

God's Plan For Our Salvation

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John 3:3-7

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

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

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

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

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

John 3:14-17

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son
into the world to condemn
the world; but that the world
through him might be saved.

1 Peter 1:23-25

²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

²⁴ For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalm 25:5

⁵ Lead me in thy truth, and
teach me: for thou art the
God of my salvation; on thee
do I wait all the day.

God Has A Plan For Our Salvation

For The Plan To
Be Fulfilled In Us

1. Be Born Again

61-1231M — You Must Be
Born Again

41 Now, now, one man
could not save the other.

Now, it makes no difference
what anyone tries to say, no
man can save another. No
matter how smart,

what his office is, let him be
a pastor, priest, bishop,
cardinal, or pope, he cannot
have one thing to do with
saving any man's life,

because he is a sinner himself,
born in sin, shaped in
iniquity, come to the world
speaking lies.

He's a liar to start with, and
any word that he would say
would be a lie if it was
contrary to God's Word and
God's plan.

42 But God made a plan for
man to be saved. And man
cannot add anything to that
plan.

It's God's plan. And that's
the plan that we are, want to
study this morning. What is
God's plan?

He said, “Let every man’s
word be a lie, Mine be the
Truth.” Therefore, we would
be daresn’t to change one
sentence, to make it
something else.

No matter how much our
rituals and so forth reads, we
got to forget that. This is
God's Word. Just can't be
done no other way. God has
a plan, He's made a plan.

61-1231M — You Must Be
Born Again

43 And, remember, to the
first thing, until you're
borned again you'll never
understand. Twice He spoke
it.

“Except a man be borned again he cannot enter the Kingdom.” “Except a man be borned again he cannot even see the Kingdom.”

Now, that's punctuated, too.
The word, in the making all
those words, they tell me
that they had to write it out,
they,

and when they say, “verily,
verily,” that’s a punctuation,
like a—a—a capital. “Verily,
verily, I say unto you!” And
the word in one place,

or many places, it's
translated "absolutely."

"Absolutely, absolutely, I say
unto you!" Who said that,
did a cardinal, priest, pastor,
evangelist, pope?

God Himself! Now, there's no excuses. He will in no wise, no wise at all, cannot in any other way, no matter how great he is,

what his name is, how big he is, or how popular he is, he cannot even understand the Kingdom of God until he's borned again.

It's a great subject. "Verily,
verily, I say unto you!"
Watch. Go get the Greek
translation, you'll find,

not see with your “eyes,”
you see with your “heart.”
See, you can’t see the
Kingdom of God with your
eyes, because it’s a spiritual
Kingdom.

See? In other words, “You’ll never be able to understand the Kingdom of God until you are borned again.”

It's all an unraveled mystery.
And when you are borned
again, the plans of the
Kingdom, the Kingdom Itself,
becomes real to you.

65-1206 — Modern Events
Are Made Clear By Prophecy
56 We're not living in a
Pentecostal age,

we're living in another age.
See, we're not living in the
Methodist age, we're living
in another age.

We're living on up here to
the Bride age, the calling
out of the Church and
getting it together for the
Rapture.

That's the age that we're
now living. To my honest
opinion that's exactly the
Truth.

57 And this Book is a book
of prophecy. Its believers are
commanded to honor It and
to read It,

and believe Its Author, for
every Word that's written in
there must come to pass.

Everything that's been
promised has to come to
pass, because It is Jesus
Christ in each age. The same
yesterday, it was Jesus
Christ, was in Noah;

it was Jesus Christ in Moses,
it was Jesus Christ in David, it
was Jesus Christ in Joseph;
it's Jesus Christ, the same
yesterday, today, and
forever.

And it's Jesus Christ among
His people today, doing the
things that He promised He
would do in this age. It's
Jesus Christ.

65-1206 — Modern Events
Are Made Clear By Prophecy

58 But the church has
become so starchy, so far
away, like the brother said
here.

And—and our churches are
becoming the same way,

until we've got to have
something to shake us back
to the Word. How do we
know it's going to do it? It's
got to come according to
God's Own plan.

It cannot come by layman, it will not come by the businessman, it cannot come by churches. God has laid down His plan.

65-0801M — The God Of This Evil Age

81 And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit, or—or the fields of beauty upon his altar.

Very religious, done
everything, that, just exactly
like Abel done; offered a
sacrifice, fell down before
God in worship, obedient in
every way,

but without the revelation of
the Word.

And the Word was, from the
beginning, God's plan.

