## **ADOPTION**

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**CHURCH AGES JESUS MESSENGERS** BROTHERLY LADDICEA ELIJAN KINDNESS PHILADE LPHIA SESMILLOSS WESLEY SARDIS PATIENCE LUTHER THYATIRA TEMPERANCE COLUMBIA MARTIN KNOWLEBGE IRENEAUS SMYRNA VIRTUE EPHESUS FAITH 2 PETER 1:1-8 ACTS 7:44-47 MATT. 5:48 EPH. 4:11-15 HEB.11:32-46 ISALAR 6:1-8

"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; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." Ephesians I:4-5

Predestinated—there's the mystery. See? Before Christ or anything else was ever on earth (you see His great mystery?) that He chose the Bride, knowing Eve would fall from disbelieving the Word—knowing that she would fall, but He would then choose a Bride that would not fall, that. would hold to that Word regardless of what all the rest of the world had to say about it; they would hold to that Word. They were predestinated to stand there. The adoption of children by Jesus Christ, predestinated the Church to that glorious stand!

And now, the Christ in the Church is just being made known. The whole thing is the Revelation of God to take Eve back to her right position again with her husband, (notice), and God is the husband of the Church, and the Church is His Bride. Oh, if the Church only knew its position! It will one day. Then, the Rapture will go-when it knows what it is. Watch. What was Jesus manifested for? To show God.... The same yesterday, today,

and forever. He was manifested for that purpose. And through that purpose He achieved a Church, that He, the fullness of God might bring to pass every promised Word of God in these last days when He gets the preeminence. the position. His place, in the Church! Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

And if there be a time come forth when He can express Himself in fullness of His Godhead (Deity) through His Church, have the preeminence in this Church. Oh my! What! The anointed Man. now the Anointed people, to bring back the anointed Bride and the Bridegroom...She's going to stand there in the splendor of Him—His Word made manifest...She'11 be a token to the world.

Why do you hunger. Church? Why do you thirst" It's the Father trying to reveal this hidden secret to you. but you let so many things get it out of you... Now it's coming up to identification. See? Watch. Now to the Life in the Body is a vindication of the Rapture is at hand. When you see the Headship, and the Body becoming One and the fullness of the measure of His manifestation, shows that the Body is about ready to be received to the Headship! He's bringing His Life to Body in the vindication for the Rapture. And then the Word moves on down into the Body from the Head. What is it? - this same Word! Nothing can be added or taken from it. So that same Word moves from the Head as the day comes close, down into the Body, -vindicating that they are One. They're Husband and Wife. They're flesh of His flesh, Word of His Word, *Life* of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit. See? Amen!... Notice the vindicated Word in His Body is His very victory and the reason of His death.

And if a man says he's homed again and try to place these promises of Christ in this last days to some other age —making Him Christ yesterday, but not today-then that man or that person has been in a delusion by Satan. So it's Christ expressing Himself in the individual, whether he's intellectual or whether he don't know his A.B.C.'s.

Christ is the Mystery P. 29, 36, 37, 55, 56, 72, 77, 86.

Let me stop here just for a minute to get what God put the Holy Ghost in the Church for, give you another type so that you'll know. Back in the Old Testament when a-a child....

A man made himself a home; he got his bride; that's the First thing. Then he become a great man, like an organization. That was good. The next thing happened, there come a birth into that home. That's when the Holy Spirit (see?)—another spirit came in, which was a son. That son, he was not in full charge, neither was he a heir until he got a certain age; and he had to be proved first. Yes! And then, they had the law of adoption. (To you ministers, the PLACING OF A SON is what I'm speak of now.) Then when he come to a place to where he was adopted... Now, in the Old Testament when this baby was born, they watched it to see how it was behaved, behavior. Then the father, being a great business man by this time, maybe in his forties or Fifties, he didn't have time to teach this baby himself, so he got... In them days they didn't have public schools as they have now, so they got what they call a "tutor" or a "raiser," schoolteacher — And this schoolteacher was the best he could Find, so that he'd be truthful and tell the father the truth about it.

