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## The Modern "Deeper Life" NOT DEEP ENOUGH

H. H. Shuman, in "Alliance Weekly" (Abridged)

Practically all evangelical bodies recognize the need of sanctification—the cleansing from sin's pollution and defilement. George Fox said in effect that he found in his heart something that would not be good. He asked the Lord Jesus to come into his heart, to cast out the evil brood, to shut the door and occupy it Himself. That is the secret of a holy life—Christ living within and in full control.

Rev. A. M. Toplady, the song-writer, recognized the complete work of Calvary for human sin. He was theologically correct when he wrote:

"Let the water and the blood  
From Thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure."

Many Christians spend so much time arguing about sanctification and explaining it that they explain it away. It is an easy thing to say, "I am complete in Him," and experience no work of divine grace, and not know what it is to be set free from the power of this monster within. When self is really conquered by the Holy Ghost, and a Christian is made to realize the awful depth of depravity in his own nature, he will take refuge in the Fountain, knowing that nothing but the power of the cross as applied by the Spirit can win the battle.

In his early Christian life a friend of mine, the late Rev. G. Verner Brown, heard so much about sanctification that he was confused. But he was aware that a deeper work of grace needed to be wrought in his own heart. So he went to God in prayer and said, "Lord, give me sanctification as You understand it." That solved the problem for him so far as heart experience was concerned.

It is possible to make much of Christ in words, yet not surrender self to God. We have a part in renouncing sin and desiring deliverance from it, but only a work of God's grace wrought by the Holy Ghost can bring to us deliverance from the power of this evil nature.

There are some simple steps that, if taken by the hungry soul in all sincerity and in faith, will bring victory. First comes separation from all that we know to be contrary to the will of God at the time, and a willingness to walk in fuller light as we may receive it in the future. Second, the surrender of the will and the whole being to God is necessary. Paul, in Romans 12:1-2, calls upon Christians to make an absolute surrender: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"; and (Rom. 6:13b), "Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from

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## SHUT IN—SHUT OUT Some doors are closed, but others remain ever open—like the door to prayer

Mildred Willey Sturm, in "Christian Advocate"

For months I was filled with rebellion at the condition that had cut off almost all physical exertions except a few steps on my "good" days. There were exhausting battles alone in the night when drugs did not quiet the warfare of mind and will.

My life had always been filled to the brim with activities in and outside my home. The time had come when most obligations had been met, and my days could be busy with the duties and work to which I had looked forward eagerly. I had experienced a previous physical crisis, but had painfully and carefully climbed back to what I was sure was safety.

Then suddenly I was again plunged headlong into danger and defeat. The news was: "This time it is permanent," and so I am a "shut-in."

But I refuse to be a "shut-out!"

One can learn so many things studying the blank spaces of ceilings. Many problems can be solved in the black of the night, adding two's and two's together, subtracting the trivials, dividing by the positives until the constant arrived at shows unchangeable values. And these are my conclusions:

I am shut in from the hurry and confusions of the workaday world, from the competitions of every kind that direct the clock-bound, busy lives of physically active people; from carrying on my own routine program; from helping others in projects that require physical efforts. In all these I once enjoyed taking part.

I am not shut out from good friends standing by, loyal and true. Through them I find avenues of escape from shut-in-ness. Unconsciously more often than consciously, they keep me informed and in touch with conditions within the areas of my former activities.

I can devise small ways to slip unobtrusively into efforts to be useful, lift a tiny part of someone's personal burden, share a bit in someone's sorrow or discouragement, or relieve, somewhat, another's aloneness.

True enough, I am shut in from getting around.

I am not shut out from hearing about and seeing things from other places. My days are made richer and wiser by visits and letters from many who bring me thrills from faraway lands and from all corners of this one.

The closed door has actually shut in and held the experience of pride I get in doing little, unnoticed things for myself. Besides, I have the happiness that comes from receiving as well as giving.

For example, I have a message from someone whom I never expected to be aware of my shut-in state. Young people come after driving many extra vacation miles to recall happy times of past years. There is blessing in a strong, full voice that to my ears is a small boy's voice saying, "This is 'peanut-butter sandwiches' and 'caraway

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