

WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN ?

PART 28

JOHN 1:1 & 14

» 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.**

ROMANS 8:18

» 18 † 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.

» 19 † For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

PREDESTINATED TO ADOPTION

EPHESIANS 1:1

» 1 † ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the **saints** which are at Ephesus, and to the **faithful in Christ Jesus:**

» 2 † Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

IN THE MIND OF GOD

» 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:

» 5 † Having predestinated **US** unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **WORD**

- 1) 60-0515E ADOPTION.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.1 SUNDAY_Now, preaching usually catches the sinner, brings him under condemnation by the Word. **But teaching places a man positionally what he is. And we can never rightly be able to have faith until positionally we know what we are.**

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

« 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.**

3 STAGES OF ADOPTION

FIRST STAGE – THE BIRTH

ROMANS 8:14

- » 14 † For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are **the sons of God.**
- » 15 † For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; **but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**
- » 16 † The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, **that we are the children of God:**
- » 17 † ¶ **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.**

II PETER 1:1

- » 1 † ¶ **Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**
- » 5 † ¶ **And beside this, giving all diligence add....**

ACTS 2:38

JOSHUA 5:1

- » 1 † ¶ **And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the**

sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, **until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.**

» 2 † At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, **Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.**

» 3 † And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

» 4 † **And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.**

» 5 † Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

» 6 † For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, **till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.**

» 7 † **And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.**

» 8 † And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, **that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.**

» 9 † And the LORD said unto Joshua, **This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.**

» 10 † ¶ And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

» 11 † **And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.**

SECOND STAGE – PLACING OR ADOPTION

» 18 † 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.

» 19 † For the earnest expectation of the creature **waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.**

» 20 † For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

» 21 † **Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

» 22 † For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

3)55-0116A THE.BELIEVER'S.POSITION.IN.CHRIST_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-44 † **Now, in the spiritual sense after we were born into Christ, we become children of God. But then see, God knows best.** Now, here's where I say, reverently, disagree with my latter-rain brethren. You think I'm persecuting church? No, my dear brother, no. See?

Now, this boy, after he got a certain age, he had to be adopted into that same family he was borned into. Any minister knows that's the placing of a son. He had to be adopted into the family that he was borned into. Could you imagine that? But that's the Old Testament teaching; it's... Paul's referring to it here in Ephesians, the church of Ephesus.

4) 55-0227A THE.POSITION.OF.A.BELIEVER.IN.CHRIST_ PHOENIX.AZ

« E-24 † And now, this epistle, the letter to the Ephesians, was written to believers, not to the outside world. This is believers. That's why I thought this afternoon first I'd test and see if there's groups of unbelievers, and sinners, then I couldn't speak this here. But now, seeing that it is for the believers, and the believers are present, I thought it would be good if we let the believer see where he is. Now, try hard, Christians, to understand that this day, **that the message has been placing the believer in positionally place.**

If every believer in here was in their place... Well, I'm so thankful that where the whole rows of wheelchairs set, there's only about two or three left in here. If every believer knew their place (a lady on a cot, the man with the crutches along there), there would not be a feeble person in this building in the next twenty minutes. That's right. If every man could simply find his place (his or her place) in Christ Jesus, what a difference it would make.

Now, I know... feeled your mind rolling fast. "Now, Brother Branham, I know where I am." You think you do. See? That's it. **If you did, it would be different.**

5) 55-1006A A.HIDDEN.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_

« E-22 † Now, after this child become of age... Now, he's still a child. But if the child was reckless, and never paid any attention, and wasn't so interested in the Father's work, that child never become adopted to that family. But if he was a correct child, a good child, and loved the work of his father, and was interested, and tried to do all he could to progress his father's work, then the tutor brought that word to the father, and there was what's called the placing of the son or as Paul gives it in--over in Galatians, "the adoption." That we was predestinated into the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, the adoption.

