

TRUE HOLINESS.

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True Holiness! The words are significant and suggest the possibility of there being an imitation. Many people are satisfied with less than the real thing.

This is true in the material realm. Dealers find a ready sale for gold watches at \$3.95 each, and silk at 25 cents a yard. Many are looking for something cheap and they are satisfied if only it looks well.

In the intellectual realm there is a great deal of counterfeit. Never were there so many splendid colleges and universities as there are today, but along with these we have paper institutions, where a person by paying a liberal fee and taking a superficial course of study, may get any degree from B. S. to L. D. We know preachers who never had any advantages of college or seminary, but they appear Ph. D. to their name and are called Doctor. When a young evangelist who receives his education at "Brush College," but has splendid natural ability as a preacher, comes out with B. D. to his name, we know that it only means Bought Dignity. But it deceives many people who take the letters at their full value.

In the Spiritual realm there is a counterfeit holiness. It is that of imputation. It believes in covering over sin with the robe of Christ's righteousness and denies the possibility and necessity of having carnality destroyed. It teaches that God practices deception upon himself and looks at the polluted soul for Christ's sake as though it were pure. It teaches that the righteousness of the law was fulfilled in Christ but not in us. But the Bible teaches the true holiness by impartation. If the blood of Jesus cannot make the heart free from sin then the promises of God are vain. Christ is no real soul physician, and salvation is only a cloak for sin and not a remedy. Yet many will say, "I am vile and sinful, but I am trusting in the righteousness of Christ." John said, "He that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous; he that comiteth sin is of the devil."

What is true Holiness?

It is healthiness. The word holy comes from the Saxon word Halig—health. Sin is a disease. Jesus came to effect a cure. In regenerating grace life is imparted to the dead soul; by entire sanctification inbred sin is destroyed. Many people have physical life, but they are troubled with diseases which makes life hard to bear. Inbred sin is the disease which hinders the soul's life. It makes growth almost impossible. Unless it is cured it will destroy the life imparted in regeneration. Sanctification is the only remedy for back-sliding.

Holiness, too, means oneness. Oneness with God in his plan of redemption. The enlightened soul sees in the Cross of Christ the wisdom, power and love of God. The soul heartily assents to God. Conditions of salvation by faith and not by works. The sanctified soul is at one with God in His standard of salvation—a life without sin. God's commands are not grievous to the cleansed believer. The proneness to sin has been taken away. He still has great temptations, but overcomes even as Jesus did.

Holiness produces great oneness of spirit between those of like precious faith, regardless of denominational lines. We have seen more than a dozen denominations represented at a camp meeting where for days in sermon and testimony there was not a discordant note. In non-essentials there were probably many dif-

ferences of opinion, but these were left in the background. Holiness was the theme and the experience enjoyed. It made the camp a heavenly place in Christ Jesus.

This is the experience that gives the individual oneness with himself. Many do not know why they act like a saint one day and feel and act like a devil the next. The unsanctified believer does not know himself. He is troubled with an internal war. His heart is divided. When he wants to be at his best he fails. He cries, "Oh, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Thank God there is deliverance. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus doth make one free from the law of sin and death.

True Holiness means love. Perfect love to God and perfect love to man. Jesus prayed for His enemies, so did Stephen. So can we, and love them with a pure heart fervently. This love is an emotion which at times sweeps the soul in billows. It is also a principle that pursues a steady course when the emotions have subsided.

Holiness gives inspiration. Not pleunary inspiration the prophets and apostles enjoyed that enabled them to foretell events, proclaim new truth. The preacher's inspiration is in relation to the revelation already given. This is the inspiration or divine afflatus that saves the preacher from being dry. He is proclaiming the same old truth but with life and love and power. The Holy Ghost inspires him. It gives grip and power to the message. The minister without the Holy Ghost is only a preacherette talking of a sermonette for the purpose of getting up a revivalette. The last thing the popular preacher wants to say today is the Holy Ghost who would make him a true prophet in reproving sin and proclaiming salvation.

