

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 ourselves.

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.

Perfection

Part 2

Friday 27th May 2022

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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.

God's Original Perfect
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 that²¹⁰
had 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?
God will permit you to do
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.

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

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 He permits it, as I said, but He 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.

65-0117 - A Paradox

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
you have to do but believe, just
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.

75 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

¹¹ 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?

¹² For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

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

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

²³ And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

²⁴ But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

²⁵ 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.

Hebrews 10:11-14

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

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

¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

¹⁴ 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

1 Corinthians 3:10-13

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³ 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

¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

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

1 Corinthians 13:9-12

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

¹¹ 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.

¹² 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 I like Paul saying those things.
Paul never was a person that liked
to stay too long in one place. He
liked to move on, deeper.

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

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ Moreover the word of
the LORD came unto me, saying,

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

Acts 3:19-20

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ And he shall send Jesus Christ,
which before was preached unto
you:

Matthew 17:10-13

¹⁰ And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.

Therefore leaving—leaving the
principles of the doctrines of
Christ, the atoned One, we should
push—push towards the...

Now, I can't read it. It's blurred out. "And not laying again the form..." Here we are.

...not laying again the form of reformation from the works causing death.

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:

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
reforms, 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.]

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.”

274 He said, “Now, lay all of that
aside, leaving it behind.” But, now,
did he say we shouldn’t do it? Now
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 Baptisms, laying on of hands,²⁷⁴
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.

² 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.

³ 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.

65-0718E - Spiritual Food In Due
Season

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.

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.

63-0320 - The Third Seal

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.”

But do you think they receive
It? No, sir. “Last days, He would
restore the original Word again,”
as He said in Malachi 4.

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

65-0410 - The Easter Seal

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 But in the last Message that²⁹⁷
went forth, there come a flying
eagle. It's eagle time, reveal time,
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
Appointments

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

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 til this day; the Stone of Scone, they claim. But it never was put on, the capstone. Why?

When Enoch and them, in the early 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 capstone when it will come.

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 Church and the Word has to be 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,

Church out of a church, in
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 ministry³¹³ 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.

At that time, what time should it 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 themselves 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.

65-0718M - Trying To Do God A
Service Without Being The Will Of
God

177 The Word, the evening Message, must carry evening results. The evening Message must sow evening Seed, not morning seed.

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 you.

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
“so-far” religion. He said, “We’re
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
us."

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?
“There won’t even be a hoof left
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 you’re a—a little maid, or whether 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

#2

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
manifested.

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

65-1031M - Power Of
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
been a—a terrific mass of—of—of
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.

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

52 Now that's what we are here
for. That's my Message, has been
all along, is the Word of God. We
must hold to That regardless of
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 exists.

It's a perfect
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."

It'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?

Perfection

Pt 3

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Matthew 5:48

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

Ephesians 1:3-5;9-10

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Perfection Is
Eternity

56-0610 - Perfection

26 God, being infinite, Who cannot lie, cannot speak anything contrary, knows everything, just as perfect at the beginning as He is at the ending, and just as perfect at the end as He was the beginning.

God is endless, like Eternity. You can never find the corner of a perfect circle. You could run and run through ages, and Eternity, and there'd never, never, never be an end to it.

And that's the way God is. And
when He be first, was...God, which
always was, He was infinite,
perfect, to begin with, and He'll
always be the same. He never can
change. He is perfectly the same.

27 Now this great chain of
perfection was broken by time
space. Time came, because of
sin. Let's draw a picture of time.
Let's see a perfect circle, forever,
forever. And then, all of a once, sin
dropped in, and put a—a little...

As my wife calls it, a little “hickey,”
or a little drop in the chain. So, it
comes down now. Eternity
continues on, but it’s not in its
perfect condition. Here’s a little
gap comes down, breaks
over *this way*, goes out *this* a way.

God had to do that because Satan
caused it. And it dropped down to
a space of time, for the trying, and
the perfecting, and for the purging
of the lost.

That, God by His sovereign grace,
might someday lift that little
hickey, or gap, back into the
perfect circle, then she rolls on just
the same. You see it?