Now, the same son that was born into a family could be adopted into the same family, or placed in the same family, or give a position in the family that he was borned into. And I do believe that that is the work of the Holy Spirit today among the church, is trying to place in the church positionally apostles, teachers, prophets, and so forth, as... And we've seen many false alarms and so forth moving amongst the people, which only indicated that the real genuine adoption was at hand. I believe it. God has to place into the church. That's the business of God, not of man.

6) 60-0313 HEAR.YE.HIM_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-36 † Then how the father says, "Sure proud of that son." You know what happens? When he's getting his chew--schooling, his training... Yet, he might not be able to exercise all authority; he hasn't got it yet. He's still a son, but he hasn't been placed. Now, you ministers know where I'm--what I'm getting at: placing of a son.

Now, if that son proven to be a right kind of a son (loved the father's business, stayed right with his instructions), the father then on a certain day took that son out before the public, set him up on a high place, clothed him in a beautiful garment, and he had what they call the adoption of a son, or placing a son positionally what he was.

7) 60-0313 HEAR.YE.HIM_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-38 † Placing of a son... Take him out in a certain place, have a ceremony before Angels, and place him positionally what he is in the body of Christ. Then that person has the authority. Let me say this, if you count me a fanatic from this night on. That very same thing that I'm speaking of will be done. There'll be a power put into the Church, and now is coming in, that the Holy Spirit will so anoint the people, till they'll speak the Word and It'll create Itself right there. We haven't seen powers like's coming into the Church now. I know it for a fact.

"Say unto this mountain be moved. Don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said shall come to pass, you can have what you have said.": the placing of the Church in position, where the fulness of the power of the Holy Ghost comes into the Church. Then critics mouths will be shut. It'll be a short time. Jesus come right off the mountain, went straight to Calvary. Notice, it won't last long, but it'll be here.

8) 54-0103E QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

Oh, brother, give me a church full of the Holy Ghost. God will do in one year what all theology's failed to do in two thousand years. You wait till the anointing of the church really strikes home to that faithful the little remnant. After the doors of the Gentiles is closed, oh, God will anoint a church then. "He who's filthy, let him be filthy still. He who's righteous let him be righteous still, and he who's holy let him be holy still." And God will anoint the church with the power of God, and things will be taken place. Not only that then, but He's doing it now.

9) 57-0725 HEAR.YE.HIM_ TACOMA.WA THURSDAY_

Oh, I wish I had the ability to grind that in the peoples' hearts: God is looking for time-tested Christians. Every son that cometh to God must be tried, child-trained, tested. And you, who jump from pillar to post, and this to that, and in and out, how can God ever adopt you into his family or positionally place you? Now, think of that for a moment. How can you be positionally placed, when you will not stand still long enough for God to do it?

10) 62-1122 RETURN.AND.JUBILEE_ SHREVEPORT.LA THURSDAY_

« E-17 † Now, we find that when Joshua divided the inheritance to the people, each person was placed positionally, **exactly the way these Hebrew mothers named those children, how they were placed in Palestine just at their place; Asher, Gad, and--and Naphtali, and each one, Judah. Every one just placed in their position.**

What a--a wonderful picture it gets us, because it's a type of God's placing in the church, Himself, every member, every stone, every place, every Christian, to itself. **Each one of us in our peculiar way has a place in the house of God, like Solomon's temple when it was cut out all over the world. But when it was brought in by--to Joppa by--floated in and took from there by ox-cart... And all these odd rocks had their place when the temple went together.**

11) 60-0911M AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.SO.I.WILL.BE.WITH.THEE_

« 127 † Now, he had to divide the lands, and there were twelve tribes to divide it by. Now, what if he had some picks and pets; what if he liked the tribe of Gad better than he did the tribe of--the tribe of Ephraim, the tribe of Joseph better than he did Judah? **But he didn't do it that way. He divided it according to the Word revealed by the Spirit. He divided it according to tribe. And notice, he done it by the revelation, by discernment. By the discernment of God's Spirit, he did it.**

Each one of those Hebrew mothers, giving birth to those babies, called their name. And each one of their name has a meaning.

