

The Roots of Grace

Friday Fellowship, 14th April 2023

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2 Timothy 1:9

⁹ Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Romans 5:20-21

²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace Is The Goodwill,
Loving-Kindness, And
Divine Favor By Which
God, Exerts His Holy
Influence Upon Souls:

By Grace, God Takes The Initiative To Reach You. By Grace, He Exerts His Holy Influence Over Your Souls.

Then Turns Them To
Christ, Keeps Them, And
Strengthens Them.

By The Same Grace, He
Strengthens And
Increases The Souls In The
Christian Faith,
Knowledge, And Affection.

He Also By The Same
Grace, Kindles The Souls
To The Exercise Of The
Christian Virtues.

So, It Is Grace In Your
Inception, Continuation,
And Summation.

The Entire Christian
Journey Is A
Manifestation Of The
Manifold Grace Of God.

Grace:

The Greek Lexicon Defines

Grace As:

God's Good Will.

His Loving-kindness And Favor ¹³
Which God Uses To Exert His Holy
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Knowledge, Affection, And Kindling
Them To The Exercise Of The
Christian Virtues.

So, Grace Is God
Exercising His Love And
Mercy Towards Us –
Without Grace, No Man
Can Live A Successful
Christian Life

Grace Is God Choosing
To Live Our Lives For Us
– “No Longer I But
Christ That Liveth In
Me”.

For It Is God Which
Worketh In You Both To
Will And To Do Of His
Good Pleasure.

Grace Takes You Above
The Works Of
Righteousness To
Bringing Forth The Fruit
Of The Spirit.

Grace Is You Ceasing
That God May Take
Over – Grace Causes
The “I” To Cease.

62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

350 If you die, you take the blood out of a man, you embalm him. Trouble of it is, a lot of them never got embalmed.

You take the blood out of the man, he's gone. Then the only thing you do is put another blood back in him; he's going to live again. You took his blood out.

351 And now we've put the
Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and
that brings the faith of Jesus
Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ,
the knowledge of Jesus Christ,

the temperance of Jesus
Christ, the patience of Jesus
Christ, the godliness of Jesus
Christ, the brotherly kindness of
Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, which is Jesus Christ.

He's the Head and controls you.
And your feet is the foundation,
faith. Amen! Controlled by the
Head, takes the...?...There you
are. There is the perfect man of
God, when he possesses these
virtues.

352 Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman.
God represents His Church as a Bride.....

Grace Reconstructs Our Lives –
The Very Day Eve Fell, Grace
Provided A Sheep Skin And
Grace Promised “A Woman’s
Seed” – Out Of The Imperfect
To Come Forth The Perfect; That
Is A Reflection Of Grace.

Through Life, We See People
Living With Shadows Over
Them And These Are
Elements Of History Through
This Pilgrim Journey.

And For God To Emphasize The Point, He Uses The Greatest Men And Women Of All Times Like Paul Who Had A Shadow That Always Appeared Before Him. He Told Timothy He Was A:

Blasphemer.

Persecutor.

Injurious.

And These Things Lived
Before Him Regardless Of
The Power Of The Blood
And The Testimony Of
Election.

These Things Stick In The
Memory And The Devil Keeps
Scooping Them Back
Thinking That By Reciting
Them Back, He Will Hinder
The Manifestation Of Christ.

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“He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars,” Revelation 3:1. As this same Lord identified Himself with man in the incarnation,

He is again identifying Himself with man by His Spirit within man. “These are mine,” saith the Lord. The seven Spirit-filled messengers are the Lord’s.

They may be repudiated. They may be questioned. Indeed, to human minds they may not even seem to qualify — nevertheless, they are the messengers for their age.

God used an Abraham (he lied),
He used a Moses (he rebelled), a
Jonah (he disobeyed), a Samson
(he sinned), a David (he
murdered). He also used a
Joshua, and a Joseph.

And those with severe blemishes far outnumber those whose histories seem to be perfect. ALL WERE, AND ARE HIS. None dare deny that. He used them by and through the Holy Spirit that He put within them.

