# The Ministry Of Grace

Friday Fellowship, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Bro. James Menni

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#### 61-0827 — The Message Of

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68 Grace is old. Grace is as old as the world is. Grace was first shown to the human race when we had a beginning of the human race.

When the human race was first created in the garden of Eden, on that dark morning when that little woman that stepped across the separating line,

and had gone against God's Commandments and enticed her husband to do the same thing, then the law was broken.

#### 55-0223 — Job

Job, the oldest book in the Bible, was supposed to even be written before Moses wrote Genesis.

But the oldest book in the Bible was speaking of redemption, and yet redemption was far be—way before that. Redemption is one of the oldest things in the Bible. Did you know redemption was even before—the plan of redemption was laid out before the world was ever formed? Think of that.

and was the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. That's right. Way before the world was made, God had a plan of redemption.

## Grace And Law Are Two Different Covenants Separated In Time

#### 65-0220 — God's Chosen Place Of Worship 21 ....And that's just what God has, two different laws. And one of them is a law of death, and the other one is a law of Life.

God has two laws. To follow Him, and serve Him and worship Him, is Life; to reject It is death. There is two laws in God.

22 Now, one of those laws was recog-...made recognized to the world, at Mount Sinai.

God gave the law to Moses and Israel. Not that the law could help them, but the law only pointed out to them that they were sinners.

Until that time, they didn't know what sin was, till they had a law. There cannot be a law without a penalty. A law is not a law, without penalty.

So, therefore, "The transgression of the law is sin, and the wages of sin is death." So therefore, until God made them a law, there was no transgression reckoned to them.

## 65-0220 — God's Chosen Place Of Worship 23 Now, death, the law of death, was the commandments given on Mount Sinai, which told man that he was a sinner.

And, to transgress God's law, he died. But there's no salvation in the law. The...lt was only a policeman that could put you in jail; it had nothing to bring you out with.

But then He gave another law, that was at Mount Calvary, where sin was reckoned in Jesus Christ, and there the penalty was paid.

And not with...Without law, "but by grace you are saved," by the grace of God, through predestination of God's foreknowledge of your being.

## <u>65-0220 — God's Chosen</u> Place Of Worship 25 There was also two covenants give to the people. We're going to speak of them in the morning.

One of them was given to Adam on condition, "if you do this and don't do that," but that law was broken. Adam, Eve broke that, in the garden of Eden.

Then God made the second covenant, and give that to Abraham, and that law was unconditional. "It isn't what you've done or what you will do;"

He said, "I have already done it." That's grace. That's the law of Life. God did that for Abraham and his Seed after him, that's, all of Abraham's Seed.

## 65-1128M — God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 77 I want you to notice again, there was also two covenants give.

#### One covenant was given to Adam, which was on conditions, like law: "If you will not touch this, then you will live;

but if you touch this, you will die." That was a law. Then there was another law given to Abraham, which was by grace, unconditionally:

"I have saved you and your seed after you." Amen! That is a type of Calvary, not the type of—of—of Adam covenant, it's a Abrahamic covenant.

#### 65-0117 — A Paradox 57 Joshua here is a Book, actually, it's a Book of redemption, of the Old Testament. Joshua, we would have to consider it to be that, the Book of redemption.

Because, it's, redemption has two parts. Redemption, anywhere, has two parts. That is, it's "out of" and "into." It takes two parts to make redemption, "out of," "into."

58 Moses represented the law which brought them out of Egypt, and, whereas, Joshua represented grace that took them into the promised land.

Another way, was, the—the law and grace were two different aspects of God's command. Now, the law brought them out, Moses, and Joshua took them in.

#### 59 It also represents something for our day. Now it represents, as they were in the journey, coming from—

from Egypt into a promised land, so have we come out of a world of Egypt, chaos, on our road to a promised Land.

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it wasn't so, I would have told you," John 14. Coming "out of," going "into."

## Grace Covenant Was Before Law Covenant

### 65-0117 — A Paradox 65 They started out, really, with grace, to begin with. Before they had law, they had grace.

While they were in Egypt, without law; no one down there, was just the priests, and so forth, but they didn't have any laws. The law had not yet been given.

Grace provided them a prophet. And, also, grace provided an atonement, the sacrificial lamb. We're getting into that this week, on the sacrifice, the blood,

because there lays your healing. So on...The atonement had been provided before there was any law. Grace was before law, during law, and after law.

