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EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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

» 4 ⁺ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

 \sim 5 ⁺ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

» 6 ⁺ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

 \sim 7 ⁺ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

» 8 ⁺ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

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

» 10 ⁺ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

> 11 ⁺ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

» 12 ⁺ That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ

» 13 ⁺ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

 \sim 14 ⁺ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

JOHN 1:1

» 1 ⁺ ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

» 2 ⁺ The same was in the beginning with God.

» 3 ⁺ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

1)GENESIS 1:1

» 1 ⁺ In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2) JOHN 1:1

 \sim 1 + ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

JOHN 1:2

» 2 ⁺ The same was in the beginning with God.

3) HEBREWS 1:10

10 + And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

4) 54-1003M THE.WORD.BECAME.FLESH.INDIA.TRIP.REPORT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_

« 162 [†] "In the beginning..." Now let's get some real... Here, I see something. And the Holy Spirit must have ordained this to be so. See? I see a great thing here. "In the beginning was the Word."

Now, you can't go any farther back, mentally speaking, than in the beginning. "In the beginning," before there was a world, before there was a star, 'fore there was a sun, moon, anything else, 'fore there was any creation, that's, "In the beginning." Is that right? Now, as far as we can go, is back to the beginning.

And "In the beginning, God was... In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us." Then, the Word was Jesus Christ. Is that right? Oh, my. Then Who was... "In the beginning was Jesus Christ."

5) 57-0828 HEBREWS.CHAPTER.TWO.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN HEB WEDNESDAY_

« 276 [†] Now, so, God was in the beginning. Before there was any light, before there was ever an atom, before there was ever a star, before there was any visible thing, God filled all space. And in That was nothing but purity: pure love, pure holiness, pure righteous. It was Spirit. He covered the whole space all from Eternity, where we can't fathom It. It goes beyond anything that we could imagine.

6) 62-0725 A.GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE_ PORT.ALBERNI.BC WEDNESDAY_

« E-44 ⁺ Now, remember, God in all ages has always done the supernatural, because He is supernatural. Did you ever think what God was? Let me give you just a small picture now, before I go... (Oh, I won't... I get blessed and won't be able to. Yes, I am. I'm going to try it anyhow.)

In the beginning before there was anything, It was God. Before there was a meteor, before there was a light, before there was a atom, before there was a molecule, He was God. But He couldn't... He was the great controlling power of everything. And He was everything in Him.

7) 65-0801M THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-9 SUNDAY_

« 65 ⁺ Now, in these Messages, I want to--to--to emphasize the things that I have told you in the Message, of this evening Light that God said would come upon the earth.

66 And notice, then, "The beast that was to come upon the earth, would deceive all whose names were not put in the Lamb's Book of Life, slain before the foundation of the world."

67 In God's own thinking; God, the great Spirit. In the beginning, before there was a beginning, He was God, and did you know you were in Him then? If you are a Christian now, you was in Him then.

8) 65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_

« 55 ⁺ Notice now His attribute. Then the attribute was, first, God; the thought, the attribute itself, all in One, without being expressed. Then when He expressed, secondarily, He became then the Word. "And then the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

56 Saint John the 1st chapter and the 1st verse, notice, this is, "In the beginning." But, before, the Eternal! Notice, "In the beginning was the Word." When the time begin, it was Word. But before it was Word, it was attribute, a thought. Then it was expressed, "In the beginning was," the expression, "the Word."

9) 60-0306 IT.WASN'T.SO.FROM.THE.BEGINNING PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-10 [†] Now, God is omnipotent, omnipresent. By being omniscient, makes Him omnipresent; He--He knows all things. But God could not be just like the air is, because God has a dwelling place. God is not a myth. God is a Being: God, Jesus. He, God, (pronoun), He is a Being. Therefore He's omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and infinite.

Now, to be infinite, it comes through a word "infinite," which "there is no limit." He is Eternal. Eternal is like a ring. It goes around and around, and you're trying to find where it began or where it ends. There is no beginning or ending to it.

