

SON OF MAN

PART 100

- » 1 † ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- » 14 † **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

II PETER 1:5

- » 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- » 6 † **And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

I TIMOTHY 3:16

- » 16 † **And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:** God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1) strife, dispute

1a) strife, quarrel

PLAN

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So foreknowledge looks back and says that He foresaw this, and knows that's the reason He could tell what the end was from the beginning. And therefore, knowing that all these marvelous days that we're living in now, and to stand and witness and see the things that we've seen now, God had to make a preparation for it.

**63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_
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<< 102 † Now, God's secret mystery, He had before the world began. Now, back in the back part of God's mind, there was something that He was trying and was going to achieve, and He had a motive in doing it, in order to let Himself be expressed. Because, first, there wasn't even a moon, star, atom, molecule, or anything. He was God. But He exactly wasn't God at that time, because God is an object of worship, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him.

103 So, in His great mind, He wanted these attributes to be expressed. And in Him was love; in Him was to be Father; in Him was to be Son; in Him was to be a Saviour; in Him was to be a Healer. And all these great attributes that we see already expressed, they were in God.

HEBREWS 9:13

>> 13 † For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

>> 14 † How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

>> 15 † ¶ And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

» 16 † For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

» 17 † For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

II PETER 3:14

» 14 † Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

» 15 † And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

I CORINTHIANS 1:7

» 7 † So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

» 8 † Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

» 9 † God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

» 10 † ¶ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

» 15 † That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

TEMPERANCE

PATIENCE

1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance: **in the NT** the characteristic of a **man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety** by even the greatest trials and sufferings: **patiently, and steadfastly**

JAMES 1:2

» 2 † ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

» 3 † Knowing this, **that the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

» 4 † **But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

« 116-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. **But does He hold back the persecution? Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says, "I KNOW your tribulation--I am not at all unmindful of your suffering." What a stumbling block this is to so many people. Like Israel they wonder if**

God really loves them. How can God be just and loving if He stands by and watches His people suffer?

That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3,

"The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet we say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob,

And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

You see, they could not figure out God's love. They thought that love meant no suffering. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was "elective" love. The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth). He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled. As Job said, "He puts strength in us." (Job 23:6b) You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9,

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

In plain language, the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection. Why did He want this?

James 1:2-4,

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18,

"And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN

« 138 † And that's what we're supposed to do, reflect the Son of God. And now we're supposed to do His work. He said, "He that believeth on Me..." Saint John 14:7, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." You're beginning to reflect the works of Christ.

139 But so many of us try to do the works of Christ before the reflection of Christ is in us. Now there's the trouble. We find those

things happening. You know it. I know it. We see these, stumbles along the road. We find the scrap heap of ministers, of Christians, piled along the road, is because they didn't go into it right.

140 And that's why I'm here this morning, is to try to teach this little church, and myself, how that we can become the dwelling place of the living God. How many like to be that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The dwelling place of the living God!

II PETER 3:9

» 9 † ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3114

- bear long (1)**
- suffer long (1)**
- be long suffering (1)**
- patiently endure (1) [10]**

1) to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart

1a) to persevere patiently and bravely in enduring misfortunes and troubles

1b) to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; to be mild and slow to punish

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« 146 † **Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue... Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it.**

60-0802 EL.SHADDAI_ YAKIMA.WA TUESDAY_

« E-11 † **And then, Abraham, we found out, didn't obey God just right. Now, he made ready and had faith in the promise. But see, we can still have faith in the promise and then not obey, still it'll hinder us.**

Now, you can say, "I've a... I--I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe I should--I should be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Now, no matter how much you believe, you've got to obey that commission. See? Just faith alone won't work, because faith without works is dead. That's right.

Just like the borderline believers. Got people today, you find, in the Bible It said, "For it is impossible for those which are once enlightened, and made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and fall away to renew themselves again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and count the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace."

Now, in Hebrews 10 it also says, "It's a fearful thing to fall in to the hands of the living God."

« E-12 † **And those people... You've seen them come to church. They'll come and they'll say, "Oh, yes, I--I believe. Yes, sir. I..."**

But they'll... They believe it, but they'll never lay their hands to it to turn one wheel to help it go on. See? Now, that's just like it was in the Bible. Like Caleb and Joshua come back with the evidence that

they'd been over in the land. But those other believers, they said, "Oh, it's too great. We can't do it." **But they hung along just the same. They never got to enter the promised land. Just those who come back with faith that we could.**

Now, what if that group would've looked. Now, they said, "Why, the--the Amorites, and so forth, why, we look like grasshoppers to them."

Well, but you see, Caleb and Joshua stilled the people, because they wasn't looking at the Amorites, how big they were, how big the cities was, but they was looking at a promise. God said, "I give you the land. It's yours." Now, God give you your healing, each one of you. It's yours.

