His Bride? By the Word; not by a new cart, not by some theologian's idea. But according to His Word He'll identify Her. Don't put one thing to It or take one thing from It now. Leave It the way It is. See?

178 The evening time, He promised He would reveal, though, open these Seven Seals and show what them churches had missed back there. Revelation 10, and Malachi 4, Luke 17:30, He said He would do it. Now let's not mix it up. Let's keep it right like that.

# Satan Makes A Proposition To Us To Only Go So Far

### 63-0714M - Why Cry? Speak! 180 Notice, Pharaoh used his wisdom on Moses, though. Watch. He said, "I'll tell you what, I-I'll make an agreement with you." After the plagues done eat him up, he said, "I'll make an agreement with

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<u>you</u>.

You just go for a little worship, three days. Just go so far, and don't go no farther." But, you know, the... That was Pharaoh's senses told him that, see, "You just go so far, and don't go no farther."

### 181 Haven't we got that kind today? "If you just join church, that's all right."

182 But, you know, the faith that Moses had didn't believe in a <u>"so-far" religion. He said, "We're</u> all going. We're going all the way. That's right. We're going to the promised land.

We just don't go out here and make a denomination, and stop. We go on through." Amen. "I'm going on to the promised land. God promised <u>us."</u>

183 How many Pharaohs have we got today standing in the pulpit, heads of organizations! "Now, if you just do this and do that, that's all. Well, see, just so far." But Moses said, "Oh, no! No, no! No, no!" See?

184 Pharaoh said, "Well, why not? If you're going to have that kind of religion, I'll tell you what you do, just you and the elders go worship, see. Just you and the elders go worship. Cause, you all can have that kind of religion, but don't get it among the people."

185 You know what Moses said? <u>"There won't even be a hoof left</u> behind. We're going all the way. We're all going! I'm not going unless they go. And, as long as I'm here, I'm on your hands." Amen.

### "I'm not going unless they can go too, and that's all." Oh, what a gallant servant! Amen. "I want to take them with me. Just because I've got it, and I sit down and say, 'Well, now, this is all right'? No, sir. We want the people, too.

### Every one of us is going." Amen. He said, "We ain't going to even leave every sheep, or anything, behind. There's not going be a hoof left back. We're all going to the promised land." Amen!

186 "Every one of us! Whether you're a housewife, or whether <u>you're a—a little maid, or whether</u> you're an old woman, or a young man, or an old man, or whatever you are, we're going, anyhow.

There isn't going to be one of us left." Amen. "Every one of us is going, and we ain't going to stop nothing else." That's right. My! Them religions was really in a debate there, wasn't it? Oh, my!

### The Perfection We Are Looking For Is Like It Was In Eden

#### 61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five

- <u>#2</u>
- 93 What did we have at the beginning? Eternal Life. We was heirs of the world. We had Life, we never had to die. We never had to be sick. We never had to get old.

### We never had any worries. Where's no funerals, no graves, no evil, no death, no gray hairs, no stooped shoulders, no mourning, no crying. We had Life, **Eternal!**

We had the jurisdiction over all the earth. We was just a god (that's all) on the earth; walk about, and if this tree didn't look right standing here, we'd say, "Be thou plucked up and set over here," and it would do it.

The winds was blowing, we didn't want the winds to blow, "Peace, be still," and it did it. And what did He come to do? To redeem all that back to us again (Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, my!), get all that back again.

94 And now nature in itself is groaning, waiting for the what? Manifestations of the sons of God, for the sons of God to be <u>manifested.</u>

99 When the work is finished, we have all things again. What kind of all things? We have all power. We have Eternal Life. We have Eternal health. We have Eternal youth. We have Eternal power.

### Oh, we're just Eternal with the Eternal! And, then, we're all waiting for that time to come, waiting and groaning, waiting.

# God Uses His Word To Bring Perfection

## At The Beginning, God Used His Word To Transform Chaos Into Perfection

#### <u>65-1031M - Power Of</u>

- **Transformation**
- 49 Now in Genesis, the 1st
- chapter, "The Spirit of God moved
- upon the face of the waters." We
- realize that the water...

### And—and the Bible said, "In the beginning back there," that, this, "the world was without form, and was void." There was nothing but just a darkness of chaos.

### And—and what a horrible shape it must have been in. Nothing but way into the darkness yonder, without light or anything, and the churning of the water,

and that wandering star twisted around and around the orbits out there somewhere. It must have <u>been a—a terrific mass of—of—of</u> something lost, like it was, couldn't find its way.

50 And that's what we become when we become wandering stars, away from God, just without hope, without God; without, just churning around, out in darkness, not knowing when we...where we're going.

51 And God took that great chaos of darkness, and transformed it into a garden of Eden, see, by His Word. That's how we're transformed, by God's Word.

### When God said, "Let there be light," and that mass of creation out there come over in around the sun, and begin to revolve around the sun, and became a garden of Eden because it obeyed the Word of God.

#### <u>It done the perfect will of God, for</u> <u>it was transformed from chaos,</u> <u>into a garden of Eden, by the Word</u> <u>of God.</u>

52 Now that's what we are here for. That's my Message, has been all along, is the Word of God. We <u>must hold to That regardless of</u> what other things take place. Always stay with that Word.

Always check out your motives and objectives, if it is according to the Word of God. If it isn't, leave it alone. See? But if it's with the Word of God, and lines up with the Word of God, then, that, you hold to that.

God Restores The Original, Creative Word, Which Is Christ, To Transform The Chaos Of Satan's Eden Into Perfect Eden

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be 62 Oh, but the other one is called, "My Father's House." "I'll go and prepare a place for you. Take you out of this pesthouse and deliver you into My Father's House." Amen.

There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death

<u>exists.</u>

### <u>lt's a perfect</u> place calling you to that perfectio n, and you have to be perfect to get there. The Bible said so. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

### lt's a perfect Kingdom, so it must be a perfect people come. Because, you have to stand and be married to a perfect Son of God, and you must be a perfect Bride.

So how can you do it through anything else but the perfect Word of God, which is, "The Waters of separation, that washes us from our sins"? Amen. That's right. The Blood of Jesus Christ, think of It, the dripping, Bloody Word. Amen.

### The Blood, the-the Word of God bleeding Blood, to wash the Bride in. Amen. Yes, sir. She stands perfect, virgin, unadulterated. She never sinned, in the first place. Amen. She was trapped into

it. See?