# 65-0221M — Marriage And Divorce

194 Now notice. Now, after the beginning, after the beginning, after time began; back in there, it was Eternity, is over. Notice, after that fall was made by Eve, after the fall,

# there was need to be another covenant made.

Now this is going to stumble you, but I'm going to give you the Scripture to prove that this is the Truth.

Now notice after the fall, Jesus said...God, at the beginning, made one of a kind; but now, after the fall, now we're going beyond that. The covenant was co-equal;

but now, after the fall, there is another covenant made. Now she was no longer ruler with him, each must have a separate covenant.

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closes "the beginning," of what Jesus said, "It wasn't so at the beginning." We got another covenant now. Notice, it's another covenant.

Now let us notice what Jesus said about, "from the beginning it wasn't so." Now it is not so "from," it is now it is "after" the beginning. Now there is a double covenant.

199 First was just a covenant, Adam and Eve was co-equal, one man and one woman. Now the woman sinned, and (what does she do?) that throwed them all to death,

and God had to make a covenant by that, another covenant. Here it is right here in Genesis 3:16, He made another covenant.

## 62-0211 — Oneness 19 And if you'll notice how that Eve was united with Adam, she become part of him. God, did you notice in Genesis 1:27,

He created man male and female, created He them. Now, the man was a...both male and female when it come to being in the spirit of feminish and masculine.

Then God took from his side a—a rib. Did you notice the body part was a by-product, but not the spirit?

The body part of the woman was a by-product, after the creation had been finished, God took from the side of Adam a rib and made a woman.

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

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

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

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

Not some other being of some other tribe, but a real union and offspring of the Almighty, done by a holy union.

Now, the body comes from mother and father, but the Spirit come from God, God separating Himself as Adam was separated.

### 60-1125 — Conference 85 And listen Christians, there is where you'll make your fatal mistake.

There is where Israel made her fatal mistake, when she asked for a law to serve God by. In Exodus 19, after grace had done provided a saviour, Moses, a prophet,

done provided a lamb, done provided a covenant, done provided all these things, and yet they wanted something to do themselves, they wanted some theology.

## Each Covenant Has Its Own Priesthood

#### Hebrews 7:11-12

<sup>11</sup> If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

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

#### Hebrews 7:21-28

<sup>21</sup> (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

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

<sup>24</sup> But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

<sup>27</sup> Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

#### Hebrews 8:1,6

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

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

#### Hebrews 8:7-10,13

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

<sup>8</sup> For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

### The Gentile Church Chose Law For Grace

61-0316 — The Church Choosing Law For Grace 32 They, the greatest mistake that Israel ever made was when it renounced grace and accepted law.

It made its greatest mistake in Exodus 19, was one of the fatal mistakes that Israel made. The covenant that God made with Abraham was completely grace.

But grace had provided for them a deliverer, a prophet, a sacrificial lamb, it had provided the greatest revival they had ever had, and yet, they wasn't satisfied with it,

they wanted something that they could argue about, they wanted a place where they could have something to do into it.

## 33 And that's the way it is today. .....

61-0316 — The Church Choosing Law For Grace 41 Where did we make our mistake? Like Israel did, we couldn't get along just getting,

going the way the Holy Spirit was leading us, we had to add something to cause unbelief to come in. If Israel would have went ahead following the way the Lord was leading them, within two weeks they had been in the promised land, but they had to substitute something.

42 And if the Pentecostal church would have moved on in the Spirit, the way God ordained it to go, and had already proved that He was in it, we would have been living in the Millennium.

# But they did the same thing they did back there, as the Bible said in Corinthians.

Those things were our examples, what happened to them happens to us.

44 There's where you made your mistake, there's where you horribly sin. Why didn't you leave it alone?

If that Name Jesus, and all their little things you've got, and so forth, wasn't right, God said, "Every," or, Jesus said, "Every plant that My Heavenly Father hasn't planted will be rooted up."

It'll come to naught if it's not of God. And if it is of God, who is going to stop it? That's it. Let it alone. Let God be the Ruler.

# 65-0117 — A Paradox 71 Now they were baptized, repented and were baptized,

and come out to walk in a new life, in a new land, in a newness journey, amongst new people, and the hand of God upon them.

But it finally come to a place, in this walk that they had, that they was not satisfied with their walk of grace. They had to come to something that they could do themselves.

### 72 Now that's where people think, today, of Divine healing, or some any other work of grace,

of God, that there is something that you have to do. You, there is nothing you have to do but believe, just believe God.

