

# GROWING IN GOD

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## GIG239 – You Are Born by the Will of God

Hi, and welcome to this podcast. I am glad you could join me today on this journey. There is something I really want to accomplish, and that is to cement into our hearts and minds the fact that we are born by the will of God. You have to have this as a reality in your thinking, that you are born by the will of God. It is necessary, especially in this generation, that we not be caught up in the confusion that exists in this age. It is part of the spirit of the age that there is such confusion about so many things, and I think it is really the drive of the demonic spirit realm to keep people in confusion; because if people exist in confusion, then there is not an ability to really move in power, authority, and with a clarity of what you are to do or how you are to do it. And so, this idea of really understanding that you are born by the will of God, and that you are here in this earth at this time by the will of God, to me is a great necessity for believers; because we not only are here by the will of God, but we are here with a purpose from God. To move forward and accomplish that purpose, we must be unwavering in the fact that we are here by the will of God, with that purpose in God, and we are able to reach in by the Holy Spirit to find the revelation of that and begin to move with great clarity and force in our hearts, moving forward into this life that God has for us.

I am going to read several Scriptures and really get this across. John 1, beginning at verses 9-11, says, "There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him." A lot of that lack of receiving Christ or knowing Him was born out of the confusion that people were under at that time. We do not want to see that continue, where in the confusion of this age people are unable to recognize God's moving, Christ's moving, in order to know who He is and to really receive Him in what He is doing in our day and age – especially if we believe that we are in end-times.

Going on with verse 12, it says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right..." If you look at the Greek there, I think a better translation is *the power*. "...to them He gave the power to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." See, there is something that comes with this knowing: You shall know the truth and the truth sets you free; and it sets you free to move with power and clarity in your life.

I will read verses 12-13 again: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." This is the key verse for us in this message, because it encompasses and embodies the whole concept that I really want to impart to your heart and mind – that you were not born of blood, of the will of the flesh and blood, nor of the will of any man, but of God. You were neither planned by your parents nor a mistake of your parents. You did not come forth out of the will of flesh, out of the mind of flesh, out of the flesh and blood that exists. Your parents may be wonderful people, maybe they are not; but that is not where and why you were born. You were born by the will of God – not by the will of man, but by the will of God. So, whatever the circumstances seem

to be that brought you to life in this age, in this world, it was God's will that brought you forth in this earth at this time

I am going to read a few other Scriptures, starting with James 1, verses 16-17. "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." Everything that comes forth, you especially, comes down from the Father of lights. You were created by the Father, by the Creator, and you were brought from Him into this world. Verse 18, "In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures." So again, verse 18 emphasizes this reality that it was in the exercise of His will that you were brought forth.

Now I want this to really be powerful, and powerful enough to break every deception. People can be walking around in depression; they can be walking around in confusion; they can be walking around with a sense of uselessness; and something has to break that, because that is the spirit of this age. If satan has his way, there is no flesh saved alive. But, beyond that, there is also that which would come on a demonic level to render you useless and incapable of fulfilling your purpose, and that is not going to happen. You are going to understand that God exercised His will and brought you forth by the Word of truth, and that you are here to be a kind of first fruits among all of His creation. You have a purpose and a calling in that sense.

Let's go to Philippians the second chapter. I will start reading at verse 12. "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling." We are here to work out our purpose in life, and we are to do it with a great sense of fear and trembling. That is not to say we are to live in fear, it is to say that we are to have this sense; you know, fear can be like awe – in awe of the reality that you are brought forth by the will of God, in a time, with a purpose. And we must have a fear and trembling and awe; a carefulness would be another way to voice this. We are to be in awe of the fact that God has brought us forth, and with great carefulness we are to walk in order to fulfill His will and His salvation that He has given us.

Verse 13 goes on to say, "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." So, we are not just here on this earth having to go it alone. We are not here just to try to work it out the best we can, without even a clarity or a surety. We must understand that not only did God bring us forth into this world by His will, but He is also in us; and He is working in us both to will and to do His good pleasure. Sometimes we think, "I just want to do my own will." Well, God is at work in you to will His will and to work His purposes and His pleasure in this earth. And as I said, we do not have to go it alone. We have the force of God Himself being in us, of Christ within us, of the Holy Spirit working within us, to accomplish this purpose. We must feel the strength of that as we go forth in our day and in our life.