And then, when this boy got to a certain age (say he was matured), if that boy was just a renegade, no good, didn't care for the father's business, all he thought about was flirting and running with the women, or-or drinking, or gambling, or horse racing, that boy would always be a son, but he was never placed in position to have heir to all his father had. But if he was a good boy, and he was about the father's business, and he proved to be the

right child, then they had a ceremony. They took the boy out into the street and put a white robe on him. And they set him up on a scaffold so all the city could see. They made a feast and a jubilee. And the father them had the ceremony of adoption. He adapted his own son into his own business, and then the son was co-equal with his father. In other words, if it'd been today, the son's name on the check was just as good as the daddy's...

Now watch what God did. When His Son was born. He let Him go for thirty years, testing Him. trying Him, then He give Him three years of hard trial. And then at the end of the hard trial when He seen that His Son was about the Father's business (Mount Transfiguration, Book of Luke), He took Peter, James, and John (three witnesses) and went up on top of the mountain; and there God performed the laws of adoption. He ...They looked up, and they seen Jesus, and His clothes shined as white as the lightning. And as a cloud overshadowed Him, and a Voice come out of the cloud and said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him! I'll set down now, and have no more to say. What He says is Law and Truth!"

He doesn't deal with the Church as a-a group of people. He deals with the Church as an individuals, each individual in the Church. And now it's got to a time... And it's no secret; we all see it. When a man proves, and God loves him, He takes him out somewhere to himself. There in the front of Angels He does something for him! He lifts him up there in the presence of God, and gifts him and fills him, and sets him out. That's the age that we're living in.

Same Holy Spirit that saved the Lutherans, that sanctified the Methodist, that baptized the Pentecostals, is now setting in order the coming of the Lord Jesus. When it'll be so powerful, that God will come into this group of Church that will draw the rest of them from the grave! There'11 be a resurrection! That's what the Holy Ghost is for.

What is the Holy Ghost? Without us they cannot be made perfect. They live, in one day under that; we live in another day. "When the enemy comes in like a flood, I'll—the Spirit of God will raise a standard against it." See?

But now, when we need it, the Spirit of God raises a standard. What is it? He's pouring in His Spirit. Then those who are resting out yonder in the grave, or under the altar of God as the Scripture says, are crying "How long, Lord? How long? How much longer?" God's waiting on me and you! The Church is waiting on me and you. Adoption time, when God can pour into us His Fullness, His Power, His Resurrection, that when the Church and Christ become so close together till Christ becomes visible among us, and raises the dead, and we go into the rapture.

Now we're going to say—show you after while that just those who are filled with the Holy Ghost goes in that rapture. "For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years." That's right. Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture. You are not converted until you've received the Holy Ghost. That's right. You are believing unto...The Holy Spirit has spoke to you, and you've publicly confessed Him. The devil has the same thing. "I believe Him to be the Son of God." So does the devil. But you're walking on towards Him. The purpose of sending the Holy Ghost was for God to continue through a bunch of people, to continually manifest God to the world (that's exactly), not by a creed, not by a denomination, but by the power of His resurrection, by making His Word real, by taking His promise and standing on the side of the minority and believing God: and watch the black skies That's what He wants. That's what the Holy Ghost was sent for. That's what purpose He sent It for. We know what It

is now. And that's why He sent It. If you feel the least tug, don't turn it away. What is the Holy Ghost? God in you. What's It for? To continue His work among His people; to bring His Church together; to bring a Church to a place in this day, far beyond the Lutheran, Methodist, and Pentecostal, into a place to a adoption and a rapturing grace, that when this part of the Church, when the Spirit moves into this Church here, it'll just raise. And it'll bring forth all of the redeemed that's touched that Spirit. – What The Holy Ghost was Given For p.1 2,13,14,15,23,39.

