Scriptures: Ephesians 1:3-12 Revelation 4:10-11 Isaiah 53:10 Isaiah 60:1 Luke 12:31-32

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55-1111 WHERE.I.THINK.PENTECOST.FAILED\_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA FRIDAY\_

« E-26 † Now, we're going to speak tonight on a subject here found in, over in the book of Ephesians, which is a very treacherous thing. And it's not at all sent to--to the unbeliever; it's dedicated, this is, completely to the believer.

And now, I will read from the 3rd verse, just a portion of the 1st chapter, of the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

*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 has 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,***

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

*In whom we have redemption through his blood, and forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

Now, a beautiful reading, and now, I may not, it's only without the grace of the Holy Spirit to make you understand what I see here, and applying it to the Pentecostal church.

But if you'll notice in the 1st verse of here:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints... (not to the outside world. This Book is sent to the saints. And the saint, the word "saint" comes from a "sanctified, or sainted person.")... to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful (i-n) in Christ Jesus:

See who it's sent to? Not to the outsider, but to the saints that are in Ephesus.

Now, if you'll notice in the Book of Corinthians... Oh, what a time Paul had with these Corinthians. They were all seeking after different blessings, and spiritual gifts. And Paul had to speak to them as to children. But when he come to the--the Ephesian church, he speaks to them in a different way. The--the church of Ephesus, they are a solid Gospel church.

« E-27 † Now, he's speaking here of what God did for us before the foundation of the world. Now, I realize that I'm talking to both Calvinists and Arminians. And I'm a Calvinists as long as Calvin stays in the Bible, then after that, I'm an Arminian. I believe in--in the grace of God to keep the believer. But I believe the believer has to have enough grace of God to stay with God.

I believe in security of the Church. I believe the Church--the Church hath security. And if you're in the Church, you're secured with the Church as long as you are in the Church. Stay in. Don't be wandering around, tossed about by everything. Stay in Christ Jesus.

**And God has foreordained that the Church should appear before Him holy, blameless, without spot or wrinkle. No matter whether you make it or I make it, God's going to have a Church without spot or blemish. I trust that we'll all be there. But we each have to seek out our own salvation with fear and trembling.**

« E-28 † But if we'd only go back to find out when God made His first man, He made man in His Own image. And God is a Spirit, so He had to make spirit-man.

Now, the Word is used here in the 5th verse of "predestination," Predestinated, it's not a very good word for an evangelist or a minister to use, because it kinda confuses people when you say "predestinate**." Predestination speaks--looks back to foreknowledge; foreknowledge looks to destination. Predestination goes back to foreknowledge; foreknowledge goes to destination.**

In other words God didn't say, "Now, I'll make this man be this, and I'll make this man to be that." But in order to be God, He had to know the end from the beginning. So in order to foreknowledge that He knew, He could say, "This would happen, and that would happen," because He was God and knowed where everything would be placed. And therefore, He could ordain certain things for certain ages. You believe that? That--that's truly Scripture.

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« E-32 † But if he ever becomes a son and a partaker, he's your brother. And he's... What is he? The same Spirit that was in Christ is in you and in him. And you are fellow citizens. Oh, my. That's the Word I want (I've been playing around for a half hour to get it.) Fellow citizens of the spiritual Kingdom. Citizenship, aren't you happy you got it tonight? Fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God, looking for the King to come someday...

Now, we will hurry right quick.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

He's given his salute or, his salutation to the church.

Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings... (Think of it.)

« E-33 † "I thought the spiritual blessings only come, the fellowship, the Holy Spirit, only come on Pentecost." This is thirty-two years later, that's blessing the Ephesians church, Gentile church, blessing us in heavenly places. You can only be in heavenly places when you're in Christ Jesus.

So if the Holy Spirit baptized them into the heavenly places then, It baptizes into heavenly places now, same fellowship.

(Now)... heavenly places in Christ.

Now, quickly now, I'll give you my view, and then we'll have to go.

**« E-34 † According as He has... as He... (God)... has chosen us... (Not my desire, not your desire, wasn't Paul's desire.)**

**But he has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world...**

**Did you think of that? He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we...**

**... that we should be holy,...**

**Not cause I lived right, because He chose me to be that way. He done it, not I.**

**« E-35 † That's the reason you're holy this afternoon, not because you deserve it, but because He chose you to be that way. When? Before the foundation of the world.**

**... holy and without blame before Him in love:**

**How could we do it? There had to be a Masterpiece do that, and that was Christ Jesus.**

**Listen, you don't remember it, neither do I; but we was before the foundation of the world. When God made man said, "Let Us make man in our own image, let us give them (plural), let Us get... make man in our Own image (spirit man) and give them dominion over the fishes of the sea, and the cattle's and so forth." Genesis 1, God saying that, "Let Us make man."...**

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**« E-36 † Now, back there before the foundation of the world, God chose you in Christ Jesus to appear holy at the end time, all the way from the foundation of the world. Do you see it?**

Now, quickly, let's catch it now, next verse.

Having predestinated... (or elected) us unto the adoption of children by Christ Jesus to Himself, according to--to the good pleasure of His will,...

« E-37 † May I speak to you just a moment? God before the world began... Notice, "No one," said Jesus, "can come to Me except My Father draws him." That's Jesus own Word. Here's the Blood cell; here it is broken; here's the spray of Blood a moving. Now, here's Christ inside this Blood cell. "Christ" means "the Anointed." It was the Anointed Blood cell. Here It is in here. Here's God our Father; look at what He's doing. "No man can come through this Blood spray to Me, except My Father draws him. And all that comes, I'll give him Everlasting Life, no wise turn him out and will raise him up at the last day." You see what it is?

