

Adoption

- Placing Into The Position Of A Son -

Ephesians 1:3-6,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 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, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

We want to consider what God’s Prophet said about it:

Remember, **that adoption has three stages:**

1) **Because we are sons, royal super-seed of Abraham,** God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts which cries, Abba, Father! Therefore, we are no longer slaves (servants) of sin and unbelief, but sons (*Rom. 6:16-23; John 16:9*); and if sons, also heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (*Gal. 4:6-9; 3:7; Rom. 8:16-17*). **For this reason we have experienced our new birth, because we were the sons (seeds) of God; for only the seed of God can be born again** ^[1] (*Matt. 13:38*). Not by rebirth we became a seed, **but we were His eternal thoughts (attributes of God, seeds of God, Luke 8:11)**, which become now manifested in flesh, called the sons of God (*John 3:1-8*).

By the new birth we received, through grace, the spirit of adoption ^[2] (*Rom. 8:14-17*); and any man, born out of the incorruptible seed by the Word of God **is a part of God** (*1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18*). Then we are adopted, received as sons in the family of God by the blood of God through Jesus Christ (*1 Peter 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5-6*), which was God Himself and became flesh in order to die for His redeemable family. Now we are sealed into Him, after we believed the Word of truth (*John 16:13; Col. 1:5*), with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory (*Eph. 1:13-14*).

2) **But your adoption is not your birth; your adoption is your placing.** ^[3] You are first born into the Kingdom of God by the Holy Ghost, but **you are predestinated unto the adoption – placing. We become children by birth.** And the new birth and the conversion itself is the Holy Ghost. **You are not converted, till you get the Holy Spirit** (*Luke 22:31-32*). ^[2] Yet as long as the heir is a child, there is no difference between him and a servant, though he is Lord of all (*Gal. 4:1; 1 Cor. 3:1-8*).

Now, when a son was born, he was a son as soon as he was born. He was a born son to that home. But yet, he didn’t have any inheritance, until he came to a place that he’d proved himself a son. **And then, when he was proved to be a**

son, then he was adopted into the family. And the law of adoption made him equal holder with his father. [4]

We find out his behaviour is what set him to adoption, whether he behaved right or not.

Now, God took you into the Body of Christ (*I Cor. 12:13*). Now, what does He do? **After you have proved yourself, sanctified yourself with your good behaviour, obedient to the Holy Spirit, no matter what the world said.**

Then God calling His children aside by manifestation. They don't have to say one word about it, you see something's happened. Positionally placing His son, getting him into order just exactly with the same things. He's just as in much authority, his word's just as good as an Archangel, better. **The son was adopted, put on a higher place, set out here, changed his robes, changed his colour.** The father had a ceremony, said: **"This is my son, from henceforth he's governor. He's the ruler. He's over all my heritage.** All that I got belongs to him." That's right. Then we could go back to the same, Elah, Elah, Elohim, Elohim, see, where He's self-existent. And then come back through Jehovah Who made something, He gave man dominion over the earth. **What are we waiting for? The manifestations. The earth is groaning** (*Rom. 8:19-22*). [2]

God hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and promised to reveal it to the sons of God in the last days (*Matt. 11:25*), when the sons of God would be made manifest. When God's sons that rejoiced with Him before the foundation of the world (*Job 38:7*), **when the great revelation of the Godhead and these things would be brought down in the last days, He would manifest these things to the sons of God.** You know the Scripture teaches that. And here we are.

That is the reason that God is opening these things to us. God is bringing His sons into manifestation. He is going beyond the limitation of any human knowledge, way into the spiritual revelations and bringing it down. [5]

Is that right? Waiting. **God trying to place His church in position, to manifest Himself, getting one that He can work through like this, say, "There's My Spirit flowing freely. There It is. That, that, I can work here."** Get another one over here and place him, "I can place him." **Adoption, placing, manifesting, take him out here and put a ceremony on him, visit him with an Angel, tell him something** (*Heb. 1:14*). Now, if he's told the truth! Now if he's just making up something, it won't work. No, no, that won't work, we've had a lot of that. **But I mean manifestations of sons of God, when God manifests Himself and He sends him out.** And then he goes forth, and what he says is Truth. What he does is the truth. **What he does, he manifests Christ.** How do you judge him? **By the way he stays with the Word, right with the Word.** See, that's how you know all men, is by the way he stays with the Word. "If they speak not according to the Word, there's no Life in them," says the Bible. See? Leave them away. [2]