Now, you say, "Brother Branham, did we-should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely, that's gifts of God. But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble-block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God. This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, as same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual: Made out of the same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them; you can't imitate them; they've got to be God sent and God born. Imitation only causes confusion.

From your faith up to the Holy Spirit seals you in with Christ; then you become one. Amen! You become one. See, you and Christ live together. "At that day you'll know that 1m in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? Then that's a sealed unit of the Lord God. Now, and then they are vindicated and placed. When that time takes place they become vindicated sons and daughters of God.

Do you remember over in the Book of Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter, the 1st to the 5th verse, Jesus on Mount transfiguration? You've heard me—HEAR YE HIM, that sermon I just, here about a year ago, preached that become so popular, HEAR YE HIM. The placing of a son in Ephesians 1:5 also: "God has predestinated us unto adoption of sons."

See, a family...When a son is homed into it, it's a son then. But that son had tutors to raise it. And if that son never did *come* to the-to be the right kind of a son, he never become heir. But if he was the right son, and the son that would obey his father, then that son was adopted or placed positionally.

He become heir of what the father had. And that's what God was doing on Mount Transfiguration when He took His own son, after He had been proven to be the right Son (see?), and had stood all temptations. He took Him up on Mount Transfiguration and overshadowed Him.

You know, in the Old Testament they took a son, dressed him in a nice pretty garment, and set him out before the public. And they had a ceremony of placing, or we call it adopting. In Galatians there, I kind of think Saint Paul refers to it as adopting of sons. Now, by placing a son ...Ministers will understand, and spiritual Bible readers, a-placing this son. in other words, the son was a son when he was born. There's where our Pentecostal people made their mistake. Being, horned into the family by the 1-10;)" Ghost, that's right, but then we must be the right kind of children, tutored by the <u>right</u> tutor. See?

Now, in the Old Testament when that son was adopted or placed into the family, his name was just as good on the check as his daddy's was. Yes, sir! They didn't have a..They had a ring in them days, a-a sign, signet; and they'd spit on it. place it. That was a signet. That was just a...He wore his daddy's ring, his-his signet; and that was just as good as his daddy's.

Now, when Jesus had been obedient, Jesus to God, God placed Him positionally: "This is Him." Now, when the member is born by the Holy Ghost into the family of God and has proven to have these virtues in him, that God can see virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, and godliness in him, then God seals him or places him. And there, that's when you see the sons and daughters of God.

Then Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption." Now, some of you Baptists that wants to go on eternal security, now, if you'll come to that stage, I'll stand with you it's eternal security, if you'll come to that place. But just to say, anybody says, "I'll go and join the Baptist church"; I'm a Presbyterian"; "I got eternal security"; that's wrong. Your own life proves you haven't got it. Until THIS is there and God has adopted you and sealed you by the Holy Ghost into His kingdom...Then there's no getting out of it. You are eternally secure. "Believe—Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby all you and your godly virtues are sealed until the day of redemption." But you can't stick these little things, say, "I spoke with tongues. I got It." You go out here, and angry, and swear and carry on (see?), that's putting peacock feathers in a - the jaybird. See? You can't do it. Your own life proves that it's not. But when these things are operating in you by God, then you're sealed. Then there's no put on about it. You're just yourself. That's when visions, perfect Holy Spirit works of God, everything is made manifest. Because why? You and Christ become one. - Blasphemous Names p. 21,23,24,25,26

Pentecost, there's where you failed! You thought because you were horned of the Spirit, homed of the Spirit of God, the birthright, that settled it. But it only starts it. You remember in the message of-of HEAR YE HIM how that the child after it was born in the family, became a sun. It had rights to the birthright, but it had to be proven, child-trained. And then, if it did not proves out to be an obedient child to the father's will....it did not become heir. It heired nothing, yet it was a son. But he heired nothing, if he wasn't interested in the father's work. And so, when the Holy Ghost fell upon the Pentecostal people and they—begin to restore back the gifts and things that was in the church—they thought because they were born in the spirit that settled it. But you see, there's a placing of a son.

