

It Does Not Yet
Appear What We
Shall Be

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1 John 3:2

² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Hebrews 2:5-13

⁵ For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

⁶ But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?

⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

⁸ Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

¹² Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

¹³ And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

What Are We Called To
Be, And How Do We
Reconcile Our Present
State To That?

2 Peter 3:1-4

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

² That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Psalm 82:6

⁶ I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

John 10:34-36

³⁴ Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

³⁶ Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Super Church

CAB-05 — 5 - The Pergamean Church

Age

Whatever seed started the church will come forth and be like the original seed because it is the same seed. In these last days the true Bride Church (Christ's seed) will come to the Headstone,

and she will be the super
church, a super race, as she
nears Him. They in the bride
will be so much like Him that
they will even be in His very
image.

This is in order to be united
with Him. They will be one.
They will be the very
manifestation of the Word of
the living God.

‘Gods’

60-0522E — Adoption #4

76 And now This may just
choke you to death. But did
you know that men that are
sons of God are amateur gods?
How many ever knowed that?

How many knows that Jesus
said so? The Bible, Jesus said,
“Did not your law say, itself,
that you are ‘gods’? And if you
call them gods...” Which, God
said in Genesis 2 that they were
gods,

because they were, had full domain over the dominion of the world. He give him dominion over all things. And he lost his godship, he lost his sonship, he lost his domain, and Satan took it over.

But, brother, we are waiting for
the manifestations of the sons
of God who will come back and
take it over again. Waiting for
the fulness of time, when the
pyramid gets up to the top,

when the full sons of God will
be manifested, when the
power of God will walk out
(hallelujah) and will take every
power that Satan's got away
from him. Yes, sir, it belongs to
him.

65-0718E — Spiritual Food In
Due Season

10 ...The only thing, is, to get
the people to believe that's the
Truth.

And God teaches it in His Word and then proves it to them who will believe It, for He said, “All things are possible to them that believe.”

11 You say, “There’s nothing impossible with God.” You believe that? There’s nothing impossible with you, either.

“For all things are possible to
them,” (God is one Person) “to
them that believe.” See? So
there’s nothing impossible
with you, for you, if you can
only believe.

Christ's Victory

63-0728 — Christ Is The Mystery Of³⁶
God Revealed

594 Justified in His sight! Why
are we justified? We are His
victory. The Church is His
victory. We come forth in this
last days with this glorious
Gospel, showing His victory.

He died for this purpose, and
we are proof of His victory.
Amen! When we see Him
coming down and living
among the Church, that's His
victory.

Shows that he couldn't keep
Him in the grave, neither can
they keep us. That's right.
We're bound right. And we're
already, potentially, arisen,
because we've raised from dead,
unbelief in His Word,

from denomination creeds, to an Eternal Word of the Eternal God; which is Him, Hissself, working through us, manifesting Himself that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We Are In The Jubilee

Leviticus 25:8-13

⁸ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

⁹ Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

¹⁰ And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

¹¹ A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

¹² For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

¹³ In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

Deuteronomy 15:1

1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

56-0715 — The Mark Of The
Beast

58 But when the jubilee time
come, that we are free! And the
Trumpet is the Gospel, the good
news. The trumpet was the
Gospel then, good news. You're
no longer bound.

You no longer have to live in
sin. You can go home and be
free. You don't owe any debts
at all. The whole emancipation
of proclamation is done
signed, and you are free.

59 And, today, when a man hears the good news, “Christ died in your stead; nothing that you can do about it. Christ paid the price,” the Gospel sounds.

60 You can drop every
cigarette, every chew tobacco,
every whiskey bottle,
every—every thing that's
binding you, and say, "I am
free.

This is the good news, Christ
hath made me free.” You are a
free people. You don’t have to
go any longer. You don’t have
to serve the devil any longer.

You can be free if you desire to
be free. Now you don't have to
drink. You don't have to run
around. You don't have to
mistreat your wife. You don't
have to curse. You don't have
to lie.

You don't have to steal. You
don't have to be weary. Why,
you got the resources, up
yonder, that's never been
tapped, of the bountiful
blessings of God, that the
world knows nothing about.

God Requires Perfection

Matthew 5:48

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

God's Promise Seems
To Be So High And
Out Of Reach

Haggai 2:1-9

1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

² Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

³ Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

⁵ According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

⁶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

⁷ And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁹ The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

God Does Not Look
Like We Do

God Knew Who We
Would Be And Already
Made Provision

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!

