

Free will and our choice to get saved

ROMANS 7:14 KJV For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

The Starlight Era: The Terror of the Schoolmaster

MATTHEW 16:24 "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it".

50-0711 MINISTRY.EXPLAINED, MINNEAPOLIS.MN, TUESDAY

E-48 What is sin? What is sin? Not drinking, not smoking, not gambling, not rejecting church.

Sin is unbelief. Is that right? He that believeth not is condemned already.

See? You're not... You do not...

You're not destroyed or separated from God because you're a sinner.

You're separated from God because you refuse to walk with Him, to walk in His provided way.

You've got death and life before you. Just like Adam and Eve, every man's a free moral agent. And the Tree of Life and tree of death is before us all.

You can take either one you wish to.

It depends on what tree you eat off of is what you are. That's right. And God is...

God created you a free moral agent to do whatever you want to do about it. He can't make you love Him, and He don't force you to love Him.

For generations, the Church walked in a "Starlight" phase, where the mysteries of redemption were contained within a closed book, making things dim and only visible in outline. During this time, the gospel was often preached with a heavy, intense emphasis on keeping the law, human free moral agency, and strict conduct. Ministers preached the law "like a house on fire on a windy day" to scare a spiritually lethargic generation into salvation.

This heavy burden was designed to be a schoolmaster, meant to exhaust our fleshly efforts, strip away our pride, and drive us to the foot of the Cross once we realized our human willpower was powerless to save us.

GALATIANS 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Under this closed book, the Prophet sometimes spoke without absolute clarity, teaching that we were on the same basis as Adam and Eve hanging by a thread over hell and relying on our conditional free moral agency to make a choice.

63-0717 A.PRISONER, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN, V-2, N-8, WEDNESDAY

47 ..ed.. Now, we're all born, a free moral agent, to make any decision that we wish to. God justly does that.

Because, He must put every man on the same basis, or He put the wrong man on... He put the first man on the wrong basis, that He put on free moral agency.

See? We're just exactly, tonight, like Adam and Eve. There's no different. Right and wrong sets before either one of us. Life and death, we can make our choice; up to you, to make it. See?

48 That's the way Adam and Eve did, and, see, and they made the wrong choice. And now, by that, put the whole race, of human race, under death, the penalty of death.

49 And then God came down in the form of man and took that death, and paid the penalty of death, that the... His subjects that desired to be free could go free.

50 Now, if He took us, without the same way that He did Adam and Eve, just pulled us through something, said, "I'll save you whether you want saved or not," then He put Adam and Eve on the wrong basis, you see. **But each one of us has to choose, this day, between death and life. We can do it.**

MARK 8:34-35 "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it".

62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB, PHOENIX.AZ, SUNDAY

81 Now, marriage, in one sense, is a type. The earthly marriage here is a type of the heavenly marriage. Now let's go over it, just for a few moments, to rehearse it a moment.

82 The first thing there is, there must be a decision made. The first thing, takes, in natural marriage, is a decision has to be made. The young lady has to make her decision, whether she wants this young man; and the young man, whether he wants the young woman. There has to be a decision made, and you have to make it. She must be the only woman in the world that you love, and he must be the only man. If it isn't, then you made a wrong decision.

LUKE 9:23 "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me".

62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB, PHOENIX.AZ, SUNDAY

83 And that's the same way it is by making the decision for Christ. **The first thing you have to do, is make up your mind whether you're going to serve God and take Him as your Saviour, or you're not going to do it. Are you going to serve the world? Are you going to serve Christ? You have to make up your mind. There has to be a decision made.** When you make up your mind, that you're either going to serve God or mammon, then you take your choice. But the decision has to be made.

62-0121E THE.MARRIAGE.OF.THE.LAMB, PHOENIX.AZ, SUNDAY

54 So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him."

55 But that's up to you. See, you got to do something, too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things." **They that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? "She has made Herself ready." I like that Word.**

56 You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then saying, "Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through. But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

Brother Branham preached that salvation cannot help a person until they personally accept it:

52-0224 BELIEVING.GOD, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN, V-19, N-7, SUNDAY

199 Now, hallelujah, here it is. No wonder that God would never let a true man of God ever say he could heal somebody. Christ done that when He died.