73 And, they, if they would have continued on! The promise wasn't given them under the law. The promise was given before the law, without any conditions to it, "I have given you this land, go on over into it!" But before they got to that promise, they decided there was something they must do themselves.

# Hebrews 5:10-14 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

<sup>11</sup> Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 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.

## There Is A New Crop Ready For The Ministry Of Grace

## 61-0730M — Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel 98 There is an old pentecostal generation that raised up, forty years ago. "Old fighters," they was called.

They organized, and beat, and fussed, all down through Mount Horeb and Nebo, all through there.

But, finally, we're at the river now. He is going to raise up a new one, with a Joshua to take them over. The law failed; Moses went with it; Moses failed. Joshua took them over.

We find out that the organizations has failed, but the Spirit of God...Joshua, the word Joshua, means "Jesus our Saviour." That, the Holy Spirit will come into the Church.

Not an organization, but the Holy Spirit will get among the people and make Her ready to go up, cross Jordan.

I understand by the reading of the Book that that's what's to take place. And God knows that's what I'm seeking now, that I might comfort His people and tell them what's at hand,

both here this morning, and out through the lands that these tapes will go, world wide, that we're at the end time.

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# 65-0117 — A Paradox 77 And anything that you try to do within yourself, it'll always work to your dishonor. It'll work to your disadvantage.

## Just simply believe God, and that settles it. What God promised, "I'm the Lord Thy God Who heals all thy diseases."

See? "If there is any among you, sick, let them call the elders of the church." He promised, "The works that He did, would be done in His church."

78 Why do we have to accept organizations, and so forth, that will write that off of the Book? See, it—it becomes a thorn in the flesh. And here at the end time, we meet the thing again, face to face,

it's up to the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and what-more, see. You, you can't go on; you've got to come back to the entire full Gospel.

It was made for the full man, by a complete God Who was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we know that those things are true.

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74 And, that, we still find that among human beings. We're prone to be that way, "There is something we've got to do." We feel that, that we've got to have something into it also.

75 You do have something into it, that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas, to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished.

# That's all there is. Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by It, and God does the rest of it.

# Message Of Grace Pt 2

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#### Romans 7:1-4

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<sup>2</sup> For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

<sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

<sup>4</sup> Wherefore, my brethren, ye<sup>167</sup> also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto

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## The Ministry Of Grace Is The Headstone Ministry

## 61-0827 — The Message Of Grace 48 We are all acquainted

48 We are all acquainted with this Scripture, that reads the Bible.

We know that this was during the time of the preparation of the restoration of the temple. And Zerubbabel was a great prince amongst the people,

who had laid the foundation of the building. Now, you, I want you to put on your spiritual thinking, anointing jacket, this morning, as we think.

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

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

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

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

Now if we will think for a few minutes, that, the seventh church messenger was to "restore the Faith of the children back to the fathers."

In other words, rebuild the Church again under the Power of the Spirit. "Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord.

Not by organization, not by denomination, but by the Holy Spirit, God will bring forth the Church in the last day.

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

### 61-0827 — The Message Of

#### Grace

56 But now, according to the prophecy, there will come the Headstone. And I want you to notice that, when the Headstone comes,

the prince that's going to cry out the Message will cry "Grace! Grace!" For it's by grace are we saved, that not of works, lest any man should boast.

And the Message of grace has been tramped under the feet of men until it's become a disgrace. Some of them runs out into Eternal security, some runs out into everything.

But, the true Message of grace remains the same, and there's where Satan tries to knock it out from the Church. But it's the grace of God that we're all saved by.

63-1229M — There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light 161 Notice Israel also, our type, in the journey. Look, eating manna, which was their Light-Life,

that give them strength, Life. Is that right? Israel could not eat manna that was yesterday had fell on them.

It was contaminated. It was rotten. It was no good for them. They would die, over it. The manna that kept them alive yesterday would kill them today.

The Bible said it got germs in it, contaminated. And the manna, they had to get new manna every day. Amen. And what is it?

The people that live on manna of Luther, Wesley, and them back in there, you are eating contaminated stuff that's killing you, spiritually. It's killing you, dead in your traditions.

162 Yesterday's, Luther's manna, would not work for Methodist. Methodist manna would not work for Pentecost.

## Pentecostal manna will not work for today. See what I mean? Every day it come, day by day, fresh, and so has it through the church ages.

Luther's manna was the message of justification. Wesley's message was the manifestation of sanctification. Pentecostal was the restoration of the gifts.

