

Holiness Unto The Lord

We Are The Sons Of God

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God is a Spirit, and the Bible says that they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth, because He is the Spirit of truth and because He is a Spirit. Paul said, "I would that you were spiritual." You should pray that God would grant unto you the spirit of revelation. That is to say, if God is a Spirit, for you to be eternal, then you have to be a spirit. The Bible says that the first man Adam made a living soul, and of course, since you were born of the first man Adam, you are a living soul. The Bible says that in Adam all die because Adam sinned. The Bible says that Jesus Christ, the second man Adam, was made a quickening Spirit, and He was the beginning of the creation of God, and ye that are born of Spirit are spirit. You must be born of the quickening Spirit, and when you are born of the Spirit, you're no longer a living soul, you are a quickening spirit.

A living soul can die, but a quickening spirit can never die. When you become a quickening spirit, you have passed from the realm of death and moved into the realm of life. You've moved from the status of a living soul to a quickening spirit. The Bible says that God made His angels spirits, and in heaven, where the angels are, all are spirits and like unto the angels. So when we're born again, we move into the Spirit, we move into heaven in our inner man. As Jesus said, right here, you are standing in heaven, you're dwelling in heaven. You are they that dwell in heaven, and you move into heaven and you are no longer a living soul. You are a quickening spirit and you are equal to the angels, as the Bible tells us, and you cannot die. You've passed from death unto life. Dying means that your soul goes into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is called the second death, or it's really the only death in that when the spirit departs from the body, it is only sleep. Death cannot take you.

Death comes after me every once in a while. It came after me the other night. I was standing in a room, and I decided that I would explore this other room. I thought, "Well, it's a little bit eerie in this room," so I thought, "There's another room over here." And something said, "Don't explore that room because you'll be afraid." I thought, "I know there's something eerie about that room," but I grabbed the door handle and I said, "I'm not afraid of that," so I went into that room, and I explored that room. When I got into that room, it was the room of death. I looked all around me, and the whole room was fixed like a coffin, a casket, and the beds were so beautiful over here, silky and satin like, and they were just beautiful, but it was the bed of death. I went over and felt of it and put my hands on it, and I thought, "No, I don't think so." And I turned and went back out.

One time, Betty and I were over in another state, and I had gotten two rooms in a motel there because I was wanting to seek the Lord. I let Betty and the children have the other room, and while I was in this room, Satan attacked me and death came again. I looked, and in a vision I saw someone pushing the coffin in, and they opened up the coffin and told me I was to get in. I got up and walked over to the coffin and put my foot in, and when I got my foot in I thought, "No, I'm not going to do that." And I took my foot back out, and they rolled the coffin out. But death comes after me every once in a while, and he'll come after you, too. But you don't have to go with him.

When the men of old finished their ministry or finished their course in life, they just laid down and yielded up the spirit. They called in the family and the children, blessed them and told them, "I'm getting ready to cross the river," and they yielded up the spirit and went on. Jesus said, "No man taketh My life from Me. I lay My life down. This commandment I have of My Father. I can lay it down and I can take it up." The Bible says that as He is, so are we in Him. No man taketh our life. We lay it down for Him. We become a living sacrifice for Him, and we have the power to lay it down and we have the power to take it up. We will lay it down and we will take it up, just like He laid His down and took it up.

Your inner man, therefore, is the one that's in power. Your inner man is becoming eternal. Your inner man can never die. Your inner man has power over your outer man, your body. Your inner man can do with the body whatever he desires to do with it. All he has to do is believe. Jesus said, "Ask anything in My name and I'll give it to you. I give you power over all the powers of the enemy, for greater is He that is within you," that is, in your spirit, even Christ, "than he that is in the world," which means Satan or Lucifer, the god of this world.

Your inner man is the only source of life. If the inner man leaves your body, the body is then nothing but a shell. It's like taking off a garment that must be processed and put through the cleaners and then you go back and pick it up again after it's gone through the washing of the waters of regeneration. There is nothing to the body. We place all the emphasis on the body, and we place the greater emphasis on the things of less value, because of our ignorance of spiritual things and the lack of our understanding. But the body is really nothing. It will continue to change. From birth, your body is dying.

In Adam, all die, as to the body. When you come into this world, you are born for one thing, and that is to die. And day after day you will change. Everyone will change, from the little girl and the little boy right on, you will continue to change every day in your features, in your composure, and you will die and they will put you in a hole.

And so, your outer man is nothing. He has no power to live or to do anything, and the reason you pamper your face and your body, and you buy clothes, and get money, and buy things and all of these kinds of things is because Lucifer is interwoven with your outer man. Within your flesh, the Bible says, there is no good thing. Paul said, "To will is present, but how to perform that which is good, I find not. I find that when I would do good, evil is present with me. The good that I would I do not, and the evil that I would not, I do." He went on to say that He saw another law in his members, in his outer man, in his body, warring against the law of his mind, which means against the mind of Christ that was on the inside of his inner man. It brought him into captivity to this law which is in his members. He said, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" This body is all my problems. This is what causes my problem. Satan, who savors the things that be of the flesh, who dwells in the body, is always bringing my inner man into captivity, to the extent that my inner man cannot administer the things that God has given to it through the outer man. He said that there's a middle wall of partition. There is a veil that must be rent, and this veil is the body.

So, carnality is death. This worldly mind of lust and love and desire for the things of the world got into the body through the weakness

of Eve, and then on to Adam, and has been handed down to every person. In Adam, all die. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? The Bible says that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, or the flesh being weak to perform it, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh at Calvary and did away with the law. He did away with the flesh. He did away with the world. To those that can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, it was you dying at Calvary, and you that can believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is Christ that is living today and not you. Paul said, "It's not I that liveth but Christ that liveth within me, and the life I now live, I live by the Son of God who gave Himself for me."

