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Let's open our Bibles this morning to...

Romans 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Now, notice Paul is talking about the sons of God. Not children here, sons. We know that the apostle Paul told us that when we are born again, or born into the family, we are children of God.

Then, after the new birth or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we receive the earnest of our inheritance, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It is then that we are endued with what Paul calls "***the Spirit of Adoption***" as we will see in the next verse.

And he speaks of them that have received this spirit of adoption, "***sons,***" and he speaks of sons as having not received a ***spirit of fear, but a spirit of Love and a sound mind that identifies with their heavenly Father.***

Now, there is a series of events in the life of the believer, where he begins as a child of God, then grows into a son, and finally into an heir, or joint heir with Christ.

Now, as a child, he still has fear; he cries when he's hungry because he doesn't understand the hunger pains. He cries when he's thirsty, because he doesn't understand thirst, and how to get a drink for himself.

He cries when his diapers are dirty, because he doesn't know how to change himself. It's a cry-out of frustration.

You see, he is still at the place of lacking understanding and therefore has no confidence in his own leading abilities to eat and drink and clean his diaper.

And many young Christians go through the same, when they are frustrated because they lack a full understanding. But don't you worry, He said He ***would not leave you nor forsake you.***

He told us that ***all things would work together for the good of them that Love God and are the Elect according to His Promise.***

And we are sure that what God told us, He will make sure, no matter what happens, that if He promises you something, he will deliver. For ***“He is not a man that He can Lie.”***

Therefore, the young child is strictly a dependent child, dependent upon others to feed him and give him a drink, change his diaper, and shelter him, etc. So the young Christian is as well, very dependent upon others to feed him.

But when that child begins to grow, he enters into a condition where he takes on knowledge of how to get food, how to get drink, and how to use a toilet.

As he grows in wisdom, he also realizes there are others in the family besides himself. That is when he begins to go from a child and enter into sonhood. Remember, eternal life is living for others.

As I have said before, the most self-centered people are little children, because when they are hungry, it is all about themselves. When they thirst, it is all about themselves, when they mess their own pants, it is all about themselves.

They do not know what patience is, they want what they want, and they want it now. But we are promised that trials will teach us patience.

That's the child in the family, and it is much like the child of God. They are very self-centered, very me-first. But as that child begins to grow, the little girl sees her mother tending to the baby, and she steps in to help with the baby.

The little boy watches dad work on the car or truck and wants to do what he can to help. He hands him a wrench or flashlight, etc.

Or the young boy goes outside with dad and begins to work with him doing chores around the yard, cleaning outside, fixing and repairing things that the family needs.

She begins to assist in preparing the family meals, helping in the kitchen, in the laundry, and in the house. And much the same the young Christian begins to assist in the feeding of others. And they do things for others to help, because they're love is growing.

You know, the one proof of your love is by your giving heart. ***“For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten son.”*** And the same way you teach your child to love is to instill in him a giving heart.

Some children you don't have to teach that to them, they are that way by nature. But others are very selfish, and you first have to destroy that selfish nature and turn it into doing for others. Then they will learn the joy of giving.

But you also have to teach them that your giving must be wise, or people will take advantage of your giving heart, so God allows you to learn the hard way. And eventually you do, but if it is in your heart to help others, then you find others you can help.

As brother Branham said, *“You help them once, and if you have to do it over and over, you end up packing them.”* I was told that by Billy Paul. And if they expect others to always be helping them, they have a greedy heart. And that's pathetic.

1 Corinthians 13:9 Paul said, *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*

And brother Branham said, That which is perfect is two things; It is the Word of God, which is God, ***“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God.”*** And he also said it is Love which is God.

And the Bible also states in **1 John 4:8** *He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.*

1 John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

So we have three scriptures for a witness that God is love, and do you want to know how God proves to us His Love for us?

In **1 John 4:10** He tells us. *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* That is also said in **John 3:16** which I have already read to you.

And we also see how God shows His Love in. **Romans 5:5** *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

And it also speaks of what we ourselves do for others. **Hebrews 6:10** *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and **labour of love**, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

So we see the relationship of God and His Love in us. **1 John 4:7** *Beloved, let us love one another: **for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.***

And He tells us **1 John 5:3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

And we see this also in **1 John 2:5** *But whoso **keepeth his word**, in him verily is **the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.*

So it is by keeping His Word that God perfects His Love in us. And we ourselves have the ability to express this love.