I couldn't save nobody, or no one else can save anybody, but God.

And **God can't save you, because He's already done it. The only thing you have to do is accept it. It's already done.** I wasn't saved twenty years ago; I was saved nineteen hundred years ago.

But twenty years ago I received it and accepted it. If it hadn't, the first sin I done, God would've wiped me off the face of the earth; 'cause He said He would, and He has to keep His promise. I was healed nineteen hundred years ago, but I've got to accept it.

52-1027 JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND. FOREVER, EDMONTON.AB, MONDAY

E-29... **You're not expected to go to the camp of the enemy, but you're invited to the home of your Father tonight, to come and believe with a Christ, with a bloody atonement laying there before the Father tonight, to make good you're confession in Him.**

Jesus sets at the right hand of God to make intercessions upon your confession. You've got to accept it, believe it and confess it's so, to make it an act of faith. If you'll do that, if you'll...

50-0822 FAITH.WITHOUT.WORKS.IS.DEAD, CLEVELAND.OH, TUESDAY

E-26 ... can He save you. No matter how much you cry... You can come to the altar, and cry, and pull your hair, and scream, and say, "God, God, have mercy." I believe in old fashion repentance.

But you could stay there and repent until year after year, and you'd never be saved until you believe in your heart that He has saved you, and raised up, and confess it.

If you confess Me before men, I'll confess you before My Father and the holy Angels. Is that true?

Now, see, you cannot be saved only by faith and your confession. Is that right?

Now, He will make good anything that He died for. In here did He say, "Did He die for my healing?" I'll accept God. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. He...

48-0304 THE.ANGEL.OF.GOD, PHOENIX.AZ, THURSDAY

E-44 Now, if you're in that condition, purpose in your heart you're going to serve God from tonight on. **No matter if you're a sinner, when you're here to be healed, just fall right down at the altar and give your heart to Him, right then, and then receive the Holy Ghost.** Come up here, and come into the church of wherever church you prefer.

ROMANS 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

53-0328 ISRAEL.AND.THE.CHURCH.4, JEFFERSONVILLE.IN, IC 97-128, SATURDAY

230 A little crippled girl is making her way. Shame on you healthy people. Are you an alien from God tonight, without God, without Christ, dying in sin and shame? Won't you come? Will you be man or women enough, with common decency enough to rise up and say, "Brother Branham, I'm coming up here; I want to shake your hand and kneel down here at the altar. I want to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour right now"? Will you come?

51-0415A LIFE.STORY, PHOENIX.AZ, SUNDAY

E-124 Won't you come? This is the hour... You've always wanted to be saved, haven't you? This is the time to fulfill the things that you've promised God. Remember when He took the baby?

Whenever it died, or some of them, you said, "I'll be a Christian." You haven't fulfilled that yet, won't you come on down? Take your stand. Come on now while we gather around, everyone. Everyone, backsliders, and sinners, gather around the altar now for an old fashion altar call.

Christians, pray now. Reach to somebody setting near you. Ask them if they're a Christian. Say, "Come on down at the altar." We want those who are backslidden. Here's many of the Spanish standing around, Indians.

The Law, Grace, and the Battle of the Mind

The Policeman of the Law and the Deliverance of Grace

The foundational purpose of the law is not to save us, but to serve as a law enforcement officer. Brother Branham explained that the law is like a policeman that puts you in jail, but it takes grace to get you out.

Law without a penalty is meaningless; it must carry the ultimate penalty of death to be valid. The law is used lawfully to lock the sinner in a spiritual jail of condemnation, making them realize they have absolutely no hope of redemption through their own efforts and desperately need a Saviour.

The Altar of Absolute Self-Denial

Since the law only points out that we are sinners, stepping into true Christianity requires absolute self-denial and the total yielding of our will.

Salvation is a deeply personal, individual journey between a person and God; you cannot rely on godly parents or church membership. As the scriptures state in [Matthew 16:24-25](#), [Mark 8:34-35](#), and [Luke 9:23](#), anyone who follows Christ must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and lose their life for His sake to find it.

