

## HOLINESS OBTAINABLE

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nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Crucifixion, death, life and that of the glorious Personality, even Jesus Christ, within. "I in them, Thou in me, that they may be one in us." "Christ liveth in me" yes, and I live in Him.

"True holiness" enables us to glory in the cross. It not only gives us a deep and lasting love for the cross, but it means the removal of the fear of man which bringeth a snare. Perfect love casts out fear. It means freedom and joy in glorying in the cross.

"In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers 'round its head sublime."

In dying on the cross Christ transformed the cross. It is now different. There is, of course, "offence," "shame," connected with it, but there is glory. It is now the glorious cross. Thank God!

In our book entitled, *Scriptural Sanctification*, we have dealt fully with the negative aspect of this obtainment, by showing that it is not by separation only without the act of God to make pure. It is not by making sin of none effect, rendering it helpless but leaving it in our nature, if not in the heart it is not by growth and development. There must be an act, a change. It is not by physical death, for it effects no moral change on the soul! It is not by counteraction. <sup>1</sup>

Is it by suppression or is it by eradication? One has said that it is neither; it is habitation. But why not involve the three for that matter: suppression, in the sense of victory over sin in all its forms and manifestations from the time of regeneration; suppression, in the sense of keeping under the human body (I Cor. 9:27), not the body of sin; for it cannot be subjected (Romans 8:7), but it can and should be laid aside, discarded (Hebrews 12:1). Is it eradication? In the sense of cleansing (Psa. 51:7; Ezek. 36:25; I John 1:9); purging (Psa. 51:7; John 15:2); purifying (Acts 15:8-9). Yes. Is it habitation? Yes, for He said, "I will dwell in them and walk in them." It should, however, be remembered that there is first the cleansing and then the filling. "Put off the old man and put on . . . the new man" (Eph. 4:22-24). "Instantaneously purifying (aorist) their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9) is recorded concerning the apostles and disciples when the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. There can be no habitation without crucifixion and death. "I have been crucified . . . I live no longer, Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). This is the order which leads to habitation.

Sin removed by cleansing, purging, is the position of Arminian Theology without any extreme notions. The word eradication has been greatly misunderstood and misinterpreted, so that to use it certainly involves explanation.

It has been argued that God has blessed the Keswick view. To this we may say that God has always honored the labors of devoted men, who have emphasized the office and work of the Holy Spirit; but we should remember that God has honored in a startling way the preaching of full salvation according to the Arminian presentation. What revival in history since the days of the apostles can be

compared with the revival under the labors of Rev. John Wesley and the early Methodists, with their outstanding emphasis on "inward and outward holiness?" The great statesman, Gladstone, confessed that this revival saved England from a revolution that would have compared with the French revolution. The revival did not stop with its great redemptive work in England but it spread over Europe, across to America and around the world, touching every phase of life. There is nothing like it in history. Indeed, God has always honored this great truth when Scripturally presented, gloriously experienced and victoriously lived. Amen!

This great truth is written in the standards of the Methodist Church of England, America, and other lands, with her millions of members, and it is witnessed to by other large denominations with their hundreds of thousands of members, and there are many independent churches and tabernacles, which stand for the same truth. Let us remember this!

This glorious work in the soul of the believer is by God the Father as the great source. "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (I Thess. 5:23).

Christ Jesus is the Sacrificial Agent: "Sanctify through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10). "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12).

The Word is the Revealing Agent: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). "Purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit" (I Peter 1:22).

The Holy Ghost is the Administrative Agent: "Sanctified by the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15:16). "Through sanctification of the Spirit" (II Thess. 2:13).

The act of faith by the believing soul is the conditional agent: "Purified their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9). "Sanctified by faith" (Acts 18:26). *Scriptural Sanctification*—pp. 23-30.

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Test it this way, in the secret quiet of your heart-of-hearts. If beyond all doubt, and for absolute surety, the Lord Jesus Christ were to return in the next five minutes—tell me, honestly, would you be glad, or sad? Would you really be disappointed because of a big plan soon coming up for you? Would you be ashamed because of hidden things in your life?

Remember how Paul spoke of "looking for that blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13). And really, it is only a blessed hope when the Christian is truly looking for it—not only learning about a believed-in hope, but far deeper, looking, with all love and longing, for this blessed hope.

Why, oh, why, should we treat Him worse than our loved ones? When we receive word that a loved one is to visit us at such a time, do we just accept the message and sit around as if it were not important? Do we not rather get the house in order, dress ourselves, and hurry to meet him? How well we know the answer, upon the earthly level! May we then learn the lesson as well upon the spiritual level and be really ready for His blessed return. After all, we do say that we love and worship Him—or, are we just saying it, and hardly much more—Herald of Holiness.

## WEDDING

George D. Saunders and M. Shirley Mitchell were united in marriage at the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Fredericton, N. B., by Rev. H. E. Mullen, Aug. 4th, at 7 p. m.

We pray that God's blessing will be upon this young couple.

H. E. Mullen

## STALE OR FRESH?

A story is told of an old man who had a wonderful experience twenty-five years ago, so wonderful that he wrote it all down and called it his "Blessed Experience," and when people called on him he would often bring it out and read it through to them. One night, when a friend called in, he said to his wife, "My dear, just run upstairs and bring down my 'Blessed Experience' from the drawer in the bedroom." She went upstairs to get it and on returning she said, 'I am sorry, but the mice have been in the drawer, and have eaten up your 'Blessed Experience'!' And a good thing too! If you had a blessing twenty-five years ago, and have not had one since, you had better forget it, and get an up-to-date experience.—A Lindsay Glegg in *Youth with a Capital Why*.

## SORROW'S CURE

The best cure for heart sorrow is ministry to others.

There is deep truth in the old Hindu story of how a mother, who had lost her only son, was bidden to get a handful of flour from a house in which there was no sorrow. Of course, when she came to ask neighbors for such a boon, she found that there was no house without its secret anguish. In bearing their griefs and sympathizing with others she found the pressure of her own grief less.

God sometimes passes us into the valley of shadow that we may learn the way, and know how to lead others through it into the light.

—War Cry.

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