ADOPTION OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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SCRIPTURES

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

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:

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

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

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:

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.

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.

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 fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

MELCHISEDEC - THE FAMILY, OUR HOME.

Having made known to us the mystery of his will, (to adopt us)

60-0522M - Adoption #3 160 Now let's read, then we—we'll have to stop, 'cause our time's getting away. All right, in the 10th verse, or 9th verse, rather.

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

Tied something together, see the mystery of His Coming, the mystery of His will, the mystery of us sitting together.

60-0522E - Adoption #4 18 Now he said, "He made known to us the mystery." Get the Holy Spirit on you sometime, and start running That and just watch how It goes. This afternoon I had, oh, about thirty minutes to study, just to look the lesson over; maybe not, I'll say half of that, fifteen minutes between the times.

And I got to running, and I thought, "The mystery, how mysterious!" And the Scripture packed me back into the Old Testament, then back over into the New Testament;

tied something together, see the mystery of His Coming, the mystery of His will, the mystery of us sitting together. Remember, it cannot be taught in any seminary. It's a mystery.

You cannot know it by education, by theology. It's a mystery that's been hidden since the foundation of the world, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of

The Mystery of His will is Melchisedec.

60-0522E - Adoption #4 41 Now, "make known unto us the mysteries of His will," the coming...Let me read you something. I was reading over...Let's turn over now to "the mystery of His will."

Let's turn to Hebrews here just a minute, the 7th chapter of Hebrews, I believe it is.

And I'd like to read you something that would just make you feel so good when we think of us sitting together in Heavenly places. Hebrews, the 7th chapter.

For this Melchisedec, (Now watch.) king of Salem, priest of the most high God,... 42 What's the mystery now? Here's the mystery, watch this.

Who is this Fellow, "<u>making</u>, <u>knowing</u>, <u>the mystery of His</u> will," <u>this Melchisedec?</u>

I'm waiting for everybody here, the Bibles still turning. Hebrews, 7th chapter, Paul speaking, same man of Galatians. For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God,...

Then the attribute was, first, God; the thought, the attribute itself, all in One, without being expressed.

65-0221E - Who Is This Melchisedec? 55 Notice now His attribute. Then the attribute was, first, God; the thought, the attribute itself, all in One, without being expressed.

Then when He expressed, secondarily, He became then the Word. "And then the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

56 Saint John the 1st chapter and the 1st verse, notice, this is, "In the beginning." But, before, the Eternal! Notice, "In the beginning was the Word."

When the time begin, it was Word. But before it was Word, it was attribute, a thought. Then it was expressed, "In the beginning was," the expression, "the Word."

Now we're getting where Melchisedec is. That's this mysterious Person.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And then the Word became flesh and dwelled among us." Hold that there now, notice.

The eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing, and that purpose was in Himself.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age) The heart purpose, the eternal purpose of God was to take a bride of His OWN choosing,

and that purpose was in

Himself, and being eternal was
decreed before the foundation
of the world.

Watch carefully now and see this. Before there was ever a speck of star dust; before God was God

(God is an object of adoration and no one was there to worship Him, so He was at that time only <u>potentially God</u>) and He was known only as eternal Spirit, the bride was already in His mind. Yes, she was.

She was existing in His thoughts. And what about those thoughts of God? They are eternal, are they not?

The eternal thoughts of God! Let me ask you, "Are the thoughts of God eternal?" If you can see this, you will see many things. God is unchangeable in both essence and behavior.

All His thoughts are already real and eternal, and part of God.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age) He has never had a new thought about anything because all His thoughts He has always had and always will have,

and knows the end from the beginning because He is God. THUS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD ARE ETERNAL. THEY ARE REAL.

They are not simply like a man with a blueprint he has drawn up and which one day will be translated into substance and form, but they are already real and eternal, and part of God.

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An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age) Then we come to Jesus the LOGOS. He was the perfect and complete THOUGHT expressed and He became known as the Word.

That is what He IS, and forever WILL BE. Now it says that "He hath chosen us IN HIM (Jesus) before the foundation of the world."

That means that we were right there WITH Him in the mind and thoughts of God before the foundation of the world. That gives an ETERNAL quality to the elect. You can't get away from that.

Now that same Logos has a part, He has got a Bride.

65-0429B - The Seed Shall Not Be Heir With The Shuck 80 That man fell, like the seed has to fall. And then God begin to brood over that, after the fall.