[Romans 12:1-2](#) calls us to be a living sacrifice, transformed by the renewing of our minds to prove the perfect will of God. Lay aside your temper, pride, selfishness, and worldly desires on God's altar, asking Him to empty us out and burn away the dross with His fire.

God created humanity with free moral agency, but He will not force salvation upon us; we must actively choose to empty our minds of unbelief, doubts, and frustrations. When we fully surrender, abandoning our own thoughts and ambitions to say, "[Not My will; Thine, Lord](#)," we become a "prisoner of love" to Christ, yoked to Him so completely that we only move when His Word moves.

The Sunlight Era: Absolute Clarity and Diplomatic Immunity

The Seventh Seal has opened, and the Church has stepped into the absolute clarity of the Sunlight phase under an Open Book.

The schoolmaster's job is done, and we are no longer bound by the legalistic fear of Starlight. The apparent doctrinal conflicts in the Message are resolved by recognizing this progression of revelation. Starlight used the heavy burden of the law to exhaust us, making the profound liberty of Sunlight entirely sweet.

Our redemption is not based on conditional law-keeping or fragile human free will, but entirely on unconditional, irresistible grace. Christ took all judgments, guilt, shame, and penalties, satisfying all of God's justice for what you did, are doing, and might do.

The finished work of our Kinsman Redeemer has granted the Bride "diplomatic immunity," meaning our earthly mistakes do not alter our justified status or break our peace with God.

Diplomatic Immunity: A provision of international law which exempts the diplomats of one country from the laws of a country to which they are assigned or deployed.

65-0206 DOORS.IN.DOOR, FLAGSTAFF.AZ, V-17, N-3, SATURDAY

185 I said, "Our Kingdom is of Above." See, we are free, born again. The Kingdom of God is within you. See, act like up There, you're delegates from There. I said, "We're citizens here, living here in the flesh. But, our spirits, we are pilgrims and strangers." We are foreign to the world now, even our own nation, for we have accepted the invitation when it knocked at our heart, to become part of Him, His Word. And the Word fixes us, makes us live and makes us act like Christians.

Rightly Dividing the Word: Two Classes and Two Books ***The Redeemed Class and the Unconditional Covenant***

The first group is the Redeemed Class, the true Bride of Christ. This class operates under a strictly unconditional covenant where human free will, earthly decisions, and personal merit play absolutely no role in securing or maintaining their redemption. Their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life (The Book of Redemption) before the foundation of the world because they were eternally a part of God's own substance and thoughts.

A person cannot use their earthly works to be added to this book later, and crucially, names in the Lamb's Book have absolute eternal security and can never be removed or blotted out for any reason. Because their charges were completely satisfied at Calvary by the Kinsman Redeemer, the Elect are entirely exempt from the Great White Throne Judgment.

SIN vs. SINS:

The Doctrine of Redemption & The Four Classes of Humanity

SIN (Singular) vs. SINS (Plural): The Two Natures of Error

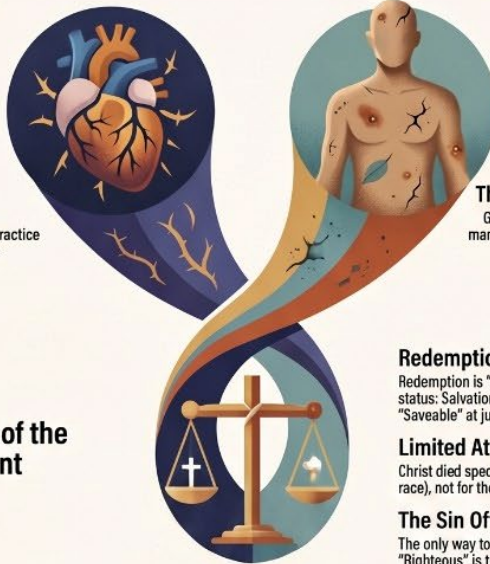
SIN (Singular): The Spirit of Unbelief

Condition of the Heart and Soul

Defined as "missing the mark" by misinterpreting, displacing, or dislocating the Word of God.