To their own Master they stood or fell. And in them all was accomplished the sovereign will of God. Let external history attempt to refute this, it still stands.

The Eternal God still walks amongst the golden lamp stands and sends His messengers by His Spirit with the Word to the people of every age.

And Paul Says:

Being Confident Of This Very
Thing, That He Which Hath
Begun A Good Work In You Will
Perform It Until The Day Of
Jesus Christ:

By Looking At Grace, We See
That It Does Not Originate
From Purity. The Roots Of
Grace Are Rooted In God's
Loving Kindness That Picks
Us Up From Filth.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Grace Did Not Come Our
Way Because We Were
Perfect. It Came Our Way
Because We Were In Sin.

So, Brother Branham
Clarifies Grace As
Unmerited Mercy –
Nobody Was Found
Worthy.

But God Through Election
Extends This Grace To You
And This Grace Initiates
God's Goodness In Our Lives,
Sustains It And Accomplishes
It.

We Don't Leave Grace At
The Altar; It Goes All The
Way With Us To The Body
Change.

56-0603 - The Lamb's Book Of⁴⁵
Life

206....Not that we are worthy;
we are unworthy. But through
Your unmerited
grace that we have through
Thee, we believe that the work
is finished.

Therefore, Grace Is
Sovereign And Is Based
On Election.

61-0827 - The Message Of Grace

130 Sovereign grace is from a s
overeign One. Sovereign grace f
rom a sovereign One. Sovereign
, what can it do?

Sovereign can do whatever it wants to. Listen to this now. Sovereign grace can only be given by One that's Sovereign. And God is Sovereign, so He can give sovereign grace.

Therefore
being Sovereign, grace don't have
to ask anybody, it don't have
to. It does what it wants to. Isn't
that wonderful? It don't have to
ask, "Can I do *this*? Or, shall
I do *this*? Can I? Must I? Will
I?" Doesn't do it.

It does it itself.

Grace is Sovereign, therefore

He can save the vilest,

He can save the worst,

He can save the

impurest, He can save the

immoralest, He can heal the

sickest. Hallelujah!

131 He can save a wretch like me. And He did. What is it? Grace! William Branham, a drunkard's son. That don't make any difference, the grace of God saved me!

132 “Me, I’m a woman’s daughter that was no good.”
Don’t make any difference, the grace of God saved you. It’s Sovereign, has to ask nobody nothing. Amen! I’m so glad of that. Hallelujah!

133 Can take the vilest sinner
and make him white as snow,
don't have to ask anybody
about it. Oh, It can do it
because It's Sovereign.

The Root Of Grace Is God's
Love Descending Towards A
Man In Sin Who Cannot Save
Himself And Yet He Has His
Name On The Lamb's Book
Of Life.

Jehovah Comes Down And He
Raises A Prostitute To Sin No
More. He Comes Down To The
Drunkard With Flyblows On
His Face As He Lay
Unconscious In The Gutter.

That Is Grace.

Let Us Look At The Wave
Sheave Here:

When Israel Waved Her
Sheaves Of The First Fruit,
They Were Prophesying Of
The Resurrection Of Christ
Who Is The First Fruit From
Among The Dead.

The Bible Then Says, That
Wave Sheave Was Christ
Being Accepted On Behalf Of
The Rest Of The Body – That
Is Grace.

Because He Was Accepted, I
Am Accepted In The Beloved.

Our Spiritual Man Operates
From The Heavenly Places In
Christ Jesus.

Leviticus 23:10-11

¹⁰ Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

¹¹ And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Because He Was Accepted, I Am⁶³
Accepted With Him.

I Died With Him And Rose Again
With Him.

I Am Baptized Into The Power Of
His Resurrection.

Leviticus 23:15-17

¹⁵ And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

¹⁶ Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

¹⁷ Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

The Wheat That Comes From
The Wave Sheave Had To Be
Ground Into Fine Flour To Bake
Loaves That Would Be Accepted
As The First Fruits Unto The
Lord.

