# THE CHURCH 189 RECONCILIATION THROUGH KENOSIS

# **ROMANS 8:28**

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

#### **ROMANS 8:29**

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

#### **EPHESIANS 1:9**

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

# **EPHESIANS 1:11**

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

# II TIMOTHY 1:9

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

# INFLUENCE\_ NY. NY V-18 N-9 THURSDAY\_ 63-1114

And we mustn't try to impersonate anyone. Just be what you are, see, and that's the way God made you. You never fashioned yourself. And, remember, as much as we ministers would like to take Billy Graham's place, we cannot do it, neither can Billy Graham take our place.

See, we, each one has something to do. The common little fellow here that may be a janitor, the little woman that may be a housewife, the greatest minister on the face of the earth today could not take your place.

You, God had a purpose in making you what you are, and you just serve God in that way that He made you. See? And I think, if we would just do that, the wheels would roll a lot easier. Yes, it would, if we would do that, not get lifted up. And we find out, instead of. . .

- I. AM. THE. RESURRECTION. AND. LIFE\_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY MONDAY 63-1118
- But God sometimes train men for years, to get a few days of service out of him. John the Baptist was thirty years, by himself, in the wilderness, for six months of service.

Jesus Christ was thirty years old, for three years of service, for the crucifixion. God trains men, brings them up. It's His purpose. Time is with man. Eternity is with God.

- 68 I believe that God brought this little boy here on the earth for a purpose.
- 69 And if you noticed, right in the time of his--his sickness and things, this struck him for a purpose. God could have made the boy sound and well. But what did He do instead of taking his life? He let him get up just where he wasn't going to die.
- 70 And neither did polio kill him. He didn't die by polio. No other disease killed him, that we prayed over, he and I, and the rest of the Christians here around Campbellsville, that prayed for him. It never. That never did it. See?

- 71 It was Garnett's time to go. He must. He had served his purpose. He come to Christ, been germitized. What if he would have died before this time? Polio drove him to God. He was to be a tobacco auctioneer, what he had in his mind. That wasn't his purpose, at all. We knew that. His purpose was to be a Christian.
- I. AM. THE. RESURRECTION. AND. LIFE\_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY MONDAY\_ 63-1118
- Now, a tobacco auctioneer, somebody said, maybe seventy-five years from today, if the world should stand that long, "Garnett, he was a great auctioneer." Maybe that's all the minister could have said at his funeral, "He was a great auctioneer."
- 73 But what can we say today? "He's a Christian." As an auctioneer, without the germ of Life, just a memory of that generation, he'd be gone, among--among a few men. Now he's amongst the immortals. He's got to come forth in the resurrection.

There's no way keep it from it. He has to come, for he served his purpose. He was germitized with the Holy Spirit of God, of Eternal Life that laid within the boy. Insomuch, that if he said, "If I knowed. . ."

The last time I spoke to him, he said, "If I knew that I had. . could be well, strong like these other boys, running up-and-down the roads here with my hot-rod, running up-and-down the roads, and drinking, and would not know This that I know," he said,

"I wouldn't swap this for ten thousand lives like that." A young eighteen-year-old boy, fine handsome-looking young man, would probably been a regular target for the Devil.

- I. AM. THE. RESURRECTION. AND. LIFE\_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY MONDAY 63-1118
- But God had to throw him in that stage, to get out of him, to serve the purpose. Look at his patience, his testimonies among you neighbors.

Look what he was, what, how his little life has spoke to many of you, that at the Day of Judgment, without that, his life will testify right back against you. He was an example of what God wanted with him. He served God's purpose.

- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- 41 Satan could not take them. He could not drown NOAH in the flood, until the purpose of God had been finished. He could not burn up THE HEBREW CHILDREN until the purpose of God had been finished.

He could not kill JOB with boils and troubles until the purpose of God had been finished. Neither could the lions eat DANIEL until God's purpose had been finished.

Neither could death and old age take ABRAHAM until the purpose of God had been finished. And neither can it take you, or can it take me until the purpose of God of our life is finished. So we gather from their consolation.

- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- And why does God let troubles come? God harnesses trouble, puts bits in its mouth, and makes it obey Him, and those troubles bring us into a closer fellowship with God. There had been no rainbow until the flood came.

But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights in a storm and the little ark pitching up and down in the water, it was after the flood was over that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise.

After he'd went through the tribulation, then he saw the promise. That's the way you see the promise, after you've gone through the tribulation......

...... We ask for comfort and peace; God gives us the best He could give us: trials and tribulations. That's better than comfort and peace. Our comforts is just beyond the river.

- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- 47 It wasn't until the Hebrew children was forced into the fiery furnace, on one of their most outstanding trials, that they seen One like the Son of God stand among them.

Their troubles produced the Son of God standing among them in the breezes to wave away the heat wave. But not until they went into the fire did that Comforter appear.

It was Daniel who had purposed in his heart that he'd not defile himself with the things of the world, and was forced through a trial, whether he'd pray to God or go to a lions' den.

But it was after the heat was put on, and he was throwed into a lions' den, that after that, he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the midst of him, keeping away, that great Pillar of Fire standing between him and the lions.

And the lions could not get him, because he'd went through the trials and temptations and troubles....

- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- 49 It was Abraham, after he'd seen the ground get barren, and the drought come, and Lot separate himself and go down to live deliciously into the world;

it was after he had heard the whines and cries of--of his herdsmen, with no grass for his cattle, but he maintained in the land that God gave him and told him to sojourn in. And as on that day, after he'd been tried till his--his patience was at the end;

it was on that day that when after the trial was over, he spoke face to face with Elohim under the oak that day. It was after he'd suffered his trials, after he'd went through the troubles that he'd been through, that God appeared to him in the form of a Man,

and set there and told him he was married and his wife's name was Sarah, and said she laughed at Him in the tent behind. It was there that Abraham called Him Elohim. It was after the trial and tribulation.

- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- Oh, if the Church could only wake to Itself today, to find that after the troubles, and trials, and laughs, and made fun of, the things the church has been through, the Pentecostal church, that we see God in our midst, doing great signs and wonders.
- I. KNOW\_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY\_ 60-0417S
- 94 There was too much of you in you, till God had to squeeze it out through trials. And while that squeezing was coming on, it's hard. But after while the skies clear back and you see the purpose of God.

Then you cry, "I know my Redeemer liveth, and at the last days He'll stand on the earth. Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

These little trials and things are just for a moment, and they fade and pass away. But they're only done for your good; let us remember that, that God would get glory.

I. KNOW. MY. REDEEMER. LIVETH\_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY\_ 58-0406S

E-11....... He made us for a purpose. Therefore, there is a purpose of us all being here. You're not here just to be another human being. You are here because that God made you for some purpose.

You're not here just to eat the food that God growed. You're not here just to live in the house that--that man made, or to wear the clothing that someone fashioned. You are here for a specific purpose.

ADOPTION. 1\_ JEFF. IN AD. 1 SUNDAY\_ 60-0515E 20 Well now, many of these little pretty-faced mothers setting here, some of them sixty or seventy years old, would say, "Well, what have I done, Brother Branham?" You've raised your children.

You've done what you were supposed to do.
Maybe some old Dad setting here say, "Well, I've harrowed the fields; I've done this. I never preached." But you did just what God sent for you to do. There's a place for you.

THREE. KINDS. OF. BELIEVERS\_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 63-1124E

107 Nobody can take your place, no matter how little. You say, "I'm just a housewife." Nobody can take your place. God, in His great economy, has so set so, the Body of Christ, in order, till there is no one can take your place.

How I would like to take Billy Graham's place, any of us ministers, but we can't do it; but, just remember, Billy can't take our place.

See, we all have a place, some of us are evangelists, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors, whatever we are; some housewives, some mechanics, some farmers, whatever it is, God has set you in your place. See?

WHAT. IS. THE. WORKS. OF. GOD\_ LA. CA SATURDAY\_ 59-0404

E-14...... each man is called and placed into the Church for a purpose. And if you'll find out what God can use him best at, and yield hisself to that place, he will be a success.....