That's why the Bible says that great is the mystery of godliness. We mention these things to help you to be able to differentiate between the twins, your inner man and your outer man. One of them is of the devil and the other one is of God. Your inner man cannot die, and your outer man only goes to sleep when the inner man slips the garment off. You have put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul says concerning this, "We desire to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." Not that we desire to be unclothed; that is, that our spirits should lay down our body, but rather clothed upon with our house from heaven. Having born the image of the earthly, as to the first Adam, then he said, "We also shall bear the image of the heavenly," that is to say, the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have another one eternal in the heavens, not made with hands, which of course is the body of the Lord Jesus.

That's why the Bible says to put ye on the body of the Lord Jesus. Make no provisions for the flesh to fulfill the lust thereof; that is to say for your body, your way of life, and abstain from fleshly lust and fleshly desire that warreth against your inner man or the soul. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. So, if you come into the supper, the wedding supper of the Lord, without this wedding garment, you'll be bound hand and foot and you'll be cast into the outer darkness. That's why a lot of people are in this darkness.

Even as I preach here, minds are wandering. Some don't have their mind on what I'm saying, and the reason for that is they are in darkness. Intellectual thinking is darkness. They have not cast down imagination and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Jesus Christ, and their minds wander. Their minds wander to and fro, here and there. As long as you're in that kind of condition, you're abiding in death. You still haven't come into the light, nor have you come into God, nor do you have eternal life in the event that death should come for you. You'll have no power to resist it because the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, and the things that move you and thrill you about the human flesh and the human body and the human things of life have your mind, and you don't have God in you to resist death.

But, you that are born again, you have God. You that really are born of God, as to the inner man, you cannot die. There is no need of worrying about dying. It is utterly impossible for you to die. You'll never die. You've passed from death unto life, and there is no possibility of you dying. Death is when your spirit, your inner man, is put into the lake of fire. It's referred to as the second death. The second death, the lake of fire, means your spirit is separated from God's Spirit. That is death.

You can never die because your spirit is interwoven with the Spirit of Christ. You keep yourself and the evil one, Satan, Lucifer, the fallen angel, toucheth you not, never at any time. You are without spot, without wrinkle, without blemish, and when God comes after the church, that's what you'll be. But if your spirit is not interwoven with Christ's Spirit, as to the new birth, then you don't have the nature of Christ nor do you have the Spirit of Christ, and the Bible says if you have not His Spirit, you're none of His. No matter how much you believe, you're still none of His.

To be born of the Spirit means you will act like Christ because of His nature and His Spirit on the inside. The child is known by his doings. If you do not act like Christ, then that means that you do not have His nature nor His Spirit. You will love the things of the world, and the Bible says if the love of the world is in you, the love of the Father isn't there. If the concern of the world is in you, the concern of the Father isn't there. If the desire of the world and the flesh is in you, then Satan is in you. Satan is the god of this world, and he savors the things that be of the flesh. God's Spirit and life isn't there. You can believe all you want to, but you'll go to hell when you breathe your last breath. The evil angels of Lucifer will come and take your spirit, your angel, your inner man, into the dark, deep abyss.

When Lazarus died and was buried, the good angels of God came and took his spirit into paradise. But when the rich man died, the Bible says he lifted up his eyes in hell, and the he looked across the great gulf, desiring that which was heavenly. Abraham said, "Remember son, in your lifetime you had the good things." He had gone after the world. Lazarus had the bad things in the world, but Abraham said, "Now Lazarus is comforted and thou art tormented. Besides that, they that are here can never go down there." There's no way they that are down there can ever come up here. The loss is eternal.

When you are born again, that's it for you. You are then eternal. No matter how many problems you have, no matter what happens, you are then eternal. You don't have to worry about death ever taking you. Death cannot take you. When death comes, all you'll do is go to sleep. When you've finished your course and you yield up the spirit, then death hurriedly comes over to take that spirit into captivity, but it cannot do it. There is no way. I remember a vision when death came after me. It was standing at the door, and had me hemmed in this little room. I looked at him as he came at me. He was a stranger to me, a very solemn, grave type person, and he blocked me so I couldn't get out. I thought, "What am I going to do? That's a stranger. He means to do me harm," because he looked very, very grave. But, all of a sudden, I took a running start towards him, just as hard as I could go, and in the vision, as I came closer to him, he became the hooded figure of death, and I saw he was death. I ran right into him, and all of a sudden, he went away. Then, I came out of the vision.

On another occasion, hooded men had taken me away from my home and they took me into a huge cave. When I went into this cave, I saw hooded men all around, and then I saw this man that was way up on a ledge, elevated like, on a throne. I realized that it was Lucifer and that they had taken me into captivity. There I stood, helpless. I stood there before Lucifer and before those powers of evil and I thought, "What am I going to do? I'm in the midst of them and I don't have any way of getting out of here. I don't even know the way out of here." Then, God began to speak to me and tell me that I had power over all of them. Instead of shrinking back and drawing back from

Lucifer, as I was about to do, all of a sudden, I rose up in boldness and I started moving toward Lucifer. I was telling him, in the name of the Lord Jesus, what God would do to him and that I had power over him. I was moving towards him like I was going to devour him, and it scared the life out of him. He got scared and nervous and he just blew up like a balloon had burst, and then I came out of the vision.

Resist the devil and he'll flee from you. Draw nigh to God. God said, "Behold, I give unto you power over all the powers of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." One can put a thousand to flight, two can put ten thousand to flight. I said that to get back to our main theme of thought here: you cannot die. The body is gone. It's buried. It's no more. You're free from the body of that death. When you get ready to sleep, should you not tarry until Jesus comes, when you finish your course, and you lay down to sleep, Satan will come, the death angel will come to claim you, but he won't be able to do that. He can claim neither your body nor your spirit, because your body is now bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. Your spirit is now the nature and Spirit of Almighty God, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and he cannot get anything.

The Bible teaches that when Satan came for the body of Moses, the angel of the Lord said, "The Lord rebuke thee." That's why Jude speaks of the dispute over the body. The body of Moses had been in the presence of God so long that it had bypassed death, even sleep, to the extent that it was as with Elijah bypassing it and Enoch bypassing it. God took them into heaven.