1 John 4:20 *If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*

1 John 4:12 *No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

1 Corinthians 8:3 *But if any man love God, the same is known of him.*

In other Words, when that which is perfect, is Come, at that time we will come into God's Image...

Just like Paul tells us in verse, **11** *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

12 *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then **face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

The Greek word is **prosopon**, which means: Coming **face to face as with a person**. In other words, **to be in His Presence**. That is the definition of the Greek word.

Now, at this growing-up stage, they are entering into son-ship, and as brother Branham said, *"where Pentecost went wrong is that they thought just being born into the family was it, that was enough."*

But He said *you must be the right kind of a son if you are to receive an inheritance.*

From **Hear ye Him 57-0807 P:14** Brother Branham said, *"Now, when a son was born into the family, he was a son at birth. And there's where you Pentecostal people jumped the fence."*

You thought that when you were born again, that settled it. That was only the beginning. That's right. You are a son, surely, when you're born. But when this son was born, he wasn't heir of all things yet.

In fact, he wasn't heir of anything yet.

He had to go through the testing and trials to find out if he was the right type of son to fall heir to all things.

And listen, God's Word said, that every son that cometh to God must first be tried and chastened, child-trained, before he could be adopted into the family."

So the only way we can grow up into manhood is like the Book of **Hebrews** tells us about Jesus: *"He learned obedience by the things that he suffered."* And every son must come the same way.

So what we saw our eldest brother go through as he learned obedience, you can expect the same treatment from your Father as well, if you have the same Father. And if you don't, you are none of His. But I believe His Father is your father, and **Malachi 3:6** says, *"He is God and he changes not."*

Hebrews 13:8 tells us that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* So God will treat every son the same, you can count on it. So be thankful you are a son and in the family, or He wouldn't treat you the same.

And in his sermon **Blasphemous names 62-1104M P:57** You've heard me preach *"Hear Ye Him,"* that sermon about a year ago, that became 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 born into it, it's a son then. But that son had tutors to raise it. And if that son never did come 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.

Hear ye Him 57-0322 P:43 *We're children of God, but we're losing our inheritance by our conduct, the things that we do, and the things that we permit to be done, and the way that we live and act and so forth.*

So children, listen up. You might think because you are young, you have a right to be immature, but you don't. I don't care if you are a child, you can't use that for an excuse, you had better grow up because God is coming for mature (grown up) Sons and daughters, so start acting like it.

There really are no excuses when it comes to acting right and thinking right. Any child can be taught to do this. My dad used the strap, and so did Brother Branham's father.

If you want to stay here during the tribulation period, then continue to act like a child. And even if you make it by Grace, you won't inherit anything unless you lived like a fully mature child.

Not that we earn our salvation, I am not saying that, but **you will be rewarded by what you do in this body**, and if you don't do anything, there will be no reward.

Remember we just read, *"We're children of God, but we're losing our inheritance by our conduct, the things that we do, and the things that we permit to be done, and the way that we live and act and so forth"*

So, if you want to lose your inheritance, keep arguing and fussing with each other. And you wives better do the same and stop talking back to your husband, or you will find out what reward you end up with. And it will be very little, because a vindicated prophet said. Remember, he said, **We're losing our inheritance by our conduct.** And that should say it all.

We're living millions of miles below our privilege. And then someone can see the work of God being done, and Dr. So-and-so, Dr. Jones says it's this, and the other doctor says it's this;

And here is another thing that I cannot understand. Why men will quote another Minister instead of taking God's prophet's Word for it. *"But brother so and so said it means this."* Are they vindicated?

I don't care what brother so and so said. It means just what God's Prophet and God's Word says it means.

In fact, there are many people who will quote brother Vayle as though he had more answers than our prophet, and they even think his knowledge was greater than our prophet. That is a lie, he didn't teach that.

In fact, when they believe that, they are quoting themselves right into hell.

And that is what brother Vayle himself said on record at least 35 times. I have the quotes, what he said, and he said, *"If you say you have to listen to Lee Vayle to make it, you are a liar, liar, liar, and you are on your road to the lake of fire."* We have a vindicated prophet.

And so brother Branham says, *And we believe it instead of looking into the Word. The Word verifies what's sheep-food. It comes out of the Word.*

And if it does not come out of the Word, it is not ***"Thus Saith the Lord"***.

