HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST

When Paul, after having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus he found some disciples about twelve in number, and the first question he asked them is significant. “Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” Nowadays it is not considered important in normal religious circles to be filled with the Spirit. But here Paul, the great Apostle, who had emerged from the self-righteousness of a Pharisee into the religion of Jesus Christ and had been saved, and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and having received a commission from the Lord Jesus Christ, realized the importance of Christian men and women being filled with the Holy Spirit. In fact, in all of the Pauline epistles most you will find this truth emphasized, and in the ministry of the early Christians. Surely if it was so urgent to be filled with God’s Spirit then, until Paul, finding certain disciples, immediately propounded this question to them, evidently it is a question of importance today and worth your investigation. In fact, the receiving of the Holy Spirit is one of the important steps in the Christian life. If you will note that all four of the Gospels in the first few chapters declare plainly that one of the missions of Jesus was to baptize with the Holy Ghost. John referred them to the fact that he, John, baptized with water, but declared that this Christ was to baptize with the Holy Ghost. And Jesus not only emphasized it in His ministry and in fact a goodly portion of His last discourse before His crucifixion was concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit. “If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever.” And He declared that “it is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come, but if I depart I will send Him unto you.” Being assembled together with them after His resurrection He referred them to John’s baptism and declared that they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. And just before His ascension He said “and behold I send the Promise of My Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.” And true to His promise, Acts 2nd chapter, reveals the first outpouring of the Holy Ghost. During Phillips’ wonderful revival at Samaria the early church sent Peter and John down to pray for them to receive the Holy Ghost. And so on. Surely if this blessed experience was so needful and important to occupy such a place in the ministry of John, and in the ministry of Jesus, and in the ministry of Peter and John, and in the ministry of the Apostle Paul, it is needful today. You will note that in the 19th chapter of Acts where this question was asked, that it reveals that Paul led them into the truth and they too were filled and spake in tongues. You certainly need this wonderful Holy Spirit to possess your life. You need this wonderful power in your life, and when He comes He will speak for Himself as He did in the early church.

DEMAS HATH FORSAKEN ME

“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.” —2 Tim. 4:10.

One of the saddest records is this concerning Demas. Demas was a fellow laborer with Paul. Probably was converted under Paul’s ministry, and evidently felt the call of the Gospel and gave His life to God’s service. He was with Paul at Rome at least two years before this occurrence. If you could penetrate the silences you would probably see Demas alongside with the other early Christian warriors, fighting the good fight of faith, testifying, praying, shouting and rejoicing over victories gained. Persecutions, yes, Demas knew what persecution meant. At least two years with Paul at Rome, and probably through trials often. A great reward just ahead at the end of a faithful Christian life, devoted to the cause of the Master. But a change came. Demas, in Rome beholdng the pomp and glaire of the world. He saw the wicked spreading himself like a green bay tree. The lust of the world and the pride of life began to dazzle in front of his eyes, a yielding to its influence, and the ardor and fire in his soul dwindled. Then a partaker of its sins, and forsaking the aged Apostle and the terrible fact “having loved

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God, and surely the fight is glorious, though sometimes hard. And the end of the journey is most in sight, and soon the crowning. Let's be faithful. I trust to meet every reader in the Rapture. I gladly confess to the world and to every one that I am seeking to go when Jesus comes. All my desires, all my ambitions centers in that.

Would be glad if you would remember us in prayer, and also wish you would ask your neighbor to subscribe for the Faith. Surely it is worth 50 cents to any family.

Many subscriptions have expired the past few weeks, and we would be glad if some one in every church or meeting would solicit subscriptions for the Faith. Help to spread Pentecostal Holiness.

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WITH THE EDITOR.

Dear Faith family—May God bless your precious hearts. We have been in the "thick of the fight" since our last letter, but tonight we stayed in to prepare "the copy" for the Faith. Wife made a 57-mile drive in my place tonight to help carry the "glad tidings of salvation." We are fortunate in having a consecrated wife, devoted to the Lord, as our work has so increased until it has been necessary for several years that she also devote the major portion of her time assisting me. Much of the time she is at one place in a meeting while I am at another. The long drives and preaching is hard on her body, and sometimes she looks faded and worn, but God refreshes as the morning sunrise and she goes again. We enjoy the service of

I am the creature of the day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, just hovering over the great gulf until a few moments hence, I am no more seen I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing—the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore.

God Himself has condescended to teach the way, for to this very end He came from heaven. He has written it down in a Book. Oh! give me that Book! At any price, give me the Book of God.

I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri(a man of one book) and I sit down alone. Only God is here! In His presence I open, and read His Book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there any doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark and intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of Lights: Lord, is it not Thy Word—"If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God?" Thou hast said that if any be willing to do Thy will, He shall know Thy will. I then search after and consider parallel passages of Scripture, "comparing spiritual things with spiritual." I meditate thereon with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God; and then the writings whereby, being dead, yet they speak. And what I thus learn, that I teach.