But God revealed, by
revelation, the very thing
that He vindicated and
punctuated that that was
right. Not religion, not an
altar,

not belonging to church, not
making a sacrifice, not being
sincere; but by the revelation
of the Word of God. God
revealing to him what that
it...

His mother did not take a
apple that a snake give her,
but she had a sexual affair
with the person of Satan, in
the form of the beast; not a
reptile,

but the most smartest,
subtlest of all the field, the
image of man, the only thing
that the seed would mix in.
Now science is trying to find
him.

And they never will find him,
because every bone in his
body is changed. But the
Bible declares it to be so.

65-0801M — The God Of
This Evil Age

83 The day we are living is
called, in the Bible, “the day
of man,” man’s day. This is
not God’s day.

God is not the god of this
earth; the Bible says He isn't.
He's the God of Heaven. But
this is not God's day.
This is choosing day.

Either, live for today, and die;
choose God, and live. And
God is the Word, and the
Word is the Word
manifested for the hour and
the day.

2. Being Born Again Is A Change

61-1231M — You Must Be
Born Again

39 And no matter how much
that we try to think we are
right in saying a creed or
joining a church,

you're still what you were
until you're actually borned
again of the Spirit of God.

It doesn't change you. Your
creed, joining church, or
changing your ideas, or your
good intentions,

although as good as it might seem, it's still not right.

There's something's got to happen, the new birth is an experience, something that takes place.

So it is not that that brings the new birth. Now, the different churches, they'd say, "Well, you accept this or believe that, and it's all right." But it isn't.

61-1231M — You Must Be Born Again

111 A soul, good or bad, death doesn't change it. I had a lot of Scripture wrote down here on this one that I wanted to comment on, "what a soul is."

What is a soul? It's you. You
are a soul. The part inside of
you. And when you die, ever
what shape that soul is in,

that's the way it goes. It
goes to its destination. You
couldn't pull it up no matter
how much you'd do for it,

that soul got to be changed
here, borned again.

You say, “What about the
Holy Ghost, Brother
Branham?”

112 The Holy Ghost baptizes you into the Body, for service, but you believe unto Eternal Life.

“He that heareth My Words
and believeth on Him that
sent Me, has Eternal Life.”

See?

Then you're baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body, for manifestations of the gifts, and so forth, but you believe to Eternal Life.

He that believeth has Eternal
Life. And when you believe is
when you're dead, and are
born, regenerated, a new
creature. All right.

61-1231M — You Must Be Born Again

113 The soul, now remember,
good or bad, death doesn't
have one thing to do with it.
Death just takes it to its
destination. You hear it?

And if you still got the world
and the love of the world in
it, it'll die with you, 'cause
the world must die. God has
condemned the world,

that's the world order. God has condemned it and it's got to die. And if that world's in you, you'll die with that world.

My, I don't see how it could
be any plainer. See? And if
it's good, borned of God, it
has to go to God.

If it's of the world, it'll
remain to perish with the
world. If it's of God, it'll live
with God, educated or not
educated. Educated or
illiterate,

if the world is still there, it
must die. And if the world is
in your soul, and your desire
is of the things of the world,
you'll perish with the world.

That's clear, isn't it? Should be. You're a part of the dead world. And as the world is dead, you're dead with the world.

114 But if you're born again,
you're alive with Christ, and
your affections is on things
above and not on things of
the world.

But if you are borned again
of the Spirit of God, you
become a part of God and
are Eternal with Him.

Then, death cannot touch
you when you're borned
again. You are Eternal. You
have changed from a
creature of time to a
creature of Eternity.

You have changed from
death unto Life. I'm talking
about "Eternal." From
Eternal death to Eternal Life.
If you're of the world, you
die here with it. If you love...

The Bible said, in John, “If you love the world or the things of the world, it’s because the love of God is not even in you.” You can’t love the world.

And Jesus said, “You can’t love God and mammon.”

Mammon is the “world.” You can’t love the world and God at the same time.

“And he that says he loves Me, and keeps not My sayings,” that’s, the Bible, “he’s a liar, and the Truth’s not even in him.” There you are.

Matthew 6:24

²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

John 14:24

²⁴ He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

50-0115 — Believeest Thou
This?

18 Now, Jesus, when He was
born, He was...I believe that
all gifts are foreordained,

the foreknowledge of God.
You believe that? I believe it. I
believe there's nothing that
you work yourself up to,

or anything that one person could give to another. I do not believe in that. I don't say it couldn't be so. My belief wouldn't change God's program.

