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EDITORIAL

This is the nineteenth hundredth celebration of Pentecost, and the churches everywhere are devising ways to celebrate it. We are sure this is a fine idea. It would seem to us that the celebration of many other days are meaningless without Pentecost, for here, we might say, was the beginning in activity of the church of Jesus Christ. But why celebrate Pentecost, if we do not believe what it stands for? On the day of Pentecost the Holy Ghost was given to the 120 in the upper room; these were not sinners, but eleven Apostles whom Jesus had chosen to be with Him, and had given them power over unclean spirits, power to heal the sick, cast out devils, etc. There was one in that company that had been chosen by the disciples to take the place of Judas, the betrayer; the balance of that company were just the common web and woof of humanity that had been transformed by the power of Jesus. No doubt Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils, was in the company. We are sure they were all believers in and followers of Jesus. He had told them that the world could not receive the Holy Ghost, "the Spirit of Truth"—John 14-17. Therefore the Holy Spirit baptism is only for those who know Jesus in forgiveness of sins.

Pentecost was the fulfilling of prophecy, as much as the coming of Jesus. Peter said: "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel:

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit; and they shall prophesy" (tell forth)—Acts 2-16, 17.

It was more than a blessing they received; they received Him. He gave them power by purifying their hearts and filling them with His spirit, then followed the great harvest of souls, 3,000 converted in one day.

The church is wanting a revival, but we fear not such a revival as would come by the folk being baptized with the Holy Ghost.

It would seem to us that our tabernacle, camp and tent meetings should be very distinctly holiness, for that is the product of Pentecost. Things are badly mixed these days. Folk talk about the Holy Spirit, but they want some ecstatic feeling or some peculiar manifestation,

but when He comes it is to "purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

May this year 1930 see a mighty revival in the cause of holiness. Let us wait for it, and expect it. If conditions are met, God will do the rest. He declares by the mouth of His prophet: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, etc. (Mal. 3-10), and by the Apostle Paul, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

The will of God is for His children that they be filled with the Holy Ghost. What a responsibility is upon every child of God; and we shall meet that responsibility sooner or later, for we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. May there be a great searching of heart to see if we are measuring up to God's requirements; if not, let us hasten to do it, then the revival will begin, and it must begin at Jerusalem, that means right where we are.

A FRESH AND ATTRACTIVE MINISTRY

The best preparation for the work of teaching others is to have the message filling the heart in full personal enjoyment of its power. Cold, didactic instruction, however clear and correct, has little unction or attractive power to arrest others. The Psalmist's condition is that to which all true teachers, preachers, and soul-winners should aspire. "My heart is inditing ("overfloweth with." R. V., a good matter: I speak the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer." (Psa. 45:1). The overflowing heart, full of the enjoyment of its theme, makes the tongue pour forth in streams of living freshness, the message to others, and to this end comes the apostolic injunction, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom, teaching, and admonishing. (Col. 3:6). The word is to be dwelling richly within, before it is given out to others. In this busy day, when the rush of daily life demands so much of the average business man's time, it is well to be reminded of this, and lay it to heart. There has to be the daily taking in of the Word of Christ, the constant dealing with the Book of God, with exercise of heart and soul over it; in short, the enjoyment of the truth within, giving strength and joy to the soul, before it can be spoken with freshness, spiritual attractiveness, and real blessing to others.

Non-success in preaching, lack of blessing, dearth of conversions, and listless indifference on the part of the hearer, are too often due to the low spiritual state and consequent dry and withering ministry of the speaker. A fresh and spiritually attractive ministry which brings GOD to souls, and has as its result the bringing of souls to God, is the outcome of close personal, and constant dealings with God, and His word dwelling in the heart, and this means time spent with God, and over the word; not constant rush and hurry.

—J. A. Bennett, in *The Holiness Era*

When we find ourselves drawn, with increasing earnestness to follow on to know more of the Lord, we have evidence of growth in grace. —Finney.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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gaging the attention of many minds. The gospel cannot fail when it is preached in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The gospel has not failed, but the church has failed to present it in the way God has ordained. The gospel can be presented in song, sermon, and exposition in all its fullness and simplicity, but unless it is accompanied by the Holy Spirit it will only tickle the ear and never touch the heart. A life yielded to the Spirit, a heart filled with perfect love, a passionate heart, a vision of the lost, a soul on fire, a submissive will, and a spirit in constant communion with God are most essential for successful Gospel preaching. If the gospel is preached with these qualifications souls will be saved, believers will be established in grace, labour will be crowned with success, and God's blessing will flow like a river upon ministry and laity.

The Holy Spirit is the need of the age, church and hour. He alone is the only hope of the Church's success. He alone can meet the need of the human heart, He alone can bring the dead to life, He alone can satisfy the soul, He alone can give power to the faint, He alone can bring blessing, and He alone has been our help in every time of need. Christians are yearning for the Spirit, praying for the Spirit, waiting for the Spirit, and making efforts in various ways to get the Spirit. The Spirit is given to those who live devotional lives, walk in the light, keep God's commandments, love God supremely, and ever desiring His will in all things both great and small.

Would to God that Christian people could see the great necessity of the Holy Spirit in all their plans, labour and life. It would save them from endless trouble. When the Holy Spirit is given absolute permission in the heart and life God comes first always, others second, and self last. Again, the great vitals of Christianity are kept in view always, and the non-essentials of religion, the convictions of others are treated with the utmost respect. The non-essentials amongst the holiness people have been the subject of much discussion of late. As a result of the view and differences of opinion which exist, many hearts have been made to bleed, many spirits wounded, and many have suffered untold agony. When this state of affairs prevail, we do not wonder why there is so little progress in the cause of holiness. In the name of Jesus let us lay aside every petty difference in the non-essentials, and strive for unity, work in harmony, cooperate in all things, and let perfect love govern our lives, words, thoughts, actions, views, and the seal of God will be upon us. A dear Christian said to the writer recently: "Let us have unity in the essentials, liberty in the non-essentials, and charity in all things." I said, "Amen!"

This article was born out of prayer and meditation. It has been written after a careful and prayerful consideration. It now goes on its errand with the humble prayer of the writer asking God's blessing upon it. May it prove a blessing to every reader. Amen!

—Robert Boston in *The Holiness Era*.

"Everything that serves, serves at the cost of sacrifices, for sacrifice is the price of service."—*Free Methodist*.

"Some people's religion is like their shoes. It only shines on Sunday."—*Wesleyan Methodist*.