

Our Inheritance: The Sonship

"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: 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" (Ephesians 1:10-11).

"An inheritance." **We have obtained an inheritance.** Somebody has to leave you something. **God, before the foundation of the world, left you something: A name written on the Book, that when the Lamb would be slain you'd be recognized with It (Rev. 13:8).**

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance." How did we get it? Because we walked upright? How do we get this inheritance? **Because we were predestinated.**

See, an inheritance. What kind of an inheritance? *"...being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."*

Before He was God, before He was a Saviour, before He was a Healer, before all of this, He predestinated, put the Lamb's Name on the Book, looked down through by His foreknowledge and seen your name, put it on there too. And after while we come in the world, born of sinful parents (*Romans 3:23-24; Psalm 51:5*); we walk around on the world.

Predestinated us to our inheritance in Him, which was predestinated to us; we inherited it before the foundation of the world. For His Own purpose to work out His Own good will to be a God and Saviour.

Inheritance by predestination. I inherited something. What inheritance? There had to be somebody leave me an inheritance. Why, you say, "Jesus left you an inheritance." Beg your pardon? Jesus never left me an inheritance; Jesus never left you an inheritance; **He only came down and paid for your inheritance, brought you to your inheritance.** But your name was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. **God gave you your inheritance.** Your inheritance was first. [1]

Oh, "an inheritance..." Somebody has to leave you something to inherit it. Is that right? An inheritance, what inheritance do we have? What inheritance did I have? I didn't have any. **But God left me an inheritance when He put my name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8; Rev. 17:8).** Oh, you say, "Now, wait a minute, brother, Jesus did that when He died for you." No, He never. **Jesus come to purchase that inheritance for me.**

God, before the foundation of the world: How we've seen God was self-existent, **how that in Him was love. In Him was to be God**; there was nothing to worship Him. **In Him was to be a Father...** He was by Himself. **In Him was to be a Saviour**: nothing lost. In Him was to **be a Healer**. That's the attributes of Him. There was nothing there. So His Ownself, His own good counsel produced these things, that He might through this one Man, Christ Jesus, gather it all together again. Oh, eye has not seen, ears not heard... (*I Cor. 2:9-10*). No wonder it's a mysterious thing.

Look, "has predestinated us unto this inheritance..." If I'm a right inheritance of something, if God is knocking at my heart and saying, "I called you a long time ago before the foundation of the world to preach the Gospel," I have an inheritance, **an inheritance of Eternal Life. Now, God sent Jesus to make that inheritance real to me**, because there was nothing I could do to inherit it. It was blank; it was valid; there's nothing I can do. **But in the fullness of time God sent, in His Own good time, Jesus the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world** (*Gal. 4:1-7*). His Blood was shed, that I might go to my inheritance (*Col. 1:12-15; Eph. 1:7*). **To be what, what inheritance? To sonship, to be a son of God.**

How was our inheritance given to us, through what? Predestination. **Predestination is foreknowledge**. How did God know He could trust you to be a preacher? His foreknowledge. "*Not he that willeth or he that runneth, it's God that showeth mercy*" (*Romans 9:14-16*). That's right. Predestination, **He knew what was in you. He knew what was in you before you even come on the earth. He knew what was in you before there was an earth for you to come on. That's Him**. That's the infinite God, the infinite. We're finite; we can only think finite. [2]

Now, we have a sacred trust. You know what a trust is. And we have an inheritance, **a heritage that we inherit**, as believing children. **It's a sacred trust. And that sacred trust and our sacred heritage is the Word of God that's been given to us, the full Word of God**. The Word Itself is the Vitamin, the Word Itself, God's Word!

That's where, reason I'm so dogmatic, as I would call it, on standing on this Word! No matter what anything else says, if it's not with the Word, then I don't believe it; see, you want to believe it, it's all right. **But, to me, it takes the Word**, 'cause, "*Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words shall never fail*" (*St. Matthew 24:35*). **Therefore, it takes that Word!**

I live by the Word. Jesus said, "*It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'*" (*Matt. 4:4*). And this is It! And That is given to us as a heritage. **It's our inheritance, the Word!**

O God, let us think of It in the deepness of It.

It's our privilege. It's this sacred trust that God has put to His Church. **God gave His Word to His Church. And that sacred heritage is ours**. It's a gift

from God. Not to just compromise on This, and cut This out, and throw This out, and add this in, to suit our own taste; **but to preach the full Word**, the whole Gospel. We are duty bound, as Christians, **to take It and believe It**. When we know, *"If our hearts condemn us not, then we know we have favor with God"* (1 John 3:21-22).