And after this son proved to be a real son, then he was taken in a public place, and then was set up, and changed robes, and set up there, and then there was a placing of the son that he had heir of everything the father had.

God did the same thing to His Son on Mount Transfiguration. He was overshadowed by-a cloud and was transfigured and His raiment shined like the sun, and a voice said, "This is My Beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased. Moses and the law had failed, and this is Him. Hear ye Him." He was placed See?

Now Jacob thought because that he had the birthright that everything was made. So did the Pentecostal people, and they begin to organize, the oneness, threeness, and trinitarians, and all kinds of organizations, and fussing and pulling at one another, proved that the Token wasn't showing. Malice, envy, strife...See? But that's where it got to.

Now see, Jacob thought the same thing. But in fear one night of his own live, desperation took ahold of him. When he thought that, "Just across that river yonder, my brother's waiting to kill me. He's going to..." See, the birthright that he'd gotten was the thing that was going to cause his death. And sometimes that very thing that you received as the Holy Spirit, and is, and are horned again of the Spirit, if you don't watch, that same thing

will condemn you at the end. That's right. The very waters that save Noah, condemned the world. The thing that—that you would call fanaticism might be the very thing that condemns you at the end of the road.

Until the whole church gets to a place that it's between death and life, you've got to have it now or perish, then God will move on the scene. It takes desperation to bring God on the scene. - Desperation p. 17, 18, 19

I got the baptism of the Holy Spirit'. That still has nothing to do with it. That's just only a temporal gift for you.

The real gift is your soul down in there, see, that was horned of God, and that controls the whole thing to the Word of God, and the will of God; and there you grow up. See? Then you are a son and daughter of God! You are a child of God. The Bible expresses it's growing in the Bride to the full stature; therefore, if the corn of wheat had to fall in the ground, so did the Bride have to fall in the ground through the dark ages.

And the great Church that He established on the day of Pentecost by sending of the Holy Ghost had to suffer myrtyrdom and go into the dirt, into the earth in the dark ages to bring forth again in the age of Luther and come on out to the full stature of the Bride of Jesus Christ in this last day!

We must be in the full stature of Jesus Christ. We must be sons and daughters of God. We must act like God's children.

Therefore if you've said, "I offer Jesus Christ my life," and you've never received the Holy Ghost, come into It. You must do it! You must grow into It! Ask God to pile Word on top of Word like that until you become the full statue of a Son of God, or a daughter of God.

You say, I've been justified. I give my hand to the minister. I believe in Jesus Christ. Then you've got to be born again! You must be filled with the Holy Ghost! See! Just keep adding on as you keep on going. You're growing into the statue of a son and daughter of God. My! God able to prepare us and give to us that crave in our life that we want to see something... How many in here wants more of God? Why it goes to show there's more for you. See? You need more, so that you can be happy, and free, and perfect. We got to be. -Things that are to be p. 35, 12, 22, 27

"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 fullness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." - Ephesians 4:13-15

Now then, when that son was placed positionally into the family, he was joint-heir. He was just as much an authority as his father and could buy or sell or do whatever he saw fit, because he had been positionally placed in the position of authority! — Hear Ye Him p.41

When did you get saved? When did you get sanctified? When did you get filled with the Holy Ghost? When you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, for you received Everlasting life. But then from then on you started growing.. and Pentecostal people has never come to the place where the Church is getting now to the adoption or the placing of sons. When you stay in the Kingdom, stay in the Gospel, stay right, one of these days God'11 call you out and set you aside adopt you as His son before the people, and give you

something that'll shake the nations with it. —Everlasting Life, Jeff., Ind.

