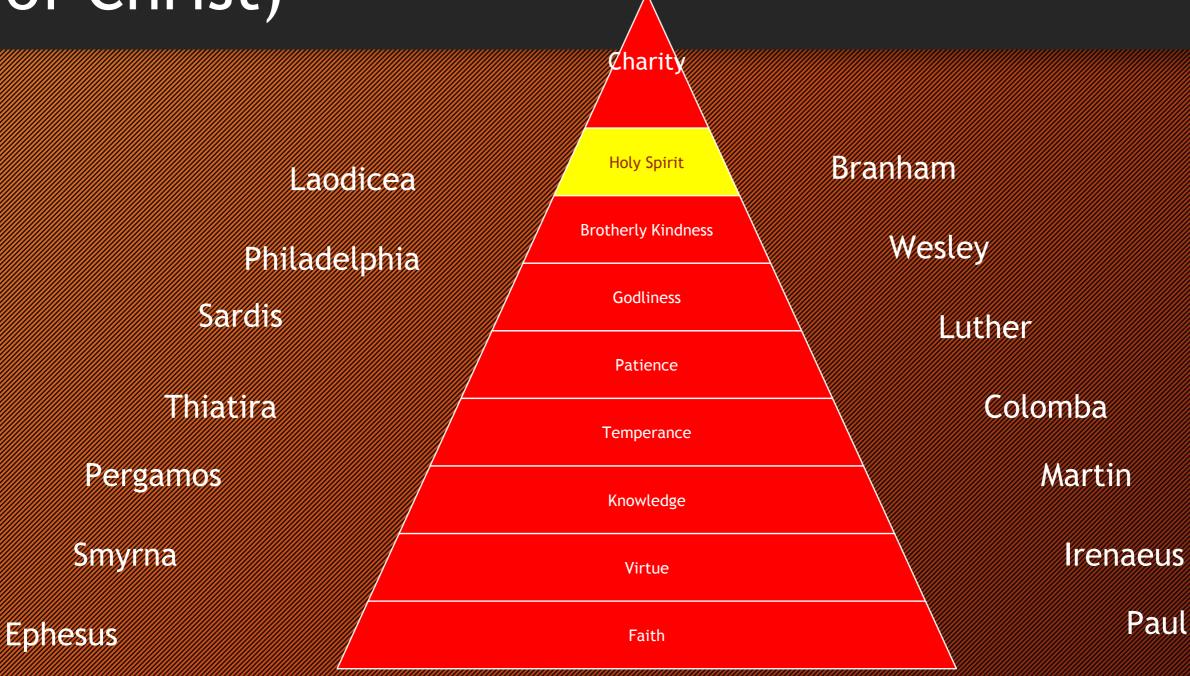
## Covenant of Perfection

Perfect Liberty in the Perfect Will of God

Stature of a Perfect Man (The fullness of Christ)



## The Abrahamic Covenant

 Gen. 12:2,3. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

## Unconditional

 40 Now He's making the Abrahamic covenant. And the Abrahamic covenant, according to Genesis the 12th chapter, it was given unconditionally. Therefore it's Eternal, because it's unconditional. Not "If you will, I will." He said, "I have! I've already done it." Not "I will do it." "I have done it!" That's, oh, that, that bases faith. See, not...God is determined to save man. He make a covenant, "If you will, I will," he'd break it. Another one, "You will, I will," he broke it. Man can't keep his covenant, so God saves man by His grace, under a covenant that's unconditional, unconditional covenant. 62-0705 - "Jehovah-Jireh #1"

## Divine nature

- 2 Peter 1:3-5
- According as his divine power hath given unto us <u>all</u> things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;...

# Spotless Church

- Ephesians 5:25-27
- Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

## Redeemed

- Revelation 5:9-10
- And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art
  worthy to take the book, and to open the seals
  thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed
  us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and
  tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made
  us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall
  reign on the earth.

## Firstborn

- Exodus 34:20. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.
- Romans 8:29. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

## God looks at Christ, not you.

- HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1\_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY\_ 57-0915E
- 325-211 And it's Christ that God looks at, not you. It's Christ. So if there's no fault in Him, how can there be fault? How can He find fault when you're dead and your life is hid in Christ through God, sealed by the Holy Ghost? "They that are born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." How can he sin when a perfect Sacrifice is laying in his place? God never looks at me; He looks at Christ; because we're in Christ.

## Middle of the Road

- 70 Now, on this side, when people get converted, their minds is set right on Christ. And if they're just a little scholarly, and don't keep under prayer, they'll get real cold, and stiff, and starchy, and indifferent. And then if they're just a little bit nervous, if you don't watch, they'll just get radical and wild, on this side, see, they go into sensations and everything.
- 71 Now, but, the real Church is a real sane Gospel, right in the middle of the road. It's not cold and starchy, neither is it fanaticism. It's a real good, old, warm Gospel, heart-felt love of God, going right down the middle of the road, calling from both sides. That's right. Now that's what...And how you going to get that Church? Right out of the Word, the Urim Thummim. 57-0821 "Hebrews, Chapter One"

# Redeemed by the spotless Lamb

- 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

# Perfection scriptures

- Hebrews 6:1. Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- Matthew 5:48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
- Corinthians 13:9. For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.
- Ephesians 4:11,12. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

# God requires perfect holiness

 God requires perfect holiness. No one can stand in His image, with one little speck of sin. Jesus witnessed the same, and said, "Be perfect, just like God in Heaven is perfect. 57-0419 - "The Perfection"

# It's how God looks at you

 Now, I'm not perfect in your sight. You may not be perfect in my sight. But what about in God's sight? There's where it lays. And if you're borned again into the body of Christ, then God looks upon you as a perfect as Christ was Himself. Amen. 55-0121 - "The Water Of Separation"