The Loaves Were The New
Testament Body That
Comprised Both Hebrews
And The Gentiles.

These Two Loaves Were
Baked With Leaven.

Leaven There Is God
Receiving You At The
Strength Of Grace.

He knows your weakness but while we were yet in the mess of sin, He chose us so that the Holy Spirit in your life could do a cleansing job.

That Is Grace.

Leviticus 23:18-20

¹⁸ And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

¹⁹ Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

²⁰ And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

They Shall Be Holy – When I
See The Blood Of Sacrifice, I
Will Receive You Into The
Potter's House Which Is Full
Of The Power Of
Transformation.

Job 14:4

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

No One Can Bring
Something Clean Out Of The
Unclean – Man Cannot Save
Himself Therefore, Grace
Must Root Out Through That
Filth.

By The Feast Of Pentecost,
God Was Pointing Out The
Supreme Grace He Was
Going To Reveal In Christ.

Who Can Bring A Clean
Thing Out Of An Unclean?
Not One.

The Answer Is Sovereign
Grace From A Sovereign
One That Can Make Israel
Out Of A Filthy Jacob.

(For The Children Being Not Yet Born, Neither Having Done Any Good Or Evil, That The Purpose Of God According To Election Might Stand, Not Of Works, But Of Him That Calleth;)

61-0423 - Abraham And His Seed After Him

21...God calls the church by His grace. If it wasn't today for the grace of God, you'd be out here in the rain watching the ball game somewhere.

You'd be out here on the highway⁸⁴
running
around. You'd be in a
barroom somewhere, be out with
some man's wife, or some
woman's
husband. You'd be a—out in the
world.

But it's by the calling
and grace of God, that He's
changed your minds, and made
you new creatures in Christ
Jesus, and our soul looks up to
Him today with
expectations of His coming.

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Divine Favor By Which
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Christian Faith, Knowledge
And Affection.

He Also By The Same
Grace, Kindles The Souls
To The Exercise Of The
Christian Virtues.

This Grace Lifts Us From
Leavened Lamps Of Sin To
Unleavened Lamps Of
Righteousness.

The Roots Of Grace:

There Are Some People Who
Think They Can Never Be
Saved In The Condition They
Are In.

They have killed.

They have done all the evil there
is to do.

And They Have Come To
Church And Sometimes
Lived In Here, But They
Have Never Rested From
Their Past.

They Carry The Burden Of
Guilt Each Time A Minister
Stands Here And Because
Of That, They Skip
Services.

But By Looking At The Roots
Of Grace And Remembering
The Words Of Job That -
Who Can Bring A Clean
Thing Out Of An Unclean?
Not One.

We Can Have The
Confidence In The God
Who Is Rich In Mercy.

Let Us Bring In Moab
Here:

The Bible In Genesis 19 Speaks
Of The Fall Of Lot Fleeing The
Fire Of Sodom And Settling In
The Caves Near Zoar.

There, His Daughters Make
Him Drunk And Then Make
Him Lie With Them Because
Where They Went, There
Was No Men To Give Them
Children.

And The Firstborn Bare A
Son, And Called His Name
Moab: The Same Is The
Father Of The Moabites
Unto This Day.

And The Younger, She Also
Bare A Son, And Called His
Name Benammi: The Same Is
The Father Of The Children
Of Ammon Unto This Day.

Those Are Filthy Stories,
But I Want You To Store
Them Because We Are
Talking About The Roots
Of Grace.

I Want You To Know That The
Old Testament Was A Drama
That Portrayed The Coming
Christ And His Grace.

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

¹¹ Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

These Prophets Sometimes:

Saw Vision.

Heard Voices.

And Sometimes Lived Prophetic
Lives.

1 Peter 1:12

¹² Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Their Lives Spoke To Us
About The Coming Christ
And That Is Why We Can
Understand Grace Through
The Unclean Shadows Of The
Bible.

And On The Other Hand,
These Prophets Spoke Of
The Coming Christ The
Author Of Eternal Grace.

