

## THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER AND MAKING JESUS REAL.

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How few there seem to be among Christians who realize the preciousness of Jesus, our loving Friend and Saviour.

To the Christian He is the One altogether lovely, the Fairest and Chiefest among Ten Thousand, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star. He is dearer than all beside and sweetest of all. He is our All and in all.

But He must be indwelling in our hearts to become all this to us. He indwells us by the blessed Holy Ghost, the third Person of the Trinity.

First of all, the sinner at conversion is born anew, born of the Spirit. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but can'st not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth, so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

Again: by the baptism with the Holy Ghost, received as a second definite experience subsequent to regeneration, the Christian receives by faith sanctification, which is the sealing with the Spirit. In the Council at Jerusalem Peter was referring to this experience when he said, "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. So we see in sanctification the Christian heart is purified, cleansed, and sealed.

The Holy Spirit comes into our hearts:

1. To bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

2. To sanctify the renewed heart.

3. To testify of Christ, to make Him real to our hearts, and thus to enable us to witness for Him, John 15: 26, 27, "for He (the Holy Ghost) shall not speak of Himself . . . He shall glorify Christ," John 16: 13, 14; and to be our Comforter, John 15: 26; 16: 7. Oh, how our poor human hearts need, often crave, comfort which the world and worldly things cannot give. Blessed be His name! He wants to be our Guide, "When He the spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth," John 16:13.

John 14:26 tells us also He is our Teacher.

He is to be our Teacher and Guide in all matters of doctrine. He the Holy Spirit indwelling the heart of the believer and cleansing the heart from sin is the only authentic and inerrant Interpreter of the written Word of God.

He will be our guide in all matters of conduct. This includes our friendships, our associations one with another, our speech, conversation and correspondence.

Then He will guide us as to the use of our money whether we have much or little. Few Christians or perhaps I should say, few church members, are consecrated along this line. The tithe or the tenth of our income belongs to God. It must be relinquished willingly. It is not ours, but His. Then the offerings,—free-will offerings—these must accompany or follow the paying of our tithes. Oh, how God will bless here! "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20: 35. "God loveth a cheerful giver," 2 Cor. 9:7.

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24. And "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches." Prov. 13:7.

Yes, the Holy Spirit, if we are fully consecrated and wholly sanctified, will be our Teacher and Guide in these and all other matters.

6. To direct and control in the prayer-life and the ministry of intercession. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Jude 20: 21. Lastly, the Holy Spirit incites the heart to praise the Name of Jesus. "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name." Heb. 13:15.

"Jesus is now and ever will be  
Sweeter than all the world to me;  
Since I heard His loving call,  
Sweeter than all, sweeter than all.

"Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,  
Cling to gilded toys of dust;  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure,  
Only Jesus will I trust  
Only Jesus, only Jesus,  
Only Jesus will I trust."

### ON BUILDING WALLS

Having done a thing once, it is easier to do it again. Having begun a course of action, it is usually easier to pursue that way than to change to something else. As the years go by, the habits and the way of life become ever more powerful and determining.

Another factor enters. In youthfulness there is an elasticity of mind and heart or a plastic condition where the bending and the molding are easy. But as certainly as green wood becomes dry and unbending, and young bones after a time old and still and resisting, so the mind and heart pass from the time of easy change to the time when it is hard to go a different way, and finally to the place where no change is possible. Therefore one should do once and repeat what he wants to do a thousand times. He should go for a week and a month the way he wants to go for a decade and for eternity.—Free Methodist.

### ONE IS RESPONSIBLE

For his gifts  
For his time.  
For his money.  
For his influence.  
For his own soul.  
For the Sunday school.  
For the attendance at the church.  
For the reputation of the church.  
For the salvation of his household.  
For the salvation of his friends.  
For the salvation of the heathen world.  
For the encouragement of the children of God.

And this responsibility is not lessened one iota by the fact that one does not come to church, does not profess religion, does not profess to believe the gospel.

Remember, no failure in one place or in several will ever excuse more failure.

God requires every sinner to live a holy Christian life. The fact that he has never been converted makes no difference in the requirement whatever. He ought to have been converted. The way and the grace are provided.

—Free Methodist.

## Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

### LIQUOR MOUNTING COST SHOWN IN CLEAR MANNER

Hornell, N. Y., Oct. 27.—The year's developments intensifying the social and individual problem of liquor in the United States were today summarized by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as follows

"Crime has increased. J. Edgar Hoover says that: 'One million, four hundred and forty-five thousand, five hundred and eighty-one major crimes were committed in the United States last year, and the crime bill was \$120 for every citizen.'

#### Prison Population High

"Prison population has reached an all-time high.

"Consumption of alcohol has increased steadily. Figures show an increase every month since repeal. We have not yet reached the pre-prohibition level, for the good done during that period has not yet disappeared. In 1935 the increase in consumption of hard liquor was 94 per cent over the preceding year. In 1936 we drank 34 per cent more whiskey than in 1935, and 17 per cent more beer.

#### More Traffic Accidents

"Traffic accidents due to alcohol have increased enormously since the repeal of prohibition, according to the National Safety Council. The number more than doubled in three years, between 1933 and 1936.

"The drink bill of the nation is estimated at between \$3,500,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000.

"The amount of liquor manufactured has increased each year. It not only took care of increasing consumption, but over 80,000,000 gallons of hard liquor beyond the amount consumed have been manufactured and placed in storage for future use. No limit has been placed on manufacturing.

"The liquor-selling places have increased from 177,000 before prohibition to 481,000 today.

#### Bootlegging Continues

"Bootlegging continues, and the United States government has seized an average of 300 stills each week since repeal. It is estimated that one-half of the strong liquor sold comes from illegal stills.

"Drinking among college students is greatly on the increase as reported in a survey made last winter by the Literary Digest.

"Beer taverns have multiplied to the point where, according to Miss Jessie F. Binford, executive secretary of the juvenile Protective Association of Chicago, they are responsible for 35 per cent of juvenile delinquency.

"Brewers have conquered the nation. There is not a single state where beer is not legally sold.

"Over \$35,000,000 were spent for liquor advertising last year to increase sales and induce people to drink. Liquor advertisements are flaunted on billboards, on picture screens, over the radio, and cover whole pages of newspapers and magazines.

#### Among Women and Girls

"Drinking among women and girls has multiplied since repeal. So shocking are the conditions that even the wets have introduced legislation to prevent women and girls from drinking at bars."

—Selected from Ottawa "Citizen" by Mrs. A. Willows.