#220 "Galatians 4 Adoption and Sincerity"

1 For the past couple weeks we´ve been looking at the words of Brother Branham´s from paragraphs 141 and 144 of The Spoken Word is the original Seedand we have spoken on the thoughts of his where he quotes from 1 John 3:8 where he says, "Now, Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. You believe that? Now, I can't explain all this; I'm just going to go through it just quickly now, hit the high place so you won't stay too long. Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Is that right? You all believe that? What was He? God's Word, which destroys the works of the hybrid, the devil. Is that right? He was done to do that; He was born to be that, to destroy the works of the devil.

2 144 Now, the body carries) on the works and does the works that the Head commands it to do. Tell me where He ever said, "organize." Tell me where the Head says it's all right for woman to cut their hair. Huh. Mention it; it's not there. Tell me where the Head ever said, "These works I do, but you shall not do them." Tell me that. But the Head said this (if you want to put the Scripture down, I'll give it to you: John 14:12), "The works that I do, shall you also." That's His body. See? See now, why I have been so zealous of the kind of seed that I have planted for the body? The rain's going to fall pretty soon; I mean the real rain. And it's got to have Seed to fall on. I hope I live to see it. Do you understand now? It will be the living Word as it was at the beginning, the spoken Word of God, have His power; for it is in Him in His own body, working His own way. Look to the promises that God gave this body.

3 Galatians 4:1Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; Now, listen to what Paul is telling us here. He is speaking about the heir to the kingdom, yet instead of being treated real special, he is treated just like everyone else until receives his throne. Then Paul tells us just how the father has his son raised.

4 2But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Now, this time that is appointed of the father no one knows except the father himself. Now, that time doesn´t have to do with chronological age as much as it has to do with the maturity of the son himself. You see, Joseph in the Old Testament was taken up at 17 and given his position in the family but his brothers who were much older than he was never reached that level of maturity until much later in life.

5 3Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: So what Paul is telling us here is that we are no different than any other child that goes through the adoption process.

6 4But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,5To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Now, what he is telling us here is that the very purpose of the Son of God coming as he did was to prepare the road to adoption for all of us. In other words, there had to be a pattern for sons so that other sons coming into the pattern of the first born could also attain adoption, to whit the redemption of our bodies.

7 6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Notice that we are told because we are also sons, God has sent back the spirit of his first born son into our hearts, so that the very nature of this one whom the father adopted on Mount Transfiguration, that his very nature might live itself out in other sons in order for us to meet the qualifications of adoption as well.

8 7Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Now, I believe the meaning of this verse is to tell us that although we are treated no differently while in the body of this death from a servant, yet we are not servants, we are sons on our way towards the adoption of sons, and therefore our inheritance.

9 8Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. In other words, we really didn´t know how to distinguish ourselves apart from other servants, so we just adopted a kind of works programming in our beings. But that is not what the spirit of adoption is all about. It is not just being a nice person and doing works, but it is doing only that which pleases the Father, and doing nothing until the Father commands us what to do, say, etc. That is exactly what he tells us in the next verse.

10 9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? In other words, if you are sons of God then act like sons of God. That means you have to shuck off the old habits which were not ordained from your father in the doing thereof, and begin acting as the first born son acted. Remember John 5:19 and 5:30 And 7:16 and John chapters 10 and 12 where Jesus said, I do nothing, say nothing, no doctrine and do not my own will except it is what the Father whishes for me to say, to do, to act out, to speak etc.

11 So we are commanded to shape up and act like sons, not like a bunch of religious morons who act out all manner of works trying to please a fearful God they do not know. Notice he said, 10Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years 11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain. In other words, Pal is telling them, look, I didn´t spend all my time teaching you about Christ to see a bunch of religious zombies doing all manner of works trying to appease an angry God. I hope I haven't wasted my time making you religious. Because you are supposed to understand the relationship between the Father and His son so that you might receive the spirit of God´s son into your hearts that you might also cry abba father.

12 12Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all. Now, what does Paul mean by that? Well, let´s see what he says next?

13 13Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the firs OK, so Paul is going to tell us that there is a price to be paid if we are to be like Him, because after all he was like the first born son, and he was willing to pay the ultimate price of his own life.