John 1:17

¹⁷ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The Grace Of God Came
Through Dirty Channels In
Order To Bring The Purity
That The Bride Must Be.

Perfect.

Robed In Garments Of
Righteousness.

Without Spot Or Wrinkle.

Looking At It In That Form,
We Need To Allow Christ To
Begin With Our Filth And
Out Of Us, God Will Bring A
Perfect Bride Without Spot
Of Wrinkle.

Matthew 1:2-6

² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

³ And Judas begat Phares and
Zara of Thamar; and Phares
begat Esrom; and Esrom begat
Aram;

⁴ And Aram begat Aminadab;
and Aminadab begat Naasson;
and Naasson begat Salmon;

⁵ And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

Rahab there is a dirty channel,
she was a prostitute.

Ruth there was also a dirty
channel, she was a Moabite
woman.

Matthew 1:6

⁶ And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

Solomon's Mother Was A
Dirty Channel; She Was
Uria's Wife.

All The Men Were Okay But
Some Of These Women
Were Not.

These Women Represent
You The Church Of Jesus
Christ. The Dirty Channel
That Christ Wants To Marry
So That He Can Be Born In
You.

Washed By A Marriage:

All These Women Were
Washed By A Relationship
With The Root And Offspring
Of David And So Will This
Bride Be.

We Are Washed By A
Marriage And By The
Marriage To Christ, We Share
With Him His Character And
All That He Is.

But Now We See Him In The
Church, Sharing His Own
Holiness With Us, Until In
Him We Have Become The
Very Righteousness Of God.

Yes, And There He Stands, "Jesus,
Perfect Everything,"--lily Of The
Valley, The Bright And Morning
Star, The Fairest Of Ten Thousand,
Alpha And Omega, Root And
Offspring Of David, Father, Son
And Holy Ghost--the All And In All.

Rahab was washed by a marriage.

Ruth was washed by a marriage.

Bathsheba was washed by a marriage.

That Is Sovereign Grace
From A Sovereign One.

Ruth 2:2-3

² And Ruth the Moabite said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

³ And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

This Is The Message Of Grace
Bringing You Into A Marriage
Relationship With God.

And Remember That This
Was A Moabitic Woman –
She Come Through The
Sin Of Lot And His
Daughter.

The Marriage Of Grace
Washed Them.

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for it;

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

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

Christ Calls You Saying,
“Come Unto Me All Ye Who
Are Messed Up By Sin” – I
Will Get To Wash You In A
Marriage Relationship Thou
Filthy Gentile Woman.

Grace Will Pick You And
Place You Into A Washing
Relationship.

The Woman Caught In
Adultery Was Brought
Into A Washing
Relationship – Go And Sin
No More.

Those Are The Roots Of Grace.

Matthew Chapter 9, They
Brought A Man Sick Of Palsy
And When He Saw Their Faith,
He Said, “Son, Be Of Good
Cheer; Thy Sins Be Forgiven
Thee”.

He Was Brought Into A Washing
Relationship And When The
People Mummered, He Said,
“For Whether Is Easier, To Say,
Thy Sins Be Forgiven Thee; Or To
Say, Arise, And Walk?

Grace Washed And
Healed.

Luke 7:39

³⁹ Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

The pharisees did not understand the roots of grace. Grace roots from evil in order to dress us with His own righteousness.

When Paul Teaches Grace, He Calls Him The “God Who Is Rich In Mercy”.

What Is Your Condition? – We Have A God Who Is Rich In Mercy.

Luke 7:40-48

⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

⁴¹ There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

⁴² And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

⁴³ Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

⁴⁴ And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but
this woman since the time I
came in hath not ceased to kiss
my feet.

⁴⁶ My head with oil thou didst
not anoint: but this woman hath
anointed my feet with ointment.

⁴⁷ Wherefore I say unto thee,
Her sins, which are many, are
forgiven; for she loved much:
but to whom little is forgiven,
the same loveth little.

⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

Paul Says, “But Where
Sin Abounded, Grace
Did Much More
Abound”.

Grace Is Rooted In Your
Weakness.

