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EDITORIAL

WHAT IS HOLINESS?

Let us ask Noah Webster.

This is what he says:

"The state or quality of being holy; perfect moral integrity or purity; freedom from sin; sanctity; innocence."

This is just the definition of the word given by the great educator which of course is correct. Now, for a broader and more comprehensive view of the term, let us consult the word of God.

First: **HOLINESS IS GOD'S CHOICE** for His people.

Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesian church: "He hath chosen us in him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Eph. 1-4.

Second: **IT IS GOD'S CALL.**

The same apostle wrote to the Church of the Thessalonians. "For God hath not called us into uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth (or rejecteth) despiseth not man but God." I. Thes. 4-7.

Third: **IT IS HIS COMMAND.**

Peter in his general epistle wrote: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation because it is written. Be ye holy: for I am holy. Peter here is quoting the command of God to his people anciently, found in Leviticus 11:44. It is very reasonable to expect that our God wants people to be like himself in spirit. "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth," saith Jesus. "Or how can two walk together except they be agreed," thus saith the prophet Amos.

Fourth: **JESUS DIED TO MAKE US HOLY.**

The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians. And you that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprieveable in his sight. Col. 1:21-22.

Fifth: **WE ALL NEED HOLINESS TO FIT US FOR HEAVEN.**

The great apostle wrote to the Hebrews: "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"—Heb. 12-14.

Sixth: **IT IS FOR US TO ENJOY IN THIS PRESENT LIFE.**

Read Luke 1:73 to 75: "The oath that He swore to our father Abraham that he would grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him

without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

Seventh: **IT IS OBTAINED BY FAITH IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS.**

"Having therefore boldness, brethren, to enter into the holiest of all by the Blood of Jesus, by a new and a living way, which he hath consecrated for us through the veil that is to say his flesh, and having a high priest over the house of God; let us draw near in full assurance of faith—Heb. 10:19-22. Why not enter into our inheritance today? Seeing this is God's will even your sanctification.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE MODERN WORLD TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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power and anointing is for the church today and is the great crying need to fit her to meet the challenge of the modern world. There is no new way to do it, and if Jesus were here in person tonight He would recommend the same method for winning the world.

I still believe that Jesus knew better than the modernists, and believe that we shall have to go back to the Bible to find the secret of success in soul winning. We believe firmly and candidly that if the Christian church with all her wealth and organization and talent were to tarry until every member received his personal Pentecost that we would see great spiritual awakenings; thousands would be swept into the churches, and Christianity would march forward with victory perched upon her banners. When this happens she will be ready to accept the challenge of a cold careless and godless world. Will the church do it? Will Hartland churches do it? The world is waiting to see something take place in the churches, then **THEY** will be interested.

We blame the world for its indifference and lack of interest in spiritual things, but who are most to blame? The church has no right to blame the world until she has first tried and fulfilled every **KNOWN** condition that could possibly make for success.

Usually, we will try everything else but the most needful thing. We will resort to every means to try to promote the work of the Lord, but the last thing we will do is to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and pray and tarry for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. This involves the dying out to self and sin and worldliness and a complete commitment of our redeemed selves to God to be used as He directs, and these things are hard to do because it means sacrifice and crucifixion.

The truth of what I have just said about the unpopularity of prayer and tarrying for the anointing of the Spirit can be easily tested out almost any day in the modern church. Just announce a meeting for a half night of prayer and the next night put on a concert or a supper and check up on the results. In churches with memberships running into hundreds they might find it difficult to find a dozen that would have vision and concern enough about a revival to even take notice of such an appointment. I have wondered how many church members we would have to pass by in finding a hundred and twenty that would stand by a ten-days' prayer meeting, and stay with it until something really happened.

I like to think of what would happen in the world if we could furnish Pentecostal conditions. I believe sinners all about us would be aroused and get concerned about their souls and would be led to cry out as of old, "What must I do to be saved." No doubt today, as then, many would think the people either drunk or crazy, but until the church gets enough of the super-

natural in her to attract the attention of the world she never can save them. The world will soon get filled with programs and entertainments and must have something new in that line to keep up their interest, so it is no good for the church to try to compete with the world at amusing people, and the sooner she finds this out the better, but the world will get interested when the simple gospel of Christ is preached under the anointing of the Spirit and if **THIS FAILS** it is no use to try anything else. The true gospel has not failed and will not fail.

What we need is not more talent, no more elaborate ceremonies, not finer churches, not a better educated ministry, not more organization, but a great outpouring of the Spirit upon what we already have. It is time that church leaders could see that machinery, and drives, and slogans, and societies, and brotherhoods, have been a failure to win the world for Christ, and the church has been fast losing her hold upon the world by dependence upon these things. It has been dependence in these things that has brought the church to the point that we find her just now. How long will it be before the church will confess its failure and will return to the Holy Spirit and prayer and the preaching of the simple gospel! How long before the church will tarry until the Holy Ghost falls upon her? Will we do it? Will the churches in Hartland do it?

Will we repent of our failure, our pride, our worldliness, our prayerlessness, our lack of the Holy Spirit, and return to God and holiness and thus accept the challenge of a lost and perishing world.

THE WILL OF GOD—YOUR SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is a term peculiarly related to the subject of religion. Christians are the only class of people who can rightfully lay claim to this word. Chemistry, Botany, Astronomy, Music, Painting or Sculpture have little in common with it. Science, Mathematics and Geometry make no use of it whatsoever. It is a high and holy word. God is its author, and only the believer in Christ Jesus can know the entirety and fulness of its meaning.

I shall give a few standard definitions: The word is so little used, even from religious pulpits and (as I have already stated) has no place whatsoever in secular affairs, that many people know little of its real meaning. Webster defines it thus: "To make sacred or holy. To set apart to a holy or religious use. To consecrate by appropriate rites, to hallow. To make free from sin. To cleanse from moral corruption and pollution, to purify. In Theology the acts of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God."

Standard Dictionary: "To make holy: rendered sacred, morally or spiritually pure, cleansed from sin.

Sanctification specifically in theology: The gracious work of the Holy Spirit by which the believer is freed from sin and exalted to holiness of heart and life."

Westminster Confession of Faith: "They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and Resurrection, by His Word and His Spirit dwelling in them."

These definitions will show us that Sanctification is first, an act of God's grace; secondly, is related to the believer and thirdly, is