And if that isn't the way the churches have become. Instead of looking at what God's word says about it, they look at what their church or some preacher says about it, and right there, they die.

Hear ye Him 57-0519A P:20 *Some of we ministers, we should be ashamed of ourselves, as we keep our congregation way below their privileges.*

The whole Christian church today is living thousands of miles below their God-given privilege, because of just so half asleep, dismal like... Take the promise; believe it.

God said so; that settles it forever. No matter how long it takes to materialize, Time doesn't mean anything to God.

It's His Word that we take and we believe. Abraham waited twenty-five years for that child to come. But it arrived. Certainly. We believe it, because God said so.

Now, as he said, we live so far below our privilege as sons and daughters of God. When we ought to be the mighty church of God, we go around instead with our tail between our legs like a whipped pup.

Thy House 61-0808 P:33 *As I said the other day, **when we're born of the Spirit of God, God isn't weak in one place and strong in another.***

*If you've got a little shadow of God in you, **just the littlest speck of God, then you've got all power.***

You've got enough power in you to make a world and go out and live in it. But of course, that power is controlled by faith. If it wasn't, we'd all have us a world out there, living in it.

But if you're a son of God or a daughter of God, you've got the power of God in you. See?

And from his sermon, **Ever Present Water 61-0723M P:70** brother Branham said, *if you had enough of God in you, till it was just barely a shadow, **that's enough power to make a new earth.***

*That's enough power to make a new moon and a new system. It's God, and it's strong. And right now in every believer in here has Life Eternal, which is God's Spirit in you; **enough power that'll raise up the dead,***

*that'll **heal the sick**, that'll set orbits in conditions. But it's controlled by a law, **that Spirit that's in you.***

*You are sons and daughters of God. **That same Spirit that you've got in you, will raise yourself up at the day of the resurrection.***

And not only that, but Paul said, **Romans 8:11** ***But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.***

And quicken means to make alive. Alive to what? **Alive to the Word of God for the hour in which you live.** Alive to the power of God to make His Word a reality to you, and being in you.

So if **He that raised up Jesus**, lives in you, then who is living in you? If It is **the same spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead**. It is God's own Spirit that lives in you. It's a part of His own Life. So act like you have it.

I've got two dozen Scriptures that says **God raised Jesus from the dead**. And that means His life is living in you, and you are already raised from death unto life. But you have to die first, or you can't be raised up.

As brother Branham said, **Christ is the Mystery 63-0728 P:120** "Look, **Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation.**

*Christ in the Bible makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. **Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing.** See, what God's trying to do? **What is the new birth then?***

*You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ **personally to you.** Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different;*

*you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but **Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ.** Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... **It's Christ in you.***

I don't care if it is Lee Vayle, Pearry Green, Eddie Byskal, Donnie Reagan Joseph Branham, or even myself. If they say anything this Bible didn't say, it's a lie. "**Let every man's Word be a lie and mine True, saith the Lord.**"

Galatians 1:8 But though **we**, or an **angel from heaven**, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Why do you see me either quoting this Bible or God's Vindicated prophet so much? **My words mean nothing.** We were not told to believe our Pastors, but Jesus said, "**Oh, fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have said.**"

Broken Cisterns 65-0123 P:33 What it is, it's got to be a fellowship, and not a fellowship of some creed. But **a fellowship in Christ by the power of His resurrection, that's the thing that brings Life. It brings birth.**

And **before birth can come, we realize there has to be death before birth.** And a birth is a mess; I don't care what kind of a birth it is. If it's in a pig pen, or wherever it is, it's a mess.

And so is the new birth, it makes you do things that ordinarily you wouldn't think you would do.

But **when you're ready to die to yourself, then you're born again, a new creature in Christ Jesus, then things open up and life becomes a new sight to you,**

because you've accepted the Person of Jesus Christ, and not some theory or some creed.

Or even to the written Word, It's got to be quickened by the Holy Spirit. No matter how much theology you've got, it's laying there dead.

I could have a handful of wheat; until it gets into the process to where it can be quickened, the wheat will never live.

And you can have a doctor's degree, Ph., LL., whatever you wish to; but **until the Holy Spirit comes upon that and quickens it to you, as a personal experience with God,** then the wheat does no good. **Your learning is in vain.**

From his sermon, **Water of Separation 55-0121 P:10** brother Branham said, You've got to absolutely accept the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. And not only that, but **you've got to die yourself.**

You've got to die to every thought of the flesh so that you can receive the mind of Christ and walk from henceforth, not of your own, but of His mind: the mind of Christ in you.