He brought up a-a Enoch, He brought up a Elijah, He brought up a Moses, He brought up prophet after prophet, trying to restore that image again.

And, finally, upon the earth came the genuine image of God Himself again, which was God, the Logos made flesh and dwelt among us.

81 Now that same Logos has a part, He has got a Bride, and the same Logos, this Word that cannot be tampered with,

is brooding over the churches today, trying to bring back the Word to Its full manifestation.

Which, the—the prophets was carriers to that Seed, and the church denominations has been carriers to the Seed now. Now notice, quickly, but like the shuck hugs, holds in the Seed now, then it leaves her.

God is the Word, and It was made flesh and dwelt among us, now, that He might bring forth the other attributes of God.

65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy 73 God is the Word, and It was made flesh and dwelt among us, now, that He might bring forth the other attributes of God.

The body, Jesus, was the body of God, an attribute. Moses seen Him pass, the back part of Him; no man had seen His face.

But now we seen Him, we have beheld Him, see Him as the Sacrifice. Now, see, He was an attribute of God, being displayed, the Word. That's what He was.

74 And when any believer comes to God, he becomes God's attribute of His Word, he is used to manifest the Word that's promised for that day.

See? That's right. God, rich in mercy, has never left us without a testimony. He is rich in mercy.

Now God in us, see, sons of God, in the adoption that Christ come to do, to redeem God's attributes as He did at the beginning.

64-0401 - The Identified Christ Of All Ages 207 First, it was God in the Pillar of Fire, God above us; then God with us, in Christ;

now God in us, see, sons of God, in the adoption that Christ come to do, to redeem God's attributes as He did at the beginning.

208 Now if His Word dwells in here, and I've told the Truth, and that is it, and the Word is in here, in my heart, then God will identify Himself as that being the Truth.

Then what ought that to do to this congregation? What ought to do, when you see the Scripture right here before you?

That Life, that He was thinking of you, is in you now. It's in there to stay.

64-0306 - A Greater Than Solomon Is Here Now 19 And now we find that the anti-Christ, in the last day, "will deceive all that dwells upon the earth,

whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world." Your name was put in God's Book before the Lamb was slain.

When His program was laid out, the whole thing, you were recognized in that program because you got Eternal Life.

The word Eternal, never did begin and neither can it end, and you are an attribute of God's thinking before the world was ever created. That's the only way you can have Eternal Life.

And that Life, that He was thinking of you, is in you now.
There is no way to separate it.
It's in there to stay.

LEAVING THE BASIC DOCTRINES, LET US MAKE SURE

Melchisedec-Strong Meat-Perfection

Hebrews 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

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For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 6:1

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,

Hebrews 6:2

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

Hebrews 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit.

Leaving the basic doctrines into Perfection (The Tabernacle)

57-0908M - Hebrews, Chapter Five And Six #1 106 We could take it, verse by verse, each one of those things. Baptism, we believe it. "There's one hope, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

We believe that there's a baptism. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. Absolutely. We believe Jesus died and rose again. We believe that.

"Laying on the hands, for the sick," that's what it said. "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." We believe that.

But what is that? Paul said, "It's all dead works." It's something that you do.

107 "Now let's go on to perfection." Oh, my! We're coming into the Tabernacle, not the foundation; the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle Itself.

That's the foundation: the law, and the righteousness, and—and—and joining church, and being baptized, and—and laying on of hands. Them is all orders of the church. "But now let's go into perfection." And there's only One that is perfected, that's Jesus.

We are now in the Headstone (Tabernacle) ministry.

64-0121 - God's Word Calls For A Total Separation From Unbelief 220 This ministry will end soon, and the expected Son will appear, Himself. The Church has come from justification, through the Lutheran;

santification, through the Wesleyans; into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, through the Pentecostals; and now winding up to the Headstone ministry, typing all the time right into that Perfect;

negative shadow becoming positive, then Jesus will come to catch His Church, someday, those who believe.

Let's make it sure - become a part of the Head time. Christ, the Headstone.

64-0802 - The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride 500 I know it's been long and hot, but, people, we won't always be standing here. I won't always be your pastor. Let's make it sure.

"Is there a way, Brother Branham?" 501 Yes, become a part of the Word, a part of the Word of today.

Can't be a part of the Word of Moses' day; that part is done made up, that was the feet. We're at the Head now. This is Christ. Not the arms time, back in Luther, no.