The Elect Cannot "SIN"

Because the "Zoe Gene" (God's Seed) remains in them, the Elected cannot practice unbelief or deny the Truth of their day.



SINS (Plural): The Faults of the Flesh

Faults of the Physical "Chemical Man"

These are the physical mistakes, human failures, and flaws of the "chemical man" or genealogy, which remain until the body is changed.

The Flesh is Considered Dead

God expects no good thing from the physical man (flesh), but covers these physical faults through the blood of the Atonement.

The Purpose of the Atonement

Redemption vs. Salvation

Redemption is "buying back" the Elect to their original status; Salvation is a measure of grace given to the "Saveable" at judgment.

Limited Atonement

Christ died specifically for the "Redeemable" (His sheep/Zoe race), not for the Serpent Seed who are unredeemable.

The Sin Offering

The only way to change one's status from "Sinner" to "Righteous" is through the exchange of accounts at Calvary, not by good works.

The Four Classes of Humanity

The Elected
(Zoe Class / The Bride)

Redeemable by substance; they were eternal thoughts in the mind of God and possess the "Zoe Gene."



Lamb's Book of Life



The Foolish Virgins
(Saveable Christians)

Sincere believers who lack the Holy Spirit (Gene); they are "grafted in" and saved at the White Throne based on works.



Book of Life (Saveable)



The Human Class
(Saveable Nations)

Possess no "Father" but have a "Creator"; they are saved by their good works and attitude toward the Bride and humanity.



Book of Life (Saveable)



The Unsaveable
(Synagogue of Satan / Reprobates)

Tares and "Serpent Seed" who are "Eujil dead"; they are defined by a hateful attitude toward the Elect and the Word.



No Book / Removed



Thought Entanglement in the Mind of God

This connection started before the foundation of the world as an "entanglement of thought" within the mind of God. The Bride was originally in the Lamb, hence, God could not think of one without the other; **when God thought of the Lamb, He simultaneously thought of you, and when He thought of you, He thought of the Lamb.** This connection did not remain merely a thought. When the Word became flesh, Christ and the Bride became completely fleshly entangled and soul entangled. This relationship operates on an invisible law of "species affinity," much like biological affinity or the laws of quantum physics.

To illustrate this, the scripture shows that Adam could not find any affinity with the female creations that passed before him because they were not his species; however, he instantly recognized Eve because God took her from his own body, meaning she was always connected to him.

In the exact same way, the Bride is "flesh of His flesh" and possesses a direct, exclusive species affinity to Christ.

The Earthly Result: Recognizing the True Lamb Because you were perfectly entangled with the Lamb in the mind of God before time began, you will naturally be entangled with the Lamb here on earth and ultimately will be with Him in heaven.

This divine entanglement is the exact reason why the elect is drawn to the truth today. It is this intrinsic, spiritual affinity that causes God to anoint the Bride with a spirit to naturally recognize, understand, and agree with the Word when the true Lamb is lifted up.

To truly grasp this doctrine, we must completely separate the redemption of the Bride from the salvation of the human class, as they operate under entirely different spiritual laws and covenants.

The Saveable Class and the Conditional Covenant

Let's distinguish between the classes of people being addressed, as the Bible teaches both conditional and unconditional covenants.

The second group is the "Saveable Class" the non-elect, general created humanity, which includes the foolish virgins and righteous nations.

They lack the eternal Zoe seed and operate under a conditional covenant of free moral agency. Their names are written in the General Book of Life (The Book of Salvation).

This group will come up in the second resurrection and must stand before the Great White Throne Judgment.

Their eternal destination is based entirely on their free-will earthly works and exact prerequisites: they must be good to the brethren, good to Israel, good to humanity, and good to the Bride.

Their security is conditional; if they fail to honour God's people or actively fight against them, they are considered "goats," their conditional salvation is revoked, their names are permanently blotted out of the Book of Life, and they are cast into the lake of fire.