That's the only way you can stay alive. That's the only way I can stay alive. That's all I live by, is by the Holy Spirit.

The Way back 62-1123 P:41 *It takes death to produce life. You've got to **die to your own thinking**. You've got to **die to your own theology**. You've got to **die to your own self**, to **your own human ways**.*

*You've got to be regenerated, a new creature, a new creation. Before you can be that... You can't be two at the same time; **you got to die to one in order to be born in the other**.*

*It brings a mess, and it causes a mess too. But you've got a new life. **What difference does it make? You got to do it.***

You must be born again 61-1231M P:51 *Now, the approach to this birth, there is an approach to it. And to approach this birth, **you have to go through a process**, just like anything that lives.*

Anything that lives again has got to die first. And you cannot keep your same spirit. You cannot keep your same habits. You cannot keep your same thoughts. You got to die. You've got to die like He died.

You got to die on His altar, like Abel did with his lamb. You got to die with your Lamb. You got to die, die to your own thinking to be born to His thinking. Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.

You got to think His thoughts. And now, brother, sister, let me say this as intelligent as I know how to say it. How can you think His thoughts and deny His Word, and yet claim you're born again?

*Just ask yourself that question. How can you do it? You can't. **If you're born again, you got His thoughts. If the mind of Christ is in you, then you are a new creature.** The Bible teaches that.*

*And if any brother would like to, where you find that creature, look that word "creature" up in the--the Lexicon, and you'll find out that the word "creature" there is interpreted or translated, **"a new creation,"***

because you are a one creation, a human being born in sexual desire here on earth, and now you're a new creation born by Spirit.

Your own thoughts are dead. They're so dead until they're crystal like the brass serpent, or like He died when the heavens and earth and everything witnessed He was dead.

Why 62-0622E P:41 You Say, "Well, other people do this." Well, you're not like the other people. **You are dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit.** See, you didn't try the toxin.

It's just because the people don't want to try it. Now, **you've got to die. You've got to rot.** That's the trouble of people, instead going up to the altar and get some kind of sensation, jump up, and shake hands with the preacher, go out and get some kind of a dogma or creed and recite it, and say, "I belong to So-and-so. I belong to So-and-so." "Are you a Christian?" "I'm So-and-so." **A Christian is to be Christ-like.** Christ-like is to believe the Word. **If you don't believe the Word, then he can't be Christ-like.**

How can you say you're a Christian and deny half of the Word? If the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, the Holy Spirit confirms the Word. And the Holy Spirit is the Word.

And **the Word abiding in you brings God's promises to every believer.**

Sirs, We Would See Jesus 61-1224 P:83 A real disciples says, **"You've got to die."** **"How do I know when I'm dead?" When you recognize all this Word to be the Truth, then the Word begins to live in you.**

"Well," you say, "but our church teaches..." **I don't care what your church teaches; it's what the Bible says.**

Questions and Answers COD 54-0103E P:71 You've got to repent and die daily to live in Jesus Christ. So every day, every day, **you've got to die every day to live in Christ Jesus.**

Greater than Solomon is here 62-0628 P:21 "If you want to be a Christian, you be born again. **Die to yourself,** and start from the bottom and come forth." ... **"I believe that you've got to die so dead till you're no more yourself."**

That's all. And then, be borned again new, a new creature in Christ, built from the very bottom of your soul all the way through, a real born again Christian. Then the Holy Spirit knows what kind of load to put in you.

Uncertain Sound_61-0315 P:39 The word "church," means "the called out, the separated." And **two people can't live in you the same time.** You've got to die out to the things of the world to serve God.

You can't love God and mammon at the same time. And as long as the love of the world is in the believer's heart, **he crowds out and deprives himself from the privileges that God's give him.**

God don't want you to be underprivileged. He wants you to have every privilege that He died for. Every privilege He gave the church, He wants you to enjoy it; it's yours.

Questions and Answers COD 59-1223 P:83 you've got to die and be born. And you cannot have birth without crucifixion. You can't have resurrection; you must be crucified to the things of the world in order to be resurrected in Christ.