Even Paul went up into the third heaven, saying, "Whether in my body or out of my body I cannot tell." It could have been when Paul was stoned and left for dead that his spirit left his body. Brother Branham was lying on the bed and said, "My spirit left my body and I looked back and I saw my body laying there, but my spirit was in heaven." People who fast, pray, keep the body pulled down to where it's not so eager to have passions, lust, human relations, eating, drinking, buying, selling, joking, laughing and these things; they that keep their bodies under subjection, as Paul said, "I keep under my body and I bring it under subjection," they that do this can see visions and the gifts will work in their life and the virtues of Christ will flow through that rent veil.

That veil is there, that intellectual veil, and Jesus has rent that veil. The Bible says that He made a way for you, through His own body, when He rent the veil. He made in Himself twain, the separation of the Spirit and the body, rending it in two, so that your body might be dead, as to the burial in the name of the Lord Jesus, and that your spirit might be in heaven, as Jesus said, "The Son of Man, who was in heaven and who is in heaven."

So you don't have to worry anymore, because God has delivered you from death. The Bible says that He did it at Calvary. He destroyed him, even Satan, that hath power over death. So to you, there is no devil. To you, there is no Satan. To you, there is no Lucifer. Someone would say, "Well, Brother Pike, who is this that's giving me all this trouble?" You are causing yourself all of your trouble. He tells you not to touch those things, to come out from among the world. He tells you to walk upright before God, and even if there was a devil, the Bible says that he toucheth you not. So it's not him touching you, it's you that's giving yourself all the problems.

If a place is off limits, a place of terror and problems, then you need to stay away from that place. So, the mind of Lucifer and carnality and the world is off limits to you and I. Someone would say, "Why did you say that there's no devil to me, Brother Pike?" I'm speaking to the believer. Jesus said, "I've destroyed him that hath power over death." Who is he that had power over death? Jesus destroyed him. So if the Lord has destroyed him, how can he still be around? Somebody would ask, "What is this I'm going through?" You're going through hallucinations, wild hysteria, fear, frustration and anxiety. He told you not to let your heart be troubled. You are like a doper. You keep going out getting the dope and you're having your flashbacks. Some of you that have come off of it, you still have your flashbacks.

So then, you need to believe in God. You need to love the Lord. If the devil still gives you trouble, then you need to be born again. How many of you know that the devil is in the earth? When Jesus came into your heart, He cast the devil out of you. He cast seven devils out of a woman. When the man child was born, as to the inner you, it was caught up to the kingdom of God within you (for the kingdom of God is within you, in that it is Christ within you the hope of glory), and the devil went out of you.

The only power he has is to aggravate you, as the one that lives in the earth, Lucifer, the god of this world, and that as long as your body is dead, he isn't going to bother your inner man. As long as you abstain from worldly lust, he can't war against your soul, which is sealed with the Spirit of God. Did you know that even the Holy Spirit can be grieved dwelling on the inside of you? He can be grieved by your misdemeanors of life and the things that you do. The Bible says to grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby thou art sealed, as to the inner man, until the day of redemption. You're not to grieve Him, therefore your spirit can be grieved because you allow the devil to do those things.

Jesus said, "Fear not." Don't let your heart be troubled. You have the power to keep it from being troubled. He said, "Fear not, only believe." You cannot die. The body without the spirit, the Bible says, is dead, as to your definition of death. Jesus said, "Lazarus sleepeth." They said, "He's dead." Then Jesus said, "He's dead." That's your terminology for it. When the spirit leaves the body, it's only going to God, and it's not dead. It's like Lazarus and Abraham were. It's in paradise. It can see. It can think. It can talk. It's much alive. If your spirit goes into hell, it is in the lake of fire.

So, the body of this death is gone. Satan is thus gone for a Christian. You've passed from death unto life and you dwell in heaven, and in that you're dwelling in heaven, Satan can't get near you. The Bible says that these things will fall around you and not come nigh your dwelling. How can it come nigh your dwelling when you're dwelling is in heaven? Satan has been cast out, and Satan, for your sake, has been destroyed. He has been destroyed, and he only exists in the minds or in the lives of those that are in perversion, that are having hallucinations, and those that are looking at lying vanities. To observe lying vanities is to forsake your own mercy.

So then, God is our mercy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and if you observe the world, observe the lying vanities, and observe these things of the world, then you're not going to believe in the atonement of Jesus Christ or those wonderful things of God because your mind is observing that which are lying vanities, which have been taken away. He has destroyed him that hath power over death and you're not to observe Satan. You're not to magnify Satan. You're not to think him into existence in your world. You're not to be afraid. You're not

to let your heart be troubled. You're to confess the Word of God and believe the Word of God. The Bible says to always keep this Word of God before your eyes, always confessing Him, believing in Him, praising Him and loving Him because He is your life.

I'm going to read a few verses here in First John, chapter three.

I John 3:1-10: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

We see that he makes it real clear. He says that if you transgress the law, then ye are a sinner, because transgression of the law is sin, and whosoever transgresses the law sins. But he also said that you and I cannot transgress the law. We cannot sin. There is no way that we can sin. This is why I boldly preach that we cannot die. I say again, if I cannot sin, I cannot die, for to die you must sin, because the sting of death is sin. The Bible says that you are born of God and you cannot sin because Christ, your hope of glory, remaineth in you as the seed of faith, and you're justified by faith and God purifies your heart by faith. Because you are born of God, you cannot sin.

