

## THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT

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is a pearl of great price, and Satan will try to steal it from us; therefore, we must guard it with watchful prayer continually.

If lost, it may be found again by prayer and faith and a dutiful taking up of the cross which has been laid down. Thousands who have lost it have found it again, and often they have found it with increased brightness and glory. If you have lost it, my brother, look up in faith to your loving God, and He will restore it to you. It is possible to live on the right side of plain duty without the witness, but you cannot be sure of your salvation, joyful in service, or glad in God, without it. And since it is promised to all God's children, no one who professes to be His should be without it.

If you have it not, my brother or sister, seek it now by faith in Jesus. Go to Him, and do not let Him go till He notifies you that you are His. Listen to Charles Wesley:

From the world of sin, and noise,

And hurry, I withdraw;

For the small and inward voice

I wait with humble awe;

Silent am I now and still,

Dare not in Thy presence move;

To my waiting soul reveal

The secret of Thy love.

Do you want the witness to abide? Then study the word of God, and live by it; sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord; praise the Lord with your first waking breath in the morning, and thank Him with your last waking breath at night; flee from sin; keep on believing. Look to Jesus, cleave to Him, follow Him gladly, trust the efficacy of His blood, and the witness will abide in your heart. Be patient with the Lord. Let Him mold you, and "He will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing" (Zeph. 3:17). And you shall no longer doubt, but know that you are His. Hallelujah!

There are in this loud stunning tide

Of human care and crime,

With whom the melodies abide

Of the everlasting chime;

Who carry music in their heart

Through dusky lane and wrangling mart,

Plying their task with busier feet

Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat.

And that "holy strain" is but the echo of the Lord's song in their heart, which is the witness of the Spirit. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

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## ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

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This perfection is the restoration of man to the state of holiness from which he fell, by creating him anew in Christ Jesus, and restoring to him that image and likeness of God which he has lost. A higher meaning than this it cannot have; a lower meaning it must not have. God made man in that degree of perfection which was pleasing to His own infinite wisdom and goodness. Sin defaced this divine image; Jesus came to restore it. Sin must have no triumph; and the Redeemer of mankind must have His glory. But if man be not perfectly saved from all sin, sin does triumph, and Satan exult,

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Some years ago I committed my way unto the Lord and I have never been sorry of what then seemed such a drastic surrender. Although there have been many times when I have not understood the path that He has indicated, yet following and serving Him has been peaceful and pleasant. One comes to realize that in spite of our understanding, or perhaps more correctly, our lack of understanding, He knows the way.

It seems, however, that with each directive of the Lord, we are usually confronted with what appears to be some insurmountable barrier. These barriers may take many forms. They differ with varying situations. They differ with different people. The longer we look at any barrier the greater and more impossible it seems. If we are not going to be hindered from following the leading of the Lord, we will have to take the matter to Him who specializes in things thought impossible.

These facts seem to be so applicable to me personally at this point. I am certainly at a loss to know why it would fall my lot in the providence of God to serve in the office of superintendent. Then too, the barriers appear innumerable as well as impossible. To mention one in particular that looms so large, I find myself faced with a very real sense of inadequacy to carry out the demands of such an important and responsible position. In the midst of my wonderment and fear, all I can do is believe—on the basis of His Word and past personal experience—that He does know the way, and then cast myself on His never failing promises and prove once again the sufficiency of His grace.

I indeed count it a great honour to serve as the Superintendent of our Reformed Baptist Alliance. I sense too with great concern the responsibility of the task. In this regard, I humbly and reverently recall the words of Charles Wesley when he wrote, "A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify", and then sincerely bow my head and say, "Help me to watch and pray and on Thyself rely". Deeply conscious of my need of Him who can supply all our need, my request to you, our people, is that each of you will remember us often at the throne of grace.

In endeavouring under God to perform the duties of this office, I am truly grateful that the lines have fallen to me in such pleasant relationships. How many times as I sat in the tabernacle at Beulah and listened to our evangelists sing and preach did there well up within my soul a thanks to God for the way of holiness. As I watched our ministers march in to the ordination service, I thanked God for my brethren in the ministry. Every time I looked out over the great Beulah audience, my heart cried out, "Thank God for our people". When the annual reports of our work were read, I was reminded to thank God for His blessing upon us.

Yes, ours is a goodly heritage. May we esteem it highly as we all labour together with Him during this church year. May God manifest His presence and lead us to victory while we faithfully press the battle to advance His kingdom and bring glory to His precious name in the salvation of needy souls both at home and abroad.

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because they have done a mischief that Christ either cannot or will not remove. To say He cannot, would be shocking blasphemy against the infinite power and dignity of the Creator; to say He will not, would be equally such against the infinite benevolence and holiness of His nature.