Water of separation 55-0121 P:27 As long as you have your own thoughts, your own ways, **your ways are contrary to God's ways.** And you cannot be right and think your own thoughts, for **you've got to die to your own thoughts.**

Do you know that? Your thoughts, as long as you look at it, you look at it materially; you say, "Oh, well, that can't happen. It's just not reasonable. It's not sensible to even think such a thing."

As long as you do that, then you'll stay in your same condition. [Blank spot on tape. Ed.] **You get to a place where you cannot think your ways, but come into Christ and think His way of thinking.**

Take His words. Then things begin to shape different. For you are dead and your life is hid in God through Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh (what the flesh says), but walk after the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 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.

Now, Paul said this spirit of fear is not from God. He said the spirit God gives us, is one which identifies with the Father.

But Fear is a four-letter word, and God hates it. There is far too much fear among the people in this Message, and it ought not to be even numbered among us.

Because we also read in **8:28** that *"we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.**"*

Therefore, if all things are to work together for our Good, then how can we abide in fear?

Therefore, we should *"know that **all things are working together for our good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.** 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did **predestinate...**"*

God Himself doesn't even use fear to force you to love Him, and obey Him. The Bible says, *"We love him, **because** He first loved us!!"*

That's **1 John 4:19**. That's what my Bible teaches. And I hope when you read your Bible, you read the same thing.

But the problem we have is that too many people do not know how to read their Bibles. Brothers, this Bible is God's Word in print.

And I don't care what any man will tell you, My Bible, God's Word says, *God said, 'Let every man's word be a lie and Mine be true.'*

Paul said, *'Though an Angel from heaven come with anything else but what's here, let it be accursed.'*

Listen to these words from Brother Branham in the **Church Age Book Chapter 2 - The Patmos Vision P:70** *"Don't fear, John. Don't fear, little flock. **All that I am, you are heir to. All my power is yours.**"*

My omnipotence is yours as I stand in your midst. I have not come to bring fear and failure, but love, and courage, and ability.

*All power is given unto Me, and **it is yours to use. You speak the Word and I will perform it.***

That is My covenant, and it can never fail. " Now, that's **John 14:12** and **13**, Jesus said of the believer, *Whosoever believes in Me, the things I do shall you do also because I go to my father,*

and listen to how he said those things would get done in verse **13** *and whatsoever you ask the father in my name that I will do.*

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **The Unity Of One God In The One Church 58-1221E**, *God sits on the throne of your heart in His control room, controlling your emotions, and controlling your powers,*

controlling your conceptions, and making you one with Him in fellowship and in love. And God fills you with love. He fills you with power.

He fills you with the Spirit. He fills you with His own Divine Nature, and He changes your carnal nature into His Nature. Then, in this, you become a new creation in Christ.

Now, too many men think they are a new creation in Christ because they can quote the Message, or because they claim to believe the Message.

Listen, Brother Branham, vindicated prophet of God, said, You've got to die to yourself in order to be born again.

Questions and Answers COD 64-0830M P:120 354. *Do your children have to have an experience to have the Holy Spirit? If they see the end-time Message, do they have the Holy Spirit?*

Every one must have an experience. *Your children cannot go in any other way but the same way you do. See? They've got to be born again. There are no grandchildren in the Kingdom of God;*

they're all children. They must have it, must have an experience with God to go in, just the same as you. Now, I hope I can get this.

Be not afraid 63-0607 P:72 *Brother, that ain't Bible doctrine. Paul found a bunch of good thoroughbred Baptists up there, and he said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"*

Not when you believed, but after you believed, have you received the Holy Ghost? It's a personal experience that comes. And when that great unchangeable God sent His message down, it never changes. Amen.

From that time 62-0713 P:44 You see them wonders of God. Some people would do that. And just because of theology, some church creed or something, you'll walk away and shun God to keep from receiving the Holy Ghost.

You see people down at the altar praying, see them women get up, and men, and their faces washed with tears, and screaming, and walking up and down the building, some of your friends on the outside laughing.

You say, "If that's new birth, I don't want anything to do with it. Our church believes in new birth, and we just put our name on the book." You're afraid of it. Let me tell you this. ***I don't care what kind of a birth it is; it's a mess.***

If it's in a pigpen, or in a hospital room, pink decorated, it's a mess. And ***the new birth is nothing less, but it takes that to bring Life. You've got to die in order to be borned again. It's true.***

We will pick up next week where we left off this morning.

Let us pray...