John Wesley

Arcadia, Okla., June 24.—I have been suffering with my teeth for over a week. I can hardly eat. Please pray for me. Praise God for His healing power. A child of God looking for His soon coming.

MRS. JANE INSKEEP.
A SINNER'S FAITH

"By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."—Heb. 11:31.

Rahab was a sinner in a sinful city. She was a great sinner in a city of sin. She was a sinner among sinners. Accustomed to the wickedness of this city of sorcery and demon worship, where lust and its gratification dominated the lives of its inhabitants. And she was a great sinner in this city. In fact she was a harlot. She had become so entangled with the spirit of the city and its lust until she sank under the mire. God's judgments had been threatening for some years, and now after all the years God's judgments were near the door of the city. The city was well aware of the impending destruction, in that they had heard it times over that God was going to destroy it, but they trembled and believed not. They shook with fear and yet believed not and shut up the city. While trying to feel secure they manifested their uneasiness in their actions. Many a man who claims there is no hell, is uneasy and feels insecure. So with these people. But in the midst of her sin and debauchery this woman stopped to reason. God says "come now let us reason together saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." As she stopped to reason she saw how foolish her life was. Her life wrecked and ruined, and as she peered into the future there was nothing but eternity without God. Feeling her sinfulness and the eternal doom ahead, she began to seek a way out. Surely God, the living God, whose power and mercy she had heard of, would be merciful to her a sinner. Her confidence in the mercy and grace of God grew. Christ died for the ungodly. No doubt more than once she went down on her knees and prayed "O God be merciful to me a sinner." That's been the prayer of millions of sin-sick souls who were seeking a way out of their sins. Finally her faith took hold of God there in this wicked city, and she coventanted with God's representatives and obeyed their injunctions and was saved. How simple the way out to every sin-sick soul. Just surrender your heart and life to Jesus. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon." By faith Rahab the harlot perished not. "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Troy, Okla., June 19—I thank God for saving my soul and sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I have the victory in my soul. Feel like I am least of all the preachers which belongs to the Conference, but thank God for victory in my soul. Just now I love the Lord with all my soul. The fourth Saturday and Sunday of May I was with the Woodville church, preached three times for them and Brother Ellis of the Texas Conference baptized two in water and two received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. The second Sunday I was with the Blue Mound church where I am pastor and Sunday at eleven o'clock service we had healing service and God opened the windows of Heaven and gave the victory. Praise God. Glory to His name. I feel more determined to preach the word of God straight and clean. I can't get to all the places that people want me, for I am pastor at Troy and Blue Mound churches. I only have one appointment a month at each place so that gives me two Sundays each month, the fourth Sunday in this month I am going to preach at Ravia, Okla. The second Sunday of July we are going to have two or three services and dinner on the ground. We invite everybody to come and be with us. We are expecting a blessing from God. Your brother in Christ, J. W. BROCK.

P. S.—I ask all the Faith readers to pray for my father who has high blood pressure and dropsy of the heart.

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MUSINGS

DAN T. MUSE

In your desire to see "great things" and "thousands brought in" don't compromise the truth.

In their quest for members the nominal churches have herded the goats in without a change.

Modernism has a strange hold upon many of the popular religious movements of the day.

Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good. Don't take up with every tomfoolery that comes along.

The Bible says all Scripture is given by inspiration of God—and yet many think they can accept or reject it at will.

As Benedict Arnold was to the U. S. in the revolutionary war—as Judas was to the Lord in Apostolic days—so is the "modernist" in this day.

The devil that possessed the serpent that questioned God's truthfulness in His spoken word, and made Eve believe it to the sorrow of the human race—is the same devil that possesses Modernists who deny God's word and substitute ideas and theories of depraved men.

More dangerous than the murderer is the modernist who would rob men of their only hope of eternal life and murder their soul.

The modern skeptic in the pulpit is more dangerous than an open Voltaire or Tom Paine.

Some can sing lustily "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"—until they have to put it into practice.

The way some folks give, you would most think their pocketbook was welded.

Many folks that used to sing "oh for a thousand tongues to sing my Redeemer's praise"—have "balked" since God is offering them such a channel through the Holy Spirit.

Have you yet learned that Disappointments are His Appointments.

He made the Captain of our salvation perfect through suffering, and if our Captain suffered, think not that we will have all flowery beds of ease.
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Demas Hath Forsaken Me

this present world." Demas permitted the world to lure him away from the Christ that died for him, and from the Christ he loved.