This is the Head time. Christ, the Headstone, comes to the Body.

THE INCORRUPTIBLE INHERITANCE.

We receive an incorruptible inheritance. It can't be defiled.

61-0618 - Revelation, Chapter Five Part II240 The prodigal son went away and left his inheritance, and he took part of it with him.

When he returned back, his inheritance—his inheritance was defiled. But if you've run away from yours, it's not so with the Kingdom of God, we receive an incorruptible inheritance.

The father never said, "Wait a minute, son! Are you bringing my money back?" No

59-0802 - Without Money Or Without Price 121 The prodigal son. In closing, I might say this. When he had wasted all his living, the father's living, with riotous living, and when he was returning home...

He was laying in a pig pen, and he come to himself. And he said, "How many hired servants, my father has got, that has enough to spare, and here I am dying, for want."

What if he tried to say, "Wonder if I've got some money I could pay dad back (what I spent in running) with?" But he knowed the nature of his father, and he said, "I will arise and go to my father."

22 The father never said, "Wait a minute, son! Are you bringing my money back?" No. He never charged him for his sins. He was glad that he was coming back.

He was glad that he had come to himself, because he was his son. He was his own child. He was glad he was on his road home.

Now, he didn't endorse his sin, but he was glad when he come to himself and said, "I have sinned before my God, and before my father. I will arise and go to him."

123 And when he saw him, far off, he ran to him and kissed him. And he said, "Kill the fatted calf," without money. "Bring the best robe," without money.

"Bring the ring," without money, "put it upon his finger. Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for this my son was lost and is now found. He was dead, and he is alive again. Let us be happy about it."

An inheritance.Somebody has to leave you something. A name written on the Book.

60-0522M - Adoption #3 170 Oh, Brother Neville, forgive me for taking this time. I...that word "inheritance." Oh-oh-oh! Oh, it's got to! Oh-oh-oh-oh!

I know He...It's my kinsman Brother. I don't...I hope I'm not crazy. I—I—I just...I don't think I am. But, oh, my! A what? "An inheritance."

We have obtained an inheritance. Somebody has to leave you something. God, before the foundation of the world, left you something.

A name written on the Book, that when the Lamb would be slain you'd be recognized with It. Oh!

How do we get this inheritance? Because we were predestinated.

60-0522M - Adoption #3 171 What? How do we get this inheritance? How did we get it? Because we walked upright?

How do we get this inheritance? Because we were predestinated. Amen. Whew!

He predestinated, put the Lamb's Name on the Book, looked down through by His foreknowledge and seen your name, put it on there too.

60-0522M - Adoption #3 173 When He was...before He was a Papa, before He was God, before He was a Saviour, before He was a Healer, before all of this,

He predestinated, put the Lamb's Name on the Book, looked down through by His foreknowledge and seen your name, put it on there too.

THE BEST ROBE, RING AND FATTED CALF ADOPTION

His garment of His righteousness He put upon me; and a wedding ring upon my finger.

60-1211M - The Ten Virgins, And The Hundred And Forty-Four Thousand Jews 280 Oh, let me—let me stay close to Thee, Jesus. Don't turn me from Thy dear side, seeing Thy five wounds bleeding.

O Prince of Heaven, how He died, died for me! Died that I might...

281 A condemned...in the chains of sin, in the prison house of hell, condemned, guilty, going away to be destroyed forever, and Somebody took my place.

And then they...Plowing out here when I was a k-...; it was about eighteen, twenty years old, one day the Holy Spirit...I said, "Well, who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going?"

282 He said, "<u>He took your</u> place, you were going there. He took your place, there He is."

283 I said, "O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God, I come! I come! Nothing in my arms I bring, I have nothing to offer You, Lord, just simply to Thy cross I cling; that's all I got."

And He took me in. He clothed me like the father with the prodigal son, put a new garment upon me, the garment not of mine,

His garment of His righteousness He put upon me; and a wedding ring upon my finger, that I'll be with the Bride that day.

Now the fatted calf has been killed, and we're rejoicing because I was once dead and now I'm alive, I was once lost and now I'm found.

Adoption - so beautifully displayed in the prodigal son.

60-0518 - Adoption #2 148....What? Let me read the Scripture here. All right. Having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,

according to His Own pleasure... To the praises of His glory... 149 Oh, do you get it? To the praises of His glory!

That He could set there in the Eternal ages that is to roll on, and His children would scream, "Abba, Father! Abba, Father!"