10) 60-0522M ADOPTION.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.3 SUNDAY_

« 48 [†] The question was asked yesterday by a theologian, to me, that's been attending the meetings or hearing the tape; said, "One question." He said, "Then is God omnipresent?" Then he said, "He can be everywhere?"

I said, "He is not omnipresent in the way that the word speaks omnipresent. He cannot be a Being and then be an omnipresent. If He's omnipresent, why would you pray for the Holy Spirit? If He's omnipresent, He fills every crack, corner, crevice, every cell, fiber, everything else there is." I said, "Why did He hunt for Moses if He's omnipresent at the end? Why did He run up and down the garden of Eden, crying, 'Adam, Adam, where art thou?' if He's omnipresent?"

He's omnipresent because He's omniscient. He knows everything because He's infinite, being infinite makes Him omnipresent. Being omnipresent then... Being infinite, then He sets in the heavens, <mark>He</mark> abides in a place because He is a Being.

11) 60-0611B FELLOWSHIP_ MIDDLETOWN.OH SATURDAY_

« E-19 ⁺ Now, we find out in the Old Testament, that God had one meeting place, one meeting place. The only place He would meet with His people was in one place, the Tabernacle. And that was under the shed blood. The only place God met with His people, was under the shed blood. That's the only placed He can meet with us today.

He could not meet with us as an organization. He cannot meet with us as an intellectual group. He can only meet with us as we have fellowship, as we come under the shed Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. That's the only basic place that we can meet.

Sometime ago, I was dedicating a tabernacle. They asked me to bring the--the words back... A brother down in Tennessee, I forget what his name was now, the Church of God, down there. And I said, "God is a Being." Now, God's just not like your--like the air. If He would, you would never have to seek the Holy Ghost: it would be in you, 'cause He'd filled all space and things. God's omnipresent, sure, by being omniscient, knowing all things. But God has a dwelling place, because He is a Being. Exactly right. And God dwells with fellowship under the shed Blood of His Son, and that alone. Amen. Not upon our denomination or affiliation, but upon the shed Blood we meet God face to face.

12) 65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_

« 48 [†] Notice. Those who have, tonight, Eternal Life, was with Him and in Him, in His thinking, before there ever was an Angel, star, Cherubim, or anything else. That's Eternal. And if you have Eternal Life, you always was. Not your being here, but the shape and form that the infinite God...

49 And if He isn't infinite, He isn't God. God has to be infinite. We are finite; He is infinite. And He was omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent. If He isn't, then He can't be God. Knows all things, all places, because of His omnipresent. Omniscient makes Him omnipresent. He is a Being; He's not like the wind. <mark>He is a Being</mark>; He dwells in a house. But being omniscient, knowing all things, makes Him omnipresent, because He knows everything that's going on.

There can't be a flea bat its eyes but what He knowed it. And He knowed it before there was a world, how many time it'd bat its eyes, and how much tallow it had in it, before there ever was a world. That is infinite. We can't comprehend it in our minds, but that's God. God, infinite!

13) 65-1205 THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_

« 38 [†] He's omnipresent because He's omniscient; omniscient because He's omnipresent. Therefore, by His foreknowledge... Now, He can't be just like the wind over the earth, because He is a Being. He just isn't a myth. He's a Being. He dwells. He even dwells in a house. He dwells in a place called Heaven. And therefore, by His omni-, being omnipresent; being omniscient, knowing all things, then He is omnipresent because He knows all things.

39 You, now, you grew from your birth, when you was born and presented into this world. God knew that you were going to be here in this earth, and you growed from birth to maturity. Things that seemed so strange to you, in your young womanhood, young boyhood, as children, now seems very real. You couldn't understand it when you was a child. But now, as you become adult, you begin to understand and find out that everything was just set just right. And, you, it really means something to you now.