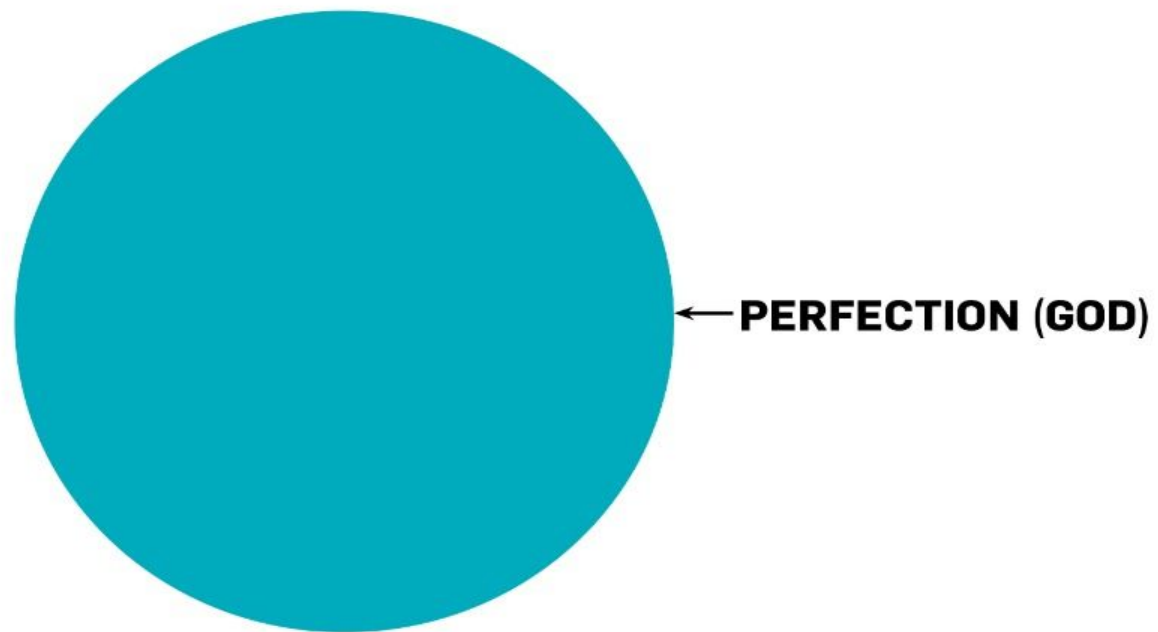
28 Time! Now, time is this little loop; it loops down. Jesus was from Eternity to Eternity, but He stepped into the time space and was made flesh,

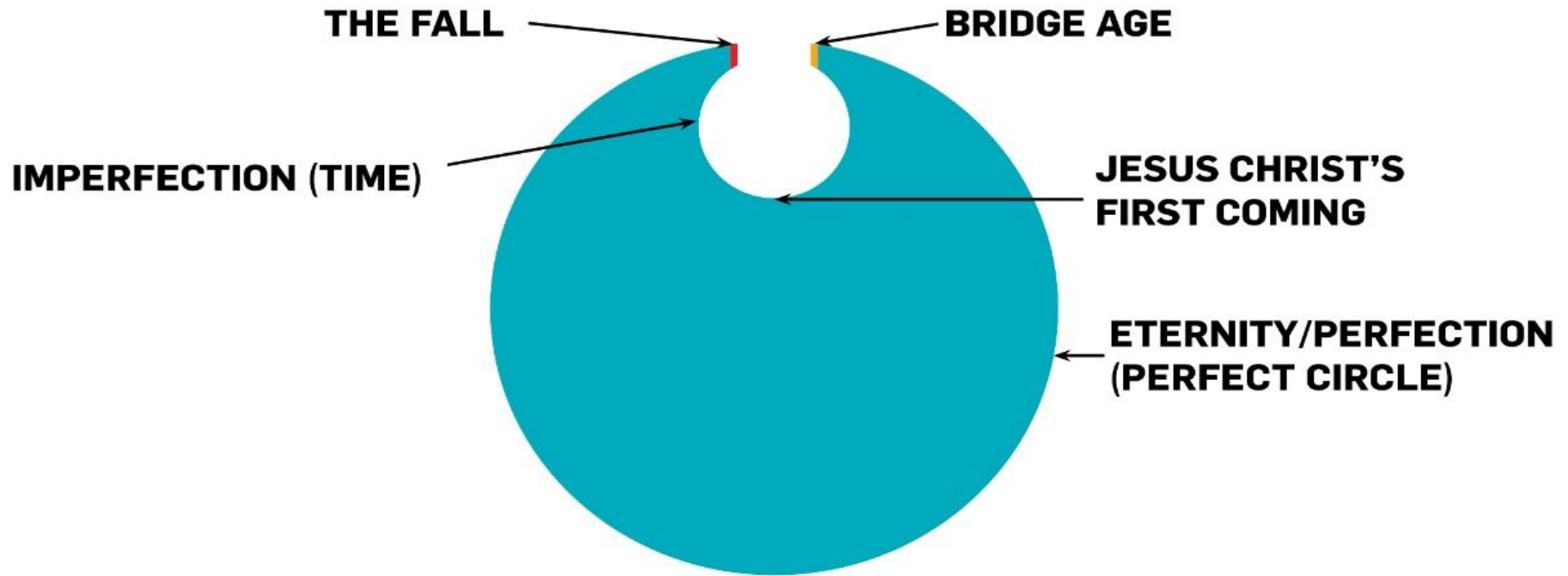
and came through here in order to
sanctify, or put a streak of Blood
all across this place, to redeem it
and connect it back with God
again, for all Eternity. You see it?
That's all time is.