That's why he said, "Now beloved are ye the sons of God." You are already the sons of God. I am not trying to live good so I can get to be a son of God down at the end of the way. I'm not trying to be a good person so that I can be saved. I'm not trying to do that. I'm already a son of God. I've already passed from death unto life. I already have eternal life. I can never come into condemnation, because the Bible says that there is now therefore no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Someone would ask, "But Brother Pike, what if you walk after the flesh?" There is no possible way you can walk after the flesh when you are born of God, for the Bible says you are not in the flesh. He said, "I have chosen you out of the flesh and I have hid you with Christ in God whom the heavens have received until the time of the change or the restoring of all things." How did He choose me out of the flesh? By the rending of the veil. When the veil was rent in two, the body was separated from the spirit. The body of Jesus Christ was smitten of God and killed for your sake, and in the killing of that body, and the Bible says, "He that knew no sin was made your sin that you might be made the righteousness of God in Christ." It was at Calvary that the body was separated. Your body was smitten. When God smote the body, that was Brother Pike He was smiting. That was you that He was smiting. He that knew no sin became your sin, and God smote your sins and put away the body of your flesh. Thus at death, the spirit went back to God who gave it, and that body was buried in His name in baptism in Jesus' name for the remission of sin.

That body is now dead. It is now buried just as much as anybody that you bury in the cemetery. When you say 'cemetery' you're talking about the 'cement-ery'; that is, they cement them in. But if you have been born again, your body is dead by the body of Jesus and it's been cemented in, it's been put in the cemetery, and there it stays because it is dead, it is gone, and now, having been buried with Him, Paul said, "We have put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Our inner man has put it on, and we have the wedding garment, which is the body of the Lord Jesus, that when we appear at the supper everything will be all right.

Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Make no provisions to fulfill the lust of the flesh, as to turn and be a grave robber. Let your body be dead, for the body is dead because of sin. Paul said, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Within my body there dwelleth no good thing." So the body is dead and buried. I'm delivered from the body of that death that Satan had infiltrated. The veil is rent in twain. The veil between God and me, this body of infiltration, is no more between us, and I now see God face to face because my inner man was caught up into heaven. It's not in the flesh anymore. We are they that dwell in heaven and we are not in the earth.

Our inner man is caught up into God, and that is why we talk godly and that's why we think godly and that's why we act godly. Somebody that does not act godly nor think godly, then they're not godly. If they do not that which is righteousness, then they are not righteous. They may be a believer, go to church, be religious, and all these kind of things, but I tell you again, if you believe there's one God, you do well. The devil also believes there is one God, and he trembles when he thinks about it.

In the New Testament, the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast the demons out of a man, but the demons said, "Paul I know and Jesus I know, but who are you?" That is, "We know that there is a God. We know His name is Jesus. We know that He has men workers, sons of God. We know Jesus and Paul, but we don't know anything about you. Who are you?" The Bible says that the man that the devils were in overcame them and tore them until they fled naked and bruised.

Demons are powerful. They're so powerful they can break chains. Legion was there among the tombs, and he was bound him with chains, but the demons popped the chains. It's the same way with the Spirit of God. When the Spirit of God came upon Samson, the Spirit was so powerful that Samson just reached and caught a lion and rend him as though he had been a little goat, or as the Bible calls it, a kid.

We realize that we have passed from death unto life. We have the Holy Ghost on the inside, and the Bible says that when you receive the Holy Ghost, you shall receive power and ye shall be witnesses for Christ, first in Jerusalem and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. We realize that we have the Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of Christ, on the inside, and we're born again and that is power. Christ is the power over all the powers of the enemy. According to the measure of Christ that you'd like to have, you can have it. You can go on to the full measure of the full stature of Christ, on to the full reward. You can come freely and partake of the waters of life. You don't have

to have any money. You can go on to the full measure. Let whosoever will come. What Christ said to one He said to all. Many are called, but it depends on whether or not you are the chosen of God. You must believe and receive His Spirit, because if you have not His Spirit, then you're not His.

So then, we're born again. We are already the sons of God. I want you to let this really get into your heart. We are already the sons of God. Don't let the thought orbit around your thinking and your mind, that if you live good, someday you'll overcome and then you'll be a son of God and then you'll have eternal life. I overcame because of what Jesus did, not because of what I'm going to do. I overcame because of what He did for me. When did He do it for me? Before the world ever was. The Bible says that this was given to me in Christ before the world ever was, and my name was written down in the Lamb's book of life. The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world in the mind of God, the Bible says, and before the world ever was, God secured His people. The only thing is, I did not learn about this until Calvary. The Bible says that it was given to us before the world ever was in Christ, and then brought to light, or revealed, or made revelation, at Calvary.

John writes about the revelation around 96 AD, when he was exiled to the little Isle of Patmos. It was just shortly after Calvary that he wrote about the revealed Christ, the inner Christ. He wrote about the revealed thing, the rending of the veil, which is Calvary, to let us know that we are now in the realms of the perfect world. After Calvary, that which is perfect has come. The Bible says that when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away with. Here we are on this side of Calvary, and Jesus was the perfect one. So now, that which is perfect is come.

What is that which is perfect? Jesus, even the head of the church. Therefore, if the head be perfect, then is the body perfect, for the Bible says that He hath perfected forever, or made perfect, those that are sanctified, and He has sanctified them once and for all by the offering up of the body of Jesus Christ at Calvary. What can we then say? Can anybody be against us? Can anything be against us? Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect, in that God is the one that elected us unto grace? The Bible says that we're God's elect by foreknowledge. Who can lay anything to our charge? It is God that has justified us by His own righteousness, by His own works, and we are His works in Christ Jesus. What He wrought in Christ Jesus before the world ever was, that's what I am. As Christ is, so I am, and I am an heir and joint-heir with Jesus Christ. Whatever He has, it is mine. The Bible says that God has given us all things that pertain unto life.

So, we see that if God be for us, no one can be against us. Shall tribulation separate us from the love of God? No. I've been through many tribulations. Shall heartaches and sorrows and miseries and all of the things of the world separate me from the love of God? No. Can lust separate me from the love of God? No. Can the desire of this world separate me from the love of God? No. I am sealed on the inside and Satan cannot touch me. The perfection I preach has to do with the development of your body, to the full measure of the full stature, to whatever measure you will allow to be in you, so that you can utilize this strength and ability for God, to let God live in your temple and reach out through you to the world, to evangelize the world, and make you great in the sight of the people. God took David from the sheepcote, raised him up, made him great. He took Samuel, David, Elijah, Abraham, Isaac, Paul, and many others, and He raised them up to make them great in the sight of God. It was said of John the Baptist that he shall be great in the sight of God.