The Message of Grace and the Law of the Seed

Common Grace vs. Irresistible Grace

There is a completely different grace reserved for the Bride! **Irresistible grace is a sovereign; inward call directed exclusively to the Elect.** This grace is not given to mere creation; it is reserved strictly for those who were in the foreknowledge of God and are made of His very own spiritual substance. This irresistible grace specifically targets the "inside of the inside" the eternal Zoe gene placed within the souls of God's chosen. When God issues this inward call, it always results in the spiritual quickening of the elect soul. Unlike common grace, which relies on fragile human choices, **irresistible grace operates as a divine, unavoidable law of spiritual nature that cannot be thwarted.**

God does not call all humanity in the exact same way. Common grace is an outward call directed toward the created class (the naturally elected and reprobates). While it might potentially give a person a new heart and a new spirit, it can never give them the Holy Spirit or make them a true son of God. Because it relies on fragile human choices, common grace can be actively resisted and rejected by human free will.

In contrast, Irresistible Grace is a sovereign, inward call directed exclusively to the Elect. It operates as a divine, unavoidable law of spiritual nature that cannot be thwarted, specifically targeting the "inside of the inside" the eternal Zoe gene placed within the souls of God's chosen.

The Law of the Seed and Species Affinity

God placed a Zoe gene, a "germ of life," deep inside the soul of the Elect before they were born.

According to the Law of the Seed, when the "Word of truth" for your day goes forth, it acts like water and light raining down from heaven; the spiritual seed cannot resist this quickening power any more than a natural seed can resist the rain. The Word is guaranteed to germinate because the Elect were explicitly ordained to see it.

This happens through "species affinity" and "thought entanglement". Because the Elect share the exact same eternal substance as the Lamb, their mind is deeply entangled with His; when God thought of the Lamb, He thought of you. When the true doctrine of the Lamb is preached, your internal Zoe gene automatically responds and agrees with its own kind.

Redefining Saving Faith

When this irresistible grace strikes, it produces true Saving Faith. Saving faith is not human willpower mustering up the strength to believe; it is a divine gift of revelation and the sovereign understanding of the Lamb of God for your day. It is produced by the "dynamic power of faith," the greatest power that exists, which produces an unmovable, unshakable understanding in your soul.

We do not hold onto God by the fragile thread of common grace; He holds us through the unyielding power of His sovereign grace.

The Battle of the Inner and Outer Man

The Difference Between the Soul and the Flesh

There is a profound distinction between the fully redeemed inner soul and the fallen outer fleshly man. The soul of the Elect possesses the eternal Zoe seed, is made of God's substance, and is completely secure. Since it contains the seed of God, the inner soul is completely incapable of committing SIN (singular), which is the root spiritual nature of unbelief (the Greek word *hamartia*). However, this perfect soul inhabits a fallen, completely dead outer fleshly vessel from which no good thing can come. While the soul cannot commit the spiritual sin of unbelief, the fleshly man is responsible for committing sins (plural). In Greek theology and literature, *hamartia* means "to miss the mark," an "error," or a "mistake". These sins are the actions, faults, and poor reactions born from the leftover weaknesses of fallen human nature.

The Divine Purpose of Flaws and Free Moral Agency

God could have given us a perfect body instantly at conversion, but He intentionally leaves cracks and flaws in our fleshly man. If our flesh were flawless, we would easily become judgmental and legally minded. By permitting human flaws to remain, God constantly forces us to boast in the unmerited grace of Calvary rather than our own religious goodness. Wrestling with our wretched flesh forces us to rely on Christ's intercession, teaching us patience, long-suffering, and how to forgive the faults of our brethren.

In Japanese art, flaws are not mistakes to be hidden, but features to be celebrated. This philosophy is known as wabi-sabi, which finds beauty in asymmetry, imperfection, and the natural cycle of aging. Instead of striving for manufactured perfection, Japanese artists deliberately highlight the unique history and fragility of their creations.



The most famous expression of this concept is Kintsugi (golden joinery). Rather than throwing away broken ceramics, artisans repair the cracks using lacquer mixed with valuable materials such as powdered gold, silver, or platinum. This practice transforms damage into a visually stunning, valued part of the object's history. It



treats breakage and repair as parts of an object's history to be acknowledged / recognised and not hidden. Consider the Ark of the Covenant, in Exodus 25, inexpensive

wood (shittem wood or acacia wood) covered by gold. Wood represents humanity and gold is deity.