**« E-38 † Now, look. He has chosen us for this purpose, having predestinated or foreknowledge, He fore-understood what it would be from the beginning. God in the beginning, knowing just what He would do at the end, He predestinated, or could foretell, what it would be: foreknowledge, foreknowing to be in Christ Jesus.**

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« E-15 † But I want to approach this, tonight, from just a little different standpoint. And now, Jesus meets with men in great circles of many: one time with five hundred brethren, once with seventy, with twelve, with three, and even with one. That's what makes Him so Divine, that what makes Him the infinite God to me. Is because that He does things in such a simple way, that our little, finite mind cannot comprehend it.

His ways are beyond ours. They're past our understanding. And to think that He would come down from Heaven to visit one poor, lost sinner, is more than I can understand. How did He ever come down to take on the form of sinful flesh to die to save sinners? Why was he so interested in our healing, that he was striped, and wounded by the Roman lash, that through his stripes and suffering, that we who suffer might be delivered? It's more than the little finite mind can catch.

**Men who, all ages, has tried to explain that great love of God. It's just as fathomless as the skies is. There's no way to ever try, to where, any man, to take upon himself, to explain the depths of the love of God. For God is love. His very being is love. He's the fountain of love.**

And then, to think that He would bring Himself down, and would talk to an individual, would save an individual, that would heal His enemy who was against Him, who had done everything against Him, and blasphemed His name; and yet, He was willing to come down, and to make this atonement, and make it so that we could receive it.

And then there's one thing that startled my thinking, is, how could a mortal being ever turn down, and reject such Divine love, when you know you're Eternity bound, and you've got to spend that time somewhere? And when all preparations has been made for your good pleasure, and your Eternal Life, and then to cast it aside for just a little pleasure of this mortal life. Then you would complain about Esau selling his birthright. We are way beyond Esau in the way we sell our--our heritage for less than what Esau got.

**« E-16 † But on this occasion, God does not just go about like we do, just haphazardly. Every move of Christ was ordered of God, and He walked before God in a way that He pleased Him.**

Oh, I would love to have a testimony like that, and I'm sure that every person in here would, like Enoch of old, who walked for hundreds of years before God, and had a testimony that he pleased Him. Enoch being a type of the church, taken before the Tribulation.

Notice! Jesus called out three people separate from the rest of His disciples: Peter, James, and John. We find Him doing this on many occasions. Peter always, to me, represented "faith," and James was "hope," and John was "charity."

So when God goes to do anything, He always wants to witness it. God doesn't do things back in the darkness, and never brings it to light, like the heathen gods of the old countries. God brings it right out before the audience. He's the God of the Light. And then, when He gets ready to do anything, He wants witness of it. He wants us to be His witnesses. He said in Acts 1:8, "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come on you: and then you shall be My witnesses unto Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." A witness.

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« E-17 † And God was just about ready to display something, and He wanted witnesses. And the greatest witness that He could pick out was hope, faith, and charity: Peter, James, and John. He did the same when He raised Jairus' daughter from the dead. And He takes them up into a mountain apart.

**Oh, for those glorious hours when you come apart with Jesus. I suppose every Christian in here has had that type of experience, when you could come apart for a little while with Jesus. When He calls you when you're doing your ironing: "Go into the bedroom, and close the door, I want to talk to you, just a little while." When you're riding on the highway in your car, and all of a sudden Something comes to you: "Pull off the side of the road, I want to talk to you, just a little bit." Oh, what glorious hours that is: "Come apart, I want to show you something."**

And he taken them up into a high mountain. It must have been a glorious experience up there for those apostles. Peter referring to it, some many years later, spoke of it, of a "holy mountain." Now it did not mean that the mountain, itself, was holy, as people try to make the places where things happen, "holy." It isn't the holy mountain; it's the Holy God that was on the mountain. It isn't the holy church; it's the Holy Spirit in the church. It isn't the holy man; it's the Holy Ghost in the man that's to be referred to.

**And those experiences alone with Christ.**

And he was going to do something there that He wanted the world to see. It was a beautiful type.

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« 130 † Let's settle this just once. Let's go back to Ephesians, the 1st chapter. The 5th chap-... The 1st chapter of Ephesians, just a moment. I want to read here just a minute, so that you can really understand that it's not just something that I'm trying to tell you. It's something God is trying to tell you. See? Now listen to this, real close, 1st chapter of Ephesians.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,...

The same man that's wrote the Hebrew letter, is writing this letter.

... to the saints...

This is not to the unbelievers, but to the saints, the sancti-... sainted ones.

... which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

"According as He..." Now, listen close now, the 4th verse.

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,...

Who is the "us" there? The Church.

... he chose us in him (Christ) before the foundation, the earth, 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 his own good pleasure of his will,**

**« 131 † Who did it? God did it. God knowed from the beginning who would be saved and who wouldn't be saved. Certainly. He was not willing for any to perish. But He didn't send Jesus here just to see if you'd--you'd act like, "Well, poor Jesus, I feel sorrow for Him. Maybe I'd better get saved and approve it." No, sir.**

**132 God knowed in the beginning who would and who would not. So, therefore, He knew that some would, so He sent Jesus to make a propitiation for those that He foreknew. "For those who He foreknew, He has called. And those who He has called, He has justified. And those who He has justified, He hath (past tense) glorified." There you are.**

**« 133 † So it's not you that keeps yourself, it's the grace of God that keeps you. You didn't save yourself, or nothing you done to deserve being saved. It's God's grace that saved you. God's grace called you. God's foreknowledge knew you. He knew that you'd be in this church this night, before the foundation of the world was ever laid, if He's infinite. If He isn't, He isn't God. If He did know all things, He was God. If He didn't know all things, He wasn't God. If He's Almighty God, He can do all things. If He cannot do all things, He's not Almighty God. There you are.**

« 134 † So how can you say it's something you could do? It's nothing you can do. It's God's love and grace to you, that you're even here. Nothing you could do, God called you by His grace; you listened, heard, accepted.