150 And the Angels say, "What they talking about? What are they talking about?"

151 So beautifully displayed in the prodigal son. "I was lost." "This is my son. He was lost and now he's found. He was dead, and he's alive again.

Bring forth the fatted calf, the best robe, a ring and put it on his finger. And let's..." No wonder when the morning stars sang together,

the sons of God shouted for joy, when they seen the plan of salvation, God putting your name on the Book before the foundation of the world.

Shaping up to a headstone, to the manifestations of sons of God coming back, and the Spirit of God coming into these men, so perfectly

60-0522E - Adoption #4 19 Tell me, my brother, tell me, my sister, when was the time that the sons of God was ever to be manifested outside of this time now?

When were there ever a time in the history, they was to manifest the time to deliver all nature? Nature, the nature itself is groaning, waiting for the time of the manifestation.

Why, before the atonement was made, before the Holy Ghost was ever poured out, before all the—all the Old Testament, on down there, there couldn't have been manifestations.

It had to wait till this time. Now all things has been brought, coming, shaping up to a headstone, to the manifestations of sons of God coming back,

and the Spirit of God coming into these men, so perfectly, until their ministry will be so close like Christ's till it will join Him and His Church together.

The Headstone is coming, crying, "Abba, Father," pretty soon, "My God! My God!"

64-0125 - Turn On The Light 102 And when Jesus returns, He'll find a Church that's washed, without spot or wrinkle, and it'll be the same ministry He had. It'll bring back the Headstone.

103 Like my hand here, in a shadow. It's a shadow, only it's darker as my hand becomes more...It's a negative here, a positive here.

As a negative and positive, it gets denser; darker, darker, darker, and finally it claps together, and negative and positive becomes one.

104 That's when Church and Christ unites together, as a Bride, with the same Spirit that was in Him will be upon Her;

when that Church comes from <u>iustification</u>, <u>sanctification</u>, baptism of the Holy Ghost, into the last days, and honing her down now for the Coming of the Lord.

105 Oh, don't be the rough part on It, Pentecostal brother. Shine up with the Word and believe every bit of It. Don't get out into these isms and things, as we see going on today.

Don't be astonished at that, because the Headstone is coming, crying, "Abba, Father," pretty soon, "My God! My God!" Yes, I believe that with all my heart.

The Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Father kissed away all of my sins and cares, He put the Robe, the Holy Spirit on me, put the wedding ring on my finger.

<u>50-0827A - Prodigal</u>

170 I remember when I was lost and undone, out in the world, dying, a sinner, laying on a hospital bed, the doctor said I had just a few moments to live.

But I cried, coming down the road, and as I cried, I run to meet the Heavenly Father. He kissed me on the neck, kissed away all of my sins and cares,

He put the Robe, the Holy Spirit on me, put the wedding ring on my finger, I'm going somewhere one of these days. Put me amongst His people here,

where we can rejoice and live together and be happy. Why? I was once dead and now I'm alive. Oh, my! I was once lost and now I'm found.

It was the ceremony of adoption; that boy's name was just as good on a check as his daddy's was.

58-0126 - Hear Ye Him 24 Now, if this child was obedient, there was a ceremony to be made, when the child become matured. They taken him out in a public place...Listen close;

don't miss this. Watch the Scripture. They taken the child out into a public place, placed a robe upon him, a royal robe, and they had a ceremony. And it was the ceremony of adoption.

The child that had been borned into the family, become placed by adoption in the family. And after that, that boy's name was just as good on a check as his daddy's was. He was heir of all things.

He could take out; he could put up; he could fire; he could hire. He could do whatever he pleased to do, because the ceremony of adoption had been made upon his son, and he was clothed and was set in order.

Now, there's where the Church ought to be today. Jesus said, "These things that I do, shall you do also. Ask anything in My Name, I'll do it."

Why we scared of that? What's the matter? If Christ has clothed us with the Holy Spirit, and been adopted into the family after being borned again,

and been baptized into the body by the Holy Spirit, if it's a true witness of God, ask what you will and it'll be done for you. Then we set like, say, "Oh, well, that was something else."

No longer a servant

Galatians 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

Place the law, His Own law of adoption upon His Son: "Here is My Son, hear ye Him."

61-0423 - Abraham And His Seed After Him 130 And that's exactly what God did to His Own Son, after He'd proved Him in everything.