Grace Picks You Up And
Brings You Into A Washing
Relationship By Marriage.

Grace Does Not Look At
How Good You Are But
Rather Goes Back Into The
Lamb's Book Of Life To
See Whether Your Name Is
In There.

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Once He Sees Your Name, He
Pronounces That The
Marriage Of The Lamb Is
Come.

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Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Grace Brings Us In Not To
Keep Us In Sin But To
Exert A Holy Influence
Over Us.

Grace Blesses Us In Our Christian Walk:

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

⁶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Grace Supplies Our
Needs

56-0603 - The Lamb's Book Of
Life

167 Young man, young woman,
this morning, or you old man or
woman, who never been a
Christian, God has continually
knocked at your heart.

[Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit—Ed.] Oh, yes, you might come in at the end of the road, but you'll have no joy. There'll be no stars around you to shine. I don't want to stand like that.

168 I want to hear Him say, “It was well done, My good and faithful servant.” I want to show Him my appreciation.

169 My poor, little, old
gray-headed wife, how would I
love to do something for her,
that I know she likes, because I
love her, and I know she loves
me.

And if I'd do that for my wife, in¹⁷⁵
the human love, what ought I to
do, to know that God, by
grace, before the foundation of
the world, seen me; a poor, little
sinner staggering, and was
going to hell and couldn't help
it?

And He foreordained me, and put my name in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Oh, I love Him! There's no way at all, of ever telling...?...

No wonder the Bible said, “Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the hearts of man.” Oh, my! How glorious God is! Don’t you want to trust Him, if you are weary and tossed about?

56-0603 - The Lamb's Book Of¹⁷⁸ Life

176 Someday, sitting yonder on
the celestial hills of Glory, where
the sun will never go down in
that City, where the saints are
already shouting, those old
heroes of the Faith,

looking back down in those places yonder, and seeing our path, made of Glory. I want to sit with them, and see that I've put my head up in the air and trusted God, and walked on, in the time of storm. Oh, my!

The Grace Of This Journey

Sunday Service, 23rd April 2023

Bro. John Mbugua

Ephesians 1:5-6

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

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Romans 9:11

¹¹ (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

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...First of all, we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in election.

It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a Word Bride.

She was chosen before the
foundation of the
world IN HIM. She was forekno
wn and beloved before
she was ever
brought forth during the ages
upon the earth.

She was redeemed by His blood and can NEVER come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her.

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That Is Sovereign Grace.
He Sees All The Moral Decay.
He Sees All Brutality Of
Humanity.

He Sees All The Persecutions
But At The End Of The
Journey, He Will Stand
Amidst The Remnants Of
Grace Through All The Ages.

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according to election might
stand.....

The Purpose Of God To
Have A Bride, Stands In
Election.

336-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE -
CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9

..... This purpose took form through election. That is why He could look right down to the last age when all would be over and see Himself still in the midst of the church,

as author of this New Creation of God. His Sovereign power brought it to pass. By His own decree He elected the members of this New Creation.

He predestinated them to the adoption of children according to the good pleasure of His will. By His omniscience and omnipotence He brought it to pass.

How else could He know that He would be standing in the midst of the church receiving glory from His brethren if He did not make sure?

All things He knew, and all things He worked out according to what He knew in order that His purpose and good pleasure be brought to pass.

When He Says, "For God So Loved The World," He Is Talking About A Divine Elective Love.

This Love Is "Elective Love". It Is His Love For His Elect.

And His Love For Them Is Apart
From HUMAN MERIT For It Says
That The Purpose Of God Stands
In Election Which Is Exactly
Opposite To Works Or Anything
Man Has In Himself.

Because "BEFORE THE CHILDREN WERE BORN" He had ALREADY said, "Jacob Have I Loved, But Esau Have I Hated."

Romans 9:12-13

¹² It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

¹³ As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

When Christ Was Talking About
The Commitment Of Mary
Magdalen, The Woman Out Of
Whom Seven Spirits Were Cast
Out Said:

Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Once We Break Into The
Revelation Of Elective Love,
We Shall Love Much.

