

## RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

Dear Highway:

It was my privilege to attend the Annual Camp Meeting at Robinson, Maine, again this year for the entire time and I am sure that it was a profitable season for God's dear children. The Grounds Committee had made much needed repairs on the tabernacle by putting on an iron roof and straightening and strengthening the wall and supporting timbers and rafters, renewing the platform, removing the old sawdust and putting in 140 barrels of new; also making needed repairs on the hotel. Rev. H. S. Dow, the chairman of the Alliance Executive, had charge and helped in the work with the other members of the committee, and our friend, W. Wheeler, giving valuable support. The Hotel Committee headed by Brother Dow were untiring in their efforts to please and on every hand were expressions of appreciation of the quality and sufficiency of meals served. Mrs. Robert MacGeorge and Rev. Hubert McGeorge were the cooks, and they had fine helpers in a number of the good women who gave loyal support. The girls who waited on the tables were efficient and courteous. The good women rendered valuable assistance in washing dishes, etc. There was about the average attendance during the week and on Sundays the attendance was good especially the closing Sunday, Aug. 18th, the crowd was large and a more orderly one I have never seen at Riverside. The folk that came were liberal in their financial support of the camp. The spiritual atmosphere of the Camp-meeting was good. We were very fortunate in securing the services of Rev. E. H. Edwards, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Malden, Mass., who came to us in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ, and preached in the demonstration of the Spirit with power. He was a clear and strong exponent of entire sanctification as a second definite work of grace. He carried a burden, being present at the early morning prayer meetings and the afternoon services. He spoke at the 10.30 a. m. and night services and his messages were weighty and convincing. The souls of the saints were fed and deep conviction was on the unsaved and the unsanctified. But a tremendous spirit of resistance also was manifest, so that the number of seekers at the altar was not large, but we do thank the Lord for those who claimed the victory. The saints were edified and strengthened in the faith. Our own brethren who preached did so in a credible manner with the blessing of the Lord upon them. Mrs. Edwards, wife of our evangelist, was a blessing and inspiration. We had a goodly number of prayer warriors.

It was my privilege to have charge of the services. My soul was blessed and I was ably assisted and supported by my brethren and sisters in the ministry and others. There was a fine spirit of co-operation. The children's meetings were successfully carried on by Rev. M. Ella Slipp, while Lic. Bertram Hicks had charge of the Young People's services. We had a fine closing service on Sunday night, and we are sure the Camp-meeting at Riverside left a good impression on the people, and in consequence we look for an increased attendance in 1947. The open air meetings held by the laymen were good and the special singing was of a high order and a blessing to the people. To God be all the glory.

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## ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

We receive sanctification, a second definite work of grace, through the blood of Jesus Christ. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). It is the blood that cleanses and makes holy. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I. John 1:7).

The Word of God teaches the two-fold nature of sin—actual sin and indwelling sin. The terms "blot out," "forgive," and "pardon" refer to actual sins; while the terms "purge," "cleanse," "purify," and "sanctify" refer to indwelling sin.

You cannot sin and repent, and sin and repent, and call that salvation—that is conviction. When you are really saved, it takes sinning out of your life.

## What Happens at Conversion

At conversion, or regeneration, all actual sins are forgiven; your soul is justified, born of God, adopted into the family of God, and you become a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17; I. John 5:4). We have the witness of the Spirit in our heart. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (I. Cor. 2:12).

When you are really saved, sin is taken out of your life. When you are born of God, you will not give way to lust. You may feel at times an uprising within, but you will have power to resist the enemy.

The sins that you have committed in your life Jesus pardons and blots out; but the inherited sin, the inbred sin, is cleansed away, destroyed by the second work of grace. We are not responsible for the sin nature until we receive the light, for we could not repent of a sin that we did not commit. Our first parents fell, and sold their birthright, and through disobedience to God brought the sin nature, the fallen nature, upon the human race.

When a sinner comes to Christ and is saved, the fruits of sin are cut off, and the fruits of the Spirit appear; but the root, or nature, of sin remains in the heart and will sooner or later give trouble. He needs to go to God and have the old root, the Adamic nature, eradicated. He will then have a pure heart.

## What Happens in Second Crisis

David saw his need of sanctification, of cleansing, when he prayed, "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psa. 51:2-5-7).

Sanctification means a life of constant victory and perfect fellowship with Jesus Christ. There is a sacred oneness between the soul and God. "For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, are all of one" (Heb. 2:11). He reigns in the heart supreme—Christ, the Sanctifier, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace. This brings a sabbath of rest to the soul, for Christ reigns within, without a rival. The believer enters into absolute rest in God. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

Sanctification puts one on the highway of holiness, that undefiled, clean, holy walk with

God. It is wonderful to have the Sanctifier in the soul! It makes other souls hungry when they see sanctification lived out day after day, under every circumstance and condition. Heaven dwells in the soul, and the life measures to 1 Corinthians 13.

If there are evil uprisings in your heart you are not sanctified. If you get offended under provocation, if you contend for your opinion, your own way, you are not sanctified. You know whether there are uprisings of any unholy nature in your heart; and if there are, you should seek at once for sanctification.

## Do You Meet the Test?

How does your experience work, feel, and love, under test and trial? Examine the issues of your heart, and you will know whether you are sanctified. When you have the experience, there is no doubt in your heart, for you have the witness within and the life without, which makes it possible for you to know that you have the experience of entire sanctification. If you do not know whether you are sanctified, it is a sufficient proof that you have not the experience.

Consecrate your life; give God your all; put everything on the altar. Make your consecration according to the Word of God. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, . . . which is your reasonable service." Go down before Him with all your soul and life, and say, "God, I forever yield myself to Thee; I lay my life at Thy feet."

The moment any soul will make a complete consecration, God will cleanse the heart. That moment faith brings the Blood, and the Spirit witnesses to your heart that the work is done. The root of sin is destroyed through the perfect offering of Jesus Christ. The very nature of sin is eradicated, destroyed by the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It was this blessed experience which took the martyrs through the fire, praising God when the flames were leaping around them. God has wrought the same work in the hearts of millions who have gone on before, and many more today are entering into this wonderful experience.

## It is Possible Today

There are hundreds of witnesses today who once had the uprising within, the inbred sin; but the Blood has taken it out, root and branch. God is truly sanctifying many today by a second, definite work of grace. Hundreds are testifying to, and living, the experience of entire sanctification. It means so much to have that mighty power on the soul, day by day, having no mind or will contrary to Christ, but always seeking His will.

If you would be a true Bible Christian and live a wholly sanctified life, you will confess your need of the precious Blood. You will hunger and seek for sanctification with all your heart. God has the experience for every hungry soul. All that He requires is an honest, hungry heart. All He demands of you is to say from the heart, "God, I hunger and thirst after righteousness;" and God will answer back, "You shall be filled." Pay the price; give up all; lay it on the altar of sacrifice, and God will send the fire, the real old-time Bible experience.—The Flame, England.

"Christianity is the good man's text; his life the illustration."

Alcohol has many defenders, but no defense.—*Abraham Lincoln.*