29 Then, God, when it started here, at the end of the little kink in the perfect circle, that made it a little kink in it. When God started there, He was perfect. Everything He said was perfect. Everything He did, does, is perfect.

30 So, then, the Bible said, that,
“Christ Jesus was the Lamb slain
from,” the beginning of the little
kink, “the beginning of the world.”
Christ was slain at the
beginning. Now, He really wasn’t
slain until four thousand years
later.

But, the reason He was slain
then, because, “In the beginning
was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was
God.” You see it, Brother Egan,
what I mean? See? He was God, in
the beginning. And when...





THE FALL

BRIDGE AGE

IMPERFECTION (TIME)

**JESUS CHRIST'S
FIRST COMING**

**ETERNITY/PERFECTION
(PERFECT CIRCLE)**

64-0802 - The Future Home Of The
Heavenly Bridegroom And The
Earthly Bride

235 See, eight cannot be counted with the week. See, it cannot be counted, eight days in a week. You can't do it, see, because there's only seven days in a week.

Count it any way you want to. Sunday is the first day of the week. See, you count seven, then you got to go back in and start over again. Count seven, come back and go over again. See?

236 And we lived through all these types in here, but, when you hit the eighth, you go on into Eternity. You don't come by laws, and rituals, and orders. You come by predestination. Amen!

There is a genuine, holy
convocation! See? And we're
ending the seventh church age,
church age, the Pentecostal
age. Do you see it? We're entering
that holy convocation.

We are entering into that
real, genuine, Eternity, where the
Church is called; not to some
station, some denomination, but
into Eternity with their Eternal
King. See?

We don't have it at all, no such a
thing as days, and things, and
times. You've passed into Eternity,
where you come from. You was
There, to begin with. See?

237 If you got Eternal Life, there is only one form, that's God, and you are an expressed attribute. See? If you...If you're not, you're not going to be there, anyhow. "No man can come to Me except My Father has drawed him." See?

Which, “passes away,” all these old things; but these Things don’t, so it speaks of Eternity. The Holy Ghost is Eternal. Then, you are in Eternity, where you was all the time, but you’ve just recognized what happened.

238 See, you were made for an
Eternal purpose, because you was
the—the manifestation of an
attribute that was in God, that
thought of you and expressed you;

and He made a earth to take you
out of, and to make you a human
being. And sin come along and
perverted His way. You come,
anyhow, but you was lost with the
world.

So He come and redeemed you, the
expressed attribute, and also
redeems this earth by the same
way. Then, His purpose rolls on.
See? Oh! Hallelujah! Oh, that does
me so much good, think of just
what lays ahead!

239 Now, in Ephesians 1:10, it's called...
Now, if you're putting it down, Ephesians 1:10, is called, not a dispensation, not the seventh day. It's called, "The fullness of time."
And when "the fullness of time" has come, that's when time has been fulfilled.

When there is no more time, then
you go into Eternity, after the
seventh church age is over, and it
is; Luther's age is over, Methodist
age is over, Pentecostal age is
over.

And now you go into (what?)
Eternity; no more seven's, no more
three's, no more other. They're in
Eternity, where there is no such
time as numbers, and times, and
things. Amen! Oh, my! You see it
now?

It Is Not Possible During
Man's Priesthood But
Only During
Melchisedec's
Priesthood

Hebrews 7:11-19

¹¹ 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?