- We Do Not Sit Back And
Site Election.

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- It Goes To The Centre Of
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Foundation Of The World,
That We Should Be Holy And
Without Blame Before Him
In Love:

Grace Reached Out For Israel
And Provided Them With A
Prophet Based On Election.

Genesis 17:7-10

⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

⁸ And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

⁹ And God said unto Abraham,
Thou shalt keep my covenant
therefore, thou, and thy seed
after thee in their generations.

¹⁰ This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

And “Thy Seed After Thee”
Speaks Of Election.
I Will Establish My Covenant
Between Me And Thee And
Thy Seed After – Born Under
A Covenant – Election.

I Will Give Unto Thee, And To
Thy Seed After Thee, The
Land – The Land Belonged
Both To Abraham And His
Seed – Their Inheritance
Stems From Their Election.

So, It Is Grace Along Our
Pilgrim Journey.

He Stands By Our Side When
We Fall Not Condemn Us But
To Restore Us.

Jeremiah 3:12-14

¹² Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

¹⁴ Turn, O backsliding children,
saith the LORD; for I am married
unto you: and I will take you one
of a city, and two of a family,
and I will bring you to Zion:

Grace Voluntarily Calls Us
Back Into The Safety Of His
Presence And When We Do
Not Return, Grace Then
Leads Into Chastisement To
Restore You.

Revelation 3:19

¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Grace Rebukes And
Chastises But Does Not
Judge Because Judgment
Is A Legal Rejection.

To Rebuke Is To Call Out
Our Mistakes Into Light To
Bring Us Into The Centre
Of His Love.

And To Chasten Is Done By
Words Of Correction Or God
Allowing Certain Bodily
Conditions Like A Sick Body
And This Is Intended To Make
Us Search Our Souls.

1 Timothy 5:20

²⁰ Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Call Out Out Their
Mistakes In Light Like
Paul Did In The
Church Of Corinth.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

5 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

² And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

³ For I verily, as absent in body,
but present in spirit, have
judged already, as though I were
present, concerning him that
hath so done this deed,

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁵ To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Paul Rebuked The Sin And
Because The Man Could Not
Repent, He Was Placed Into
Chastisement For The
Destruction Of His Body And
Not His Soul.

In Babylon, Israel Was Placed
Under Chastisement Of The
Body So That God Could
Reach A Humbled Spirit And
Then Converts It Unto
Himself Perfect.

And After 70 Years, Israel
Returned Humbled And
Rebuilt The Broken
Temple.

And That Is What
Happened To The
Restored Corinthian
Man.

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

⁶ Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

⁷ So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

⁸ Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

After Chastisement, You
Are Brought Back As A
Building Stone On This
Tabernacle.

Ephesians 1:5-6

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

Divine Sovereignty
Predestinated You To
The Adoption Of
Children.

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

And It Is In This
Sovereignty Where We
Can See The Praise Of
The Glory Of His Grace.

Zechariah 3:1-7

1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

By Looking At The First 7
Scriptures, Joshua Was
Being Addressed As Priest:

To Make A Distinction With
Joshua The Son Of Nun And
Also To Point Out His
Predestinated Position In The
Body.

*- The Case Of Joshua The
Priest Answers The Scripture
– Having Predestinated Us.*

- God Knew Joshua And Also Accepted Received Him In His Justified State Until He Dressed Him And Placed Him In His Position In The Body.

² And the LORD said unto Satan,
The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan;
even the LORD that hath
chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is
not this a brand plucked out of
the fire?

A Brand Plucked Out Of The
Fire And Still In A Justified
State Yet Referring To Him
As A Priest By The
Predestination Of Grace.

60-0515E - Adoption #1

106...Election looks back to for
eknowledge, and predestination
looks to destiny. ...

Predestination Therefore
Referred To Joshua As A
Priest Because That Is Where
The Spirit Of Adoption Was
Leading Him To.

