

Perfection

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Matthew 5:48

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Hebrews 6:1-3

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,

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

³ And this will we do, if God permit.

Hebrews 11:32-40

³² 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:

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

³⁴ 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.

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

³⁶ And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

³⁷ 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;

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

³⁹ And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

⁴⁰ God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

We Are Born
Defeated

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

And you're in a defeated world,
amongst defeated people,
amongst defeated creeds, defeate
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.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

³ And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

⁴ Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

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

⁶ Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The 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 did²⁵
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.

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

But when God made His first man,
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
And Six #1

76 ...Be ye therefore perfect, even as
your Father which is in heaven is
perfect.

That was Jesus' commandment,
"Be ye so."

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 you done, you're lost. "So be ye perfect, even just as perfect as God is perfect." Now:
Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father...in heaven is perfect.

Perfection Is Not
Legalism

57-0908M - Hebrews, Chapter Five

And Six #1

67 Watch this. Let's get this word
"perfection." Do you know there's
only one way you'll stand in the
Presence of God? That's,
perfect. God cannot tolerate
unholy things.

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.

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

60-0522M - Adoption #3

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.

Now, I won't condemn legalist
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.

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? Never.

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 If... You're not condemned
because you are a sinner; you're
condemned because you don't
accept Jesus as your Saviour.

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
condemn you on those basis
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
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.

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

63-0318 - The First Seal

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?

“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?

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

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!

Perfection Is Only
Possible By Having A
Perfect Representative

57-0915E - Hebrews, Chapter Seven

#1

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.

63-0628E - A Greater Than Solomon
Is Here

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."

62-0908 - Present Stage Of My
Ministry

127 There's a little rope reaching
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.

But you go do something to
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
threwed out the Lifeline,
let's—let's reach and get it
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.

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

#2

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
you in Glory.

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

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 ...God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

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 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.

Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What’s 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!

62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect¹⁰¹ Man

371 And up here, when the
pyramid Cap does come, the
pyramid Itself, the Body of Christ
will have to be honed. Not only just
some creed or doctrine, or
something other we come
through.

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.

61-0211 - Abraham

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

He's knocking, trying to get back
in. "As many as I love, I rebuke and
chasten: repent," He said. Here we
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
church to make—as I said last
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
#2

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.

120 Now, that stone would not fit
down there on
that bottom foundation, neither
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
Church, a Body of believers and the
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 carcass 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

63-0123 - Identification

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

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?

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
character.

“Let the mind,” Paul said, “of Christ, this mind that was in Christ, be in you.” Let that mind of 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 The¹⁴¹ 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.

God has put it right back, again,
that you don't have to
be hybrid anymore. You can come
right back to the original Word and
be a son of God just like you was
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 Have you ever heard of strain,
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
you?

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

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The
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 #2

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

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 sin.

27 And
you're bound to be backsliding constantly, 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.