## Perfect

Nothing you can do; it's not by any works you can do at all. It's by grace God has give you this offer, and if you've accepted it, in the sight of God you are perfect, redeemed, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, Without fault, without blemish, without spot. Isn't that marvelous? 55-0121 - "The Water Of Separation"

# Attainable only in this age

· 114 Isn't that beautiful? Oh, my! I love that. "Not perfect." Why? They were just justified, Luther preached justification; you had to be sanctified and then filled with the Holy Ghost. And then they wasn't their own, they were perfected by the Holy Spirit in them. It's not the—not the Christian that's perfect, it's the perfect Holy Spirit in him. See? That's what...As I have said, "It ain't the holy mountain, it's the Holy God on the mountain. Not the holy church, not the holy people, but it's the Holy Ghost in the Church and in the people." 60-1209 - "The Sardisean Church Age"

# Perfect Message

- Before we could only speak about, sacrifice, gift, love, faith, liberty. Today we have come to perfection.
- Perfect faith can only come by the perfect
   Word. Today we can also preach about perfect
   liberty because we now have a perfect
   message.

## Perfect man

- Ephesians 4:13
- Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- We are measured against Christ, the Gold standard of perfection

#### You can become the Word

 93 Jesus had Perfect Faith. He had it, and it come because He was the Word. And you become the Word; you become the Word, as you receive the Word. "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you. 63-0825e - "Perfect Faith"

# Self deception

- 1 John 1:8-10
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
- We not only deceive ourselves, we think we can deceive God.

## God looks at His Seed

- 1 John 3:9
- Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin (unbelief); for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin (disbelieve), because he is born of God.

# Evangelist's Appeal

- He said, "Daniel Greenfield, My justice requires perfection! Was you perfect when you was in your life?"
- He said, "No, Lord. I wasn't perfect."
- Said he was waiting to hear that great blast, "Depart from Me, you worker of iniquity."

# The sweetest voice of the sweetest person

 Said he heard a voice. It was the sweetest voice he ever heard in his life. And he turned to look; he said he saw the sweetest face that he ever saw; said, "No mother could look or talk like that." Said, "As He walked up close to Him, He put his hand upon his shoulder, and He said to Him, 'Father, that is true. Danny Greenfield, in his earthly journey, he wasn't perfect. But there's one thing he did when he was in earth, he stood for Me. Now while he's here in heaven, I'll stand for him. All of his sins, put it up on My account."

## Perfected

- Hebrews 10:11-14
- And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

# Sticky Nature

31 And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you're borned again. And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin has gone from you. See? That's—that's the thing. 64-0830e - "Questions And Answers #4"

# Work in progress

- PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14
- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

### Greek lexicon

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— to seize upon, take possession of ...of Christ by his holy power and influence laying hold of the human mind and will, in order to prompt and govern it

# Power of the Gospel

336 I have no holiness to present to Him. But I'm trusting in His, oh, His grace, and I have it in my heart. I've unmerited it, nothing I could do to deserve it, but by grace He called me and invited me to come. And I looked to Him, and He took the desire away from me. I make thousands of mistakes in each month, in each year. Sure. I do. But when I see I'm wrong, I say, "God, I didn't mean to do it, You know my heart. I didn't mean to do that. I was trapped into that. I didn't mean to do it. You forgive me, Lord."

## **Blood Sacrifice**

- 337 If I done wrong to my brother, I say, "Brother, forgive me. I didn't mean to do that." Certainly, God knows my heart.
- 338 Oh, there you are. There is the Blood sacrifice. There is the power of the Gospel, that holy Church moving on. Not because something you done; it's something you had nothing to do with. There is the Atonement. 57-0922E "Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2"

# Not a holy church

· 212 And we want to be so big, and wear some kind of a big turned-around collar, some kind of clothes, you know, that makes us look so holy and reverent. There is no holiness with us. We can't be holy; holiness is of God. See? Certainly. It ain't a holy church, ain't a holy mountain; it's a holy God. That's right. Not holy people; a holy God! It's God in the people. Peter referred to the Mount Transfiguration, "the holy mount," it meant the holy God was on the mountain. Look at it now, see. But it was a holy God there, the Presence of God, what made it holy.

### His holiness not ours

 213 It's the Presence of God in our midst now that brings holiness, not my holiness, not yours, but His holiness. His Presence is what brings the holiness. We ought to humble ourselves, cover ourselves in reverence, humility, and say, "Lord Jesus, receive me into Your Kingdom." His holiness, not ours. Holy Spirit! 63-1114 - "Influence"

# Wheat plant illustration

- Real true believers went on
- 94 Now, from Wesley came forth Pilgrim Holiness, Nazarenes, and all them little holiness churches, a whole lot more closer to the Word than what the Lutheran reformation was. But, you see, when Luther organized, that just started those blades. And when this come up, all the Spirit left that Lutheran church, all but just the denominational, and the real true believers went into sanctification.

# The shuck looks like the real thing

 95 And then when sanctification moved over, the Pilgrim Holiness, and so forth, and all the holiness organizations, Nazarenes, and so forth, It moved from there, right out into this Pentecostal age. And look at that little grain now, of wheat, it looks a million times more like the original wheat, that went into the ground, than what the stalk did or what the pollen did. But if you'll sit down, put it under a glass, and open those little shucks up, they're just carriers also. The grain hasn't started yet. It's a little bitty bud right at the back, with a big high-powered glass you can see that little tip, like a pin point, there comes the seed. And this here shuck that looks just exactly like the real thing, it isn't the real thing. It's only a womb. 65-0429b - "The Seed Shall Not Be Heir With The Shuck"