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« 140 † I remember Mr. Isler. You all know him, most all of you. He's come right here, state senator of Indiana; come here, play his guitar. When my baby had died, my wife had died, and all of them laying up here on the graveyard. And I was going up the road, with my hands behind me, crying. He jumped out of his little, old truck, and come put his arm around me, said, "Billy, I want to ask you a question." Said, "I've heard you preach till you almost fall in the pulpit. Heard you on the street corners and everything, crying out for Christ." Said, "Now He took your daddy. He took your brother. Snatched them both, and they died in your arms. There he die. Your wife died, holding your hands. And your baby died, and you calling on Him to help you. And He turned His back on you. What do you think about Him."

141 I said, "I love Him with all that's within me. If He sends me to hell, I'll still love Him." He's just. I don't say that; twenty-six years has proved it. That's right.

« 142 † If you love Him! Not a duty, that, "I can't do this, and I can't do that." **You love Him too much to do it, because He has chosen you. You never chose Him. He chose you**.

143 You said, "I sought the Lord, and sought the Lord."

"No man seeks God." It's God, seeking man. You might be seeking a favor of Him, but God has to change your nature before you can even seek after Him. Because, you're a sinner, you're a pig. That's right.

« 144 † And some of you people going to church and just living by your membership, go out here and do everything in the world, and then still go back and say, "Yeah, I belong to the church." Well that's a long ways from belonging to God. Certainly. I don't... But, you see, people doing that, you can tell. Oh, they're good church members. That's true. You can still be a church member and do those things, but you can't be a Christian and doing them.

145 As I've said, this morning, "The old crow, if there ever was a hypocrite, it's the crow." That's right. Him and the dove set on the same ark, set in the same roost. And the old crow was satisfied when he was turned loose, and got out of that Church, that he could go out there and set on one old dead carcass and "caw, caw," and eat off of this one, eat off the horse, and eat off the cow, and whatever it was, he was satisfied. But when Noah turned the dove loose, she could find no rest for the soles of her feet. She had just as much right to set on a dead animal as the crow did, but it was two different natures. One of them, she was a dove, to begin with. He was a crow, to begin with.

« 146 † But, if you notice, the old crow can set over here on a dead carcass and eat, half the day. The dove will set in a wheat field and eat, half the day. And the crow can fly right out there and eat dove food, as much as he wants to. He could eat just as much wheat as the crow can... or as the dove can. But he, the crow, can eat the dove food, but the dove can't eat crow food. That's right.

**147 So, old hypocrite can come to church, and rejoice and shout and praise the Lord, and go on like that, and go right back out and enjoy the things of the world. But a born-again Christian cannot do it, because the love of God constrains him to such a place he can't do it.**

148 So if you're just a Christian by joining the church, and quitting doing this and that, and the same desire is in you, you need another dip. That's exactly right.

« 149 † And you women who can dress with them little... of shorts, and right out here on the street, and then call yourself a "believer." You're a believer, but you're a poor example of one, maybe. If you really had Christ in your heart, you wouldn't have to think about such things as that. I don't care what the rest of the women does, and the rest the girls do, you'd be different, because you love Christ too much.

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« 156 † Now, not because I quit eating manure, made me different from a pig (See?)--made me not a pig any more; that isn't it. But when my nature changed... "Oh, they put a fence around, I guess they bar off; I'm not supposed to do this." Oh, no. You don't bar off nothing from this; you're just borned again; that's all. You've just been changed. That's right.

But if you could take the spirit out of that--of that lamb and put it into the pig, that lamb would do the same thing--the pig would do the same thing the lamb's spirit in him would do. And that lamb would turn right back around and do the same thing the pig did. Now you see, you pigs, where you're at? That's exactly right. That's right. See?

« 158 † You go on out and love the things of the world. Wear shorts and do all these things; go ahead; shows what you are. "By their fruits you shall know them. Does men gather figs off of thorns?" See? No, no. You draw figs off of a fig trees. You get apples off a apple trees. You get thorns off a thorn tree. That's right.

Now, listen real close now.

**Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to His own--to His good pleasure of his--his will.**

**Having predestinated us to the praises of His glory of his grace, wherein he has made us acceptable in the beloved.**

Who did it? 'Cause I quit drinking, 'cause I quit smoking? No. He did it. He made me, before the foundation of the world, acceptable in the presence of His grace. Nothing I done; never done a thing about it, didn't have one thing to do with it. I was a pig to begin with; I was a sinner born in a family of drunkards, raised up on a moonshine still, setting on a whiskey barrel: disgraceful. That's right. Kentucky moonshiner, never wore a pair of shoes till I was a great big boy, hair hanging down my neck, setting up on a moonshine keg making moonshine, and yet the Holy Ghost come to me at seven years old, said, "Don't you touch a drop of it, and don't you fool with them little old girls out there, and don't you smoke a cigarette, or chew a chew of tobacco." Oh, my, what was it? The Father's good will before the foundation of the world, that He would send me to preach the Gospel and lead His sheep. God bless Him, and forever that great Name. I'll stay by His Bible, sink or drown, popular or unpopular. Whether anybody loves me or not I'll please Him. I want to do that which pleases Him.