But this is introducing the Headstone, the last day, the Bride Tree, which is contrary to all of it, and yet It's the same Light for the matured.

# This Ministry Is A Stumbling Stone

#### Romans 9:30-32

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

<sup>32</sup> Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

#### 1 Peter 2:1-8

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

<sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

<sup>4</sup> To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

<sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

<sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

<sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

# 62-1230E — Is This The Sign Of The End, Sir? 217 I found myself, somewhere, over in a corner. I could hear my wife, somewhere, trying to shake a door.

The door in the bedroom was locked. And I had a Bible open, and it...Was reading, I don't know, but it was in, I believe, Romans the 9th chapter, the last verse:

...Behold, I lay in Sion a cornerstone, a stumblingstone, a precious cornerstone, and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

218 And I thought, "It's strange I'd be reading that." Spirit still packing me, in the room! I closed up the Bible and stood there.

219 I went over to the window. It was about ten o'clock in the day, or better. And I raised up my hands, and I said, "Lord God, I don't understand. This is a strange day, to me. And I'm beside myself, almost."

220 I said, "Lord, what does that mean? Let me read again, if it be You." Now, this sounds juvenile. And I took up the Bible, opened it up.

There it was again, at the same place, Paul telling the Jews that they tried to...tell the Romans that the Jews tried to accept It by works, but it's by faith that we believe It.

# We Cannot Be Married To Law And Grace At The Same Time

### 65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 35 Paul here is giving an illustration, in our Scripture, about the law and grace, and illustrating it like marriage and divorce.

This passage is very seldom preached on, because it's, more or less, pertains to, like, marriage and divorce. But it also pertains to a greater portion of marriage and divorce,

of how that he's trying to set in order here that we, as a—as a Church, can no more be married to the world and to Christ, at the same time, and—and be legal and lawful about it,

36 Now, but I believe, also, is to my belief, that it unfolds one of the great mysteries of prophecy.

And I hope that the Lord will help us, tonight, as we deliver this to our waiting people across the country.

# We Must Die To The Law, Else Grace Will Be Of Non-effect

# 65-1128M — God's Only Provided Place Of Worship 278 Now, there is a Way, a pure, holy Way, a only meeting place that God will meet you.

Not because you say, "God, now, I'm a good Methodist. I'm a good Baptist. I'm a good Pentecostal." No! Because that you are in Jesus the Word,

the part of the Word that's being manifested to today, this day's Message; not Luther's, Wesley's, Pentecostal; but your Jesus, the reflection, that has come up into this.

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You can't go back to that, that's adding leaven to your holy Bread, that, "Man shall live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, in Its season."

# 279 O come, Lord Jesus, the great Headstone.....

# 63-0320 — The Third Seal 176 Now notice, now, and here we are at the end time.

And spiritual Eve, just as nat-...as Hebrew Eve was promised, the Hebrew bride was promised the Word to return.

And the spiritual bride from Pentecost, when she fell at Nicaea, then she is promised in the last days that the Word will come again. Now you say, then...

178 But she had forfeited. Now, she had forfeit that Word at Nicaea. Eve forfeited in Eden; Eve rejected hers at Calvary. And Nicaea's group is rejecting It in the last days, just the same. My!

179 But when the Word came in human flesh, she, Eve, the Hebrew church, mother of all spiritual living at then, she rejected It.

She was so dead, in her traditions and dogmas, that she missed It. So is this one, exactly. All right.

181 She held to traditions and substitute, instead of the—the...She held to the substitute blood, instead of the real Blood.

Jesus, the Word, said, when It was manifested to her, "Because she held to these traditions..." Jesus, the manifested Word,

said to the bride, Hebrew bride, "Because you hold to your traditions, you make the Word of God without any effect to you. It can't be effective."

182 Now that's what's the reason today, that, the—the revivals that we're supposed to have, we have denominational revivals. We haven't had a real stirring. No, no, no. No, sir.

Don't think we got revivals. We haven't. Oh, they've got millions and millions and millions of church members, but not a revival nowhere. No. No.

# 183 The—the Bride hasn't had a revival yet. See? There's been no revival there, no manifestation of God to stir the Bride yet.

See? We're looking for it now. It'll take those seven unknown Thunders back there, to wake Her up again, see. Yeah. He'll send it. He promised it. Now watch.

184 Now, she was—she was dead. And now if the churches would forget their creeds, and forget their dogmas, and just take the Bible, plead the promise, then it would come effective to them.