We are already the sons of God. This is exciting to me. If I said to you that the son of the president was coming tonight, you would want to show him a little extra respect. He is royal. If that be true, I'd go out of my way ten times ten above that because you are the son of the Almighty God. You're the sons of God. Now beloved are you the sons of God. If the people of the world knew that this was a gathering of sons and daughters of God, wouldn't they be here tonight? Wouldn't the dignitaries be here? Wouldn't the President of the United States be here? If they knew that these are sons of Almighty God that had come down from heaven and were gathering here, wouldn't they do that? You know they would. Anybody with any sense would fly from overseas and from the far corners of the earth. The Bible says that the queen of Sheba heard of the wisdom of Solomon, came from the ends of the earth to hear his wisdom, and she said, "I've heard all about your wisdom, but the half of it hasn't been told. Your people are contented just to stand and listen at the things that you have to say."

Do I want to trade sonship, being a son of God, to become some celebrity or something out here in the world? Do I want to go out there and dabble around in the mire, like the swine? The sow, after that she's been washed, will go back to the wallowing in the mire, and after the dog has been cleaned up, he'll go back to his lapping of the vomit. Do I want to go to that? No, because I'm not a dog, neither am I a pig. I am a son of God. So then, where can I be found? I am found in heaven. I'm here with sons of God. I am in heaven. Somebody would say, "You're crazy, Brother Pike." Well, if I'm crazy, leave me alone. I'm happy, and that's what the world is looking for. It's for sure that you're not happy being what you are. If I'm happy being what I am, then you need to leave me alone, because that's what we need. We're already in heaven. It's time to rejoice forevermore.

Now beloved, we are the sons of God. Would I trade my sonship for anything? There's not anything I would trade it for. Why would I? I own all the gold mines. I own all the silver mines. I own all the diamond mines. I own all the ruby mines. The Bible says that God has given me all things that pertain unto life. He said, "All things are yours, and you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God." So I have everything. Why is it that I should worry about anything? Paul said, "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats, but I will not be brought under the power of any." So I keep under my body. I bring it into subjection lest, after I preach to others, I myself become a castaway. The old serpent is on his belly. The Bible says all of his labor is for his belly because his belly craves it of him. All of his labor is for his mouth and for his belly. His thoughts are always on eating and drinking or buying or selling or doing something for the old serpent, which is the outer being. But the Bible says, "Though the outer man perish, yet the inner man is renewed day by day." The outer man should perish. You should get away from him. Don't do anything for him. All you need to do is just keep him alive. Keep him in moderation and don't give him a chance to do anything. Just keep him under subjection and go on your way rejoicing in the Lord and serving the Lord, because you are a son of God.

I want to leave this with you now. You are a son of God. You're not trying to get to be a son of God. If you are trying to become a son of God, then you are not born again. But if you are born again, then you were born a son of God. Now, I can die out of this life, as to what is called death; that is, the body can go to sleep, but I cannot die out of the second birth. There is no death in the second birth. There is no death within the inner man. In the second birth, you cannot die out of heaven. You cannot die out of the Spirit. You can never die. When you are born into that light, then you are a son of God because you are born again. You are born a son of God in the God family, having been baptized into one body, as a membership, by one Spirit of life that has made you a member of that body.

We are sons of God. We cannot die. We are born into sonship. The Bible speaks of the daughters of the Lord. You are born into this as a daughter of the Lord. You are sons and daughters of God. You cannot die. John makes it clear: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." He tells you that you are sons of God because you have passed from death unto life. He said, "Because you cannot sin." A son of God cannot sin.

What is a son of God? He is a god. What is a god? A god is something that cannot die. Jesus said, "I called ye gods." You cannot die. Someone that cannot die is a god. People die. Animals die. Plants die. But a god never dies. He's to every generation. You are eternal gods. Your inner man is an eternal god. It can never die. Someone may ask, "What about this outer life?" There is no outer life. Someone might say, "I'd like to get these things in harmony. I'd like to get this outer life in harmony with this inner life." You'll never do that because there is no such thing as an outer life. Someone may ask, "Well, what about this life within my body?" That is the inner life. That is the spirit. The body will go to sleep when that spirit leaves. There is no such thing as life in the body. It will get cold and still when the spirit, or the inner man, leaves, and when it does, rigor mortis will set in. I know that. I use to work at a funeral home. In a little while, you'll be stiff as a board. They can pick you up under the heel and the head and you'll never bend. When they lay you in the casket, sometimes they have to break the neck if they don't get there before rigor mortis sets in. That's why the undertaker tries to hurry over to get you so he can set your neck to the pillow or he'll have to break your neck to set it to the pillow. So then, there's nothing to the outer man. It's just dust. It's made out of particles.

There is a life within your body, but it is a perverted life of the devil and it's no good. It's there to lust, cheat, swindle, kill, and murder by taking your inner life into bondage by this outer strength, because in your original creation, there is no life in your body except from your inner man. Satan works through the human senses: taste, smell, feel, sight, and hearing. He has come in through these human senses. He has taken control of your body, and he works in your flesh to get control of your life on the inside. It's like a rat with a perverted mind that has control over the life on the inside and uses that body in a perverted manner.

Life comes from God, but sometimes it's harnessed in the wrong way. It's like a person that has a gift and they can see visions. They can tell you things because they're gifted of God. But take another person that has a gift. They can tell you things like Balaam did, but the Bible says that they love the wages of unrighteousness and they've given their gifts into the hands of Satan, and there a fortune teller that are collecting dollars. People who are void of understanding go to those witches. That's a witch that does those things. In the Old Testament, God had them killed. They have a gift, born with a gift, but like Balaam, though he had a gift and could fall into a trance and see the Lord with his eyes open, but the Bible says that he loved the wages of unrighteousness, and God had him killed because of his iniquity, because he loved the wages of unrighteousness.