1 Peter chapter 1, in verses 22-23, says, "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God." We were born of this imperishable seed. What is it talking about? It is talking about the fact that not only are we here now, in this moment, we are eternal beings that have been brought forth by the living and enduring. What is enduring? Enduring is forever. It lasts forever. It does not ever fade away or go away. What brought us forth in God is eternal and will remain eternal. We are eternal beings, and this part of our journey has a great purpose in working that will of God within our own hearts and spirits.

I am going to read several verses in Ephesians 1, and this is some very powerful language. I want to start with verse 1, because I think it emphasizes how Paul understood this concept that we are talking about. It says, "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus." Paul knew and understood that he was here by the will of God; and being here in the will of God, he became an apostle by the will of God. So, likewise for us, we are not just here on the earth by the will of God, having been brought forth by God and born in God; but we also have this will of God in our purpose, which we will understand, which we need to understand, and we will fulfill. Paul was fulfilling God's will for him, knowing that will, understanding that will. Part of the reason we must really grasp the fact that we are born by the will of God, that we are here at this time in history by the will of God, is that we also are going to fulfill the will that God has for us in having brought us forth at this time.

I will go on to verses 2-3: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." What an amazing terminology. We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Not only does God bring us to birth, bring us into this earth, give us a purpose; but then He turns and gives us every spiritual blessing that is available in the heavenly places. This is what we are here to appropriate, this is what we are here to walk in, these tremendous spiritual blessings that God makes available to us.

Verses 4-9, "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world..." So, get out of your mind that you are just here, you are on the earth, "Gee, why am I here? What is the purpose? What is the purpose of man?" – all of these things that people try to figure out through their lifetimes. But I think we need to bypass that and say, "Hey, we were brought forth in this time by the will of God. We were brought to birth by the will of God. And you know what? He chose us from the foundation of the world. This is not some flash in the pan existence that we are part of; this is part of our eternity with Him in an eternal life we are living in God."

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world. You think the world is old? Boy, take another look at yourself in the mirror. You worry about turning thirty or forty, but you have been since before the foundation of the world God created, "...that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will." He has not brought you forth just for pain and suffering. He has brought you forth in His kind intention of His will for us, "...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight..." Again, we are not just walking through our lives alone. God has made provision after provision after provision, He has given us so much in this kind intention of His will, and He has lavished upon us in wisdom and insight all that He has given us in the riches of His grace. "He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him."

You may say, "I do not know why I am here. I do not know what I am doing." Listen, there may be a mystery in His will, but He makes it known to us. And if you seek Him, remember what the Scripture says – we must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Seek after this great mystery of why we are here. But do not seek after it in confusion; seek after it knowing that you are born by the will of God, brought forth for a purpose, and you are simply clarifying that which you know to be true about you. And that mystery will become clearer and clearer as you walk in a relationship with Him.

Verse 10 says, "With a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth." It is amazing that He has brought us forth at this amazing time of the summing up of all things in Christ. What a privilege we have, what an honor we have, to be part of God summing up all things in Christ, both things in the heavens and the things that are in the earth. We are brought forth by His will to be a purpose in fulfilling and concluding His great mind during these days of what we call the end time.

Verse 11 says, "Also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose." We are predestined according to His purpose – that is pretty heavy language, and we could get into the whole idea of predestination. But just take it at face value: We have been "...predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will." This great will and this great purpose that He has; if we can get this understanding that we are brought forth by His will, we can begin to flow rather than fight. "Our time here on the earth, what is it all about? What am I supposed to do? How am I supposed to become?" No. There is a purpose in Him working His will in you and through you; and that can flow in us and through us and not be the struggle that many times we see people trying to deal with.

I want to go down to verses 13-14: "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession." So, again, He brings us to this place where we are sealed, and we understand what it is that He has brought us here to be a part of. The Holy Spirit has been given as a pledge of our inheritance; and we are not here just to do the will of God, we are to inherit the possessions that God has laid out for us to have.

I want this to be a tremendous blessing. I want something to turn around. If you are laboring over this idea of why you are here, what you are doing, even as a believer, then number one, just drive a stake in the ground with the Scripture that we began with in verse 13 of John 1. Just go back and rehearse this to yourself; maybe you have to rehearse it for a while every morning when you wake up and begin to get out of bed, talking about those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. That is talking about you. If you believe in His name, then you are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

I bless this to your heart and to your mind, that it be a concrete foundation that gives you the strength to walk with Him and to fulfill His will and purpose in your life.

Amen.