Once again: **When a man proves it, 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. [6]

Pentecost, there is where you failed! You thought because you were born of the Spirit, born of the Spirit of God, the Birthright, that settled it. But it only starts it. You remember in the message of "Hear Ye Him", how that the child, after it was born in the family, become a son. It had rights to the birthright, but it had to be proven, child-trained. And then if it did not prove out to be an obedient child to the father's will, then it must be, well, 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 of the Spirit, that settled it. **But, you see, there is 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.**

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The epistle to the Ephesians parallels perfectly with the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament. [7] The Holy Spirit, which also is the **anointed Word of God**, wants us to live godly every day of the week, separating ourselves from the things of the world (*John 6:63; II Cor. 6:14-18*). **He is our heavenly Joshua, our divine leader of this day, and only He takes us to our inheritance, even to our position in Christ. Only when we get positionally placed in Christ – the anointed Word – we enter into His rest** (*Heb. 4:5-6*). [8]

That's what's the matter with the people today. They can't wait for the real Holy Spirit to take the Church's position. They've got to manufacture something, work up something – initial evidence, speaking in tongues – to get more members in the church, all these kind of tommyrot **instead of waiting upon the Lord for the real manifestation of the resurrection of Christ making Himself known among the people. She can't wait** (*Isaiah 40:31*). [9]

And, but, you remember, it was the Holy Spirit that spoke to me up there on the road, and said, "I'm sending you back amongst the sick and afflicted." See? **It's obedient to the Holy Spirit.** I didn't go until He told me to do it. I was waiting for THUS SAITH THE LORD, till I got THUS SAITH THE LORD. Now, that's different. See? Now, that makes a difference. Yes.

Paul waited for the Word of the Lord. He was pressed in the Spirit, to do only God's bidding, then he become a prisoner of Jesus Christ. Friends, if we could only become prisoners! [10]

For what was the **Holy Spirit** given to us? **He is the treasure of God's love in the heart of men and women to obey** (*Acts 5:32*). [11] We have only one leader: **that is the Holy Spirit.** For only He will take us into our homeland, **the**

Holy Ghost homeland, into the Message of this Hour, the Word of God. [13]
(Ps. 16:6; II Cor. 5:14).

We won't have rest, until we possess our inheritance. You must become what you are. And then always remain what you are. Now, we know we are living just now in the **time of adoption, the Ephesus time**, and the Holy Spirit places us positionally into the Word-like position, **in the Holy Ghost homeland, also called the spiritual Canaan.**

Thus we see that the positional placing into our inheritance is not our new birth. **Our individual adoption into the position of Christ is done to do the business of the Father: to fulfill the promised Word of God** (Rev. 22:17; 10:8-11; Matt. 17:1-8). [13]

And when each man takes his position, what God has called him to do, and stand to the end of the road, going after the lost... [14]

When God speaks to a man, he has faith, and he has ambition, and he has a purpose. **When God speaks to a man, He gives him a purpose.** When God speaks to a man, He gives him ambition. When God speaks to a man, He gives him faith to do it, to accomplish, or achieve what his purpose in life is, what God called him to do. He's called us to be in the church of God. Amen. [13]

When that time come, when the church finds its brotherly love, **when the church finds its holy decency, when the church finds its place in Christ**, it'll call to the other members of the body, "Come and rejoice with us." God wants the church to love Him. [15]

To make this adoption possible, God did a wonderful thing. Through the opening of the Seven Seals (Rev. 6 + 10:1-7), **the secrets of the Bible were made known. Because of that we as His sons, also called the Bride, will experience the longed manifestation, and get into the position of a son: our position in Christ. We have reached the right place, been born positionally, and filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the Word of God.** [16]

3) Let's turn to Romans 8:22, I think it's beautiful: *"We know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pains together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*

Oh, do you see it? "All creation is groaning", said Paul. Everything is groaning. "And we ourselves", said Paul, "we groan too with them, **for we're waiting for the redemption of our body.**" (Rom. 8:19-22).