There was an instance when Brother Branham was standing in a store. He had a gift of God and a great supernatural ability in God. A woman walked in and said to him, "I recognize you. You're one of us." He said, "No, I'm not one of you. I work with the power of God and you work with the power of the devil." She turned to walk out and dropped dead.

So, we have power over the powers of the enemy. But you can pervert things in your life. You can prophesy. I know of a great woman of renown, and she says, "I'm going to prophesy. You can have a ten dollar prophecy, a twenty-five dollar prophecy, or a hundred dollar prophecy, whatever you would like to have." This is the way they do. Preachers sell their ministry, their gifts, their abilities by taking up offerings and drawing great multitudes and becoming outstanding figures on TV and radio. But we're not of those that corrupt the Word of God. We believe in the ways of the Lord and we do the things of God, and we want to be clean and holy and godly because we're of God.

The Bible says that he that God sendeth will speak God's Word. I speak to you God's Word. Now beloved are ye the sons of God. God's Word is what made you a son of God. You're born of His nature. You cannot die. You've passed from death unto life and you have the ability to translate your body, even as Enoch translated his body. When I say translate the body, I'm really saying transfigure the body, because you're translated into the spirit, you're transformed in the mind, and you're transfigured in the body. It's a three dimensional thing with God. You have the power to do that. Now, whether you do or not, there is going to be a collective change, the Thessalonians change, and this change is going to transfigure your body. The church in general is going to be transfigured when the Lord Jesus appears in the heavens. So there's going to be a transfiguration. Whether you can do that now, as Enoch did, or not, it's going to come. You just hold on. It's coming.

So then, death is conquered. Death, where is thy sting? If there is no sting of death, then there's no death. Grave, where is thy victory? What victory do you hold over the saints of God? We may go to sleep. In a vision I saw where there was a bed, and you could lay down on it and go to sleep. A beautiful bed. There's nothing more beautiful than a casket. Have you ever noticed that? Just open that casket up and look at it, and it's just beautiful. If you're tired, you just lay down in there. People who die don't have any problem getting adjusted to that nice bed. I have been delivered from death. You've been delivered from death, and now are we gods, and now, you cannot sin. You cannot die.

Let this go deep down into your heart now. The Bible says to give the more earnest heed to the things that you have heard, lest at any time you let them slip. Take heed how that you hear, so that you don't misconstrue them to something else. Remember, we've had people that have just passed away, and remember, you're going to pass away. Everyone of you, from the child over to the grand parent, is going to die. You're going to pass away. They're going to put you in a hole. I don't care how brilliant you are, or how much education you have, or where you dwell in the world, or what ability or strength you have, you're going to die. Unless the change comes, as to the Thessalonians

change, you're going to die and they're going to put you in a hole.

When you see the graveyard, you are seeing the end of all flesh. When you pass by, you may say, "Grandmother is there, and Father's there, and brother's there, and sister's there, and friends are there," but one day, somebody's going to drive by and they're going to say, "You are there," because it's coming your time. You need to give heed to these things, because when the death angel comes, it's going to be altogether different. As long as you can eat and drink and everything is all right and you're young and strong and flighty, then you're fine. You don't have to grow old to die. Statistics have shown that more young people are dying. Whether young or whether old, you're going to die.

Remember, transgression of the law is sin. Where there is no law, there is no transgression. The sting of death is sin, and where there is no sin, there is no sting of death. That is to say, if there's no sin, there is no death. Jesus folded up the law, laid it away by smiting your body, killing your body and taking your body out of this world. You're now dead to the law by the body of the Lord Jesus. The law hath no power over those people that are dead and laying in the cemetery. So then, your body is dead. Consider it to be dead indeed unto sin, and your inner man is alive unto God. He was delivered for your offenses and raised again for your justification, which is by faith. God hath perfected you forever by His works. He has justified you by the faith of Jesus. The Bible says the faith by which you are sanctified. He sanctified you once and for all by the offering up of the body of His own righteousness, the works of Jesus Christ. He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified, and He hath glorified them, as to the inner man, and sealed them that the evil spirit of Lucifer or of death can never touch them.

You need to consider Christ. Whatever your plans are in life, take Christ into the arrangements. Whatever they might be, always take Christ into the arrangements and acknowledge the Lord in all of your ways, that He might direct your path, and be children of peace to make peace, for all the paths of God are peace. Take God with you in anything that you do and you'll be successful, for the Bible says whatsoever that man shall do will prosper. Confess your sins, forsake your sins, and whatever you do will prosper. If you cover your sins, the Bible teaches that not anything you do will prosper. Take the Lord with you in all of your plans. Whatever plans you're making, take the Lord with you, and then God will make your way prosperous and He will bless you. If you want it to be well with you and your children all the days of your life, then acknowledge the Lord and forsake iniquity. Cleanse your mouth from iniquity. Don't speak iniquity and it will be well with you and your children all the days of your life, but the soul that sinneth shall surely die. You're going to die if you're not born again. If you don't have His Spirit, you're going to go into the lake of fire. So I'm telling you, as one that loves you, as a pastor that's always pleading and talking with you, always indoctrinating you and programming your minds so you'll know how to meet the days and the oppositions that are coming and to give an answer to everyone that asks of this hope that lieth within you, because they're going to ask.

I don't frustrate the grace of God. I tell you exactly the way that it is. You're going to die. They're going to put you in a hole. If you go to sleep before Jesus comes and you're not born again in your spirit, as to the inner man, then you'll go into the lake of fire. If you've got your mind on yourself, on the world, on worldly things, on eating, drinking, brother, sister, mother, father, daughter, son, or whatever it is, then you're carnal minded and the Bible says you'll die. You must have your mind on Christ day and night. You must meditate in His laws day and night. The Bible says to cast down every thought until there's not one left, that every thought is brought into subjection to the obedience of Jesus Christ, to meditate in His laws day and night.

