

ASK A QUESTION

There seems to be an outbreak of speaking in tongues among the intellectuals such as the Episcopalians, Lutherans, and the highly educated ministers of The Methodist Church. How do you explain this?

Really, this is not so surprising to me. For the past forty years or more there has been a tendency among the liberals to decry any form of emotion and to place emphasis instead upon ritual and form. Speaking in tongues is but a backlash from his emphasis.

It should be recognized that when you suppress your emotions at one place they will break out at some other place. Man is by nature an emotional creature. Actually you never win any person until you win his affections. The will is moved more by the heart than by logic. That is why the Christian religion is a religion of the heart. God does not ask for perfect understanding or perfect service, but He does demand and expect perfect love. He realizes that if He can get your heart He will get all of you, and whatever you may have. You cease to be a normal person when you smother your emotions. If you don't allow healthy manifestations of your emotions they will manifest themselves in some unhealthy manner. You can't dam up your feelings and remain healthy.

It is true that the Bible teaches the gift of tongues as one of the gifts of the Spirit. It is not an evidence that you have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, however.

OBITUARY

The death of Mr. George Cook occurred November 2nd, at the age of 73 years. The funeral service was held in the United Baptist Church, Black's Harbor, N. B., with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Estabrooks officiating. The funeral message was given by the writer, Rev. A. D. Cann.

Bro. Henry Flagg 83 went to be with the Lord Monday, Dec. 14. Our brother has suffered a long illness and has spent his last months in a nursing home in the St. Stephen area. He is the last of a family of ten children. He leaves to mourn two sons, Lawrence of Costigan, Maine, and James of Lynn, Mass., and a host of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held in the North Head Ref. Bapt. Church Ref. S. F. Main officiating. Interment was in the Bleumortier's Cemetery. To those who mourn we extend Christian sympathy and love.

Mr. Eldon R. Bates, Presque Isle, passed away August 11, 1964 after a long illness, at the age of 67 years. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Abbie Bates of Presque Isle, two sons and two daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Blinn, Pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, Presque Isle. Mr. Bates gave a positive witness of the grace of God.

You may speak in tongues and still have very little grace. That was true of the people of Corinth. Paul, in I Corinthians 14:2, also seems to indicate that it is possible for a person to speak in tongues without knowing what he is saying and without being understood by those who hear him. He speaks only to God. It is an act of worship and adoration that may prove to be a blessing to no one but the person who does the speaking.

To my mind, the great danger of this movement today is that it may prove to be an end within itself and not prove to be a blessing to anyone. In fact, what I have heard of this peculiar movement seems to indicate that it accomplishes nothing but to give people a thrill. When Christ poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, He did it in order that those people might be witnesses unto Him. He did it to give them a passion for lost men and women. If a person is content just to get a thrill, and end with that, he has missed the real meaning and purpose of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive — that ye may be." The receiving is in order to make us a blessing, and not just that we may be blessed.

There is one feature of this movement that encourages me, however, and that is this: there is a strong indication that some of our leaders are coming to recognize the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Far too long have the leaders of our church ignored the place and work of the Holy Spirit in the program of the church. We must realize that it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God that the work is done. It may be that the Holy Spirit will get through to some of our leaders. It surely is time for this to take place.

Dr. John R. Church.

CELEBRATE 70th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long of Snider Mountain, and also charter members of the Reformed Baptist Church, Head of Millstream, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 5, 1964. They were married at Lower Millstream, December 5th, 1894 by Rev. A. H. McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Long had a family of seven children: Roy Long, Sussex Corner; Mrs. Edgar Carson (Mae), Sussex; the late Mrs. Wm. McNair (Clara); Frank Long, Springfield; the late Milton Long; Mrs. Arthur Copeland (Eva), Sussex; and Eslie Long, Snider Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Long have been enjoying good health until recent months. Mr. Long has been under doctor's care recently.

Across the denomination

In every church

In each department

It's Bethany Sunday

February 14

BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORT To December 31, 1964

Barker's Point	100%
Calais	100
Londonderry	100
North Head	100
Perth	100
Salem	100
Woodwards Cove	100
Digby	100
Seal Cove	95
Westchester	90
East Ferry	80
Blissfield	68
Old Town	67
Victoria Corner	67
Lower Brighton	65
Head of Millstream	60
Houlton	60
Millville	60
Havelock	58
Beals	53
Crystal	50
Jonesport	50
Maple Ridge	50
Moncton	50
Woodstock	50
Black's Harbour	46
Marysville	44
Lower Hainesville	40
Saint John	40
Killam's Mills	33
Amherst	33
Glassville	30
Halifax	30
Fredericton	29
Gordonsville	25
Grand Harbour	25
Sandford	25
Wood Harbour	25
Yarmouth	25
Hartland	20
Fort Fairfield	17
Brazil Lake	15
Meductic	13
Doaktown	04
\$7,000 now due	
5,500 received to date	

\$1,500 needed to bring budgets up to date.

We want to say a special thank you to all who came to our aid during the Christmas season. We were in need of \$750. by December 15 and the mail of December 14th produced \$900. We give thanks to the Lord for his goodness.

In Him,

Jack Stevens

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