14) 60-0522M ADOPTION.3_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.3 SUNDAY_

« 51 ⁺ But being infinite, then He knows all things, knowing every time a gnat bats its eye; knowed every bumblebee, where he goes into the comb to get his honey. **He knows every sparrow that sets in the tree. He knows every thought that's in your mind, because He is infinite and omniscient. That is, He not only is He infinite, He's omniscient; He knows everything. But He is a Being. God is a Being, and out of this Being begin to bring forth these.**

15) 53-0729 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON. GENESIS JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD WEDNESDAY_ « 21 † Now, if God created man in His Own image and in His Own likeness, what kind of a

man did He create? A spirit man. Now, if you'll notice, after He had made all the creation and created a spirit man (the close reading of this now, to the one that asked the question will find this), that God give dominion of the cattle and the fishes and everything to the man. But in His making up there, He made man in His Own image to lead the cattle, lead the beasts of the field, just like the Holy Spirit leads the believer today. See? He was, in other words, Adam, the first man in the lower creations of God... The first creation was God Himself; then out of God came the Logos, which was the Son of God; then out of the Logos, which was the Word ("In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."), out of the Logos came forth the--the man.

15A) 53-0403 THE.CRUELTY.OF.SIN.AND.THE.

PENALTY.THAT.IT.COST.TO.RID.SIN.FROM.OUR.LIVES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-25 N-4 FRIDAY_ « 51 [†] So He couldn't just leave it in that state; He had to leave something with it. So He **said**, **"Let us (plural) make man (plural) in our own image. Let us make man in our own image." So then when God made His first man, He was a spirit man. He was something on the order of God, or the Son of God, the Logos. That was the first man. Then He gave the man jurisdiction over the--to lead all the animal life, just like the Holy Spirit leads the believer today: "Go here. Do this."**

15B) 53-0729 QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON

GENESIS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD WEDNESDAY_

« 43 [†] He got all those things together, and made...?... made all the other things, all the animal life, the birds, the bees, the monkeys, and whatever it was, put them all here on earth. And then He asked this guestion now. "Let us (Who? Father and Son) make man in Our own image."

Now, if a man was made something like that little sacred Light yonder, or something like that, It could not be seen (which is a spiritual Being). He manifested or unfolded Himself a little more to make a trinity of Himself by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And here was God, unfolded Himself now, down into "let us make man (which was His son, an offspring from Him) man in Our own image (He was a supernatural being.), and let him have dominion over the cattles of the field, and so forth."

Now, the man led the man--led the--the cattle and everything, just like the Holy Spirit leads a real true believer today. The Voice of God out there... The voice of man, rather, would speak and say... call the cattle this way, call the sheep over to this pasture, call the fishes to this water. See, he had dominion; everything obeyed him.

15C) 53-1122 THE.RESURRECTION.OF.LAZARUS_ EVANSVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-13 [†] Man before he was this man, he was a spirit man. God made the first man in His Own image. How many says that's right? Well, what kind of a image has God got? He's a Spirit, is that right? So He made a Spirit man 'fore He made a flesh man.

Then He put man in five senses to contact his earthly home. He might've give him hands like a monkey, and foot like a bear, I don't know. But anyhow, that wasn't the image of God. God's a Spirit. But then God came down and was made in the image of man to redeem man back to Himself when He was made flesh and dwelled among us. And we go right out of this redeemed life, from this redeemed life into that immortal life again in the supernatural body, then back into flesh again, just like God, bring us right back to the garden of Eden again, just the same thing.

15D) 54-0620A I.WILL.RESTORE_ DES.MOINES.IA SUNDAY_

« E-18 [†] Now, in the beginning, when God made man in His image, the first man Adam, was a man like God. He was a spirit man. Then we later on, we find after He'd made man in His image, there was no man to till the soil, so He put man in five senses to contact his earthly home. There's where man fell.

Now, Adam had a helpmate, Eve. And Eve was given birth of two sons. First son was Cain; the second son was Abel. Now, when two more human beings come in the world, then after Adam and Eve, two more spirits come to be--to occupy these human beings. Because they couldn't have lived without spirit.

15E) 63-1110M SOULS.THAT.ARE.IN

PRISON.NOW_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-22 SUNDAY_

« 38 [†] And then, first, man was made, he was a spirit man, in the image of God.
39 Which, "God is a Spirit," Saint John 4. Now, "He is a--a Spirit. And they that worship Him,
was bin this is Spirit and Truth And The Word is the Truth "New we werehin this is Spirit and Truth I.

worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. And Thy Word is the Truth." Now, we worship Him in Spirit and Truth. He is a--a Spirit Being.