But I can't see it in the
Scriptures.

To base it in all that I preach,
and believe, must have a...

I must have a—something behind it, in other words, to make faith out of it. And it must come from the Word of God, which is the basic of all faith.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word. And therefore, I believe that all great gifts were foreordained of God to come into the world.

50-0115 — Believeest Thou This?

19 For instance, Jesus Himself. He was foreordained of God to come into the world.

Do you believe that? He was
the woman's Seed that was
to bruise the serpent's head.
And his head was to bruise
the—the heel.

I believe that Moses was foreordained of God. Do you believe that? When he was borned, he was a proper child. And he was raised up on Pharaoh's—

in Pharaoh's palace with his foot on the throne to become the heir of, even Pharaoh's son, to fall heir to the throne. But he was ordained of God.

If he'd been an—an ordinary man, he'd a went ahead and took those great honors. But he was ordained of God for another purpose.

I believe that John the Baptist...I believe it was seven hundred and twelve years before he was born,

he was seen by the prophet
Isaiah, and said he was the
voice of one crying in the
wilderness. He was ordained
of God.

20 Jeremiah, before he was even brought from his mother's womb, God said He knew him, sanctified him,

and ordained him a prophet
over the nations, before he
ever come from his mother's
womb. Is that right?

65-0418E — Does God Ever
Change His Mind About His
Word?

187 Yet, “He prospers,” you say. You can’t believe That by prosperity.

You can't judge God by prosperity. The world prospers. Balaam prospered by it.

But, brother, you judge God
by His Word. He keeps His
Word and identifies It the
Truth. So, remember, friend,
as long as you live,

don't you never forget this:
God doesn't change His
mind. Yet, He will bless. He
will let you go His permissive
will, but He won't change His
mind.

He won't change His plan.
He won't change His Word,
for you. No, sir.
You've got to change.

You can't have God's Word
to match your experience;
you've got to have your
experience to match God's
Word. See? That's the way
you've got...

You say, “Well, I’m a good man. God does this, that, or the other.” But do you keep His Word?

“Oh, well, I tell you, that ain’t just...Naw.” All right, there is something wrong somewhere. God’s going...Yes, He’ll prosper you. Sure, He’ll make you...

188 The denominations is
prospering to who wouldn't
have it!

They spread their tents, the great, fine churches, and everything, throughout the land. They're rich, and money pouring in, and members from everywhere.

Didn't the Bible say, "There was found in her even riches of the world, and even souls of man,"

and everything, that was found in this old harlot, which is the mother of the whole thing, politics and organization?

65-0418E — Does God Ever
Change His Mind About His
Word?

189 But God's little group is
His Bride, centered on that
Word.

May the dear Heavenly
Father ever keep you
stabilized right there. Don't
you never move from that
Word.

You may bless, you
may...God may heal your
sick. He may heal your sick
baby. He may heal your
husband, your wife. He may
heal your mother, somebody
else.

You may jump at His
Spirit, and dance
up-and-down.

Remember, the rain falls on
the just and the unjust, just
the same.

But when that seed is laying
there, it's either ordained or
it's not ordained. And if it's
ordained, it can...If it's a
wheat, it has to bring forth
wheat.

If it's a Word of God, it has
to produce the Word of God.
If it isn't, well, then it isn't.
See? You get that now?

65-1127B — Trying To Do God A
Service Without It Being God's
Will

147 They had anointing in time...Even Dathan had anointing in the time of Moses.

He said, “Now, don’t you think you’re the only holy one among us, God’s got plenty. We’ll just start an organization here, a group of men.”

65-1127B — Trying To Do
God A Service Without It
Being God's Will

189 He said, “As the Lord
lives, I’ll only say what God
says!”

We need a son of Imlah. “As the Lord lives, I’ll only say what He says.” That’s right, “What He says.”

God Doesn't
Change His Plan

65-0822M — Christ Is
Revealed In His Own Word
35 I said, “You pray wrong.
We should never pray to
change God’s mind;

we should pray to change our mind. God's mind don't need any changing. See? See, it's right." I said, "Not what you prayed for..."

I know a young Catholic boy, one time, was had a prayer book, saying prayers, and for his mother to live. And she died, and he throwed the prayer book in the fire.

Well, see, I don't go for the prayer book; but, anyhow, see, you take the wrong attitude. You're trying to tell God what to do.