« 160 † If the Baptists turn me down, the Methodists, the Pentecostal upon their initial evidence, speaking in tongues being the Holy Ghost... That's the reason we're not Pentecostal. **We don't believe that the speaking with tongues makes you filled with the Holy Ghost, no more than we believe living in a barn would make you a pig (No, sir.), no more than we believe living in a--in a king's palace would make you a king. It doesn't. You could be a servant (See?); you could be anything.**

**No, sir. We believe that you receive the Holy Ghost by an experience, not by mythical intellectual conception of the Scriptures, but by an experience that you alone know. Now, if you want to know whether it was the Holy Ghost, watch how your life patterns after that; it'll tell what kind of a spirit come into you.**

« 162 † You might speak with tongues and you might not. But why did the Pentecostals do such a horrible thing as that? Why did the Pentecostal do that? Why? Because in the beginning when God begin to restore back yonder forty years ago, bringing back the gifts, somebody begin to speak with tongues... And speaking in tongues is the least gift, according to Paul's teaching, of the entire bunch of gifts. The least of all the gifts is speaking in tongues. And as soon as they did it, they all got excited and made a denomination and called it the General Council, which is the Assemblies of God.

« 163 † Now, I've talked to some of their best men, their best theologians, and they say, "Brother Branham, you're right, but what can we do now? If we'd raised up against that, we'd be kicked out. And what would our church think about us when we've taught them for years--we've taught them for years that the evidence of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongues. What if we change it now?" That's the curse of denomination. Bless the Lord, we have no denomination. Just as the Spirit leads, we take it.

« 164 † **The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a personal experience**. I've seen people speak with tongues; I've seen witches and wizards... Any missionary knows the same, that's ever dealt in witchcraft and devils. I've seen them stand and speak in tongues, and throw dirt over the back of their heads, and cut themselves with a lance, and speak in tongues, and interpret it. And you say that's the Holy Ghost? Certainly it isn't. It's the devil. **Jesus never said, "By their tongues you shall know them," but, "By their fruit you shall know them." And Ephesians 5:1 said that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness, faith, temperance. Is that right? There you are**.

60-0518 ADOPTION.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY\_

« 112 † Having predestinated us unto--unto...

What does the word "unto" mean, the word "unto"? It means there's something we're coming to, unto. "I am going unto the fountain. I am going unto the chair." Brother Humes, you get that? "I'm going unto the desk."

(Now.)... **He predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according as his own good pleasure of his will,**

**How much pleasure? Whose pleasure was it, whose goodness? His Own, His own good pleasure of His Own Will.**

« 114 † Now, what is adoption? Now, let me get this now; I don't know whether... I won't have time to get through this, but I'll hit it. Then if there's a question, you can a--ask me a little later on sometime in the message, something. Listen. Your adoption is not your birth. Your adoption is your placing. When you were borned again, John 1:17, I believe. When we are borned of the Spirit of God we are sons of God. But we were predestinated. Now, here's what I'm trying to get you to, for this sons of the last day (You see?), to the... See? We were predestinated to--unto adoption.

Now, now here we are. Now, this is what hurts Pentecostal a little. They say, "I got borned again. Praise the Lord, got the Holy Ghost!" Fine. You're a child of God. That's right. But yet that ain't what I'm talking about. See, you were predestinated unto adoption. Adoption is placing a son.

60-0522M ADOPTION.3\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.3 SUNDAY\_

« 74 † Now, God took you into the Body of Christ. Now, what does He do? After you have proved yourself, sanctified yourself with your good behavior, obedient to the Holy Spirit, no matter what the world said.

« 75 † I--I'm going to rub this really hard (See?), because I don't mean it to be rude. I--I... Please don't--don't--don't really. See? Don't really think that I'm--I'm mean. I--I don't want to be. What worries me is to take people and preach to them this God-sent Truth, and they'll turn right back around and just keep on doing the same thing, and say they got the Holy Ghost. That just nearly ruins you. See? What's the matter? They come right back to the same thing, just like the children of Israel, they wanted a king so this king could rule over them and make them act like the Amorites and the Amalekites and the Philistines.

« 76 † Do you know, ladies, that it's wrong to wear slacks? Do you know that? Do you know it's wrong to cut the locks of your hair off? Do you know it's wrong, mister, for you to continue to smoke and act the way you do? Do you know It's wrong for you not to be the husband of your house, your wife get a little temper spell and kick you out the door, and you say, "Yes, bless your heart, honey, I'll come right back"? Do you know you... How can you be a tender at the house of God when you can't even control your own house? That's exactly right. **Do you know, sister, that your husband is not only your husband, but he is your ruler? God said so. Because that the husband was not deceived, the woman was deceived**. And you preachers will continue to make women pastors and preachers in your churches, knowing that the Word of God condemns it.

« 77 And then I'm a fanatic huh? then I'm crazy, out of my mind, I'm a madman, just because I'm trying to tell you the Truth? Now, that's--that's honest, brothers. If a man is sold out for God, you sold out lock, stock, and barrel. You--you--you--you're--you're set aside; you're--you're a different creature.

« 79 † Many are called, few are chosen. Yes, many people are called, you get a calling in your heart, "Yes, I believe God loves me. I believe He does it."