Furthermore, under the Open Book, free moral agency for the Bride is redefined merely as a divine tool to tutor us. It allows us to step into God's "permissive will," where we are tested and make mistakes so that we learn through experience not to trust our flawed willpower, ultimately driving us to voluntarily surrender our will to the Father.

Adam's Condition vs. Abraham's Promise

Consider the biblical types: **Adam and Eve** in the Garden of Eden were under a *conditional* covenant. God told them what to do to live and what not to do lest they die.

Since it was conditional, they were tested by it, they failed, and they fell. **Abraham**, however, represents the unconditional covenant. God did not ask Abraham to perform perfectly. God made a sovereign promise and brought Abraham through all his mistakes and failures. Even Abraham's faith was not his own human merit; God gave Abraham the very faith required so that God could accept him.

The True Purpose of Free Moral Agency for the Elect

If free moral agency does not determine the Bride's eternal security, what is it used for? **It is strictly a tool for earthly tutoring and character development.** God allows you to exercise your free will so you can make mistakes and enter His "permissive will".

When you make choices contrary to the Word, you suffer the natural consequences shame, loss of trust, and earthly suffering. However, God uses these failures to teach you wisdom and experience. He lets you touch the "hot stove" of your own desires so that you learn never to trust your own human will again, but instead to surrender completely to the Father. Once the lesson is learned, He always brings you right back into His perfect will.

The Bride of Christ is secured by an unconditional covenant, thus, human failures, flaws, and "cracks" are no longer threats to your eternal security. Instead, for the spiritually ripened believer, **every negative becomes a positive, transforming human failures into opportunities to boast, rejoice, and express profound gratitude to God.**

Human failures become opportunities to boast in Calvary as follows:

a) **They Eliminate Fleshly Pride**

If a believer achieves anything through their own human effort outside of Christ, it breeds destructive pride and self-righteousness. However, when you truly recognize your own faults and cracks, it strips away the illusion that you can be perfect on your own. You realize that without Christ, you would be nothing. This allows you to look at your mistakes without fear or shame and give God the glory, saying, **"Look at me Lord, if not for Calvary, what would I be with you? Where would I be?"** By realizing your own helplessness, all boasting is redirected toward the grace of Calvary.

b) **They Replace Guilt with Joyful Thanksgiving**

The religious world often uses human failure as a reason to condemn and inflict guilt but for the mature son of God, the reaction to failure is completely upside down. When you mess up whether it is a failure in your attitude, words, or actions you do not have to be paralyzed by a guilty conscience or terrified of what the church thinks.

Because you know the price of redemption has completely covered that fault, you can laugh, find joy, and say, "**Lord, thank you for Calvary. If not for Calvary, what would happen to me?**".

c) **They Become Tools to Testify and Encourage Others**

God uses your failures and the permissive will you walk through to give you vital wisdom and experience. Instead of hiding your mistakes out of the fear of embarrassment or wallowing in self-pity, your failures become a powerful testimony to help your brethren.

You can use the shame and consequences you endured to warn others, saying, "**Don't go that way, brother**". In this way, your past mistakes are repurposed for good to be a positive influence, to encourage the weak, and to be a blessing to others rather than a source of condemnation.

Finally, Calvary represents the highest form of God's wisdom, where He maintains His perfect justice while offering absolute mercy. **Your human cracks simply serve as the canvas that highlights the perfection of Christ's finished work**, ensuring that any boasting is based on what He accomplished for you.

Gift of Saving Faith

You are under this unconditional covenant, the human flaws, faults, and "cracks" in your life have absolutely no bearing on your redemption. Christ already paid the price in full, completely covering those flaws. To participate in this covenant, you do not manufacture faith. True "saving faith" which is the spiritual understanding of the true Lamb for your day is exclusively a gift from God. Flesh and blood cannot produce it. God sovereignly opens the heart of the predestinated seed, grants them the understanding of the Word of Truth, and draws them to the acceptable Lamb.

When you fully realize that your Kinsman Redeemer operates on an unconditional covenant, it destroys all legalistic fear. You stop worrying that your human cracks will cost you your salvation, and you finally rest in the absolute, sovereign grace of God.