40 Then there was no man to till the soil, and then God formed man out of the dust of the earth.

16) 64-0614M THE.UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 74 ⁺ And God, in man, had emptied Himself. Joel 2:28, we find out, He said, "I will pour out, in the last days, My Spirit." Now, if you notice the word there, Greek word. I may have this wrong, but the one I could find...

75 You have to watch the words. The English sometime means double meanings. Just like the word we say, "god." God created the heavens and earth, Genesis 1. But now, in the Bible, It said, "In the beginning Elohim." Now, Elohim, the English calls "god," but it really wasn't Elohim. Anything can be god, to the word god; you can make an idol a god; you can make that piano a god; you can make anything a god. 76 But it isn't so in the word Elohim; It means, "the self-existing One." See? That piano cannot be self-existing, nothing else can be self-existent. So, the word Elohim, means, "He that always existed." God can mean anything. See the difference in the word? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

17) 64-0617 THE.IDENTIFIED.CHRIST.OF.ALL.AGES_ TOPEKA.KS V-20 N-1 WEDNESDAY_ « 66 † Now the English word god means anything. Them English words, you have to watch them, 'cause they got all kinds of perverted ideas. A god, this desk could be god, a tree could be god, a man could be god, anything god, the English word god means.

67 But Elohim means "self-existing." There can only... This desk is not self-existing. The man is not self-existing. The tree is not self-existing. But Elohim is! Self-existing One, manifested in flesh, standing there, eating, drinking milk from the cow, eating the flesh, the calf, eating bread, and talking with Abraham. And Abraham said it was "Elohim."

18) 64-0629 THE.MIGHTY.GOD.UNVEILED.BEFORE.US_ PHILADELPHIA.PA V-3 N-22 MONDAY_

« 67 [†] In John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld Him, the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace." Now, in the beginning was the Word. A Word is a thought expressed.

68 In the beginning, He wasn't even God. Now, our English word today, God, means "an object of worship." How confusing it is to the mind. You can make somebody a god. You can make anything a god.

69 But in the Old Testament, in Genesis 1, "In the beginning God," the word is used, Elohim. Elohim means "the self-existing One." What a difference the word Elohim is, to our word God. Elohim means "the self-existing One."

70 We cannot be self-existing. We cannot be almighty, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. That Elohim expresses all of that. We cannot be that. The tree that you make a god out of, or the--or the building, it's not self-existing.

19) 59-0628E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD SUNDAY_ « 167 † **87. Were--were we spirits then?**

No, we were not even nothing then, but in God's mind we were. And He spoke it and it materialized. Jesus was slain before... How many knows that the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. Why? God spoke it, and when He spoke it, it was as good as finished. And when He saw me, He saw you before the foundation of the world, we were only figurative in His mind. Then when we come to the world, we were both man and woman, male and female. He separated the

feminish spirit from the man and made a woman out of it and left the masculine spirit in a man. When you see a woman acting like a man, there's something wrong. You see a man acting sissy like a woman, there's something wrong.

And then He took from the man's side a rib and made a helpmate out of him, and they two are one.

20) 60-0518 ADOPTION.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY_

« 40 [†] Let me draw you a little--little illustration here. It's good. We go back... I believe I talked on it a little bit the other night, or struck it in Genesis the 1st chapter, 1:26, when God called His Name, "Lord God," it's in the word of "El, Elah, Elohim," which means "the self-existing One." There was nothing else existed but Him. There was no air; there was no light; there was no stars; there was no world; there was no nothing else. It was God, and God alone: El, Elah, Elohim. Now, He made that.

« 41 [†] Inside of that was attributes, which meant that He was a... Inside of this great El, Elah, Elohim was an attribute or a... You know what an attribute is, or let me say it like this, was a nature. That's so the little fellow will get it. And I'm one of the little fellows that has to get it that way.