¹² For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

¹³ For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

¹⁶ Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

¹⁷ For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

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

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

Hebrews 8:6-7

⁶ But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Perfection Is Restored
By The Message Of
Grace

61-0827 - The Message Of Grace

46 ...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.

47 Do you see? The Message will not come by some great mights or powers, but by the Spirit of God! Last verse, 7th verse.

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

48 We are all acquainted with this Scripture, that reads the Bible. We know that this was during the time of the preparation of the restoration of the temple.

And Zerubbabel was a great prince amongst the people, who had laid the foundation of the building. Now, you, I want you to put on your spiritual thinking, anointing jacket, this morning, as we think.

And this great prince had determined to rebuild the house of the Lord. And then, when he did, he had laid the foundation stone.

49 And as we read on farther, we find out that God said, “Zerubbabel has laid the foundation with his hands, he also shall bring forth the headstone.”

I want you to notice, He never said
he shall bring forth the
“Cornerstone.” He shall bring forth
the “headstone.”

50 And we know that the Scripture says that Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, and He's also the Headstone.

Now if we will think for a few minutes, that, the seventh church messenger was to “restore the Faith of the children back to the fathers.” In other words, rebuild the Church again under the Power of the Spirit.

“Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit,” saith the Lord. Not by organization, not by denomination, but by the Holy Spirit, God will bring forth the Church in the last day.

51 Zerubbabel, the prince with Joshua, was the one that was to bring forth this headstone. He had laid the foundation, he had took the people back to the foundation, in type.

62-0705 - Jehovah-Jireh #1

39 Now, there had been two covenants. One of them was the Adam covenant. God made a covenant with the man, “If you will, I will.” And he broke it. Then God made a covenant with Noah; that was the Noah covenant, and it was broke.

40 Now He's making
the Abrahamic covenant. And
the Abrahamic covenant,
according to Genesis the 12th
chapter, it was given
unconditionally.

Therefore it's Eternal, because it's
unconditional. Not "If you will, I
will." He said, "I have! I've already
done it."

Not “I will do it.” “I have done it!” That’s, oh, that, that bases faith. See, not...God is determined to save man. He make a covenant, “If you will, I will,” he’d break it.

Another one, “You will, I will,” he
broke it. Man can’t keep his
covenant, so God saves man by His
grace, under a covenant that’s
unconditional, unconditional
covenant.

Oh, my! Never ending, that was all
of it; three, perfect. Noah,
Abraham, and I mean...No. Adam,
Noah, and Abraham. Now, that's
the reason we are Abraham's
children, that covenant cannot be
end, never end, because it is
unconditionally.

It ain't...It isn't because *you* do something; it's because God did something! Not because *you* chose God; God chose *you*! Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen!"—Ed.]

We Are Perfected
When We Get In
Touch With Our
Eternal/Heavenly/Pe
rfect Identity

God In This Age Has
Brought To Us/ Made Us
Come In Contact With
Our Perfect
Representation

Our Being A
By-product Came
After We Were
Already There,
Perfect

62-0211 - Oneness

19 And if you'll notice how that
Eve was united with Adam, she
become part of him. God, did you
notice in Genesis 1:27, He created
man male and female, created He
them.

Now, the man was a...both male
and female when it come to being
in the spirit of feminish and
masculine. Then God took from his
side a—a rib.

Did you notice the body part was a by-product, but not the spirit? The body part of the woman was a by-product, after the creation had been finished, God took from the side of Adam a rib and made a woman.

But not the spirit, the spirit was
part of Adam, for he was both man
and woman, fem-...spiritually
speaking, both masculine and
feminish.

20 Now, don't you see the great picture? We, in flesh, are different. We're like a by-product, a created being, by holy wedlock. But in Spirit we are sons and daughters, not some other spirit, but the Spirit of the living God.

We are in His likeness, in His unity,
in the perfect image of the living
God, because we become sons and
daughters.

Not separated, but the same Spirit,
the same God, the same Person,
joined in wedlock to the
Eternal. See how God planned it
that we should be not a different,
but Him!

Not some other being of some
other tribe, but a real union and
offspring of the Almighty, done by
a holy union. Now, the body comes
from mother and father, but the
Spirit come from God, God
separating Himself as Adam was
separated.

23 Joined in Heavenly wedlock to
the Eternal God, part of Him, part
of God. In flesh I become Branham
because of my father,
Branham. You become part of your
father and mother, but in spirit we
become in union with God, is part
of God.