60-0522M — Adoption #3

88 How can you preach
predestination, of God's
foreordaining and setting,
unless there's a sin atonement
somewhere? Why is it?

Each day you make a mistake,
each day you do wrong. But if
you're born again, man or
woman, as soon as you make
the mistake, God knows you're
sorry for it.

You would stand in the
presence of—of President
Roosevelt or anyone else, and
say, “I’m wrong, God forgive
me for this thing.” Why? And
there’s where the Blood
atonement...

Don't Look At
Yourself As A Man
Does, But As God
Does

61-1119 — Perfect Strength By
Perfect Weakness

16 Now, we are very grateful
that we still have a kind
Heavenly Father Who—Who
looks over our mistakes and
doesn't reckon them to us.

17 I was reading over in the Book of—of Romans, the 4th chapter, where Paul wrote the—the Divine commentary of the life of Abraham. Now, we know that Abraham many times got kind of flusterated like we do.

But when the...his
commentary was written,
there wasn't any of his
flusterations mentioned, you
see, never mentioned them at
all. Said:

Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong...giving praise to God;

18 See, and that's the way I
hope mine will be wrote up
There, is not my mistakes and
everything, but just what I try
to do, the intention of my
heart to do for God's people.

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.

Remember, God Is Not
Embarrassed By Your
Weaknesses; He Will
Manifest His Strength
Through Them

56-0405 — The Resurrection Of
Jesus

20...And if you notice, it's
when you are discouraged
that's when the devil can really
pour it on you.

That's when He gets you. If you come to the church and say, "Well, I don't know. I don't know whether I'll ever get any better or not. I've been prayed for twice."

Oh, my. You might as well go home; that's all. But when you can cast that aside...God don't want you to be frowning. God wants you to be happy. The human heart was made to be happy.

Worry will cause cancer. Temper will cause cancer. Don't never be upset. Just walk in His love. Amen. Knowing that you're walking in Him, and nothing can harm you. There's nothing can harm you.

There's neither powers, things present, things future, nothing can separate us from Him.

We're in Him. And we never
come in by our own will. He, by
choice, elected us and brought
us in to Him.

Amen. So it's His business to
take care of what He's took
Hissself. "No man can pluck
them from My Father's hands,
'cause He's the greatest of all
of them." Amen.

It's the Father Who takes care
of it. Who's got any more
power than God? So what kind
of a power have you got over
you to take care of you? The
whole powers that created the
universes.

Amen. That took the solar
system and, “Phew!” blew like
that, and every star went to its
place. Sure. And He watches
over you. Amen. That’s the
kind of a Father we have.

59-1216 — What Is The Holy Ghost?

62 How we could go into details with that and break that down, of how that when It—It makes intercession for our ignorance.

Sometimes when the...we got
the Holy Ghost, we ignorantly
stagger into something. The
Holy Spirit is there to make
advocate for us.

He is our Advocate. He stands
our...He's our Attorney. He
stands there and pleads for us.
We don't plead for ourself,
because the Holy Ghost in us
pleads for us.

The Holy Spirit giving
utterance, sometimes with
words you can't understand,
and He makes intercessions for
us. That's what the Holy Ghost
is.

63 When I walk into anything,
I—I walk like a little kid; you
walk like a little fellow. We,
we're walking in a dark world
full of enemies, full of sin, full
of traps, full of everything.

You say, “Oh, I’m afraid. I’m
afraid to take Christian life. I,
I’m afraid to do this. I’m afraid
I’ll do this.”

Don't be afraid. We have an
Advocate. Amen. Oh, He stands
by us. He's in us, and He makes
intercessions for us.

The Holy Spirit, constantly,
constantly making an advocate
for us, all the time. He is our
Advocator. Oh, how we thank
God for that!

60-0522M — Adoption #3

89 You notice that “s-i-n-s.” A sinner is a sinner, he does not commit sins.

But the church commmits sins,
does wrong, gets a wrong
thought, wrong impression,
makes scruples, wobbles like
a little child walking, trying to
learn how to walk.

He just don't know how to walk good yet, 'cause he's a little boy. But we have a Hand that reaches down if we...gets us and steadies us, and say,

“Make this step this a-way, son.” He doesn’t pick us up and spank us because we made a mistake, He doesn’t beat us to death because we’re trying to walk. He loves us like we love our children.

