

## They Were All Filled With The Holy Ghost

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The abiding fact of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit filled the prepared and waiting disciples. With the advent of the Holy Spirit a new day dawned in human history. While the Holy Spirit has ever been active in the history of God's dealing with man, yet there was never anything like Pentecost. This was the beginning of a new departure in the economy of God.

When the Spirit came, His actual life passed into the lives of the disciples. They could say: I am crucified with Christ; it is no longer I but Christ liveth in me.

What did this experience, "All filled with the Holy Ghost," do for them? It gave them a new vision, a new compulsion, a new love. But note it well—the new vision, and compulsion, and love came not from without but from the indwelling Presence.

This experience of Spirit Fullness was for the men in the earliest days of the Christian era, and for all the days since, even down to the final consummation of all things. That holiness is attainable can be verified with a thousand witnesses from widely differing communions:

JOHN FLETCHER, an English preacher and vicar of Madely: "I profess unto you, I am dead unto sin, and alive unto God. He is my Prophet, Priest, and King; my indwelling holiness; my all in all."—Journal of H. A. Rogers, page 136.

BISHOP HAMLIN of the Methodist (Episcopal) Church: "All at once I felt as though a hand, not feeble, but omnipotent, not of wrath, but of love, was laid upon my brow. It seemed to press upon my whole body, and to diffuse all through and through it a holy, sin-consuming energy."—Guide to Holiness.

DR. THOMAS C. UPHAM, Congregationalist, and for many years connected with Bowdon College as professor of Moral Philosophy: "I was distinctly conscious when I reached it . . . I was then redeemed by a mighty power, and filled with the blessing of perfect love . . . Aided by divine grace, I have been enabled to use this language, which involves, as I understand it, the idea of Christian Perfection or holiness."

REV. JAMES D. TAYLOR, Presbyterian saint, efficient pastor, author and evangelist: "People may call this blessing by what name they please, 'faith of assurance,' 'holiness,' 'perfect love,' 'sanctification.' It is my privilege to enjoy it; it is yours also, and the privilege of all. I profess the doctrine of perfect love."—Perfect Love, by J. A. Wood.

DR. ADAM CLARKE, the great Wesleyan commentator, and one of the most learned men of his day: "I regarded nothing, not even life itself, in comparison of having my heart cleansed from all sin: and began to seek it with full purpose of heart . . . Soon after this, while earnestly wrestling with the Lord in prayer, and endeavoring desperately to believe, I found a change wrought in my soul, which I endeavored, through grace, to maintain amid grievous temptations and accusations of the subtle foe."—Perfect Love, by J. A. Wood.

DR. E. M. LEVY, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, Philadelphia: "I seemed filled with

all the fullness of God. I wept for joy . . . My soul seemed filled with pulses, every one thrilling and throbbing with such waves of love and rapture that I thought I must die from excess of life."—Advocate of Holiness 1772.

A cloud of living, intelligent, competent witnesses declare by word and pen that they are in possession of the experience of perfect love. They have born witnesses to this joyous, glorious experience through long years of toil, adversity, sickness, suffering and persecution. They have declared that God hath removed from their lives the last remains of sin. Let these testimonies stimulate you to seek this grace, to give all diligence to enter the land of Holiness through the gate of entire sanctification.—Wesleyan Methodist.

### A LIFE ON FIRE

**A life on fire; a life ablaze with God!**

**Lighted by fire of Pentecostal love;**

**A life on fire, on fire with love for souls,**

**Lit by divine compassion from above.**

**Lips that have been touched by living coal,**

**Taken from off the altar of the Lord;**

**A vessel cleansed and marked by fire,**

**To tell the wondrous visions of the Word.**

**A burning coal which God can take and drop**

**In house or street or wheresoever He will**

**To get some other life alight for Him,**

**And thus to spread the fire farther still.**

**A life on fire, to melt, and burn, and glow,**

**A life to shine and lighten in dark ways;**

**A life so one with God that God in us**

**May be the fire to set our lives ablaze.**

**Baptize us with the fire, most blessed Lord!**

**Oh, turn us into "burning ones" in Thee;**

**Oh, set Thy Church ablaze, Thou God of fire,**

**And let the world Thy great salvation see.**

—Bessie Porter

### IN LITTLE THINGS

Always make it a rule to do every thing, which it is proper and a duty to do, in the best manner and to the best of your ability. An imperfect execution of a thing, where we might have done better, is not only unprofitable, but it is a vicious execution; or, in other words, is morally wrong. He who aims at perfection in great things, but is willing to be imperfect in little things, will find himself essentially an imperfect man. The perfection of the greater will be no compensation, and no excuse, for the imperfection of the less. Such a person wants the essential principle of obedience.

Consider well, therefore, what God in His providence would have you perform; and if you feel the spirit of those directions, which require us to do all things as unto God rather than unto men, you will not do them with a false heart or a feeble hand. And thus in small things, as well as in great, in those which are unseen as well as in those which attract notice, it shall be said of you, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"—Upham.

## Missionary Tidings . . .

Love constrains. When someone asked a missionary if he liked his work in Africa, he replied:

"Do I like this work? No! My wife and I do not like the dirt; we have reasonably refined sensibilities. We do not like the crawling into vile huts through goat refuse. We do not like association with ignorant, filthy, brutish, vile people; **but is one to do nothing for Christ, that he does not like?** God pity him, if not! Liking or disliking has nothing to do with it. We have orders to 'Go, and GO!' Love constrains us."

Friend, such love begets strength to do all things, for Christ's sake.

John R. Mott said: "Two hundred million people lie down every night, hungry in body. One billion lie down without God, without Jesus Christ."

This means that three out of every four people in the world have not yet heard that God loves them. Our God cares about these souls—but do WE care? When Jesus was here, with compassion He looked on the multitudes, and He fed them. To His disciples He said: "I have compassion on the multitudes. **Give ye them to eat.**" So great was Christ's compassion for the multitudes that His last message to His own, as found in the Gospels, was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Have YOU gone, in person, in prayer, or in gifts?

Dr. A. J. Gordon said: "He who is not a missionary Christian will be a **missing** Christian when comes the great day of bestowing the rewards of service. Forget not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who do not have it. Therefore, ask yourself daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions.

"Seek carefully whether He would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is on your property in the interest of foreign missions—how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with His precious blood.

"I warn you, it will go hard with you when our Lord comes, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulation, instead of being sacredly devoted to the giving of the Gospel to the lost!"

Each of us should stop and consider this sobering challenge right here. We should prayerfully look up unto our Heavenly Father and commit ourselves with this question:

"Lord, what wilt Thou have **me** to do? Here am I; send me! Send me in person, or in prayer, or in gifts, or in any and every way pleasing to Thee—but, Lord, whatever Thou does, **SEND ME!**"—Selected.

"The clock of life is wound but once

And no man has the power

To tell just when the hand will stop—

At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you know;

Live, love, toil with a will:

Place no faith in tomorrow, for

The clock may then be still."