When a believer is newly born again, they are considered a "child of God" who is still in a state of spiritual "greenness". While they are fundamentally a son of God, they have not yet matured in their character and understanding. The transition from a child to a mature son involves a process called **"spiritual ripening". Spiritual ripening is the gradual, continuous process where the quickening power of the new nature transforms a believer's mind, thinking, and character over time.** It is described as the "baking of the greenness out of us," representing the vital transition from being a newly born "child of God" into a mature "son of God".

This maturity does not happen overnight; it requires the continuous transforming of the believer's mind, thinking, and character by the quickening power of their new nature. As this spiritual greenness comes out and maturity comes in, a mature son of God begins to display distinct characteristics that separate them from a child.

This ripening process progressively replaces human greenness with distinct, mature attributes:

a) **Sweetness and Meekness:**

As spiritual greenness leaves and maturity enters, it produces a profound sweetness and meekness in the believer. This meekness shields the believer from anxiety when troubles arise, grounding them in the revelation that nothing happens unless God permits it, and if He permits it, there is an ultimate good in it. **Consequently, a ripened believer stops fighting God's will, complaining, or asking "why," trusting completely in His sovereign control.**

b) **Maturity of Judgment and Wisdom:**

Ripening entirely changes how a believer thinks and judges situations compared to their early days in the Message. **Because wisdom and maturity are the necessary precursors for judgment, a ripened son no longer judges based on human biases, stereotypes, or carnal thinking, but evaluates things through divine wisdom.**

c) **Unshakable Peace and Liberty:**

Baking out human greenness brings a believer into absolute peace and liberty. A mature son realizes that none of their human faults, "cracks," or mistakes can ever rob them of the peace they have with God, because that peace was established by Christ's goodness, not their own. **This revelation completely frees them from the exhaustion of artificially "performing" for others or fearing the opinions and judgments of fellow believers.**

d) **Joy Through Grace and Calvary:**

The ripening process radically flips a believer's perspective on their own human flaws. Instead of being crippled by guilt or trying to hide their mistakes, a mature son can look at their failures and still find joy, using them as an opportunity to thank God for Calvary. **They recognize that without Christ they would be nothing, allowing them to boast in God's grace rather than wallowing in self-pity or legalistic fear.**

This baking process is how God develops the mechanics of faith within His elect, transforming them internally so that they stop trusting in their own human will and can properly manifest the dynamics of the Son of God. Spiritual "ripening" is a genuine, internal transformation driven by the quickening power of the new nature, whereas human performance is an artificial, external display driven by fear and peer pressure.

The Authentic Transformation of Ripening

Spiritual ripening is an internal work of the Holy Spirit that progressively transforms a believer's mind, thinking, and character over time. Instead of relying on forced obedience, ripening naturally produces authentic sweetness, meekness, maturity, joy, peace, and liberty. It transforms a believer from an immature child of God into a mature son. A ripened believer develops divine wisdom, judges' situations correctly, and lives in an unshakable peace, knowing that their human faults can never rob them of their standing with God because their peace is based entirely on Christ's goodness.

The Trap of Human Performance

In stark contrast, human performance is characterized by an external pressure to act a certain way, say the right things, and maintain a flawless image solely to gain the approval of others. Believers caught in this trap try to be "nice and quiet and just be somebody else outside of [their] cracks and flaws". When a person walks into church with a mindset to project a perfect image, they are no different than a "trained animal, performing" for an audience. This behaviour is fuelled by "peer embarrassment," pride, and a deep fear of what fellow believers might think if their true human weaknesses were exposed.

Transparency vs. Hiding

The spiritually ripened believer rests completely in the unconditional covenant and the finished work of Calvary, and they are completely freed from the exhausting burden of performing.

They can be transparent and authentic, acting as they truly are without being crippled by the fear of human judgment. When they make a mistake, they do not have to frantically cover it up; instead, they can look at their faults, laugh, and joyfully use their failures as an opportunity to boast in the saving grace of Christ.