That's the reason that the spirit
cannot die. "He that believeth on
Me has everlasting Life. And in the
image that he is here on earth, and
in his likeness, I'll raise him up in
the last days."

Not a spirit being, for we'll have a
body like God's glorious Body, the
glorified Body of the Lord Jesus,
raised up in That Image.

We Are Not Judged By
The Record Of Our
Earthly Life, But By Our
Predestinated Germ 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?

208 When you see the woman, a by-product; not another female like her; made in that order, knowing that she could be deceived. God knowed. If He didn't know the end from the beginning, then He wasn't God.

If He isn't infinite, if He isn't, if...He can't be infinite without being omniscient, omnipresent, knowing all things, Eternal. So He knowed all things, and He had to make that woman.

209 The man didn't have a wife. The wife and the man was the same thing. He had the feminish and masculine spirit in himself.

210 He had to separate, take a by-product, after the whole creation made. No female created by God, in the original creation, can do a thing like that. She was made thus, to do it. He knowed she would do it. If He didn't, He wasn't God.

211 But, see, the attributes that's in God had to be displayed. He—He was to be a Saviour. And to make everything perfect, the way He had it, then there could be nothing lost. Oh, don't be children. Be men and women. We're at the end road. Notice.

212 Now, it was nature, associated with death. Your first husband, that had rule over you, was your nature by natural birth. Natural, you love the world because you are the world, and part of the world.

That right? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Your desires was, by nature, to love the world which you’re a part of. You’re a part of nature. You believe that? [“Amen.”] And that’s your natural thing.

213 That's the reason you have to be born again. You have to separate; you have to die to that first husband. You can't live with it. You just can't say, "Well, I'll divorce him, and hang him up here till occasion."

No, sir. No writing of divorcement!
He dies. The nature of the world has
to die. Every speck of him has to
die. You have to be reunited, again,
with another Nature.

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.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The
Bride Of Christ

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.

65-0221E - Who Is This
Melchisedec?

88 Then, after you recognized the
very Word of God was Eagle Food,
then you left the other thing. You
have then been formed into the
living image of the living God.

You heard from your
theophany. “If this earthly body be
dissolved, we have one waiting.”

65-1128E - On The Wings Of A
Snow-White Dove

50 And that's the way with a real
Christian. Did you know a real
Christian doesn't have even any sin
at all imputed to him? David said,
"Blessed is the man who God will
not impute sin to."

When you're washed in the Blood of the Lamb (not by make-belief, but really the—the Blood of the Lamb), God does not impute to you anything that's done, because you're under the Blood and He doesn't see it.

There's a Blood sacrifice; the only
thing He can see you in, is the way
He saw you before the foundation
of the world when He put your
name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

That's all He can look at, because
you are redeemed from everything
that was ever done, you're washed
in the Blood of the Lamb.

Therefore there's no gall in you,
there's no unclean habit in you,
because that the Blood of the
Lamb has did this; and God cannot
impute sin to you after you've got
a sin-offering laying there waiting
for you.

51 “Well,” you say, “that gives me plenty of room then, Brother Branham, I can do what I want to.” I always do; always. But when a man can really see what Jesus done for him, and turn around and do something contrary to Him, it shows he never received Christ.

The Bride Is Ushered
Into Perfection Before It
Is Actually Fully
Restored

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

² For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

³ And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

⁵ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

⁶ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

⁸ Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Colossians 1:12-13

¹² Giving thanks unto the Father,
which hath made us meet to be
partakers of the inheritance of the
saints in light:

¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

God Gave Our
Prophet A Sneak
Preview Of The
Place

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be
129 ...There's no word to speak it,
friends. "It's perfect," wouldn't—
wouldn't touch it,
"sublime." There's no English
vocabulary that I know, no word at
all, that could ever express what it
is.

It's beyond anything that I
know. There he was. There was no
sickness, no sorrow. You couldn't
die. You couldn't sin. It was
just perfect, just perfect. Friends,
you mustn't, you mustn't miss
it. Remember.

60-0515M - The Rejected King

171 ...Lord, let me look a past the
curtain of sorrows and fear,
Let me view that sunny bright clime;
It would strengthen our faith and
would vanish all fear;
Lord, let them look
a past the curtain of time.

172 I am sure, Lord, if this little church, this morning, could just look a past the curtain! Not an affliction among them; there never could be. Not a sickness; nothing but perfection.

