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## EDITORIALS

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### BAPTIZED WITH FIRE

Rev. G. Arnold Hodgkin, Editor, Call to Prayer

According to God's word, when the Holy Ghost comes, He purges our hearts from inbred sin. But more than that, He gives a dynamic impetus to lagging personalities. Incentive to holy activity is generated by the divine Paraclete, and that goes a long way toward stabilization of the soul. The trend to sag is removed by the power of the Holy Spirit. A victorious stoutness of heart, we verily believe, always ensues; thus burden bearing for Christ becomes a joy. The drudgery of hard labor, with its sweat and toil, becomes gladness when it is all for Him.

No man full of the Holy Ghost can really be lazy. The one "fly in the ointment" of a sanctified man is the embarrassing sensitivity that his limitations forbid his doing more for the Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.

The great J. H. Jowett, speaking of Isaiah 42:3 once said, "What a winsome revelation of the delicate gentleness of the Lord! The bruised reed—is it the impaired musical reed, that cannot now emit an harmonious sound, and can only be thrown away? He will not snap it and cast it to the void. The discordant life can be made tuneful again. He will put a new song in my mouth. And the smoking flax—the life that has lost its fire, and therefore its light, its enthusiasm, and therefore its ideals; the life that is smoldering into the cold ashes of moral and spiritual death—He will not stamp it out with His foot. The smoldering fire can be rekindled. A spent enthusiasm can be revived. He shall baptize you with fire."

How heartening is this rich word from the pen of a great and godly minister of Jesus Christ! Our hearts warm and surge at the promise of it, and yes, friend, at the fact of it. You do not need to go mourning and moaning all your days. Suppose you are for a season in heaviness through manifold temptation. Suppose your heart burdened for any cause whatever, causes the tears to flow! There comes the hour when you are to dry your tears, throw off the burden, and stand forth in regnant victory. Your smile can become contagious, your step firm, and your strength unailing.

He who is your Lord and Master will not step on you. He will lift you. He will sustain you. You are called upon to trust Him implicitly. Thus can you climb the heights, scale the peaks, and finally enter heaven with fullness of rejoicing. That will be because you will have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, and because you failed Him not who has done for you more than can ever be expressed.

We exhort you, therefore, do not fail, because you can "do all things through Christ," who strengthens you. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

### LEAKAGE OF LOVE

George D. Watson

Love is the very substance and marrow of Christian perfection.

Faith is the condition of forgiveness and cleansing, and removing of actual indwelling sin is the condition of the fulness of love.

Many seek for only partial holiness; they seek it merely as a cure for some besetting sin; others seek it in a mere negative form of cleansing; but the true idea is that the whole being shall be made complete in God's love.

There is danger of the leakage of love out of the heart of which many are not aware.

Love is like a flame of volatile fluid. It is not like a rigid, fixed substance. It is ever in a fine, subtle motion, and needs constant feeding. A piece of wood is solid and stationary in its form, remaining the same year after year. But the soft, quivering flame is very different.

So you may have a clear, specific doctrine of sanctification fixed as an unchanging truth in your mind, and yet the quivering flame of love in your heart is another thing. Persons who were once truly sanctified may go on holding the well defined doctrine and testimony of holiness, while unconsciously the fragrance and warmth of holy love have leaked out of the heart.

It is much easier to retain certain truth fixed in the reason than to retain a fixedness in affection.

Our emotions glide away imperceptibly; our affections leak out of the soul unawares. It requires much diligence and adding of heart fuel to keep a lowly loving flame in the soul.

Occasionally you will find a person who has been sanctified, still holding the profession and grasping the clear doctrine, but who has from various causes, allowed the warm, loving spirit to leak out. He is stubborn, impatient, and harsh under neglect, persecution and opposition.

Those things which are the sweetest are susceptible of being turned into the most sour. Perfect love losing itself in fermentation of spirit and turning into sourness is one of the harshest, bitterest things on earth.

As there is a physical law by which sweet juices can be kept from fermenting into sour, so there is a spiritual law to keep pure love from losing its love power and turning into moral vinegar.

When a soul is thoroughly sanctified it is wondrously illuminated. It sees the Church, the obligations of the ministry, the duties of religion, and human character, under an intensity of light and solemnity of conviction almost indescribable and it will act and judge and speak according to this intensity of vision.

Other believers whose hearts are still partly

veiled by carnal reason can have no conception of the intense light of the fully sanctified. Hence that which seems harmless to the partially blind, may be monstrous and offensive to the fully illuminated.

It will take an immense amount of love to keep the gentleness and charity of the heart up equal to the sharp discernment of the mind.

Mr. Wesley often observed that great light upon religious matters, without great love, was dangerous. If the flow of love in the heart is not kept up to the measure of convictions, then the sharply defined convictions will assume a harsh and unkind edge that will cut contrary to the mind of Jesus. We must keep the affections pure, warm, and tender at any cost.

### THE ALERT PASTOR AND THE REVIVAL

By J.-R. Swauger

Revivals depend more on a successful pastor than is generally recognized. The evangelist receives the credit if the meeting is fruitful, and the blame if it is not. His part in the revival is, indeed, important, but it is only a part of that effort. Full achievement is impossible if the pastor does not hold up his end of the load.

#### Calling the Evangelist

Revivals do not begin on the night the evangelist arrives. If they do, they probably end the night he leaves. The revival effort begins when the pastor and his committee decide who shall be called for their proposed meeting.

In some instances this call is a sort of on-the-spur-of-the-moment action, because the pastor has neglected the matter until he suddenly awakens to the fact that the time for the usual "Fall Meeting" is just three weeks away, and he doesn't know who to get. Shame on such negligence.

The alert pastor will have his evangelists engaged many months ahead of the scheduled time. Such an arrangement gives time for prayer at both ends of the line. Those who object to long distance planning should not forget that the "man born blind" met Jesus at God's appointed time, many years after he was born blind . . . that the works of God should be manifest in Him." Long distance planning is a definite part of the divine order.

#### The "Period of Silence"

There is in many instances a "Period of Silence" following the engagement of the evangelist. This silence may not be broken for months. Just a few weeks before the meeting is to begin, the pastor hastily whips off an Air Mail letter requesting the evangelist to rush his cut to him immediately—or sooner!

This hasty letter for the cut may bring it—if the evangelist happens to be at home, and if the cut is available. Oftentimes, to accommodate the negligent pastor, the evangelist must send an urgent request to some other negligent pastor who has failed to return his cut after it was used. Keeping track of cuts is one of the delightful elements of evangelizing.

Why not break this "Period of Silence" with an occasional note reminding the evangelist that he is being remembered in prayer, and that the church is looking forward to his coming for the revival next fall. Let the evangelist carefully answer these communications, and let the pastor relay each answer to the