Zechariah 3:3-4

³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

Just Picked From A Garbage Pit
By Grace Through Divine
Predestination To Bring Him To
His Position In Christ/
- He Therefore Needed Change
Of Garments, A Reflection Of
Sanctification.

⁴ And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

60-0611B – Fellowship

31 Now, the elements that came from the body of Jesus was water, blood, spirit.

What come from His natural body is what constitutes the new birth. What's—what is when a baby's born, what's the first thing happens?

(Excuse me, my sisters.) What's the first thing happen? Water breaks. What's the next thing? Blood. What's the next thing? Life.

Exactly right.

What constitutes the natural birth is a type of the spiritual birth. What is the first thing? Water, it's waters of separation:

by faith as Brother
read the Scripture this
morning, Romans 8—or
Romans 5, justification by
faith. What's the next
thing? The cleansing,
sanctification.

Taking the—the mug and
justifying it is picking it
up. Sanctifying it is cleansing it.
Then it's ready for
filling of the Holy Spirit. See?

The Word “sanctify,” is a
word, means “cleaned and set
aside for service,” but not in
service.

There's where I dif...You brother
Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness,

that thinks that sanctification
is the entire
work of the Holy Spirit,
it is not. Sanctification
cleanses you,
but the Holy Spirit fills you.

The glass is set aside for service, but not in service until it's put in service by the Holy Ghost and filled with the Holy Ghost. See? That's it.

Zechariah 3:5-7

⁵ And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Changing Of Garments – The Return Of The Prodigal Son.

⁶ And the angel of
the LORD protested unto
Joshua, saying,

⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts;²⁶⁹
If thou wilt walk in my ways, and
if thou wilt keep my charge,
then thou shalt also judge my
house, and shalt also keep my
courts, and I will give thee
places to walk among these
that stand by.

*– He Was Not In The Ministry Yet
But He Was Predestinated Of
God To Occupy A Place In The
Body.*

*That Is The Praise Of The Glory Of
His Grace.*

*So, What Is Your Spiritual
Condition This Morning?*

*You Can Be Restored By The
Grace Of God And Placed In The
Body For Service.*

Luke 15:20-24

²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

o The Boy Took A Step To Restore Himself To The Father.

- When He Took The First Step, The Father Gave Him Courage.

Courage To Step Out Of The Wrong Company.

²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

A True Penitent Man Or
Woman Will Always Feel
That Void In His Return And
That Void Is Where Grace
Stands To Pull You Back In.

□ That Feeling Makes You Realize That Something Had Left The Centre Of Your Life And Only Grace Can Replace It.

²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

²³ And bring hither the fattened calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

The Young Man Got A
Change Of Garment, But
His Status Had Not
Changed. The Father
Called Him, “This My
Son”.

53-1112 - Demonology

28...When a man's truly borne
d of the Spirit of God and remai
ns with God, he's not lost. He c
an't be lost. A grain of wheat ca
n never produce nothing but a
wheat.

That's right. That man backslid.
That's the truth, but he wasn't l
ost.

Seek To Be Born Again
Because When You Fall
You Will Know, And You
Will Know Where.

Revelation 2:5

⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

When Israel Backslid And
Went Down Into Egypt, They
Was Backslid. They Never
Lost Their Covenant. They
Lost Their Joy Of Their
Salvation.

61-0723M - The Ever-Present

Water From The Rock

113 Now you say,

“Then, Brother Branham, why is it that we do not do the things then that we should do?”

How is it our gifts and things in
the church does not come to it
s color, to where it should be?

How is it our church does not lift up
into the spot where it should be?” The people, in the testing time, drops away like Israel did. They think that God has left them.

114 But, remember, the Rock
never left Israel. Israel
left the Rock,

it forgot about the Rock being with them all the time. It was right there, went right with them to the end of the road.

“It followed them.” It wasn’t
out of speaking
distance. It wasn’t out of
hearing distance. Or, it wasn’t
out of seeing distance.

115 And neither is Christ!
With the Church today,
He's not out of speaking
distance.

Some of you have
backslid, and done that which is
wrong, and you've
lost that joy, and your
Water is dried up. He's
still in speaking distance of you.