And 17th chapter of Saint Matthew, He taken Him up on the mount and overshadowed Him there with a—with a Cloud of glory, and His raiment shined like the sun in its heat, or, in its strength.

And when He did, he heard a Voice coming from Heaven, Peter, James, and John, said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased, hear ve Him."

131 What did He do? Place the law, His Own law of adoption upon His Son, placed His Son ahead of Himself. No matter,

"There's Moses, I talked to Moses, there's the law, there's the prophets, but this is My Son," the law of adoption.

Oh, sabbath-keepers and legalists, what's the matter with you? "Here is My Son, hear ye Him." True.

Oh, sabbath-keepers and legalists, what's the matter with you? "Here is My Son, hear ye Him." True.

This is My beloved Son. Hear ye Him," the Word of this hour, the hour of the Seals

65-0410 - The Easter Seal 257 Like on Mount Transfiguration, all the prophets and everything else is finished. All the days of the Lutheran, the Methodist, the Presbyterian, they're all right, but

"This is My beloved Son. Hear ye Him," the Word of this hour, the hour of the Seals.

You are wearing the wedding band of predestinated, unmerited grace. God did it, Himself.

65-1125 - The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 277 Hallelujah! Now notice. You're not only that, but you're going to the Wedding in the sky.

And you are wearing the wedding band of predestinated, unmerited grace, a wedding band of grace unmerited of your own. God did it, Himself.

He knew you before the foundation of the world, so He slipped the wedding band on you There, put your name on a Book. What a thanksgiving! Hallelujah! Praise our God!

THINKING MAN— COMING TO HIMSELF

The Angel of God come to him, "Boy, wake up." The Church needs to wake up.

50-0827A - Prodigal 154 The Angel of God come to him, "Boy, wake up." Talked to him, said, "Oh, what about you just get back home to them.

155 "Think of my father that has all the wealth that he has and all the things that he has given to me, here I am laying here, dying of hunger, laying in a hog pen, eating..." [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] The Bible said he came to himself.

156 And that's what the church needs to do today, is come to themselves, to realize Who—Who is your Father, for sometimes we act as though we have no Heavenly Father.

For all the goodness of Heaven belongs to the church, Divine healing, salvation, freedom from worry or anything, all belongs to the church.

Jesus died, and we are, we inherit all that God has through Him, heirs of the Kingdom, rich. My Father is rich in houses and lands, He holds the wealth of the world in His hands!

157 That's how we are, if we would just come to ourselves. Oh, I can see him as he begin to come to himself and say, "Oh, if I could just go home! But I've sinned, and I'm no more worthy to go home. So what can I do?"

Thinking man - as he thought on his ways.

59-0814 - As I Thought On My Ways 89 Like the prodigal son, when he was in the pig pen, and he came to himself, he begin to think on his ways,

the way he had treated his father, the way he had treated others, and he came to himself, and as he thought on his ways,

he said, "I will arise and go to my father, and say, 'I'm not worthy to be your child, make me one of your hired servants." As he thought on his ways, he turned towards the father's house.

When a thinking man begins to think, It's the germ, seed Word from the beginning standing here drawing the seed Life.

65-0822E - A Thinking Man's Filter 127...When a thinking man begins to think Who he's going to stand before, and what the Word of God is;

when he begins to think, then when he draws through That, there's nothing can get to it but the Holy Ghost.

What is it? It's the germ, seed Word from the beginning, that you was in God at the beginning, standing here drawing the seed Life.

The seed is in your heart, by foreordination. Hallelujah! The seed is already in there, by the foreknowledge of God, predestinated.

And when it draws, it can't draw through nothing else but the Word.

And then it's the taste of the thinking man, the righteous man, the holy man who sees the Bible, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and forever. What comes into that place down there? That Word, that's in the heart. "I've hid Thy Word in my heart, that I sin not against Thee."

What is it, when it's drawing through the Word? There's only one thing will pass through the Word; that's the Holy Ghost.

That's the only thing that can pass through the Word, is the Holy Ghost. And a thinking man's Filter gives a holy man a taste.

128 Then, he's tasted of the Heavenly things; he's got the Word of God in his heart. He sees It manifested before him, and his whole soul is wrapped into It, and the world and all things is dead around him.

You may come to yourself, like the prodigal son did, and find yourself in the Word.

64-0411 - Spiritual Amnesia 166 Oh, soldier of the Cross, that's been shocked with so much training, so many shocks of denomination and creed,

and things of the world, why
don't you just step off for a few
minutes and go to looking
around at the Bible?