But, see, Jesus said, "You, with your traditions, make the Word of God not effective to you." Well, that's the same thing today with spiritual Eve,

see, the spiritual bride of today, so-called, the church. She takes the Word of God, and she won't accept It. And she accepts dogmas, instead.

Therefore, the Word is not effective to her, see, because she tries to inject her creed with the Word, and it won't work. Now, what we need today...

#### 64-0629 — The Mighty God

#### Unveiled Before Us

81 You know, in the Old Testament, to enter behind that skin was death. Now to stay from behind it is death. Then to enter into His Glory was death.

### Now to stay away from His Glory is death. That happened, of course, at the renting of the veil at Calvary, when the veil was rent, the old veil.

# Now to stay out of His

Presence is death. Then to enter His Presence was death. See? It changes back and forth, and you must find the Scripture to see what day we're living in.

82 Now, when the veil was rent at Calvary, the mercy seat came into plain view. (But what happened?

It was hanging on Calvary, dripping in Blood.) As they had took blood, year after year, at the cleansing of the sanctuary and the sprinkling of the mercy seat,

there, God, with His great mighty stroke of lightning power, split the old badger veil from top to bottom, and the mercy seat came into plain view.

83 The real, genuine Lamb of God was hanging in plain view on Calvary, the real Mercy Seat, when God had paid the price, Himself; and become one of us, and had manifested Himself as a Man,

to get acquainted with us, and we to be acquainted with Him. The Mercy Seat was in plain view of all Israel on that day of the Atonement.

84 But, alas, the traditions of the church fathers in that day had, by their traditions, had veiled the true Mercy Seat from the people.

And if they had been taught the Scripture, they would have seen the Mercy Seat. "As Moses," said here, that, "to this day they're veiled. It's still over their hearts." They don't see It.

# 64-0629 — The Mighty God Unveiled Before Us 87 Now, men and women, and delegates of this convention, I want to say this without respect of person.

But, in the view of today, in view of what we're here for today, I'm afraid that the traditions of the fathers, the church fathers, has hid This from too many people. Since the Holy Ghost has come in this last days, as prophesied, and the veil has been rent, too many people try to hang to their traditions of the fathers.

And that's why they can't see this extreme joy, and peace, and things that the Church has today. Yet, It's in plain view of those who believe.

The Word From The Dispensation Of Law Will Not Work In The Dispensation Of Grace

## 65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 324 The Word that fell on the Day of Pentecost will not work this day.

### No, sir. That was for Pentecost. This is for the Bride, going Home of the Bride. We got something different.

The Pentecostals represented that, again. We're in the Bride age. No more than the—the Word of Noah would work in the days of Moses;

no more than Moses' law would have worked in the time of Paul here. He tried to tell them, "You are dead to that, and you cannot have that."

#### 65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 256 Noah was the vindicated Word for his day. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Well, his message won't work today.

257 Moses was the vindicated Word of his day. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] It won't work for now. Jesus was...

258 John was the vindicated Word. You believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] It wouldn't work in the days of Jesus.

Certainly not. No, sir. "Law and prophets were until John; since then, the Kingdom of Heaven."

# 259 The apostles, them who set forth the Bible. Here come Luther out, in Reformation,

his words, that, his church, won't work today. Wesley's won't. Pentecostal's won't. It worked in their day.

260 But it's another day. This is the opening of the Seven Seals. I know It sounds strange to you, but God has vindicate it so perfectly. There's no-no question in lt.

Just perfectly! I ain't scattering that to the local assembly here. I'm speaking to the people out across the nation. See? Do what you wish to.

# When Law Dies And We Are Married To Grace, All Our Imperfections Are Taken Away

65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 222 Well, you separated from your first union, by spiritual death. Now you are born again, or remarried again,

to the new spiritual union; of not your natural life of the things of the world, but of Eternal Life. That germ that was in you at the beginning, found you.

223 Now, your old book is gone, with your old union. Now, your name in your old, in your...has been transferred.

Now, you say, "Do you mean to tell me that my old book..." God put it in the Sea of His Forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God.

224 Now, your name is now in the new Book; not the book of life, but the Lamb's Book of Life, what the Lamb redeemed. Not the old book of your natural union, but your new, Bride.

Hallelujah! Your new life is in the Lamb's Book of Life, your marriage certificate, hallelujah, where your true Eternal germ, from the beginning, takes hold.

# Now you're not only forgiven, but you're justified. Glory! "Justified," Romans 5:1 said. Yeah. Romans 5:1 said, "Therefore being justified by faith."