It's up to us, to whom the Word has been delivered to. **It's up to us, that we stay with that Word**. And as we stay with It, we see God working among us. So it's becoming to us, to stay with It. **It's a heritage that God has given us**.

That's what we inherit, is the Word. And in the time of strain, in the time of perplexity, in the time of distress, in the time of perilous times, **they found comfort in keeping the Word**.

The Word is God's comfort. When you know, and can walk down even to the valley of the shadow of death, and know that God said so, that settles it. God said so! (*Psalm 23:4*). [3]

If you've got an inheritance here in this world, friend, it's a corruptible inheritance. **But we receive an inheritance that fadeth not away**. The prodigal son went away and left his inheritance, and he took part of it with him (*Luke 15:11-32*). When he returned back, his inheritance was defiled. But if you've run away from yours, it's not so with the Kingdom of God; **we receive an incorruptible inheritance**. Don't you want to receive it?

Maybe they have inherited some money once in a while from somebody, but what was it done? They didn't know where it went to, just left in a little bit, 'cause **that's a corruptible inheritance**. And if they shall leave it for someone else, it'll be corrupted again.

But we have an incorruptible inheritance; that is, salvation, redemption, go back to the garden of Eden again (*1 Peter 1:3-4*). Think of it, Lord, who wouldn't want to go back like Adam and Eve and live back there, our food provided each day; **a heavenly Father always along the trail talking to us; see that great Light walking before us**. The lion and the wolf feeding together, bullock eating the straw, the lion eating with him; and now they eat one another, or the lion eats the bullock, and the wolf eats the bullock, whatever he can eat. But them days it won't be that way. The great beautiful birds a-flying. There'll be no sorrow. There'll never be a marker that we passed over our hopes. **Down along the trail there we see our children and our loved ones. O God, what a day, what a day!** No matter what we receive here on earth, it's just all going to fade away, **but That won't fade away**. [4]

We inherit what? Eternal Life. [2]

„He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.“ (*John 5,24*).

He that understandeth, he that knoweth his place in this hour... "He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath (present tense) Eternal Life, shall not come into the judgment, but's already passed from death unto Life." Then when this new Eternal Life dwells in you, **it is the potential or the earnest of you being quickened from mortal to immortality.**

Let me say that again. When this Spirit has found you, the individual, and has come upon you, **it is the potential of your eternal inheritance that God thought of you and made for you before the foundation of the world.** That is your potential (*Eph. 1:13-14*).

Like if you ask me for an oak tree, and I gave you an acorn. Now, the life for the oak tree is in the acorn. Now, **but you have to wait till it grows up.**

So do we. **When you receive the Holy Spirit of God, it's God's potential** waiting upon you that's already recognized you, and you're sealed by the Spirit of promise of God into the Body of Christ (*I Cor. 12:13*). When God looked down at Calvary and seen Jesus dying. **He died for His Bride, the Body, which is the Word-Church, the Church that believes the Word of God for the age.** It's Christ was bleeding and dying, and God, looking upon Him, saw His resurrection, and the church raised with Him on Easter (*Eph. 2:4-7*).

Now, notice, **it's the earnest or the potential, the quickening power of your resurrection when you receive the Holy Spirit,** is then dwelling in you, the potential of it (*Rom. 8:22-23*).

Notice, **you are now on your way growing to the full resurrection.** No tree just comes up overnight. It's got to grow. **As we grow in the grace and the knowledge of God...** (*II Peter 3:18*). **You are baptized into the Holy Spirit. It's begin growing.** Limbs that's died, just pruned them off; but the tree's still growing. It's still going on, **because it's got to come to the resurrection.**

They're led by the Spirit to quicken the Word to you who is believers (*Rom. 8:14*). **The Word keeps quickening** as you come to the first limb, second limb, third limb, on up. It just keeps quickening. **The Spirit of God keeps quickening to you.** Notice that Pentecost, their bodies were quickened **by the new life they received.** [5]

Reference:

[1] "Adoption Pt.3" (60-0522M), par. 170-174, 177

[2] "Adoption Pt.4" (60-0522E), par. 72-75, 89, 102

[3] "The Comforter" (61-1001E), par. 52-55, 62-64

[4] "Revelation Chapter 5 Part 2" (61-0618), par. 240-243

[5] "The Easter Seal" (65-0410), par. 92-100

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