What is a real preacher doing? He's giving away eternal life. Some people are not interested. The reason is because they would rather play ball or go to the ball game and watch them take the pigskin, as it has been said, and wallow in the mud. Some had rather go to the ball game, where the strategy is to break the other guy's neck, break his leg, do anything to get him out of the game, because lots of money is bet on those games. It's big time gambling.

So, we're giving away eternal life. But someone says, "I'd rather have the world and have the things of the world and go the way of the world and have those feelings of passion and give myself to the lust of the flesh. I'd rather have a little money, a bank account, prestige. I'd rather do my thing. I enjoy buying and selling and getting gain and going and traveling and laughing and talking and joking and gossiping and backbiting." But, there are some who are wise men, and they followed the star to find where the babe laid, and they worshipped the babe, and they brought gifts to the babe.

The Bible says that Moses, rather than enjoy sin for a season, chose to suffer afflictions with the righteous, esteeming the reproaches of Christ greater treasures than the riches of Egypt. The Bible says that Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame thereof. He endured it for the joys He saw set before Him. So let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Let's do something for God, because you're dying. Every day, you are one day nearer the grave. When you're born, every day takes you one day older, one day nearer the grave. So then let's consider the Lord.

Do you believe that you are one of those that dwell in heaven? The old stony heart's gone. God said, "I'll take out the heart of stone." Christ, who was entombed on the inside, has gone back to God. The life that came from God has gone back to God who gave it, because the heart of stone has been rolled away. Do you feel that you're sitting yonder in glory with Christ? The Bible says, "He that overcometh shall sit down in the throne with My Father, even as I've overcome." Do you feel that you're no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit, and it's not you living now but Christ, He that dwelleth in heaven?

If sin is defeated (and we know that sin is defeated), then why do we confess sin in our lives? Do you really believe that he that is born of God cannot sin? Sin is defeated because you're born of God. Do you believe you're born of God? Why is it then that we are afraid of death? Isn't it true that he that is born of God cannot die? Isn't it true that already you are the sons of God? It hasn't been manifested in your outer being so people can see what you are as a son of God, because one of God unveiled would outshine the brightness of the noon day. The sun would never be able to shine again.

Are you the sons of God? Are you gods that live eternally? Are you then alive forevermore? Do you believe that? If you don't believe

that, then you don't have that. But down deep in your heart, do you believe that? Have you cast yourself on the Lord to say, "God, here am I. I believe that with all of my soul, all of my mind, all of my strength, all of my body. I refuse to have any reasoning. I refuse to have any contrary thinking. I refuse to have any kind of negative thoughts in my mind. I'm not going to do it. I'm here. I'm Yours eternally and forever. God, they can call me an ignoramus or whatever they want to, but I'm falling prostrate at Your feet. I'm leaning on You. God, I love You. That's what I am, I am eternal."

We're talking about the rapture, about being free from sin, about the change. What is the rapture? It is when you're changed into His body. I'm preaching to you about another body. I am preaching to you that the body of this death is gone, and now we're no more who we were, but we now are the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is this indoctrination that brings the faith for the change. What is the change? The rapture. Somebody might say, "When He comes, we will be caught up." No. You have it all wrong. You have misinterpreted the Scriptures. The Bible says that you'll be changed. Somebody says, "I'll be caught up." No, it says you'll be changed. It said the dead in Christ shall rise first, and ye which are alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. You'll be changed right here in this present world. Don't look for something that's coming outside of this world, some great thing that's coming that you can get out of here. It's right here in this present world that you have to make your change.

If I program your mind to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ when you are a sinner, and then you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, what happens? You are born again, because I first preached it to you. If you're sick, and I preach to you that by His stripes you're healed and you believe that, what happens? You become healed, because I programmed your mind to believe that. If I preach to you the change, what the change is, what He has done concerning the change, and who you already now are, and you believe that, what's going to happen to you?

So then, it's over. Calvary was the fullness of time. Am I eternal? Sure I'm eternal. Am I going to die? Of course not. Are you going to die? Of course not. You're eternal. Are you going to age? Of course not. The Spirit, the inner man, the life, never ages.

What have you done with your life? Have you wasted your life for the things of the world and the lust of the flesh, or have you given your life to God, even from your youth on up? Have you lived for the Lord? Have you done things for the Lord? Have you laid up treasures in heaven? Many people spend all of their lives gaining prestige, getting education and laying up treasures in the world because they want to be at ease in Zion. They want to be a celebrity in the world. Some people spend all of their life with God, laying up treasures in heaven, where thieves don't break through and steal, where moth doesn't corrupt, knowing that wherever their treasures are, their heart will be there. They spend all of their life laying those treasures in heaven because they know that this life is just a passing transition and they're going over there to spend eternity. If I was going to live in California for the rest of my life, I wouldn't lay up all of my treasures in Georgia, would I? I'd be shipping them on ahead.

Remember, the fullness of time came at Calvary, and now time is over and gone. We've come to that which is perfect, and when you come to that which is perfect, then the shadows of death are no more. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, as the Word and the Spirit, they comfort me. We've escaped death. We've come to that which is perfect now.

Someone would say, "That which is perfect came in at Calvary, Brother Pike." I know, but you weren't there at Calvary. Now, your generation is here. There is a Calvary for you, and now you've come to Calvary, to look upon the big brazen altar, upon the brazen serpent, to do away with the evils of this world. Now you have come to the age of perfection. Though it was given to us in Christ, it has to be comprehended in the end time, as to the height, the depth, the width, the length of this great thing. As you comprehend, according to your measure, that's what you are throughout eternity. The more you can comprehend, the greater you are. The more that you can comprehend and the more that you apply yourself, the more you change dimension to dimension, and you transformate into the greater heights of God.

There are some that know the greater depths of Satan. Some have never known the depths of Satan. Some have never known this great height as Paul, who was caught up into the third heaven, who counted everything as lost. So, the more you give of your inner man, the more you deny your outer man, the greater and more mightier you are, as you put on the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, to live eternally in that glorified body that glistened on the mountain of God when it stood between Moses and Elijah.