Prayer should be, “Lord,
change me to fit Your
Word.” Not, “Change,” not,
“let me change Your mind.

You change my mind.” See?

“You change my mind to

Your will. And Your will is

written here in the Book.

And, Lord, don’t—don’t let

me go till You got my—

my mind set just like Your
mind. And then when my
mind is set like Your mind,
then I'll believe every Word
You wrote. And You said, in
there,

You'd make 'everything work together for good' to them that loves You. And I love You, Lord. It's all working together for the good."

65-1128M — God's Only
Provided Place Of Worship
261 Notice! Now, then, you
are a son of God, in the
house of God, you are a part
of God's economy.

Romans 8:1, “Then there is
no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus.”
For they are dead to the
world, alive in Him,

and living in this present day,
making the Word that God
has used them, or
foreordained them, placing
their name in this Bride
Book.

And when the Waters comes
upon that seed that's in the
heart, raises it up to the
Bride of Christ. Oh, my! Just
perfect as it can be. In every
age it's been that way.

65-1128M — God's Only
Provided Place Of Worship
262 The Lutherans, under
justification, the feet, raised
it like that;

Wesley, under sanctification.
The Pentecostals under the
arms, the works and deeds
and so forth, had to be
Calvinists...

or had to be Arminian, had to be legalists. But now we come to the Head, the Capstone. “Grace! Grace!” the Capstone cried.

65-1128M — God's Only
Provided Place Of Worship

263 The Headstone crying
what? “Grace! Grace!”
Passed from death and
creed, into a living Word of
the living God.

God's only provided plan for
His age, His sons in the
Word age quickened by the
Spirit like a spark that's lit
off of something to make it
alive;

and seated now in Heavenly
places (in present tense),
already alive and subject to
every promise in the Word.

Then what does that do? You
being a part of God's gene, a
part of the Word, other men
a part of God's Word,

seated together, manifest
the entire Body of Christ,
because there's no leaven
among you. (See what He's
talking about, Brother
Brown?)

No leaven among you, just
the Word only, seated in
Heavenly places, in the door
where He put His Name:
Christ Jesus.

65-1128M — God's Only
Provided Place Of Worship
264 No leaven among you,
that brings the entire
fullness of the godhead
bodily among you.

Couldn't do it in Luther's
age, couldn't do it in
Wesley's age, couldn't do it
in Pentecostal age;

but in the day when the Son
of man will be manifested,
revealed, brought back the
Church together with the
entire Deity of God amongst
His people,

showing the same visible signs, manifesting Himself like He did at the beginning when He was manifested on earth in a form of a Prophet-God.

Oh! Glory! Promised by Malachi 4, promised by the rest of the Scriptures. Where you worship at? The house of God, seated (in present tense).

3. How To Be Part Of God's Plan

65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

32 Now, the only way that you can be a son, a daughter of God, because you have to be the...have to have Eternal Life.

And there's only one form of
Eternal Life, and that's God's
Life. Only one form of
Eternal Life, that was God.

There, to be a son of God,
you had to be in Him always.
The gene of your Life,
spiritual Life, tonight, was in
God, the Father,

before there was even a molecule. See? And you are nothing but the manifestation of the gene of Life that was in God, as a son of God.

Now you're expressed, after
His Word has come in you,
to Light up this age, you are
the expressing:

God's Life in you, because
you are a son or a daughter
of God. Therefore, you get
what I mean? [Congregation
says, "Amen."—Ed.] See?

You are in...You are now
made, you're setting in this
church, tonight, because
your duty is to express God
to this nation and this
people,

and this neighborhood
where you associate.

Wherever you are, God knew
that you would be here,

because you have to be one of His genes, or His attributes. You had to be. If you ever, if you've got Eternal Life, then It always was Eternal Life.

And God, before there was a foundation, world, knew that you would be here. And when the Word, or the water, “the washing of the water of the Word”

fell upon you—you, it was expressed in a being. Now you have fellowship with your Father, God, just as you have with your earthly father. See?

You are citizens of the King;
not citizens, but you are
children, sons and daughters
of the living God, if it be that
the Eternal Life dwells in you.

Now, then, if It was, Jesus was the fullness of God manifested. He was the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Therefore, when He came to the earth and was manifested in flesh, you were here in Him then, because He was the Word.

“In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”

The Word was made flesh.
Therefore, you walked with
Him, when you were in Him,
when He was on earth. You
suffered with Him, and you
died with Him.

You was buried with Him.