But, now, now, they've been all those years until now, now we have the Earnest of our inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14). Oh, my. What do we have? We have the evidence that God lives. **We have the evidence that God is with us.** We have

the evidence that God has not forsaken us, that we are His and He is ours, because we, in our bodies we now tabernacle the Holy Spirit of God that cries out, "Abba, Father." And there's nothing can ever take that away. **We are anchored in Christ.**

Now, the trees do not have it; nature does not have it; but yet we are still groaning with them because as yet **we haven't received the fullness of our adoption.** But we have the Earnest of it, that we were picked up from the things of the world and now become sons and daughters of God. What kind of people should we be? Oh, my, when we think of that... Think of it.

Now, **we have the Earnest; our spirit's groaning for the full adoption (Rom. 8:23), but now we have the Earnest of it. As we receive the Holy Spirit, It is the Earnest of our complete adoption or complete salvation. Oh, how beautiful! I just love that. All right.**

We are waiting for the fullness of adoption. This will take place when? At the first resurrection. That's when our bodies will be changed from these vile creatures that we are and we'll have a body like His own glorious body, for we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him (Phil. 3:20-21). When He appears, we appear in His likeness (I John 3:2). We'll have a body like His, a glorious glorified body, and all the trials and struggles of life will fade off into a little mist and blow away to never be no more.

And these earthly tabernacles which we now groan in, we are waiting for that earnest for the salvation fully in its fullness to come. But now in these tabernacles of clay we have Something that tells us that we have raised up so far (Eph. 2:6). Amen. What is the Earnest? (II Cor. 1:21-22). It's the little down payment that holds it. It's the Earnest. [17]

When a church is groaning under the persecution of the outside world, believing on the Lord Jesus, that the promise of the Holy Ghost is just as real to us as it was to Pentecost, **how they groan and cry under labor pains. But when they are born, and positionally born into the Kingdom of God,** then the Holy Ghost has set in the church, some apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, some evangelists (Eph. 4:11). Then He's given into there, speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, knowledge, wisdom, gifts of healing, all kinds of miracles (I Cor. 12:7-11,28-30). [7]

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 Body will come into this group of Church** that'll draw the rest of them from the grave! **There'll be a resurrection!** (I Cor. 15:50-57). That's what the Holy Ghost is for.

What is the Holy Ghost? Without us they cannot be made perfect (Heb. 11:39-40). They lived in one day under that; we live in another day. "*When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise a standard against it.*" (Isaiah 59:19).

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 go in that rapture, “For the rest of the dead live not for the space of a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:5). That's right. **Just Holy Spirit filled people was all that went in the rapture.** [6]

God had to open up those Seven Seals, not in a denomination. I have always been against it. But out of the denomination, He might take a Bride – not a denominational bride. He couldn't do it. It is against His own Word. **He opened those Seven Mysteries in there, and it shows forth and brings forth those things that have been hidden since the foundation of the world – might be revealed in the last days – to sons of God.** They brought that forth now before the people, that they see It there, you now, to this undenominational Bride. [18]

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only in the Beloved. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Oh yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He said so, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. **And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.** [1]

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- [1] “Smyrnaean Church Age“, CAB pg. 152, 118
- [2] “Adoption Part 3” (60-0522M), par. 151, 66, 74, 85-86, 72, 159
- [3] “Adoption Part 2” (60-0518), par. 114, 19
- [4] “Hear Ye Him” (60-0806), par. E-34
- [5] “The Serpent's Seed” (58-0928E), pg. 21-22
- [6] “What Was The Holy Ghost Given For” (59-1217), par. 54, 49, 50-52
- [7] “Adoption Part 1” (60-0515E), par. 28, 50
- [8] “Revelation Chapter 5, Part 2” (61-0618), par. 61
- [9] “The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed” (62-0318), pg. 71
- [10] “Paul A Prisoner Of Christ” (63-0717), par. 110-111
- [11] “Trying To Do God A Service” (65-1127B), par. 232
- [12] “Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel” (61-0730M), par. 133
- [13] “What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief” (60-0729), par. E-73
- [14] “Adoption Part 4” (60-0522E), par. 49
- [15] “Second Coming Of The Lord” (57-0417), par. 71
- [16] “The Harvest Time” (64-1212), par. 188
- [17] “Revelation 5 Part 1, Bruised Serpent” (61-0611), par. 103-108
- [18] “Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ” (65-1125), par. 303
- [19] “Desperations” (63-0901E), par. 79-80

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]