90 A real, real daddy wouldn't whip his child when he's trying to walk, if he falls down on the floor.

Reach right down with a big strong hand and pick him up, take both hands a hold of him, say, “This is the way you do it, son. Walk like this.”

91 That's the way God does His Church! Reaches down and gets him in His arm, picks him up and say, "Walk like this, son.

Here, don't—don't—don't say
it like that, talk it like This.
Now, I don't care what the
church says, what this says,
what that says, you say it like
This. Like This, this is It!

If My Word preaches It, you
stay right with It, walk with It.
Stay right with It. Don't care
what everybody else says, stay
right with It. Walk like This.
This is the way you make your
steps.”

57-0908E — Hebrews, Chapter¹¹⁹

Six #2

364 So, here is what it does—what it does. People thinks that that makes people loose. Brother, you don't serve God under a frown of a serpent.

God is not one of these guys
with a blacksnake whip, driving
you around. He's a Father. He's
Love. God is Love. And the Bible
said, in Saint John, "He that
loveth is of God."

365 You love God. I wouldn't be, if I went out and—and got on a drunk tonight. I never drank, in my life.

But if I went out and got on a drunk, I wouldn't be afraid of getting a whipping. That isn't the reason I don't go—go, don't go do it. The reason I don't do it, is because I love Him.

He loves me. It's not a works of
law. It's not something that I
got to do. It's because He's
already done something for
me, and I love Him for it. There
you are.

Be Patient With
Yourself And With
God

65-0410 — The Easter Seal

97 Now notice. It's the earnest, or the potential. The quickening power of your resurrection, when you receive the Holy Spirit, is then dwelling in you, the potential of it.

98 Notice, you—you are now
on your way, growing to the
full resurrection. No tree just
comes up overnight.

It's got to grow, as we grow in
the grace and knowledge of
God. You are baptized into the
Holy Spirit. Now, as the
pentecostal Church, baptized
into the Holy Spirit, It's begin
growing.

Limbs has died. They was pruning them off. But the Tree is still growing, is still going on, because It's got to come to the resurrection.

64-0112 — Shalom

146 Patience. Patience. Some of
us get so, some of us gets in such
a hurry. I think a many a good
man has done that. You get in
too—too much of a hurry. You
want to, see, you want to do it
yourself.

147 And minister brethren, you know from when I'm talking, you that's listening to this tape. I'm talking to you, not only to the little congregation here, but men around the world.

148 Many men go out,
impatient, but believing that
the time is near, you try to do
something within yourself.
Wait upon the Lord. Patience is
virtue. If you can have
patience, it's virtue.

It's virtue if you... “They that
wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength.” Not they that
try to get ahead of the Lord,
they that try to tell the Lord,

“Lord, I know You want me to
do this, and glory to God I...”
Don’t do that. Wait upon the
Lord. The Bible said, “They that
wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength.”

Don't Let The Failure
Of Yesterday Stop
You; Keep Fighting

60-0417M — Go, Tell

165 Today, I don't know how much defeat. I went in not long ago, was listening to a radio broadcast.

And there was a minister preaching on the resurrection, from First Corinthians 15. And he was preaching the resurrection.

And he stopped right in the middle of his sermon, and he said, “You know, so many people are afraid of defeat.” He said, “When General Patton lost a bunch of soldiers,”

said, “then they told him...He sent back and he wanted some more, and they sent him up some more. He got them killed, and he sent for some more.

And when he got them third bunch up there,” said, “every time a bullet would whine, they would run under a tin, or run under something another, scared.”

166 He said, "Send me up men, not kids." He said, "I want men that's ready to die. I don't want somebody that's afraid to die."

If the cause we're fighting for
is not worthy to die for, then
keep them away from me. I
want men."

They said, "But you've lost two
or three battles."

167 He said, “I haven’t lost the war. I’ve just lost a battle.”
Something spoke in my heart.

168 I remember Eisenhower said, “When I throwed a bullet, comanded, and they throwed a shell in the gun, they pulled it off and it was a fizzle, it didn’t work,”

said, “I didn’t quit and surrender. I threwed the bullet out and put another one in, tried it. If it didn’t work, I put another one in, until one did work.”