And now you are risen with

Him, and manifested

attributes of God, setting in

Heavenly places; already

raised, resurrected to new

Life,

and setting in Heavenly
places in Christ Jesus. Oh,
that means so much,
nowadays, Church! That
means so much to us, to see
ourselves positionally placed in
Jesus Christ!

65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

33 Now, if we are those
attributes of God, we cannot
live by creeds. We cannot live
by denominationalism. We
must live by the Word,

because the Bride is a part of
the Bridegroom, like any wife
is a part of her husband.

Therefore, we must be that
Word Bride. And what is that
Word Bride?

The manifestation of this
hour, the Bride, not a creed
or a denomination; but a
living oracle of God, a living
attribute of God,

displaying to the world the attributes of God, in the formation of the Bride that's to be expressed in this hour that we're now living.

65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

34 Martin Luther could not
express the attributes that
we express,

because that that was in the beginning, the resurrection, like the corn of wheat that went into the earth.

65-1205 — Things That Are
To Be

36 You see, the
whole—whole program, the
whole Church, is built upon
Divine revelation.

Jesus said, in Saint Matthew, the 16th chapter, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you.”

What was it? A revelation of Who He was. “And upon this rock, I’ll build My Church, and the gates of hell can’t prevail against It.” See?

The revelation of Jesus Christ
in this hour, not what He
was in another hour, what
He was now, the Bible
expresses, it's growing in the
Bride, to the full stature.

Therefore, if the corn of wheat, of Christ, had to fall in the ground, so did the Bride have to fall in the ground, through the dark ages.

Any grain that goes in the ground must die, or it can't produce itself, reproduce itself. And the great Church that He established on the Day of Pentecost,

by the sending of the Holy Ghost, had to suffer martyrdom and go into the dirt, into the earth in the dark age, to bring forth again in the age of Luther,

and come on out to the full stature of the Bride of Jesus Christ for this last day. See? There's no way...

Matthew 16:13-17

¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

¹⁴ And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

¹⁵ He saith unto them, But
whom say ye that I am?

¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

65-1125 — The Invisible
Union Of The Bride Of Christ
60 And so were you, sons of
God and daughters of God,

before there even was a
moon, stars, or a molecule.
You were sons and
daughters of God,

for you are only the physical
manifestation of the
attributes that was in God
at the beginning. For,
there's only one form of
Eternal Life,

and that was you, before.
You don't know nothing
about it. Neither did you
know when you was in your
earthly father,

but you are manifested
to...in his image. In the
image of God you are made,
and you were manifested
for the glory and the
fellowship of God.

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

61 And, therefore, as sure as
your gene had to be in your
father, before your natural
birth, your spiritual gene had
to be in God,

because you're an
expression of the attributes
of His thoughts, before the
foundation of the world.
Right. No way around it.

That's right. Now, now we notice, then, that Life being in you, God's Life being in you, from the foundation of the world.

62 Now, now, you cannot mix denomination creed with the Word, because they're too contrary, one to the other.

54-0620A — I Will Restore

15 Now, these spirits that
you see moving, anything
today, just like a
government, a church or
anything,

it—it's controlled by a spirit.
Organizations are controlled
by a spirit. Church
organizations are controlled
by a spirit. Churches are
controlled by spirits.

Individuals are controlled by spirits. Nations are controlled by spirits. And spirit was made, before the cosmic matters and life, that were made.

God made man in His own image before He put him in the five senses. We all are acquainted with that. God's first man was made in His image,

which was a spirit man, not
flesh.

And He created He them,
male and female.

And in the book of Genesis everything starts out. And in the book of Revelations it ends: beautiful picture, if you'll get down studying it.

54-0620A — I Will Restore

16 And by the inspiration of the guiding Angel of God, Who has—I have served God through or He sent Him to me to guide.

It's been through Him, by the Word, and never one time has He ever said anything to me that was contrary to God's Word.

If it...Anything, the Bible said,
“If an angel from heaven
would preach anything else,
let it be accursed.”

It has to be according to the Word.

Then in the book of—of Genesis, the word “Genesis” means “the beginning.”

That's where all things had
it's start in the beginning.
And then it ends in
Revelations. And if you'll
watch the picture, down
through the—

up to the New Testament,
coming up from Genesis to
the New Testament, we have
a perfect picture of all things
that is now,

and all things that will be,
and all things that was. They
come up like the vines and
things out of the earth,

and they've wound their way through every dispensation, until they end up and go to seed in Genes—in Revelations: out of Genesis to Revelations.