But, brother, that, you're going to be as far lost as the rest of them, because they'll come there that day, even saying, "Lord, I've cast out devils in Your Name. I've done everything else in Your Name. I've had healing services. I've preached the Gospel. I've cast out devils."

And Jesus say, "Get away from here, I don't even know you, hypocrites. It's he that doeth the will of My Father." Why can't people see it? Now, I know that rubs us. And I don't--I don't mean it to hurt. I don't mean it to be that way. But, brother, I--I...

« 82 † Looks to me like we're at--we're at the end time, and God is adopting, setting positionally in church, in the Body of Christ, His... Now, there's not going to be too many He put in there. I'm going to tell you that to begin with. Well, you say, "Oh, well, is there going to be such a great number?" But He's had six thousand years to pull them out of too. Remember, the resurrection comes, and we're caught up with them. Just a few of them... See? You search out your salvation quickly. Look yourself over and see what's gone wrong. See? See just--just what's the matter. I know that's--that's hard, but, brother, it's the truth. It's God's truth. Adoption...

**« 83 † We should be so on fire for God; we should be going day and night. Nothing should be able to stop us, and we should be so sweet, and so pleasant, and so kind, so Christ-like in our lives**. It takes every day's life. Jesus said, "Consider the lily of the field, how it grows, toil and spin; yet I say unto you that Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one." Solomon had robes that was arrayed with glorious silk and needle work and things, but that--that didn't--that wasn't what He was talking about. In order for a lily to grow, it has to toil both day and night. What do you want to come up back here on the little end of the line for? If the righteous be scarcely saved, where will the sinner (That's the unbeliever.) and the ungodly, the man that hears the Word and refuses to walk in It? Now, what are we going to do? See?

60-0522M ADOPTION.3\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.3 SUNDAY\_

« 86 † Then we could go back to the same, Elah, Elah, Elohim, Elohim (See?), where He's self-existent. And then come back through Jehovah Who made something; He gave man dominion over the earth. What are we waiting for? The manifestations. The earth is groaning. Let's get down to it and read it. All right:

... predestinated... to the adoption of children by... himself, according to His good pleasure of his will,

To the praise--to the praise of the glory of his grace,...

What is His grace? Back before, when He wasn't a Father. His grace, His love, made Himself a child, that we might be predestinated unto the adoption of children, to the praise of His grace. See?

**... wherein he has made us acceptable by the--the... (the Person)... beloved, which is Christ.**

**Made us accepted how? By Him. How we get into Him? By one Spirit, all baptized into Him. Listen.**

**In whom we have redemption, we have redemption through (the) his blood, the forgiveness of... (s-i-n-s...)**

**« 88 † How can you preach predestination of God, foreordaining and setting, unless there's a sin atonement somewhere? Why is it each day you make a mistake, each day you do wrong? But if you're borned again, man or woman, as soon as you make the mistake, God knows you're sorry for it. You can stand in the Presence of--of President Roosevelt or anybody else and say, "I'm wrong; God forgive me for this thing." Why? And there's where the Blood atonement...**

**You notice that s-i-n-s. A sinner is a sinner; he does not commit sins. But the church commits sin, does wrong, gets a wrong thought, wrong impression, makes scruples, wobbles like a little child walking, trying to learn how to walk. He just don't know how to walk good yet, 'cause he's a little boy. But we have a hand that reaches down if we--gets us and steadies us, and say, "Make this step this a-way, son." He doesn't pick us up and spank us because we made a mistake; He doesn't beat us to death because we're trying to walk. He loves us like we love our children.**

« 90 † A real, real daddy wouldn't whip his child when he's trying to walk, if he falls down on the floor. Reach right down with a big strong hand and pick him up, take both hands a hold of him, say, "This is the way you do it, son. Walk like this."

That's the way God does His church: reaches down and gets him in His arm, picks him up, and say, "Walk like this, son. Here, don't--don't--don't say it like that; talk it like this. Now, I don't care what the church says, what this says, what that says, you say it like this...?..." Like this, this is It. "My Word preaches it, you stay right with It, walk with It. Stay right with It. Don't care what everybody else says, stay right with It. Walk like This. This is the way you make your steps."

« 92 † Our sins; an atonement, love for our sins, or we'd never have a chance. How we could just anchor on them Words.

... according to the riches of his grace;

Wherein he--he has abounded... (What is "abound"? Oh, my.)... Wherein He has abounded,... (great heaps of it)... he has abounded towards us in all wisdom and prudence;...

"Prudence, all the wisdom He has abounded towards us with all wisdom, not worldly. The wisdom of the world is foolish to Him, and the wisdom of God is foolish to the world. Just like day and night, one can't agree with the other one. But when the sun begins to rise and daytime comes, night scatters from place to place. And when the Light of the Gospel begins to come in, all the things of the world just begins to fade out and what does it do? He abounds the Sunlight upon His children, walking in the Spirit, led of the Spirit of God, abounding in His grace with all prudence, and wisdom, understanding, and shrewdness to know how to walk. You see it's wrong; then be careful what you do, how you... If it's wrong, be careful even how you approach it. Prudence... Be real close, real sure that you know how to approach it: wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove. That's what Jesus said.

61-0618 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FIVE.2\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 747-793 SUNDAY\_

**« 74 † I think it's come to a time that when we've got to know how we stand. How can you do anything unless you got faith in what you're doing? You've got to have faith. And that's my purpose of doing this with the church here, is to give the believers faith and confidence in what they are standing for, because it is the Word of the Lord. Then as long as through the Scripture it's sovereignly placed from Genesis into Revelation, back and forth, and up and down, not a way for the Devil to move in there anywhere, then you got perfect confidence, see, you know where you're standing.**

« 75 † Same thing would be with our sister here that's in the wheelchair, or maybe others that are sick and afflicted. If you can have perfect understanding that "it's God's good pleasure to make you well," there isn't enough devils in the country to keep you sick. See? That's right, when you understand that it's God's good pleasure to make you well, that He has did it for you, and you understand then how that you are to go do a certain thing.

