

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.
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- » 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.
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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 – Before Time
- » 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**
- » 6 † To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made **US** accepted in the beloved. **JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH - REDEMPTION**
- » 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: **WORD**
- » 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,

IN THE FUTURE – ROMANS 8:23

- » 14 † Which is the earnest of **OUR** inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

GALATIANS 4:1

- » 1 † ¶ Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
 » 2 † But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

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

- » 38 † Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and **ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**
 » 39 † **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

3) 61-1015M QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN COD

« 69 † Now, if that isn't exactly up to the--your place this morning, where you come. Today you--the church has come through justification through Luther, through sanctification through the Methodist, and now up to the time of the promise. **The promise is the baptism of the Spirit, which is promised all through the Old Testament and New too (See?), the promise: "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you..." Peter said that on the day of Pentecost. That is the Promise. The promised land is to live in this land of Holy Spirit. That's God's promise for the church, is to live in the power of the Spirit. It's another world; it's another land. You have to come out of the conditions that you been in, to come out to live in this promised land, to receive the promise**

4) 60-0518 ADOPTION.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.2 WEDNESDAY_

« 124 † Now, remember, **God predestinated you by foreknowledge, that you were coming to this.** Everybody understand it, raise your hand. See? God, by foreknowledge, predestinated you to come to the promised land. **What is the promised Land for the Christian today?** Just raise up your hand if you know. "The promise is unto you and to your children, to them that are far off.

GENESIS 17:12

» 12 † And he that **is eight days old shall be circumcised among you**, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

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.

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5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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.

They had a ceremony, and then the father said, "This, my son, I adopt him or place him positionally." And if they had checks in those days, that son's name on the check was just as good as his father's name was, 'cause he was placed. And the son could fire who he wanted to; he could hire who he wanted to; he was in full possession of all the father had.

9) 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.

10) 60-0515E ADOPTION.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN AD.1 SUNDAY_

« 130 † How many likes the study of the Book of Galatians? Oh, I mean Ephesians? Now, Wednesday night we're going to go into the Seal. And then on next Sunday morning we're going into the positionally placing the church. Oh, if... We'll probably get in on that on this coming Wednesday night, to you people here in Jeff: Positionally placing the church where they belong, each one, how we're called by the adoption. **God has adopted us unto the sons; we are sons by birth, adopted and positionally placed by the Holy Spirit. Look. They were every one Hebrews, when they crossed the river, but Joshua divided the land and give each one his land according to the utterance of his mother at the birth, where the Holy Spirit told her.**

11) 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.

12) 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.**