

**CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.**

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being puffed down when he is ignored and dishonored.

Such a man is always a gentleman; such a woman is always a lady. Neither behaves in an un-Christianlike manner.

He is unselfish; and remains sweet-tempered when friends or circumstances would provoke him. He imagines evil of no one; doesn't rejoice in the downfall of his enemies, but weeps over them.

His enduring qualities are remarkable, his faith and hope are strong and bright. He has the abiding graces, and the love that never fails. Brother, sister, have you got Christian perfection?—Rev. A. F. Ingler, in Herald of Holiness.

Anything is perfect that accomplishes that which it was made to accomplish in the manner in which it was made to accomplish it. And when a man loves God with all his heart, he is a perfect Christian because that is what God intends man to do. The man may be faulty in other particulars, but perfection in doing what he was created to do.

There is both a negative and a positive side to the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. We are cleansed from all sin, the old man is destroyed, the carnal nature is eradicated, on the one hand, while on the other we receive power to go forth in the service of the Lord, having power within to do anything God wants us to do. We should not limit Pentecost to purity, for holiness means purity and gives power for service.

The difference between those that are justified and those that are sanctified is the difference between a sailing vessel and an ocean steamer. The one must wait for a favorable gale to help it on, while the other has fire and steam and can go regardless of weather conditions.

There are very few who take the way to heaven, because they won't pay the price. God has no bargain counter in dealing with the great question of salvation, but all must meet His terms.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire is as definite as regeneration or entire sanctification. It is not a work of grace; it is an endowment of power. One man who has received it knows more about it than thousands of good people who have not felt it. God has promised to pour it on all flesh.

**RESISTING TEMPTATION.**

"It is a fatal thing to play with temptation. There is usually a time when any temptation could be easily overcome, but there is a later stage when a person often finds himself well-nigh defeated before he begins to assert his power of resistance. Say, 'No,' and say it at once, and the fight is over, or at least you are strengthened for the next attack of the same character. Any intelligent or well informed soul can usually tell and that almost instantly, whether a desire arising can be satisfied properly. If it cannot be so satisfied within legal and moral bounds, crush it, and crush it at once."—R. T. Williams, D.D.

**OBITUARY.**

Adam J. McPherson.

The death of Adam James McPherson occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. A. Finnis, at Evandale, Kings Co., N. B., on Thursday morning, Dec. 13th, 1923.

Mr. McPherson was the oldest son of Robert and Mary McPherson, of Millstream, Kings Co., N. B. He is survived by one brother, Joseph, of Millstream, and four sisters, Mrs. S. A. Finnis, Evandale, Kings Co., N. B.; Mrs. Elspeth McMillan, Waltham, Mass.; Mrs. Letitia McMillan, Millstream, N. B.; and Mrs. Harry Hayes, Calgary, Alberta.

The funeral service was held at the home of his sister at Evandale, conducted by Rev. McAlden and interment in Episcopal cemetery at Oak Point, N. B.

Although this article comes late, the writer feels that many who have been blessed by the godly influence of Brother McPherson's life, will value some particulars of his early days.

Brother McPherson was born at Millstream, N. B., March 30th, 1855. He joined the Highfield Presbyterian Church at Millstream in early life. Not being satisfied with his experience, he persistently sought the Lord until one day, while driving on the road he received the evidence of his conversion. As he explained to the writer, he there realized that it was the blood of Jesus Christ that atoned for his sins.

After a walk with God of about two years, during which time he was active in Sabbath School and temperance work, he was convicted of inbred sin, rising of temper and desires not in line with all the will of God. Being convinced that the Lord had a greater work of grace, which would cleanse his heart, he, one Sabbath afternoon, closeted himself in prayer to God, with the determination to tarry until endued with power from on high. After being there for some hours, and following a consecration that included himself, his business and all ambitions, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. His influence from this date was marked, as the Lord from this time endowed him with a holy joy and laughter that marked him as a man of God.

After taking a leading part in the revivals that swept Millstream and the surrounding country, Brother McPherson was led out as a lay worker through the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He visited the scattered and needy places from Millstream, travelling as far as Trenton, N. S. His work has covered a period of about thirty years or more and over different sections of the provinces. His many friends will miss his visits, as they were times of refreshing and blessing to the people of God. His work will remain as many have been helped over the crisis by his godly counsel. He gave liberally of his means and supported himself from his lumber business, during all the early years of his life.

Although frail in body, the last years of his life have been crowded with Christian activity, having travelled over many parts of New Brunswick and by rail to Nova Scotia. He was a very clear living witness of the power of God to cleanse the

heart from inbred sin. His teaching was clear, and deep in setting forth the need of a holy life, which was obtained by forgiveness of sins and sanctification or baptism with the Holy Ghost as a work of grace subsequent to conversion.

Brother McPherson's passing was tranquil. He suffered considerably during the last few weeks of life. The morning he died he led in family worship from his bed with his usual power and fervor. Some two hours later, while his friends were at his bedside, he looked up and prayed, "Jesus take me," and in a few moments he was gone.

Although gone his influence will live and tell for Jesus in these provinces where he was born and lived his devoted Christian life.

May a double portion of his spirit fall upon some one remaining.

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**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Her strength is in the cleansing, filling and abiding presence of the Holy Ghost. Acts 1:8.

The Church of Christ consists of true believers: hence compacts of unconverted people under the name of a church are frauds.

She is a conservator of the truth; hence organizations that renounce the great truths of holiness, hell, regeneration and personal piety, by precept or example, are no parts of the Church.

She is the dwelling place of God; hence organizations under the name of the church which are destitute of God's indwelling and control are counterfeits.

Christ is her Head; hence organizations which are controlled by the opinions of man or men [and not by Christ] are not His Church.

She is "called out" from the world; hence religious organizations that are worldly, swayed by worldly motives and pander to worldly influences, have no right to claim to be Christ's Churches.

Christ's Church is supported by freewill giving; hence human cliques which have substituted fairs, festivals, frolics and theatricals instead, thereby advertise that they are no part of her.—Sel.

There are no tendencies toward doubt, distrust or unbelief in the sanctified soul.

God has never called His own to pass through this old world on flowery beds of ease, but often in the midst of trial and difficulty he proves her strength and her fitness to live with Him forever. He took Abraham out from Ur of the Chaldees and gave him a promise that his seed should be heir of the world. Abraham took up on his shoulders this great world burden and for twenty-five years lived on in view of the fulfillment of God's promise, although childless. God had said that his seed should bless the world. Abraham believed God, and after all these years of waiting with the weight of the whole world upon his shoulders he never staggered at the promise. God's people are able to take burdens, world burdens, and move out and on without staggering.—Doctor Goodwin's "Living Signs and Wonders."