169 That's the way it's got to
be done. I don't know how it
will be. But God as my Judge
over this pulpit, I don't know
how many fizzles and how
many—how many battles I'll
lose, but I'll not lose the war.

He told me He would be with
me. I'll stand till I see that
ministry confirmed and see it
in operation. I begin this
morning, by the grace of God.

60-0911M — As I Was With
Moses, So I Will Be With Thee
30 Used to be, coming to the
church here, years ago, and they
may be here this morning, a
little man and his wife.

They used to sing a song that thrilled me. Goes something like this:

Forgive me, Lord, and try me
one more time,

I'll be Yours if You'll be mine;
If I fall or if I fail, let me rise and
try again,
Forgive me, Lord, and try me
one more time.

31 I like that. For, any good soldier is apt to get wounded or hurt. But if he's still a soldier, and got a purpose, and something to fight for, he'll rise and try again. And any good soldier of the Cross will do the same thing.

59-1001 — What Went Ye Out
To See?

4.Let me rise and try again;
Forgive me, Lord,
And try me one more time.

5 I prayed that so much, to
God, till I'm ashamed of
myself, almost. "Let me rise
and try again." Constantly
falling, and each time, why,
He's been merciful to help me
to come back again.

6 Now, if we just look it over,
there isn't an hour through the
day, hardly, but what
something we do that's wrong.

And now there's no little ones
or big ones, they're all big ones
before God. So if Apostle Paul
had to die daily, how much
more will we have to die daily!
See?

7 And then, I think, a person
that has done something
wrong and is willing to make it
right, the real Christian
attitude is to forgive that
person.

Obey Your Crave

65-1205 — Things That Are To¹⁵⁷ Be

67....So how that, when,
before the baby is to be born,
mother would crave
something. And dad would just
pinch corners, everything, to
get it for her.

See? It's her, the body, her body, the calcium and so forth of her body, and the vitamins that she needs.

Junie is being made up, see, and he craves for things, foods for the coming child. And how, the parents, they try to get it so the baby will be born as perfectly and happy as possible.

See how your parents will do that? When there's something needed, the mother gives witness of it, see, her system is made up.

You understand?

[Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.] That, how that
when there’s something
needed here, to the oncoming
child, the—the mother begins
to crave for that.

65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

91...But, brother, sister, we got
Eternal Life. We've got Eternal
Life through this great One Who
came, has gone, is able to
prepare us a body.

And these growing pains we
feel, like you women feel
condemned of what you do,
you men that hangs on to
seminary doctrines,

and so forth, you all want to
say, “I—I recite this creed. I do
this.” But there’s something
right down in you, when you
see the eyes of the blind
opened; the deaf
unders-...blind.

All these things that's
promised. See the Word
preached in Its power. See a
prostitute, off the street, made
a lady. See a—see a drunkard
come out of there, and be a real
saint of God.

My! See? There's something,
Life in there. And you begin to
feel, "Well, maybe I oughtn't
to do that." But, see, what it is,
it's something your Body
yonder is needing. "Come on."

But God's got the vitamins
right in Here for every bit of
that Body. Jesus has gone to
prepare the place in the bosom
of God; yes, sir, a little germ,
son of God, little son or
daughter of God.

65-1205 — Things That Are To
Be

84...God, able to prepare us,
and to give to us that crave in
our life, that we want to see
something.

How many in here wants more
of God? [Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.] Why, it goes to
show there is more for you.

See? You're craving it. Your
little birth pains are coming on.
See? You need more, so that
we can be happy, and free, and
perfect. We got to be.

85 Like the—the little—the little germ of life being the...in the bosom of God, just like, and the germ of life is in the bo-...in the bosom of the mother.

God is growing; and going,
gone, to prepare the place for
us, the Eternal place with
Himself;

65-1205 — Things That Are To
Be

62 ...It's a perfect place calling
you to that perfection, 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?

61-1119 — Perfect Strength By¹⁷⁸

Perfect Weakness

118 Here is something to
console us. Here is something
that encourages. Out of
weakness and humility God
chooses the people to build His
Kingdom out of.

If we ever get to Heaven, if we¹⁷⁹
ever stand in the Presence of
God with His Church, we'll
stand in a bunch of people
that's been weak and rejected
and cast out by the world, and
know-it-nothing's.