Is like this. If I told you with all of my heart... If you were hungry and starving to death, and you had supreme confidence in me as a truthful person, and I told you where there was a thousand dollars laying, how you'd get to it, what road you go, exactly where to go to, and you understand exactly where the money is laying. See? Then would you start rejoicing right then, just the same as you had the money, if you believe me.

« 77 † So, you see, before you're ever get... feel any different or anything else, you can be just as happy over your healing in saying you "got it," because you are positive sure you got it, because you got confidence in the One that promised it to you. See? See? Your--your confidence is that He cannot lie, and He's told you exactly where it was laying at, and then you--you got confidence that you're going, you got it already, because that is your faith which is the earnest of your redemption.

In other words, you're trying to be redeemed from sickness, and your faith is that substance of that blessed... or, rather, it's the earnest of your healing. As long as something says in your heart, "I'm the Lord that heals you," that's just as good, that's all you need. That's... Oh, you can start just as happy, no matter what happens. If you don't get it, if you get worse, you're still just as happy as you was, you was perfectly well, because you've got that assurance that it's over. How many understands that now, let's see your hand. There you are. "It's evidence of things not seen."

63-1112 SIR.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-7 TUESDAY\_

« 62 † Not to have Him explained. Today, with great intellectual messages, we can explain It till you can see the picture. But, that, that isn't what we're looking for tonight. We're--we're not looking for the mechanics, we're looking for the dynamics of It. That's it. So many, see, that's... We've got the mechanics of the religions of the Bible so bottlized, it looks like a great big sixteen- or thirty-five-coach train sitting out here on a track. But if you haven't got any steam in it, then the--the... It takes the dynamic to--to--to perform with the mechanics. And what we need now is to see That. This what we've been taught all these years, is it the Truth or is it not? It's been explained, over and over and over, through different seminaries and churches, and so forth, until we are looking to see Who this Person is.

Now you say, "Brother Branham, how would you do it?"

« 63 † Well, did you notice they come to a servant of Christ, who had been trained to know what to do. Not to just say, "Sit down. Say, wait now! You sit down here, I'll explain it." No, he brought them right straight to Him, 'cause that's what they wanted to see. They, they said, "We would see Jesus." Not, "We'd like for you to explain It to us and tell us what It's all about." That wasn't the question. But they wanted to see Jesus. And they... God had someone standing there, Philip, that could take them and show them to the Person, Jesus Christ.

**64 Now that's what we want to see. We want to see the Person. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, we will see Him when He comes." Yes, but He promised that He, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, would come in the last days and would be with us, even in us, to the end of the world. And the things that He did, we would do also.** He said, in Hebrews 13:8, as I have quoted that, "He is the--the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now there would only be one way to know what He is today.

« 65 † We find we couldn't find Him in fine lecturers, 'cause we find people who can stand up and can explain the Word in such a way, it's just breathtaking. But when we find it, it's still just a lecture. See, just a lecture, it's the mechanics. And we find the entertainer who can go through all the actions, and so forth, but that still isn't it. We, that isn't what we're looking for. We find the religious type, with their robes on, and so forth, that still isn't what we're looking for. See? No.

**66 We're looking for the Person, Jesus Christ. See, the Person, Jesus Christ! Now, if the Bible said, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever," then He must be that, or the Bible said something wrong.** Then, I don't believe God would judge the world by anything wrong.

67 Then where we at again? See, we're all out in a muddle again, because there is everything, this church says, "we got It," and, "we got It," and, "we got It," and so forth. But if you've got It, you would show It, that's right, see, **the Person, Christ Jesus.**

65-0425 GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA V-18 N-2 SUNDAY\_

**« 137 † Now notice, when this great moving power of God comes into a son of God, it quickens him, the Spirit of Life enters into him. Then what does it do? It seats them in Heavenly places, right now. Not they "will be." We are now. Now we've already resurrected, the dynamics and the mechanics is gone to work, quickened us, and we're quickened up into the Presence of God, where His Spirit is. And now we are seated together in Heavenly places, in Christ Jesus; in Christ Jesus, sitting in there, that great seat that's already fired up, been raised from the dead. We're a part of it. If you're a part of the Bride, you are, because the Bride is part of the Groom, you know. So we find out that it's the same thing, and She'll do just exactly what's predicted for Her to do in this day. She won't be a Laodicea, not by no means a lukewarm. But She'll be on fire for God, She'll be moving on in the Spirit of God.**

62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY\_

249 When were we chosen, at the last revival, the night we got saved? Why, when--when there wasn't no world, was no star, there was no atoms, no molecule, that's when we were chosen. Amen. Oh, don't let me start preaching on that. I'm just trying to explain something here. All right.

... before the foundation of the world, that we should be...

250 What? "Members"? No. "We should, oh, after we're saved, we just do as you want to"? No.

... we should be holy and without blame before him in...

251 "Membership"? No, no. It's "love." Ain't it? That's right. All right. "In love." Excuse me. I'm just cutting up, I guess, now. I shouldn't do it. All right.