So, you come to believe. We've come to the perfect age, when the spirit of just men are made perfect. Your spirit has been justified by faith, and now it is made perfect. This is the mount of God, not the one that trembled with fire, as in the days of Moses, but this is the day of grace and this is the great house of God and we become pillars in the temple of the living God. Solomon's temple had many pillars. Here we are in the fullness of time. We've passed from death unto life. Time ended at Calvary. It's over, gone. When you put a man in the grave, for him, time is no more. You're dead through the body of the Lord Jesus. You're buried, as to your outer man. That ended time for you. The spirit went back to God who gave it. You dwell in heaven. You are they that dwell in heaven. For you, time is no more. We've come to that which is perfect. No more parts, no more shadows, no more time, no more death.

You're dead to time now. Time is gone. You're not creatures of time anymore. You don't have the time to be born anymore. You don't have a time to die anymore. You've escaped all of that. You are they that dwell in heaven. What are we waiting for? The change of the body, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the course of God is being finished. It's being finished. You have listened. You've given the more earnest heed to it. You that have put away the things of the flesh proved that you have His Spirit.

You that have been religious and are still doing the things of the world, it's a positive proof that you don't have His nature. So then, you didn't make it. You missed it. With all of your religious activities, you still have your carnal mind of gossiping and backbiting and lust and fault finding.

But you that received His Spirit, as to whatever measure you've given yourself to it, so are ye and thus ye shall be, as a babe, or as one that is greater, or one that is far greater, as even kings that shall rule over people as they sit upon the throne. When the mysteries of God

are finished, and great is the mystery of godliness, the days of the Gentiles will be over, because the church has finished its course, then comes the Jew. We're living in the fullness of time now.

Examine yourselves and see if you be in the faith. See if you belong to God. See if you've lived right. See if you thought right. See if it's been the lust of the eyes or the pride of life, rebellion and stubbornness, having your way no matter how much you're reprov'd. See if it's been the love of God unto submission, submitting unto those that watch for your soul, pleading and begging so that you don't think wrong, say wrong, or do wrong, but that you are in complete surrender to the voice that speaks to you from heaven. If, when the voice came from Moses, it was such a terrible calamity upon the people, think what will happen to him that resisteth Him that speaks from heaven, whereas it's not the minister speaking but God Himself speaking and they all shall be taught of God. Think what it's going to be like.

Do you feel that you have escaped death? Do you feel that you already are a god, already are a son of God? Have you passed from death unto life? This is joy unspeakable and full of glory. When you believe what I'm telling you, you can't help but feel good. Serving God is joy, peace, and righteousness in the Holy Ghost. We've passed from death unto life. We'll never come into condemnation. No one can lay anything to the charge of God's elect. We're free from sin. We're free from condemnation. We're free from death. We're free from the horrible nightmare of this life as to the death of this body. We're sealed with His wonderful presence, full of the Spirit. Satan has been destroyed and we made it. I'm indoctrinating those of you who do feel like that, to where, all of a sudden, something is going to happen and there's going to be a change. I'm indoctrinating you with that mind of Christ. Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who could lay His life down and take it up, who knew that He and His father was one by the righteousness of God. You're one with our Father. You're made to live eternally.

The Jews are coming in. The change of your body will have to do with that. When the days of the Gentiles are finished, the indoctrination will be finished. The mysteries have been revealed and the saints now know that they're heavenly. They're eternal. They've passed from death unto life, can never come into condemnation, and it will cause them to have the staunch confidence that there's no way that they can be lost. With that kind of positive faith (as a man thinketh in his heart, so he is), that makes him eternal. And about that time, the Jews will come on the scene. When they come in, that means the redemption of the body is here. It will mean then that the change of the body is here. As they come to the forefront, Paul said, "If the casting away of the Jews be the reconciling of the world," as to letting the Gentiles come to their course, "then what will the receiving of the Jews be but life from the dead?" The dead shall rise first, and ye that are alive and remain at His coming shall be changed, in a moment in the twinkling of an eye. I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep. That mystery must be finished.

We are right down at the end time. The Jews are about to come on the scene now. The world is about ready to boycott against the Jews. The Jews are about ready to come into the forefront. That means that it's time for the Gentiles to get out of here. It's time for the church to get out of here. That's the transfiguration, which is the change. You've already went through the translation, for the Bible says that God hath, that is, right now, already translated us into the marvelous kingdom of our God. Just like Enoch, who was translated by faith that he should not see death. So we don't see death. We are swiftly coming to the end of the transformation of the mind. The Bible says to be ye therefore transformed by the renewing of your mind. That which was translated into the kingdom, the inner man, as to the spirit, is now, from measure to measure, glory to glory, from revelation to revelation, working its way from the inner kingdom into the outer man. It is now just about complete, as to that course, as to that secret work. And with that, the last indoctrination is to the change, which will be the transfiguration of the body, the change in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Everything is working right on time and right on schedule.

So, here we are down at the end of the trail, as to the Gentile church. The two prophets are just about ready to come on the scene now. The Jews are just about ready to come in. In the vision I had, I held on to that hideous thing and I wouldn't turn it loose until the fire came, and everything was burned up and the millennium came in. We've been holding on, not letting our faith waver. The Bible says to ask in faith, nothing wavering. He that wavereth is like a ship that tossed in the sea, double-minded, and the Bible says to let not that man think that he shall receive anything of God. We must ask in faith, nothing wavering. Judgment beginning at the house of God. Are you ready for that great day to come?

Now, if things are not right in your heart, then get those things right. Start searching your heart now. Examine yourself and see if you be in the faith. Examine your heart. See if you really, truly believe deep down in your heart that you've got eternal life. Not going to get it, but you already got it. See if you believe deep down in your heart that you are a son or a daughter of God. See if you really believe that. Search your heart. Examine yourselves. See if you be in the faith. Don't stop until you surrender your heart to God. Be sure that you have surrendered your heart. Man looketh on the outward appearance. God looketh on the heart.

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