He follows you. He knows every move you make and everything you do. He's longing to hear you call Him on the scene.

So, Love One Another The
Way God Has Loved Us
Looking At The Blood And
It Its Power To Wash The
Vilest Of Sinners.

Let Us Maintain That
Attitude Towards One
Another.

60-0518 - Adoption #2

141 I went after a brother not long ago, had went astray. A young fellow said to me, said, "Let that rascal go. Let him alone."

142 I said, “If I ever get to a place that my heart don’t go with my brother, then it’s time for me to go to the altar, because I’ve fallen from grace.”

I said, “I’ll go as long as he’s got breath in his body, and I’ll catch him somewhere along the line.” Yes, sir. And I caught him, hallelujah, brought him back.

Yes, sir. He's back in the fold safely now. Yes, sir. He would have went astray as sure as the world.

Charity Will Always
Reach Out For One
Another.

1 John 3:16

¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

It Is Love That Preached
Redemption And The Same Love
Projected His Grace.

- We Need To Look At One
Another With A Redemptive
Eye.

Jude 21-23

²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And of some have
compassion, making a
difference:

²³ And others save with fear,
pulling them out of the fire;
hating even the garment
spotted by the flesh

Have A Redeeming Compassion
Towards One Another.

- We Should Hold Each Other In
Prayer Basing On The Fact That
The Blood Is Still Available.

We Pray Towards The
Change Of Garment For
Each Other.

Revelation 19:7-8

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

○ “His Wife Hath Made Herself Ready” – She Has Moved Into A State Of Self-motivation.

Prayer.

Study.

Walk.

Her Level Of Self-motivation
Moves A Level Higher.

⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

60-1231 - Revelation, Chapter

Four #1

62 When a Christian's first saved, his face is turned towards Christ, then he's got something to do himself.

He has to, next thing,
sanctify himself from all unclean
habits, “laying aside every
weight, making Herself ready.
The Bride has made Herself
ready!”

- Like Esther, She Is Keeping Her Skirt Clean.
- She Is Using Her Materials Given To Her For Purification. She Is Standing In The Final Hours Of Her Expectations.

- She Is Getting Her Bags Ready.

- She Is Making Sure That All Her Stuff Is In The Cabin Ready For The Flight.

- Faith.
Virtue.
Knowledge.
Temperance,
Patience,
Godliness.
Brotherly kindness.

- She Is Making Sure That The Seal Of Charity; The Token Is Tight.

Oh! The Grace Of This
Journey!

57-0126E - "When Divine Love Is
Projected, Sovereign Grace Takes Its
Place

16 Oh, how different it is with the King of kings. You cannot be too little. He sees every move you make. He knows all that's in you.

He...Not even the sparrow could fall to the street without Him knowing it. Not a little flower could come up, a little crocus, unless He knows about it.

So how much more are you than the flower? And if you are laying here sick or afflicted, do you not know that the King of kings is watching you?

Do you not know that He's interested in your healing and in your welfare? You may be ever so sinful, but did you know He is interested in you becoming His subject?

You say, “But I’m just an insignificant person.” But you’re not in the sight of God. God wants you. He loves you. And God so loved you, that when His love was projected,

sovereign grace taken its place and sent a Saviour to redeem you back to Himself. And in this Saviour He was wounded for our transgressions, because God loved you.

And God saw the afflictions of His people, and with His stripes you were healed, God's grace making a way, for His love required it.

17 And when His love projected His feeling, Christ stepped out to take His place. It required something to take the place. His love alone went for you.

And grace provided a Sacrifice for you. Now, you're only to ask to believe it: "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life."

Trusting that you catch the vision...Love is one of the greatest instruments that there is in God's great economy. God is Love.

The Bible said that He is love.
And when you become one of
His children, you become a part
of that love. You are a part of
God's economy.

You become a subject of His domain. And when you do that, you become a son and daughter of God. And He said He would give you Everlasting Life.