« E-13 † **Well now, God just didn't go over there, and take a broom, and sweep out Canaan, and all the Amorites, and Hittites, and--and all of them, and sweep them out, and say, "Come on Is--Israel. This is yours. they've even planted the crops for you." No, sir.**

They had to fight every inch of the way. That's right. But they had the promise of victory. God told Joshua, "Wherever the soles of your foot tread, that I have given you." So footprints meant possession. Remember that, sister, in the wheelchair. **Footprints means possession. Every time the soles of your feet touch, that's it; take that much ground.**

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« 233 † **Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing, is have patience with God. If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.**

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245 But, Noah, he had patience. Said, "If it didn't come today, it'll be here tomorrow." **Why? God said so.**

"When did He tell you that, Noah?"

246 "A hundred and twenty years ago. I've come this far, so I'm just waiting here now." See that? After a while...

247 We find, **God come this far, waiting for the Church, too, but It'll be there. Don't you worry. He promised It.**

ISAIAH 40:28

» 28 † Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

» 29 † He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

» 30 † Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

» 31 † **But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

62-0719E PERSEVERANT_ SALEM.OR THURSDAY_

« E-10 † **The trouble of it, with we people, we're in too much of a hurry. It's just got to be done right now, can't come back no more. See? And when you get that in your mind (See?), that--you're going to lose right there. You're--you're on losing grounds right there. You--you have nothing to stand on. You must be patient.**

61-0315 AN.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ MIDDLETOWN.OH WEDNESDAY_

« E-60 † Now, Noah, being warned of God, moved and prepared an ark to saving of his household. That was a certain sound. **God said it's going to rain, and it rained. And those who found a way of escape, took it; those who didn't; perished. The same God that said, "It will rain," said, "Fire is going to fall from heaven and destroy the world." And there's a way prepared for you. Those who will take it will escape it; those who do not will perish. The sinner will perish with the sinful world, but the redeemed will be redeemed by the Holy Spirit.**

Noah stood right in the door of that ark and brought judgment upon the earth, judged them people, because they did not believe the message, what God was going to do. And he brought the wrath of God upon the earth by standing in the door of his ark and preaching justification. Stood in the door and proclaimed God's Word, because It was manifested to him as a certain sound, that God was going to do a thing.

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« 275 † **And we should have patience with one another, too.**

276 Like, I've tried to get this Message over at the tabernacle, to see that each member of the tabernacle become This. **It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years. See? Have patience. Women still bob their hair, still just the same. But just have patience. See? Just have patience. Wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on this down here. Have patience.**

HEBREWS 12:1

» 1 † ¶ Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

» 2 † Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

MATTHEW 10:22

» 22 † **And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**

ENDURETH

-- STRONG'S NUMBER 5278

2) to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee

2a) to preserve: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ

2b) to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments.

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1d) the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose

HEBREWS 6:12

» 12 † **That ye be not slothful, but followers of them **who through faith and patience inherit the promises.****

» 13 † For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

» 14 † Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

» 15 † And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

LUKE 21:19

» 19 † In your patience possess ye your souls.

GODLINESS

STRONG'S NUMBER 2150

-- holiness (1) [15]

1) reverence, respect; piety towards God, godliness

II TIMOTHY 3:2

» 2 † For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

» 3 † Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

» 4 † Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

» 5 † Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

» 6 † For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

» 7 † Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

I TIMOTHY 3:16

» 16 † **And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:** God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

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« 299 † But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? **You're moving right on up the line. All right.**

300 Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my! Godliness to be added. What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn't even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jeffery's there, we found it in a--in a dictionary. Godliness means "to be like God." Oh, my! After you got faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew!

301 You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, you can.

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? **All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you. Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude.**

Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t, (What's that?) perfect, even as your Father... in heaven is perfect.

303 You got way up here now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's

asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

« 304 † Let's turn to Ephesians 4, and find out over here what, in the Book of Ephesians, it says about this thing, too, about how we should--how we should do. Ephesian, the 4th chapter, and begin with the 12th verse. Ephesians 4, and begin with the 12th verse. All right. Let's begin up here at the 11th verse.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;...

305 Remember last night? Don't try to take the other man's office. See?

... and some, evangelists; and some, pastors... and some, teachers;

306 "For the perfecting of God"? Does it read like that? [Congregation says, "No."--Ed.] The perfection of what? ["Saints."] Who are the saints? The sanctified ones. Amen. The ones started from down here.

... perfecting of the saints, for the working of the ministry (the ministry of Jesus Christ), for the edifying of the body of Christ (for the edifying, building It up, edifying): until...

Till we all come in to the unity of the faith, and... the knowledge of the Son of God, and to the perfect man, unto the assurance, (oh, my), to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

**65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST_
SHREVEPORT.LA V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_**

« 243 † And a man that's born of God, a son of God, has to have the nature of God. He has to be like God. He honors God. He is part of the Word of God. And in this last days, of this Bride taking form, just exactly the same power that He was in at the beginning, has come up through these organizations, and so forth, and come out for the Bride. He can't be nothing else but that.