My finger could never take the place of my ear, no matter how much it tried. Neither could my mouth take the place of my eye. But each member knows what it can do, and all of them coordinating together makes the body move.

If this church can only see that. If you can only see that it takes coordination. It takes cooperation with all the body of Christ......

WHO. IS. THIS. MELCHISEDEC\_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY\_ 65-0221E

Being Eternal with Him, at the beginning. . . The Eternal Life that you had, His thought of what you was, only, He wanted you to. . . He wanted me to stand in the pulpit, say.

He wanted you to set in the seat tonight. Then we are serving His Eternal purpose. And the one that left home, only come to the earth to serve His purpose. Is that right? All right. Then, after it's finished, it's brought back in a glorified state; it's matured and brought back again.

#### ROMANS 12:5

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:14

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:15

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

ADOPTION. 4\_ JEFF. IN AD. PT. 4 SUNDAY\_ 60-0522E 212 And if each one of you in here now has not been positionally placed. . . You might not be nothing but a housewife. Well, you say, "Brother Branham, I never done a thing in my life. I'm not a preacher."

Well, maybe God brought you here to raise a family of children; out of that family of children may come another family of children, that'll be a preacher that'll send a million souls to Christ. You had to be here. You're here for a purpose. Did you know that?

Well, you say, "All I ever done was harrow across these old clods. And I'd take out early a evening, didn't know how to make my kids a living. I looked at the poor little fellows with no shoes on. I've set and cried.

I got an old buggy, and me and maw went to church." Don't you worry, brother. You just keep loving Him; He's got a purpose for you. You just stay right the way you are; just go right on. See? You might not never preach a sermon, but you might be the great-grandfather of one that'll do it.

GOD'S. GIFTS. ALWAYS. FIND. THEIR. PLACES\_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-13 SUNDAY 63-1222

77...... We wasn't put here just by chance, we were put here for a purpose and we must serve that purpose.....

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY. BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE\_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 64-0802 238 See, you were made for an Eternal purpose, because you was the--the manifestation of an attribute that was in God, that thought of you and expressed you;

and He made a earth to take you out of, and to make you a human being. And sin come along and perverted His way. You come, anyhow, but you was lost with the world.

So He come and redeemed you, the expressed attribute, and also redeems this earth by the same way. Then, His purpose rolls on. See? Oh! Hallelujah! Oh, that does me so much good, think of just what lays ahead!

THE. FUTURE. HOME. OF. THE. HEAVENLY. BRIDEGROOM. AND. THE. EARTHLY. BRIDE\_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 64-0802 251 And when it's all over, then it's pulled right back, and God's purpose is fulfilled. There is the Eternal King again with His Eternal subjects, expressed in human flesh, exactly the way He had it; sin is took away; the devil is gone; it's all done now.

THE. IDENTIFIED. MASTERPIECE. OF. GOD\_ YUMA. AZ SATURDAY 64-1205

60 He has a purpose in your life, each individual, that no one else on the face of the earth can take your place. God has got something for you. You're made like that. You was did that way for a purpose......

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

64 You're an individual, in God. God made you the way you are, for some purpose. If we would just find our place, and then abide there. If we try to do something different, then, see, we're--we're in somebody else's territory, which we just gaum up the picture of God.......

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:16

And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

# I CORINTHIANS 12:17

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:18

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:19

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:20

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:21

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:22

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:23

23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:24

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath \*TEMPERED the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

TEMPERED: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4786 sugkerannumi {soong-ker-an'-noo-mee} temper together, to mix together, commingle; to unite: caused the several parts to combine into an organic structure, which is the body, to unite one thing to another

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:25

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same \*CARE one for another.

CARE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3309 merimnao {mer-im-nah'-o} take thought, be careful, have care, to be anxious; look out for (a thing); to seek to promote one's interests; caring or providing for

### I CORINTHIANS 12:26

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

# I CORINTHIANS 12:27

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

#### I CORINTHIANS 12:28

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.