14 14And my temptation (or testing) which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Now, look, you saw what I had to go through and you saw that I accepted my lot, what I was expected to do for the Glory of the Father, and because you saw how I accepted it, you received me as a messenger from God.

15 15Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me. Paul tells them here that there was a time when they accepted everything he told them as though god Himself had come down to tell them. But something changed, and here is what changed. Paul begin to hammer down a bit about things he thought needed to be corrected in their lives. He said, 16Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

16 Now, notice what he tells us next because this is our key to understanding what was happening here. You see, Paul brought these people into the Doctrine of Christ, the Revelation of Jesus Christ and he expected the people to react as he had reacted. Instead he saw there were some real problems developing among them. And it wasn´t because of what he taught them, but what others had brought in among them that caused them to deviate from the truth. That is what he told us in Chapters 1: 6-9 where he told them they had deviated from the original

Word that He had brought to them.

17 Notice he says, 17They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. They would exclude you from what? From becoming who you were ordained to become. You see that is exactly what Satan´s job is, to bring the sons of God under his control, and not the control of the Holy Ghost. Now, he was not stating that to be zealously affected is a wrong thing, but how and for what you are zealously affected.

18 Notice he says in verse, 18But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

19 There are too many people who act one way when around certain brothers and then they act differently when not. I would guarantee that many of you would act differently around brother Branham then when you are with your wife. And many of you sisters would talk differently and act differently with your husband, but I´ll guarantee that if you were truly aware that God was watching every word you spoken, you would show more respect to your husband that you show him in your homes.

20 Now, why is consistency so important in our Christian life? Because God is trying to work the very nature of Christ into us if we would just stay focused as he was focused.

21 Notice Paul says, 19My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

22 Now, what does he mean, My little children of whom I travail in birth? You see, Paul was carrying those people like a mother carries her child. He loved them he nurtured them, but just as the carrying in the womb begins to take it´s toll on a mother to be, so too was that early church taking it´s toll on Paul´s own life.

23 In Philippians 2:12 Paul said, Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. 14Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. 17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So we see here that he looked upon the Philippians as his children like he did with the Galatians.

24 And with much love Paul desired to be with the Galatians, but the report he was getting back was like a mother who was hearing of her children not representing the family very well. Galatians 4:20I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you. And I see the same thing in this message. When we ought to be teachers we have need of milk. Notice the milk of sincerity, that is what´s missing. As peter said, 1 Peter 2: 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

25 And I think the people who follow the doctrine of Christ need to be more sincere than ever before, but I do not see that sincerity being manifested. Now, you can´t pin that on William Branham for he was deeply sincere in all that he did for the Lord. In fact the angel had told him if he would be sincere then all things that God would withhold nothing from his prayer. So don´t blame your lack of sincerity on Him. Blame it your own selves.

26 From his sermon, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision 49-0718 P:18 If you pass through tonight, if you come through the line, just go on and believe. If you'll believe it, only thing I have is the Word of God. And this One Who talked to me, He said, "If you (That's me.) will be sincere and will get the people to believe you,

and be sincere when you pray, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even cancer." Now, that is true, friends. And that... If that little baby's eyes could come straight, just passing through and laying hands on the child... The mother confirms, you might talk to her if you wish to; she believed it with all of her heart. And setting...?... babies, if it'd taken six weeks, she'd still believed it. And the baby's eyes would've been all right. You believe that?

27 And from Experiences 2 47-1214 P:2 I don't believe you can get too sincere about the work of God. That's right. More sincere you are, the better God can lead you. So They told me that I might have a mental break-up.

28 So what is hanging up the Bride from getting herself ready? She´s not sincere as she ought to be sincere. For if she was truly sincere than this message would be her meat, it would be her life.

29 21Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? And I say, tell me you that hear the message, do you not hear the voice of the Messenger? 22For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Now, look, your sincerity is not works, it is an attitude, a way of Life, a reality.

30 Titus 2: 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

31 Ephesians 6: 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

32 2 Corinthians 8: 8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

33 2 Corinthians 2: 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

34 2 Corinthians 1: 12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

35 1 Corinthians 5: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

36 Joshua 24: 14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.