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## EDITORIAL

### HOLINESS AND UNITY

The experience of holiness is designed to produce and promote unity.

In the realm of personal Christian experience, the sanctifying grace of God operates to bring the spiritual nature into a harmonious state by removing the discordant inbeing of sin. As long as sin remains in the heart of the believer, just so long will a state of inward division continue. When the Holy Ghost comes in His fulness this disrupting influence is removed and the spirit nature is perfectly harmonized.

In respect to the fellowship and labours of the group the same principle operates. Inbred sin in the Christian's heart is the cause of all church quarrels and resultant divisions. Lack of success in our church work is more often due to the retarding, obstructing influence of carnality than anything else. Therefore, desiring that His disciples might dwell together in true love and fellowship, Christ prayed, "sanctify them, that they all may be one." Moreover, He has provided for a unifying, effective service through the positive and unhindered ministry of the Holy Ghost. "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body."

This is the basis for all true unity whether personal, local, denominational, and general. There is a strong trend toward organic unity among the so-called holiness groups of America. The proposal is under discussion as it has not been in many years. Let us pray that those who are under the call to "spread scriptural holiness over these lands," may be drawn closer to each other by the only power capable of producing genuine unity, the unifying ministry of the Spirit!

### THAT KINDLY SMILE

Only a smile that was given to me,  
In the crowded street, one day;  
But it pierced the gloom of my saddened heart  
Like a sudden sunbeam ray.

The shadow of doubt hung o'er me,  
And the burden of pain I bore,  
And the voice of hope I could not hear,  
Though I listened o'er and o'er.

But there came a rift in the cloud about  
And a face I knew pass by,  
And the smile I caught was brighter to me  
Than the blue of summer sky;

## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### OUR PRAYER-LIFE

Rev. G. A. DeLong\*

The subject of prayer is of much importance to all of God's people.

Much has been said on this subject, and too much cannot be said. Jesus declared that men ought always to pray." Isaiah declares, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Then the psalmist exhorts us to "wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." The psalmist declared again that the Lord heard his cry, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Beloved, as God's people, we need to pray. I find in my ministry that it is easy to get folk to talk, argue, etc., but to get them to pray is a difficult task. The first disciples realized the necessity of prayer, and as they stood on the threshold of their Christian life and service, cried, "Lord teach us to pray."

Then there were times when Jesus felt His need of getting alone with the Father. Beloved, if Jesus and the first disciples felt this need, how much more must we feel it, as Christians today, surrounded by the forces of evil, when new isms and interpretations are crowding out the old-fashioned, substantial truths, which are so essential to our spiritual life. No wonder Paul, writing to the Ephesians declares: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness, in high places." Yes, beloved, we need to pray.

### The Power of Prayer

Prayer and confession of sin will bring the unsaved heart into the experience of regeneration. Jesus states very clearly in Matt. 21:22: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." John then declares, that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer does much for the believer. The presence of God becomes more real to him, the will of God becomes clearer to him. It clarifies the vision, it will increase our faith, and bring us nearer to the heart of God. It will help through our troubles, sorrows, disappointments, burdens, and help solve every problem. The following verses are more than just poetry:

"The Saviour can solve every problem

The tangles of life can undo.

There is nothing too hard for Jesus;

There is nothing that He cannot do."

### The Secret of Prayer

Jesus says in Matt. 6:6: "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." To go away, into a private room alone with God is indeed a blessed privilege, and it is there that the children of God have won some great battles, and received some of their greatest blessings. I wonder if Jesus didn't mean, when he made

For it gave me back the sunshine,  
And it scattered each sombre thought,  
And my heart rejoiced in the kindly warmth  
Which that kindly smile had brought.

—Family Herald

this statement, this is the way to keep out doubts, questions, yea those things that would hinder our prayers from being answered, for He says in Matt. 11:24: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe, that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Let us shut the door to doubts, questions, and all other obstacles, so that God will hear us when we pray.

### Result of Prayer

A happy people, a blessed people, a victorious people.

The poet expressed it well when he said: "Pray your way through, pray your way through;

If you want victory, pray your way through."

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### PROBATION IS REAL

Dr. J. B. Chapman

There is nothing that can contribute more to the likelihood of one's eternal salvation than the conviction that he must start well, continue zealously, and finish faithfully the race of life. Paul warns that one who thinks he standeth does well to "take heed lest he fall."

There was a young man, it is said, in the old "horse-and-buggy days," who invited his old mother to come with him for a ride. Out on the smooth highway the young man encouraged his spirited horse to take the buggy for a real spin. The timid old mother pushed over close to her son and grasped his arm with both hands. The son remonstrated: "There is not the slightest reason for being afraid, Mother. The buggy and harness are both new. The road is smooth and straight. The horse is gentle, though spirited. I am a good and careful driver." But the mother replied: "Son, it does not bother you for me to hold to your arm, does it?" "No," said the son, "it does not bother me." "Well," concluded the old mother, "if it does not bother you, it does your old mother a lot of good, so I will just keep holding on as though it were really necessary."

None of us are in heaven yet. We do rejoice in the knowledge of sins forgiven through the mercy of God. We rejoice in the witness of the Holy Spirit to cleansing from all sin in entire sanctification. And even if some say there is not the slightest danger now that we shall miss heaven, it will hurt no one at all for us to hold on with the energy of necessity. For if we could make it not holding on, we certainly will not miss it because we do hold on. And none can say that our sense of uncertainty about "unconditional, final perseverance" can keep us from such perseverance. For if one is to make it without any care on his own part, he surely will not miss it because he is careful and diligent and willingly persevering in love and good works.

But we would not leave this matter as though it were one of speculative theology only. Probation is very real. Heaven is not a place where people are to be saved. Rather it is a place where people are who are saved here are to go. Here, this world, is the place to get saved, and it is the place to prove and be proved. And the promise is, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." A good beginning is not enough. A strong race is not sufficient. It is one who continues faithful to the end and dies in "the triumphs of a living faith" that shall enter heaven.—Herald of Holiness.