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HOLINESS

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The call of God is unto holiness. 1st Thess. 4-7. And if so it must be possible for souls to obtain it. We cannot obtain it by our own efforts and yet there are some conditions that must be met if souls receive it.

There is the objection by some, that it cannot be obtained in this life. Only in the hour of death will this be imparted to us; the only answer to such an objection is that the one who takes such a position is limiting God and they also have no scriptural ground to stand on.

Holiness is made possible to the believer first, through entire consecration. Rom. 12:1-2. 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. What is the will of God but holiness for the individual, so if souls are not receiving what God has willed for them, it is because they have not met this condition.

It is made possible by the blood of Jesus. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13-12.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9-14. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1st John 1-7.

It is made possible through faith and prayer, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11-6.

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26-18. It is made possible by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. "He shall baptize you

with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Matt. 3-11. "That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Roms. 15-16.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 1-4.

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us.

"And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8-9.

The justified soul that will make the entire consecration, seeking definitely for holiness, their faith faculty will operate and the Holy Spirit will come, cleansing and making holy.

PENTECOST

In the Upper Room assembled nineteen hundred years ago,

They were waiting for the Spirit Jesus said He would bestow;

Ten long days they had been waiting with their hearts all one accord,

They expected the fulfilment of the promise of the Lord.

Then there came a sound of rushing, to all those assembled there,

And it filled the house about them as they knelt that day in prayer;

For the Holy Ghost descended on each head, a tongue of flame,

Every heart was set on fire, to go forth in Jesus' name.

As the Spirit gave them utterance, with other tongues they spake,

And the men of other nations with conviction deep did quake;

Then they cried to God for pardon, and to take their sins away,

To the little church were added full three thousand souls that day.

Through the years the Holy Spirit has been with us day by day,

Saving, comforting and cleansing, washing every stain away;

And the Church which Jesus founded that first Pentecostal Day,

Has become a mighty army marching on to victory.

ALICE M. LEWIS.

"There have been three notable periods in the history of the extension of the Christian religion—the time of the martyrs, the time of the monks and the time of the Methodists. In each of these periods religion spread phenomenally. The significance of each of these for our present purpose is that each of them was an era of lay activity. The Christian Church was begun by laymen; the apostles were all laymen. It has ever since owed its best growth to the co-operation of laymen. The monks were lay orders. The Methodists won their great victories by lay preaching. Not only that, but these laymen in every one of these three periods did their work in spite of the clergy, discouraged by the clergy, detested by the clergy."—Dean Hodges, in "Personal Evangelism."

The pillar of cloud has passed away and in its place has come the living testimony of the Spirit of God, bearing witness with our spirit that we are children.—R. C. Holmes.

A GOSPEL OF SONG, "IN SPITE OF"

Referring to the singing of a Negro quartet at a great missionary convention in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the distinguished missionary and author, said in one of his addresses:

"We are beginning to recognize now that it would be a loss if we could Anglo-Saxonize the world; that every nation has its part to contribute to the collective life of our race; that it takes all colors to make a rainbow and different notes to bring forth a symphony. The Anglo-Saxon will contribute his note, his love of truth and frankness. The Latin will contribute his note of love of beauty and art.

"The Negro will contribute his note, and I have been trying to analyze what it is that gets me so deeply in these Negro spirituals, and I have come to the conclusion that it is this: That the Negro people are teaching us how to sing 'in spite of.' Now, the cross of Jesus is a gospel of 'in spite of'—seldom 'on account of,' and the Negroes are teaching the race how to sing 'in spite of' their disabilities and their sorrows. They have turned their pains into paeans. Hence their songs spring out of spirituality, and deep speaks unto deep. It is worth living for and dying for to teach the race how to sing 'in spite of.'"—Heart and Life.

"I NEVER MADE A SACRIFICE"

To talk of sacrifice when we are living on the "fat of the land," to pose as martyrs when we have had only a few pin scratches is ludicrous and absurd. Few of us have gone to the depths in self-denial. It is an age of pampering, enervating, sinning indulgence. Strong character is not forged on such an anvil. Hear that noted explorer and missionary, David Livingstone, who spent his life battling with physical hardships, disease and savagery:

"For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink, but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us. See Hebrews 1:3."

"One little hour for watching with the Master,
Eternal years to walk with Him in white;
One little hour to bravely meet disaster
Eternal years to reign with Him in light.

"One little hour for weary toils and trials,
Eternal years for calm and peaceful rest;
One little hour for patient self denials,
Eternal years of life where life is blest."

—Way of Holiness