Holiness gives inspiration in prayer. It saves stereotyped phrases. You can hear the prayer of a Holy Ghost man, for he never prays the same. He breaks out in new places. The Holy Ghost says things to him and gives genuine fervency.

Holiness gives inspiration in testimony. It does not have to go back to forty years ago. It tells of present, real and definite victory. Hallelujah!

Holiness produces naturalness and saves from all monkey antics. The experience manifests itself according to the temperament of the individual. Some shout, others are quiet. Some jump and make a demonstration and others are very mild. John did not act like Peter, and Peter was not like Philip, but they each had "the blessing." Holiness brings out the peculiar qualities of personality. Don't think brother, if you got it, you would have to act like someone whom to you acts extreme. You will act like your true self. Don't be afraid of the fire.

Holiness means enthusiasm. I raise that word in a good sense. As Bud Robinson says, "It puts a spring in the heel and a will in the soul." When people look for the sanctified soul to give up in despair, he has just nicely begun. He feels in league with God who keeps him going on. Simplicity is another characteristic of Holiness. The hardened man becomes like a little child, and is so unaffected in all his tastes. Bishop B. T. Roberts was a wonderful man in prayer and preaching. A vain woman invited him to her house to spend the night and praised the prayer she had heard him offer in public and said, "I want to hear you pray." Before retiring the bishop knelt and prayed, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Holiness means safety. It "seals us unto the

W. C. T. U. Column.

Perhaps the readers of the Highway might be interested in some of the work done by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city. Since September, which is the beginning of our Union year, several new members have been added to our already large membership. A splendid programme has been prepared for this year's work. Those who have had part in it up to the present time are as follows: Mrs. S. A. Baker, flower mission. Mrs. Baker told of her work among the poor, sick and shut-in ones for the past year. On her day the members of the Union donate fruit, flowers, jellies, preserves, etc., for Mrs. Baker's department of the work.

Rev. Dr. Kierstead gave an interesting talk on another afternoon on Christian Citizenship.

Mrs. Minnie Dykeman gave a splendid paper on Tithing.

A Talk with Mother by Mrs. Hartt, which was both helpful and instructive.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, who was to have spoken on Influence vs. Power, and Rev. A. F. Newcombe on Child Study, have been unable to be present on the day assigned to them.

The members met at the home of Mrs. Kitchen, Superintendent of Sailor's Work, and made and filled comfort bags for the sailors. This is an annual event.

Twenty-five dollars worth of canned goods were donated for the Belgians Relief Fund.

Two and a half barrels of good eating apples were sent as a treat to the artillerymen in training at the exhibition buildings.

Knitting for the soldiers has not been neglected either by these women.

The Union has also been doing some work among the foreigners in the city, but as these men are shifting about so often it is difficult to meet with any large measure of success.

Through the untiring efforts of the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union the Curfew Law has been enforced, although no provision as yet has been made for the ringing of a bell or other signal that all children under the age of 12 are required to be off the streets by the hour of eight o'clock in the winter and nine o'clock in the summer.

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The young people's class of the Reformed Baptist Sunday school held a class meeting on Monday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Archer, the meeting being held for the purpose of tacking a quilt for the Riverside campmeeting hotel.

The result of unguided natural prayer is the idolatry of heathendom abroad, ceremonialism at home, and superstition in general.—*Jos. H. Smith.*

day of redemption." Yes, one may lose it and perish, but it puts us in the safest place we can be this side of Glory. It establishes the soul and makes faith a habit and complete victory over sin the programme for every day.

Here the soul is safeguarded. The eyes of the Lord go to and fro in the earth to show Himself strong towards those whose hearts are perfect toward Him. It makes us to not merely trust in our own faithfulness, but in God's faithfulness. Holiness is the only experience that can make us fit for Heaven. Believer, if you are a child of God you desire it. Thank God you may have it now if you are willing to pay the price, trust the blood and dare suffer with Jesus. Amen.