How sad to realize that today there are yet some Demas' who love this present world. Probably the most deadly thing in all the ranks of Christendom is the tendency among some to mingle near the world, to act as near like the world as possible, and to dress as near like the world as possible.

While there are many who seem to never get fully weaned from the world yet there is grave danger ahead for that devoted Christian man or woman who through any influence yield themselves to the influence of the world. No doubt but what Demas gradually lost the victory. A man with his faith and stability. A man devoting as much time as he did to the Master's service, must have gradually yielded to that worldly influence. As long as a Christian man or woman keeps the fire burning in their soul there is not much danger of them backsiding. But let them neglect prayer or the reading of God's word, or let them compromise for the sake of not being "too narrow" or to please some worldly associate, or to try and "gain" some one else they will find themselves "cool." The old ardor is gone. The world looks better and the old Christian standbys become "old fogys" and "so narrow," and you will begin to believe in a "broader" religion, and now you are on the toboggan slide to the world, and the next step is "having loved this present world." Poor Demas. What glory he left behind when he chose the glare of the world. God says "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."—John 2:15-17.

OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

The Eighteenth Annual Camp Meeting and Conference of the Oklahoma Conference will be held this year at Oklahoma City, Aug. 6 to 16, inclusive. A week or ten days meeting on the camp ground will precede the regular Camp Meeting, and everything is expected to be ready for the Camp Meeting to open with services the first day of the Camp Meeting. The Annual Conference will be held Aug. 15 and 17.

The Camp Meeting is to be held in Wheeler Park, a splendid location near the heart of the city and yet so situated as to be an ideal place for a Camp Meeting. There will be plenty of water and plenty of shade. Ample room for every one to camp under a tree. We are expecting to have everything as convenient as possible. To those desiring tents and cots, we will secure them for you at exactly what it costs you. There is plenty of room for your tent or cot. A dining hall will be run where meals will be served at reasonable prices.

Bro. Paul F. Beacham, President of the Holiness Bible College, is to be the main speaker. There will be many other preachers present.

We are also expecting to have special healing service, and also special services for the young people, with services arranged by the heads of the Young Peoples' Movement, with testimony, praise and preaching and altar services.

Please begin to pray for this meeting and plan to attend. We are expecting a large camp this year, and a great ingathering of souls.

DAN T. MUSE, President.
B. B. SCRIVNER, Vice Pres.
N. T. MORGAN, Sec.-Treas.
Camp Meeting Assn.

EAST OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

The Second Camp Meeting and Annual Conference of the East Oklahoma Conference will be held at Holdenville, Okla., Aug. 13-24, 1926. Conference date, Aug. 23 and 24.

Grounds and Accommodations

A good, shady park with ample room at one edge of town will be fully equipped by the Chamber of Commerce with water, gas, lights and plenty of lumber for tents and the cooking pavilion all free.

Preachers and Song Leaders

Rev. E. D. Reeves, Assistant General Superintendent, of Roanoke Va., and Rev. Burton A. Hall, of Westminister, Texas, will be the main speakers.

We are expecting our beloved Bro. J. F. Hively, together with some horn and orchestra leaders to have charge of the music.

Everybody within reach of this camp meeting should begin to pray for and plan to be there.

Cooking Arrangement

We are expecting a dining hall with sufficient meals at reasonable prices, plenty of room and fire fuel for those who wish to do their own cooking.

Bring such things as you will need to use, such as bedding, cooking and toilet articles. Announcements will be made later as to the price of tents. But all who wish tents should send their orders by Aug. 1st. $2.75 per doz. Christ Exalted in Song, the splendid 1924 song book, 25 cents each, or $2.75 per doz. Songs of the Coming King 25 cents each or $2.75 per doz. Songs of Old-Time Power, a splendid book, 35 cents each or $3.25 per doz. Address all orders to Dan T. Muse, Box 762, Oklahoma City, Okla.

 Texarkana, Texas. —Dear Friends: About eight months ago Jesus wonderfully saved my husband and I at Tampa, Fla., under Brother I. J. Bolton's ministry, and believe that God answered my dear sister Emma Taylor's prayer for she prayed for years for us and we are now saved and have victory over sin. Praise the Lord. The precious Holy Ghost still abides and is our Savior, Healer and soon coming King we do praise God for saving power. Pray for us that we will be just what God would have us be and ready to do His will at all times. This is our greatest and only desire. Your brother and sister in Jesus,

ELLEN AND FRED MOORE.

Rule, Texas. —I received the Holiness Faith and it does me good to read it. There are not any Holiness Faith people here in Rule, and I have longed to be with God's people so much. I believe in them and do hope, if it is God's will, some of those who pray for the sick to come and see how bad we need a meeting here. I just want to learn to live all for Jesus, and be healed. God bless each and every one. Pray for me.

MRS. R. H. SMITH.

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