That's the thing that God will do to His Sons here on earth some day. He'll call you aside. Church, if you'll only obey Him and stand on the Word and believe It and He'll place into the Church before the coming of Jesus Christ, He'll place into the Church all the powers that Christ had in Him-The same power that rested in Jesus Christ rests in the placed son in Body of Christ. Placing of a son. Took him out in a certain place, have a ceremony before angels and place him position ally 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 come into the Church and now is coming in that the Holy Spirit will anoint the people till they'll speak the Word and it will create itself like that. We haven't seen power...that'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 say shall come to pass you can have what you have said. The placing of the Church" in the position where the fullness of the power of the Holy Ghost comes into the Church. Then critics mouth will be shut It'll be a short time. Jesus come right off the mountain and went straight to Calvary. Notice, it won't last long, but it will be here. — Hear Ye Him - Phoenix, Ariz.

But when they are horned, and positionally homed into the Kingdom of God, then the Holy Ghost has set in the Church some apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors some evangelists. — Ephesians Parallels Joshua, Jeff., Ind.

And He's hid it. And these mysteries has been hid now. Now remember the Bible said, since the foundation of the world, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God to display them to the Church. Oh my, you get it?

When the Church begins to get in its' mighty power. When we have an Ananias and Sapphira and a few of them. Yes Sir. You'll see when that holy Church stands together in its' power, positionally placed as sons of God, adopted into the

family of God. Powerful Church standing there in its' glory Oh, that's what He's coming for. See how far we are off brethren? You can't even get together on Scripture.

Predestinated then, after being born, we're predestinated unto the adoption, to be placed into the Body of Christ.

He's my child. I adopt him into my family although he's been my son since he was born, since he received the Holy Ghost he's been my son. But now I'm going to place him positionally in authority. Your adoption is not your birth. Your adoption is your Placing. - Manifested Sons of God, Jeff., Ind.

What we need today is a coming together, and a prayer meeting, and a singleness until God sends the adoption of the Holy Spirit into a Holy Ghost and places into the church apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors. That's what we need. That's what the Church needs. The whole creation's groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. Waiting to a spot to where that the sickness will be, 'Arise!' and it'll be that way. The blind will receive their sight, deaf, dumb...we pray for them now, but then you'll command it...What we need's Adoption!...We got to be disciplined first. God cannot trust His power with the Church, hard telling what you'd do. —Adoption — Klamath Falls, Ore.

Tell me, my Brother, tell me, my Sister, when was there a time that the sons of God was ever to be manifested outside of this time now?

Now, notice, then the coming of the Lord Jesus is so close at hand until the Spirit from

way down in here, just barely justification, sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Spirit and now right in the time of the coming of the Headstone, the Church has got to be so perfectly like Christ until Christ and the Church can unite together, the same Spirit. And if the Spirit of Christ is in you, It makes you live the Life of Christ, act the Life of Christ, do the works of Christ. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

We've got a ministry coming that's just exactly like the Life of Christ. What does that ministry identify? The coming of the Lord. Now look at the age coming now, right up to the Headstone. The coming of the Lord, then made known, God in all creation is waiting for the Church to positionally find its' place. And now this may just choke you to death, but did you know that man that are sons of God are amateur gods?

Now the world and nature is groaning and crying, everything is moving. Why? For the manifestation of the sons of God. When true sons, horned sons, filled sons, speak and their word is that. I believe we're on the border of it right now. Yes Sir, say to this mountain, "Let it be so." Brother, I desire so and so, a certain thing done. I'm a believer in Jesus Christ. I give it to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. There's a manifestation.

God's going to place His Church, sons and daughters of God. God let me live to see it is my prayer. So close till I can just feel it with my hand almost. It's right there. That's what I long to see. Waiting for the time when we walk down the street, there lays a cripple laying there from his mother's womb. Silver and gold have I none...Oh, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God. Hallelujah. When God will make Himself known! When they'll stop sickness, they'll stop cancer, they'll stop diseases...

That's what we're striving for now, to get in and be positionally placed into the Kingdom of God before these horrible plagues strike! - Predestinated Mystery of His Will, - Jeff., Ind.

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