And It's just one breath between
here and There, from old age to
youth, from time to Eternity; from
a weary of tomorrow, and a sorrow
of yesterday, till the present time
of Eternity in perfection.

173 I pray, God, that You will bless every person here, if there be those here, Lord, who does not know You in that way of Love.

And truly, Father, nothing could
enter that holy Place without that
type of Love, the new Birth, the
being born again. The Holy Spirit,
God, is Love, and we know that
that is true.

No matter if we move mountains
by our faith, if we did great things,
still, without That there, we could
never climb that great ladder
yonder. But with That, It'll lift us
beyond this earthly cares. I pray,
Father, that You will bless the people
here.

63-0317E - The Breach Between The
Seven Church Ages And The Seven
Seals

252 Now with the Lamb, with the
Book in His hands, we are ready to
ask His grace and mercy upon
us, to open the Seven-Seal Book to
us,

and let us look
a past the curtain of time, just a
little bit. Oh, my! Notice when He
took the Book, the title deed,
sealed, (just get that in your mind
now),

and broke the Seals of the mystery,
to reveal them, to bring them to
His, see, all of His redeemed
subjects.

63-0324E - The Seventh Seal

349 May you always bear that in mind, “To be a gem in the Crown of Jesus Christ.” Paul said to the Church, “You are—you are the jewels, gems of His Crown.” We want to be the gems of the Crown of Jesus Christ.

350 We don't want, never put a man in it. You forget anything about me. I am your brother, a sinner saved by grace, not fit to live. That's exactly the truth. I ain't saying that to be humble; that's facts. There is nothing in me, not one sound thing, at all.

351 But the grace of God has let
my poor, dimming
eyes look beyond the curtain of
time and see those things yonder,
and I come back.

True New Birth Makes
Us Partakers Of God's
Perfect Nature

2 Peter 3:11

¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

John 3:1-13

1 There was a man of the Pharisees,
named Nicodemus, a ruler of the
Jews:

² The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth,
and thou hearest the sound thereof,
but canst not tell whence it cometh,
and whither it goeth: so is every one
that is born of the Spirit.

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

¹² If I have told you earthly things,
and ye believe not, how shall ye
believe, if I tell you of heavenly
things?

¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

140 And here's, now, get this
lesson. Here is what's wrong with
the—with the...I turn on for
this. Here is what's wrong with the
Branham Tabernacle. You see,
there is two different kinds of
faith.

There is two different kinds of
virtue, as I had it the other
day. Two different kinds of
knowledge. Two different kinds of
temperance.

141 One thinks it's prohibition, they got. That ain't the kind of temperance that God is talking about. It's that ungodly, uncontrollable temper you got, and things of that side, fast back, fuss.

142 Patience, and so forth, there's a mockery of it, a pretending to be; a nature-given faith; a nature-given virtue. There's a nature-given temperance. All these things are nature given.

143 And the biggest part of our faith is mental faith. By hearing the Word, it brings us to a mental recognition of God.

144 But
if This, coming from Above, oh,
brother, if It ever strikes *this*, there
is a godly spiritual faith. Then what
does that faith do? That faith
recognizes only the Word.

No matter what anything else says,
it only recognizes the Word,
because, “In the beginning was the
Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”

And the Word is still God. “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” And when the Word
Itself is pouring into our faith, our
mental faith becomes a spiritual
revelation.

145 “And upon this foundation I’ll
build My Church.” See? Not upon a
mental conception of church
joining, a mental conception of
That; but upon the revelation,
when them streams of grace has
poured into that mental faith that
you’ve got.

Then, upon this, a spiritual
revelation, “I’ll build My Church,
and the gates of hell can’t prevail
against It.” See?

That shows they would be against
it, but it'll never prevail. Oh, what a
glorious thing! Now see the
faith. These five streams...

Summary

55-0115 - Law

33 Now, the blood could not be perfect by an animal. But the Blood in Christ was perfect. Now, I will never be perfect. And you will never be perfect. I will never be perfect in your sight. You will never be perfect in my sight.

But let's lay that aside. What about
in God's sight? I look at you as a
human. I look at you as a
brother. But God looks at you
through the Blood of His Son as a
redeemed one.

Jesus said, “Be ye therefore
perfect, even as your Father in
heaven is perfect.” And not what
you’ve done, you have nothing to
merit it, but it’s what Christ did for
you.

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.