... in love:

Having (What? P-r-e-d-e-s-t-i-n-a-t-e-d. Oh!) predestinated us unto the adoption of children (the Seed from the beginning, see)... of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

« 252 **† Who did it? God. When did He do it? Before the foundation of the world.** Then if we come in an illegitimate birth through Eve's corruption, making us all her children and subject to death, then the sovereign God has to make a way to redeem His children. "And all the Father hath given Me will come to Me. And no man can come unless My Father draws him." Oh, my! Now where's your great big thing you done? You never done nothing. You ought to be ashamed. God, Who done all things! The wheel is a working just right.

253 Someone come, the other day, said somebody said something bad about me, and--and accusing me of something that was wrong. And I said, "Oh, forget it."

254 Said, "How can you take it like that? That involves your family, that."

255 I said, "Oh, my!" I said, "That was predestinated before the foundation of the world, to give me a trial." I said, "Oh, my, my, my! Sure. So that's all right."

Said, "How do you do it?"

256 I said, "If I looked right down this a way, I'd be falling all the time."

« 257 † That's the way with the people today. "If I accept the Truth of God's Word, Brother Branham, they'd kick me out." Well, what are you looking here for? Look out here at the end of the road. See, a man who looks like this, he don't know where he's going, he looking this way. But if you look out yonder, you don't care what's going on now, you know where you're going. See? That's it. Look where you're going. Stay lined up with the Word. All right.

« 258 † "Predestinated us now unto adoption." Now do you believe we were predestinated? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now, was Jesus predestinated? ["Amen."] He was the Lamb of God, already slain before there was a light, before there was a meteor, before there was a molecule, atom, anything. He was the Son of God, slain. Oh, the greatness of God!

259 Then these little peanut brains out of some little manufactured, supernatural incubator over here, tries to debate That and say It's not right. That's a shame. Who are you?

260 Even some of them saying, "There's no hell." And you're setting on a pot of it every day, eight-thousand-miles thick, just below you, volcanic; and then look up and defy God and His Word. When you defy the Word, you defy God. Right.

261 Oh, my, how great Thou art, Lord! How thankful we should be! All right.

« 262 † So, believers, of the Word and Spirit, must be one. You get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Believers, the Word and the Spirit, are absolutely one. You don't do your own thinking. You don't use your own mind. That wonderful? ["Amen."] The mind was in Christ is in you. See? Mind is in Christ, and you'll take the Word just like He did, 'cause He was the Word. And the mind of Christ in you, you are the Word. You're God's living Word, representatives of Him, here on earth, that's right, continuing the work. The Church should be that way. And when so, the Bible is manifested again like in the early days of the disciples. Just like the disciple, the Bible is living again, in you.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY\_

« 184 † "Predestinated!" There's the mystery. He, before Christ or anything else was ever on earth, you see His great mystery, that He chose the Bride. Knowing Eve would fall, from disbelieving the Word, knowing that she would fall; but He would choose a Bride that would not fall, that would hold to that Word regardless of what all the rest of the world had to say about It. They would hold to that Word! They are predestinated to stand there, "the adoption of children by Jesus Christ," predestinated the Church to that great, glorious stand!

« 185 † Now you see His secret? What to? To restore fallen Eve, as she was a prefigure of the Church. And now notice, as God opened up the side of Adam and took out Eve, by his own flesh and blood; and divided his spirit from masculine and feminish, to feminish, and put it in Eve. Took the rib from under his side, and made Eve out of it; so God did the same thing, taking out of the side of Christ, the Blood and the water. And Christ is the Word, and taking the Word and making up His Church, Eve; see, back to Himself again, redeemed by the Blood that was come from His Body. You see it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

186 God's great mystery now being unfolded, that's been hid since the foundation of the world, but prefigured it all the way down through. Now watch, we find that, that He--that He did that. And here in Ephesians, and many other places, but that will give you enough to... Now, down through the ages, He has been slowly unfolding this mystery. Can you see now? Now, down through the...

**« 187 † How did He? What happened in the prefigure now? He opened Adam's side and took part of his flesh, which was Adam, to make Eve. The Bride has to be the Word, for He is the Word. She cannot stand on creeds. She cannot stand on denomination. She cannot stand on good behavior. She has to stand alone on the Word, because She is part of It. She was taken from Christ. See?**

**« 188 † And to be sure, that, the whole Rapture now; Luther was a part, Wesley was a part, the prophets was a part. If they're--aren't a part... Just in the revelation that they was making up, the body, feet, toes, arms, and so forth, until the Head (which we get to that in a few minutes), see, that makes the entire Rapture. It's the Body of the Word, which is Christ. Amen!**

**189 Outside of That, you're lost. I don't care how good you are, or what your relationship is, or what your fellowship is, or what your organization is, you're lost, outside of that Word being in you.**

**« 190 † "If ye abide in Me, the Word, My Word abide in you, then you ask what you will," because you and the Word are the same. He has the preeminences. He's got the rulership. You're a... you're a prisoner to Him. The world is dead. You have nothing more... You see the rest of the people living the way they do, but yet you do not do it. You're a prisoner. You're yoked with Him. "My yoke is easy." Yoked with Christ, with His Word. "I do that only which the... pleases the Father. And if you can't believe that I am He, then believe the Word." So perfect! Notice.**

# Closing Quotes:

63-1124M WHAT.SHALL.I.DO.WITH.JESUS.CALLED.CHRIST\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-6 SUNDAY\_

« 108 † "I--I--I... Tell, explain to me how that you made flies come upon the earth, when there wasn't any, that many flies on the earth." See? **Moses** couldn't explained it, himself. You don't have to. "How'd you make the east wind come and blow a hole across the Red Sea, and we all followed you on dry land. Explain the mechanics of that. What--what--what was the--the--the system that you used, Moses? What? Tell me the scientific research of what atom you let loose." See? See?