The performer, however, constantly hides their mistakes to preserve their religious image. This artificial environment creates a judgmental, "Gestapo type of Christianity" that focuses heavily on the sins and flaws of others. Attempting to maintain this human performance clogs the channel of inspiration, fosters bitterness, and paralyzes the Spirit of God from truly working in the church.

Our Eternal Destiny: Governing the Nations

The Holy City and the Kings of the Earth

God is putting His Elect through a "Harvard University on the earth," placing us around unlovable people to prepare us for eternity. We do not develop righteous character to save ourselves, but to benefit our neighbour and perfectly prepare us for our eternal role as compassionate kings and priests in the Melchizedek Priesthood.

In eternity, the Bride (God's eternal family) will dwell inside the Holy City where God has pre-eminence.

Meanwhile, the "saveable human class" who successfully passed the Great White Throne Judgment will populate the mortal nations outside the city. These nations are considered the Bride's "neighbours," and they will not rule themselves.

Instead, the Bride will govern them eternally, using the character, grace, and empathy developed through earthly testing to reflect God's goodness and exercise righteous judgment over the nations.

The Journey of the Bride: From Law to Perfect Liberty

REDEFINING REDEMPTION: LAW VS. GRACE



THE LAW AS A SCHOOLMASTER

The Law identifies sin but cannot save.

It acts as a policeman to imprison the sinner, stripping away pride to drive them toward a Saviour.

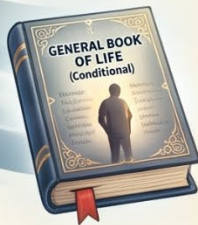


THE SUNLIGHT ERA & DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

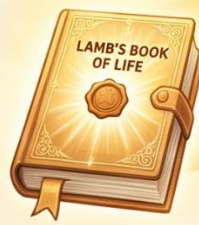
Redemption is an unconditional covenant.

The Bride is exempt from judgment because Christ satisfied all legal penalties for her past, present, and future.

THE TWO CLASSES OF HUMANITY



GENERAL BOOK OF LIFE (Conditional)



LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE (Unconditional)

Two distinct Books of Life.

The Elect are in the Lamb's Book (unconditional), while the Saveable Class are in the General Book (conditional).

THE PROCESS OF SPIRITUAL RIPENING



RIPENING VS. HUMAN PERFORMANCE



TRAINED ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

Authenticity over "Trained Animal" behaviour.

Performers hide mistakes to maintain a religious image.



TRUE SONS: AUTHENTIC & TRANSPARENT

Authenticity over "Trained Animal" behaviour.

True sons are transparent about their flaws.



THE PURPOSE OF HUMAN CRACKS

Failures are tools for earthly tutoring.

God permits flaws so believers boast in Calvary's grace rather than their own religious goodness.

MATURATION ATTRIBUTES: CHILD VS. SON

IMMATURE CHILD (Green)

Guilt and hiding



Legalistic fear/Performance



External peer pressure



MATURE SON (Ripened)

Response to Failure



View of Law



Source of Character



Joyful thanksgiving for Calvary

Absolute peace and liberty

Internal quickening of the Soul

From Law to Liberty: The Sunlight Era of Grace

Starlight Phase

The Law (Closed Book)



Supporting Detail: Dim, outline-only 'closed book'. Revelation is partial, shadowed.

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Supporting Detail: Exhausts human willpower and pride, driving the sinner toward a Saviour.

The Law as a 'Schoolmaster'

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Sunlight Phase

Grace (Open Book)



Supporting Detail: Absolute clarity of the 'open book'. Revelation is full, clear.



Diplomatic Immunity in Grace

Supporting Detail: Believer's earthly mistakes do not alter their justified status before God.

Divine Thought Entanglement

Supporting Detail: The Bride eternally connected to the Lamb in God's mind before the world began.



Green Immaturity

Mature, Sweet Character

Spiritual Ripening: Internal transformation through grace.

Two Classes of Humanity

Lamb's Book of Life (Elect)

Covenant Type: Unconditional Grace
Security: Eternal; Cannot be blotted out
Judgement: Exempt from Great White Throne



General Book of Life (Saveable)

Covenant Type: Conditional Free Moral Agency
Security: Conditional; Names can be removed
Judgement: Must stand before the Throne