Might wander around, and you might find yourself identified here in the Word, as a believer, one of these days. You might not know Him.

You may come to yourself, like the prodigal son did, and find yourself. You might find your identification in the Words of God.

Hearing that voice (The Word) become aware of our Father calling us, and recognize that we are the sons of God.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age) Hold this carefully in mind. Now take the next step. Redeem means to buy back. It restores to the original owner.

God, by His death, the shed blood BOUGHT BACK HIS OWN. He bought back the Spoken Word Seed Bride. "My sheep hear My voice (Word), and they follow Me."

You always were a sheep. You never were a pig or a dog turned into a sheep. That is impossible for every kind of life produces the same kind and there is no change in specie.

As we were in the thoughts of God and then expressed in flesh, there had to come a day when we would hear His voice (the Word),

and hearing that voice become aware of our Father calling us, and recognize that we are the sons of God.

We heard His voice and we cried out as did the prodigal son, "Save me, oh, my Father. I am returning to Thee." A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son.

Only thing he had to do was come to himself.

65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy

52 I heard a similar little story, I hope it don't sound sacrilegious, about a little duck being born under a hen, one time. He couldn't understand.

A funny-looking little fellow, odd guy, and he couldn't understand the dust and everything. They were playing in the barnyard.

But one day the old hen led the little brood out behind the barn, and he got a smell of water. Well, he took out towards that water as hard as he could go. Why?

He had never been on a pond before. He had never been in the water. But he was a duck, to begin with. Only thing he had to do was come to himself.

53 That's the same thing the believer is. There is something in him, that, when he meets God face to face, he comes to himself. That seed is in him, and it's quickened.

My, that's right, and he flies away from the things of the world. They become dead to him. My, I remember, we all had our life, in the past, in those things of the world.

But once we got a hold of that real Thing, something that quickened us, a little seed that come to Life, then all the things of the world rotted right there. We had no more desire of it.

54 "He that's born of God, doth not commit sin. The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin, no more desire to sin."

The sin question is over. You become a part of God, in Christ. Christ died to redeem you.

The Word seen the Word that was in you, that was before the foundation of the world.

65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy

48 And then after a while, you heard the Gospel. Maybe you went to church, you picked out this and that, and went from denomination to denomination.

But one day, you being part of God, you had to be part of the Word. And when you heard the Word, you know where you come from, you knowed what was the Truth.

You were always, the seed was in you always. The Word seen the Word that was in you, that was before the foundation of the world, saw the Word and you come to It.

When that Word flashes out there, then there is something takes a hold, you come to lt.

65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy 50 And that's the way it is with every born-again believer. You can hear all the theology you want to, and all the man-made discrepancy;

but when that Word flashes out there, then there is something takes a hold, you come to It. "You who were once dead in sin (that life) has He quickened."

There has to be a Life there to quicken to, first. God, by His foreknowledge, knowed all things. And we were predestinated to be sons and daughters of God.

"Ye who were once dead in sin and trespasses, wherein we all had our times past, but hath He quickened."

He was part of the Word; and when the Word saw the Word, it was his nature.

65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy 51 Look at Paul, when Paul was a great theologian. But when he come face to face with that Word, Jesus, it quickened.

He come to Life right quick, because he was ordained to be that. The...He was part of the Word; and when the Word saw the Word, it was his nature.

All the clucking of the hens, in the orthodox churches, didn't have no effect upon him; he had saw the Word. It was part of him. He was an eagle.

He wasn't a chicken; he was just in the barnyard with them. But he was a eagle, to begin with.

EVERY DISPENSATION HAS ITS PREDESTINATED AND THEIR LEADER

Predestinates for the age - Proving His Word.

64-0816 - Proving His Word 122 Now I want you to notice, He does it that way in every age. He does it every time by the same method, He has to take believers.

And then, in order to have believers to meet that Word, He's got to predestinate it to that age. You see it? He's got to predestinate this thing to be there to meet the challenge of the age.

Did it get you? Did you feel it? Did you see it? Do you understand it? That's what's happening today, He predestinated it to this, by His foreknowledge. When He predestinated, in Malachi 4, it's got to happen.

When He come over and predestinates anything to happen in His Word, He had to prove His Word to be so. When He predestinates anything to happen and says it will happen, He knows that seed will be there just at that time. He predestinated a Bride, She's going to be there!