**109 He didn't know it. He, well, he didn't know the mechanics; he just knowed the dynamics. And--and that's the way.**

I can't tell you how I'm living. I can't tell you how you're living, but you're living. I can't tell how your heart, and your food goes in and makes blood. And takes the--the strength of that food, and--and goes into that third wall of the intestinal track and turns it back to a blood life, and sends it back up through you. I--I can't explain that, but it does it. See, it does it. I--I can't explain it. I don't know the mechanics. It's the dynamics.

« 110 † Now, Moses might have knowed the mechanics, but it wasn't nobody else's place to understand it but Moses. They knowed it worked, and that satisfies. Why can't the people be satisfied that way today? See? Everybody couldn't be a Moses. There was just one Moses. They just knowed it was of God. They seen it was of God.

And they followed on and done fine until they begin to question it, wanted to raise up somebody else to do the same thing, Korah, Dathan. And when they got somebody to bring some carnal impersonations in, finally God said, "Separate yourself. Don't get into that organizational system. See, step out of it! I'm going to swallow it up." And He opened the earth and swallowed it. See?

**« 111 † You don't know, you don't have to know the mechanics. Just know the dynamics, the thing that pulsates it, that makes it true, and see if it hits the target that the Bible promised it would hit in this day. See, it's the Word again, back to the Word.**

« 113 † The--the Pentecostals, the Assemblies of God, and the--the great other churches of the--of the Pentecostal kingdom, and of the Full Gospel people, how can they forfeit their evangelical teachings, the very principles that they've stood on? And where they was raised up, to come out of those organizations and condemn it; and they have to forfeit their evangelical doctrine, to walk with man who disagree upon the principles of the Bible, and Divine Healing, and the Power of God, and Jesus Christ. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

« 114 † There you are, that's the hour that we have arrived at, and that's the big machine that's set up. Now they've got the mechanics. The only thing they have to have is Satan in there, with the dynamics, to force the marking of the beast. When she is forced down, then the dynamics is working. The mechanics is there. They've already got them.

**« 115 † Let me say something, too; this uniting time, to see churches uniting, nations uniting. It's a uniting time of God and His Bride, too. And I say this with reverence and respect.** **I believe that the Bride of Christ is called. I believe She is sealed in the Kingdom of God. I believe the mechanics is there. They're waiting for the Dynamics that'll take Her off the earth, into Glory, in the Rapture. I believe it with all my heart. Yes, sir. We don't know how He's going to do it, but He shall do it.**

**He is the Dynamics**. We just become members of the machine, of His Body, forming ourself into His image, and see Him uniting Himself with us, in His works, with His love gifts, as He hands them to us just before the Wedding Supper. And we're waiting, watching for that.

Their big church is to be united.

**« 116 † The Dynamics of this Church will be a refilling of the Holy Spirit that we have worked in a small measure while the Headstone is coming down to unite with the Body. But when that Head and Body unites together, the full power of the Holy Ghost would raise Her up just exactly like that; even the dead, that's dead in Christ, for hundreds of years ago, will rise in the beauty of His holiness, and take a flight to the skies. The Dynamics is the Holy Spirit.**

64-0126 WHAT.SHALL.WE.DO.WITH.THIS.JESUS.CALLED.CHRIST\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-4 SUNDAY\_

« 70 † We see this big move set up now, Satan's big machinery set in order. The only thing it needs is... It's got the mechanics, it only waiting for its dynamics to put it in force. The move's all congregation, a big council and thing. The big machine is setting there, but they're waiting for the hour when the lid goes down, and then they can make it, and force it, make it a law. Look at the broadcasts and things we hear today, over the radio and the newspapers. Why, it's right on you now.

71 We haven't time to do nothing else but receive Jesus Christ. He has been thoroughly identified.

**« 72 † Listen, we say about Satan's big machine up there, ready to move, that's right, to crush down; but, remember, God's little flock that believes the Word, its mechanics is ready too. It's ready for the Dynamics to set it afire with the Holy Ghost. "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom." The Holy Ghost will strike a little Church that's come out from the world, women that wears long hair, Nazarite, to prove they've separated themselves from the...**

**« 73 † The Nazarite is one who... What? A one that separates themselves, for the Word of God; not short-wearing, painted faces, Jezebels, calling themselves Christians; no, sir; man, so wishy-washy, that'll stand for a denomination, and hold onto their coattails, of some Caesar or Herod, instead of standing for the Word of God. But God has got loyal people, genuine flock of God, who don't care what the world says. They believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

74 This is not popular. It makes you unpopular, but it's the Truth! It's God's command for it to be done, and God will do it. God bless you. Don't mean to scold you, but to warn you. It's better to be scorched than burned, at any time, so take warning. The Holy Spirit speaks in this last days.

**« 75 † All is written in the Book will escape it. Now we find out, the little flock is ready for the Dynamics to move It up into the skies, to escape all this tribulation.**

76 Someone said, the other day when I was talking, said, "Brother Branham, you don't believe then the church will go through the tribulation?"

77 I said, "I believe the church will, but not the Bride." The church will go through the tribulation, yes, sir, but the Bride is free from it. She'll go in the Rapture, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. She'll be caught up to meet her Lord in the air, for the Wedding Supper. She has nothing to go through any tribulation about; her Lord has paid her price. We're so thankful for that. Yes, sir.