225 Look up the word. The word don't mean "forgiven." The word means "justified." It don't mean you're forgiven.

65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 228 But the word, justified, is though you never done it. Amen. It's not even regarded, at all. How is it done?

In God's Book of the Sea of Forgetfulness, your old book and marriage is divorced and dead, and it's not even in the memories of God.

Amen. You are justified. "Therefore being justified." It was accused. You was accused. You never done it, in the first place.

The old union is in the Sea of God's Forgetfulness. You wasn't married to it, to begin with. He, the Bridegroom, bore your shame, Himself, for you, in your place.

He took your place, for you were predestinated for Him, to be in His Bride, before the foundation of the world. The Bible said so. You are the predestinated Seed.

229 How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage, to your adulterous parent, Eve. It's no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery.

That's the reason you was born an adulteress. You're a sinner, to begin with. That's right. You was deceived into it. You had no...No, you, it ain't your fault.

230 You never did it.

Because, that little germ that was in you, was to be you, before the foundation of the world. God put your name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

## 63-0728 — Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed 587 Then, we stand justified in the Presence of God.

As a drop of ink dropping into a—a—a tub full of bleach, you'll never find the stain of the ink no more. It went somewhere.

It'll never come back again. And when man is truly redeemed, that predestinated Seed that sees It and accepts It, his sins are demolished.

It's gone. It's separated. It's dropped into the ink of the—of the Blood of Jesus Christ, and it's never to be remembered. God forgets

And he stands as a son and daughter of God, in the Presence of God. Amen and amen! "Now we are the sons of God." Not we will be; we are! Now we are redeemed.

## 65-1125 — The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ 262 He, the Bridegroom, took away your shame, "And put it in the Sea of Forgetfulness,

by the washing of the Water of the Word and the Blood of Life." That's what the Bible said. Your first husband that you were married to, the world...

The anointed Bridegroom, which foreordained you, has washed you by the washing of the Water. By "the church"? [Congregation says, "No."—Ed.]

That don't sound right, does it? ["No."] You might find that in the almanac, but not in God's Bible. "By the washing of the Water by the Word." In the Word! See? By the...

263 You are standing completely justified, as though you never did it at the beginning. This is my Message to the Church now. As you...as we go off the air, just in a minute.

You are standing, if you're standing on God's Word and with God's Word, every amen, every jot, every tittle. Where you standing? I'm trying to tell you, pull away from them shucks.

And get out here in the wheat, where you can get ripe before the Son. I hear the coming of the combine. You're standing complete, justified, like you never did it in the first place. Hallelujah!

264 Talk about a thanksgiving! I feel real good. I'm more thankful for that than anything I know of. 265 You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ,

and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned at the first place. You are perfect. The Blood of Jesus Christ! How can you...lf a man...

269 You're standing, completely. You never sinned at the first place. God don't even know nothing.

## It's in the Sea of

Forgetfulness. You never did it. You were accused of it, by the accuser. But really, from the beginning, you were predestinated to be a son and daughter of God.

You're standing there, washed. And your old book of divorcement is put away, and it's dead, absolutely out of existence, even in the mind of God.

270 You're the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ. Precious, virtuous, sinless Son of God standing with a pure,

unadulterated Bride-Word that He washed by the Water of His Own Blood; that become flesh and manifested,

that He might take you which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father, before the beginning, the same as He was. He was that great attribute of God, called "love." 272 Your first wedding was annulled. It was. You never done it, in the first place. Because, there's only one thing could do it, that would be God come down, Himself,

and took your place in a form of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and washed you by the Water, of the washing of the Water by the Word. The Word; not the denomination!

## The Word washed you. But if you won't stand in the Water of the Word, how you going to be washed? You're still as spotted as Eve was.

Oh, dear dying Lamb, Thy precious Blood Shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

273 What is sin? Sin is "unbelief." Unbelief in what? The Word; unbelief in God, which is the Word.

274 Pure, unadulterated; oh, hallelujah; leaving soon for the skies; amen; standing ready. Think.

Your garments, washed by the Water of the bleeding Word! The Word become Blood. The Word bled for you, and you are washed in bleeding Word.

The Word, bleeding! The Life of God in the Word, and the Word was bled for you, that you might be washed from the filth of these prostitutes,

and be cleaned and sanctified by the washing of the Water of the Word, and makes your mind and heart stayed on God and on His Word.

## 57-0908E — Hebrews, Chapter 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 l 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.