Going to be a Rapture, She's going to be there! He predestinates it by His foreknowledge. See, there's nothing going to stop it.

Don't presume about nothing, take God's Word and move right on. He promised He would be here, He is here.

62-0610M - Presuming 191 Paul, according to Ephesians 1:5, or, Ephesians 1:5, He said, "God predestinated us, before the foundation of the world, to the adoption of sons in Jesus Christ." How you going to stop

All devils in hell, you might as well quit fussing about It, It is going to be there without spot or wrinkle. It is going to be a What? A Bride Church. Hallelujah!

God said, "I will restore." Restore What? One without an organization touch to It, One with the pure unadulterated Word; It has to come.

192 Why did we get a bunch of denominations, this time, out of this revival? We sowed denomination seed.

What we need today, brother, you can say what you want to about it, we need the Gospel, pure, holy, unadulterated Word of God, sown,

that when this Light comes out, It will bring forth that Church, God's predestinated.

Amen. Don't presume about nothing, take God's Word and move right on. He promised He would be here. He is here. Amen. I better stop.

Every one of them didn't have to do the same thing Moses did, but they believed it.

64-0121 - God's Word Calls For A Total Separation From Unbelief 105 When God called Israel out of Egypt, every one of them didn't have to do the same thing Moses did, but they believed it.

That's right. They believed Moses, because they knowed that it was a sign of the hour, and that God had proved that he had His Word.

There was one Moses, but the people follow it.

64-0208 - The Token 184 Now, you don't have to do it. Everybody wasn't a Moses; there was one Moses, but the people follow it. Now you just believe this, that He is a living today.

We have one of them in one generation. There was one Moses.

64-0412 - A Court Trial 232 Now you might not be able to do this. We have one of them in one generation. There was one Moses;

none of the rest of them didn't have to turn saw-...dust into fleas, and so forth, and water into blood. There was one Moses; the rest of them just believed what he said. See?

I may not have faith enough to make all the promises come to pass, but I believe It

64-0121 - God's Word Calls For A Total Separation From Unbelief 89 Them disciples set right there. See? They believed. They had seen the promised Word for that day, vindicated and manifested by Him.

Who could create, but God
Himself, could take bread
and...They knowed He was the
Son of God.

Whether it was in riddles or not, that whether they understood It or not, they walked right on, anyhow, because the Word was vindicated, and they were separated from anything contrary to It.

90 God help us to have faith like that! We believe this Bible to be the Truth. I may not have faith enough to make all the promises come to pass, but I believe It, anyhow. I believe the hour that we're living.

Stand still! God is wanting to place His Church, the sons and daughters of God. When true sons, born sons, filled sons speak and their word is backed.

60-0522E - Adoption #4 79 "Verily, I say unto you, you that's little gods, if you'll say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you've said."

80 Go right back to Genesis, to the original, what is it? Now the world and nature is groaning, crying, everything's moving. What?

For the manifestation of the sons of God, when true sons, born sons, filled sons speak and their word is backed. I believe we're on the border of it right now. Yes, sir. Say to this mountain, let it be so.

81 "Brother, I—I desire so-and-so, a certain thing done. I'm a believer in Jesus Christ." 82 "I give it to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen. There's a manifestation.

- 83 "Oh, brother, my crops are burning up out yonder. I haven't had any rain."
 84 "I'll send you a raining, in the
- Name of the Lord." There she'll come.

85 He gave Jesus Christ, and Jesus gave it in His Name, with this assurance, "Ask the Father anything in My Name and I'll do it."

Oh, Brother Palmer! Waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, the position, the Church!

86 As I said, the Book of Ephesians is the Book of Joshua, and Joshua placing the people where they belong. Now, if they wouldn't stand still, and he put Ephraim here, and over on Manasseh's land,

and this one would come back fussing and stewing, how they ever going to get along? when one saying, "I'm a Baptist, I'm a Methodist, I'm a Pentecostal, I'm Oneness, I'm Twoness, I'm Thus-and-so."

87 How you going to do it? Stand still! God is wanting to place His Church, the sons and daughters of God. God, let me live to see it, is my prayer.

So close till I can just feel it with my hands almost, look like. It's right there. That's what I've longed to see, waiting for the time when walk down the street, there lays a cripple laying there, from his mother's womb, "Silver and gold have I none."

Oh, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, hallelujah, when God will make Hisself known, when they'll stop sickness, they'll stop cancer, they'll stop diseases.