Inside of Him was the nature to be a Father. But He's self-existent, there ain't nothing for Him to be a Father by. And now, down inside of that was something else, that He was God; and a god is an object of worship; but He was self-existent: El, Elohim, Elah, Elohim, so there was nothing to worship Him. Inside of that, He was a Saviour. And there's nothing lost to be saved. See? Inside of that He was a Healer (See?), but there was nothing sick to be healed, or nothing to be sick. Now, do you get the picture? So His attributes, His nature produced what is today.

21) 65-0221E WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_

* 46 + Now, in the beginning God dwelled alone, with His attributes, as I spoke of this morning. That's His thoughts. There was nothing, just God alone, but He had thoughts. Just like a great architect can set down, in his mind, and draw out what he thinks it's he's going to--to build. Create, now, he cannot create. He can take something that's been created and make it in a different form; 'cause God is the only way... only One can create. But he gets in his mind what he's going to do, and that's his thoughts, that's his desires. Now it's a thought, and then he speaks it, and it's a word then. And a--a word is...

47 A thought, when it's expressed, it's a word. A thought expressed is a word, but it has to be a thought first. So, it's God's attributes; then it becomes a thought, then a word.

22) 64-1227 WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-6 N-9 SUNDAY_

23) 64-0409 THE.IDENTIFICATION.OF.CHRIST.IN.ALL.AGES_ BIRMINGHAM.AL THURSDAY_

« 68 ⁺ Now in First John, or Saint John the 1st chapter, we find out. Here is what the writer said, the inspired by the Holy Spirit, he wrote this. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us."

69 May I break it down? "In the beginning was the Eternal." He wasn't even God. God, our English word god, is a--is an "object of worship." But, He, there wasn't nothing to worship Him. He was just the Eternal.

70 In Him was attributes. Anyone knows what an attribute is. In other words, <mark>in Him was His</mark> thoughts, just thoughts, that's His attribute. Then, His Word. And a--a thought, expressed, is a Word. "In the beginning was the Word." Before it was even expressed, it was a thought, attributes. 71 In this thinking, He was to be God. Probably created the Angels, first, then He was worshiped. He was God.

72 And, then, in Him was attributes to be Father, be Son, be Saviour. Nothing lost; something had to be lost, so there had to be a way made for that. To be healer; nothing sick, so He had something had to get sick so He could heal it. It's only displaying His attributes.

24) 64-0304 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ DALLAS.TX V-19 N-8 WEDNESDAY_

« 12 + God is Life, Life Eternal. "In the beginning was God." He wasn't God at that time, because god, the English word god, means "object of worship," and there wasn't nothing but Him. He was the Eternal, just the Eternal One. There was no moon, no stars, no Angels, no nothing. But in this Being, that we call "God our Father," was attributes. In Him was attribute to be Father, in Him was attribute to be God, in Him was attribute to be Son, in Him was attribute to be Saviour, in Him was attribute to be Healer, and all these things that we see now is just displaying His attributes.

25) 61-0519 SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ DAWSON.CREEK.BC FRIDAY_

E-15 + Now, shall we bow our heads just a moment, as we speak to the Author of the Book we're going to read.

Gracious and mighty God, Who before there was even an atom in the air or a molecule in an atom, You were God. And in this great Being called God there was attributes. There was an attribute to be Father, an attribute to be God, an attribute to be a Healer, an attribute to be a Saviour. And there was nothing to save or nothing to worship You, so You were just the great source of all intelligence.

26) 64-0318 SIR.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS_ DENHAM.SPRINGS.LA WEDNESDAY_

« 83 t It was in Him to be man, that's the reason Christ was the expressed image. See? Now, He was to be Father, He was to be Son, He was to be Saviour, He was to be healer. There was nothing, there wasn't even an Angel, or nothing. Then, He created Angels, then He become God, He was worshiped. Then these are the manifestations of His thinking.

84 There is nothing wrong. Everything is going to turn out all right. Don't be scared. God's big timepiece is ticking right along. It'll be there, It'll have a Church without spot or wrinkle. **It was in His thinking. The thing** of it is, am I in There, are you in There?

85 And here He was, the Eternal thought of God, expressed into Sonship. Oh, my! There was God, Emmanuel, then. Notice, then, He was the Word. Now here...