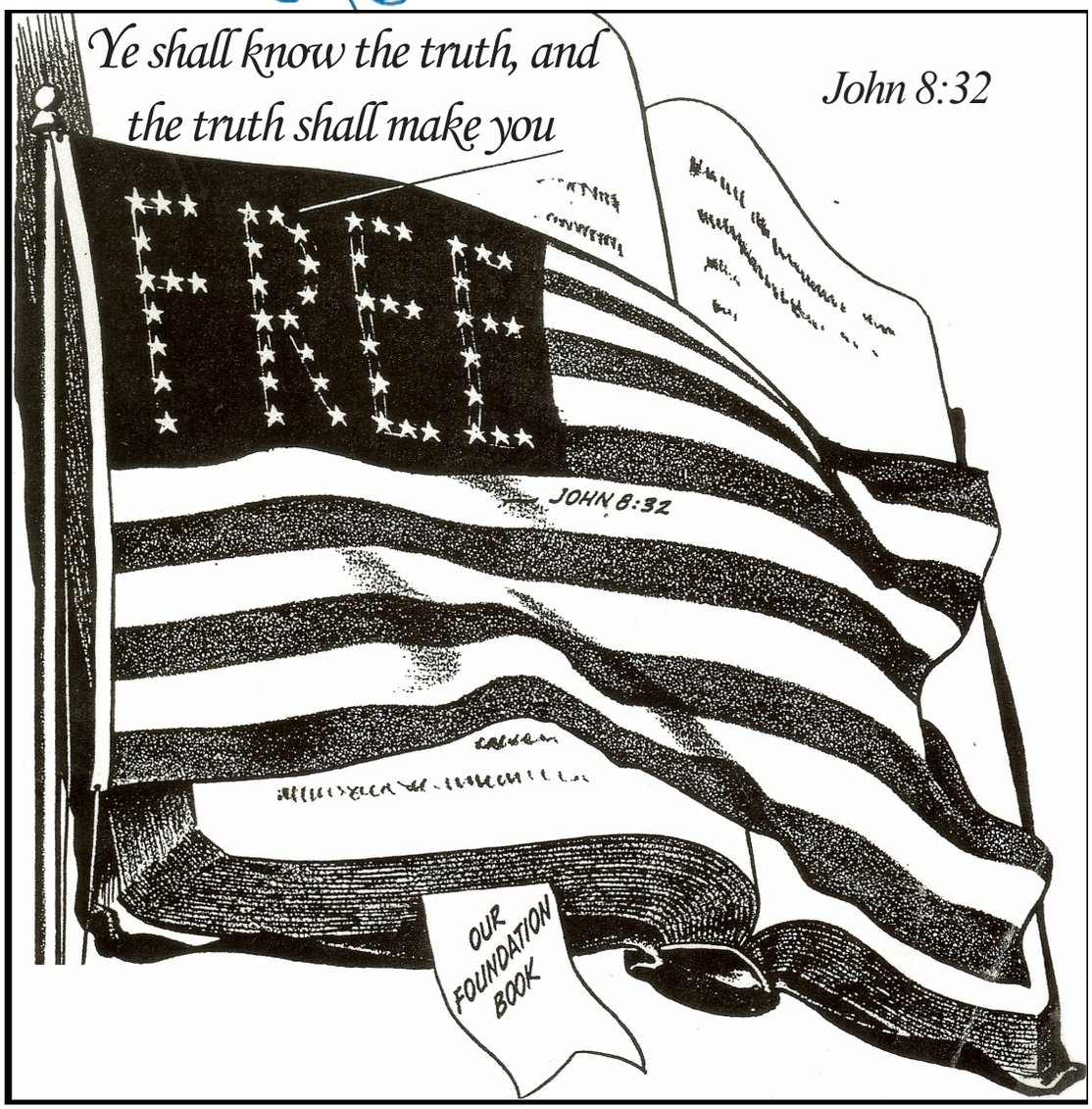
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Free from the anguish the pain from within.
Free from the anger the conflict, the hate
Free from the burden the anchor, the weight.
Free from the envy the malice, the strife
Free from the bondage the chains of this life.
Free from His vengeance the fury of God
Free from His judgment the sting of His rod.
Free from the turmoil the seasons of grief
Free from the tempter the robber, the thief.
Free from the darkness the cross holds the key
The light of sweet Jesus Now shines within me.

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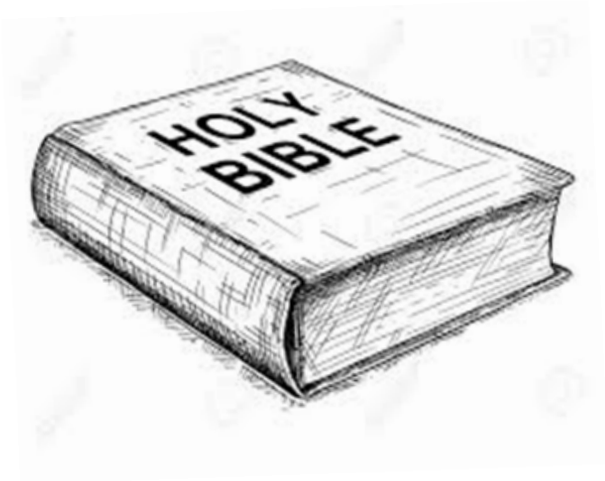
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Questions & Answers

By O. F. Fauss

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After one has received the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, is it necessary to speak with tongues every day? I have heard the statement that if one does not speak with tongues every day he is not saved, or is on dangerous ground.

A

The Bible says, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Speaking with tongues is the initial sign or evidence of a person's: receiving the Holy Ghost. From there on, the fruits of the Spirit are essential, for " ... by their fruits ye shall know them."

After receiving the Holy Ghost, it is possible that a person will be blessed by the Holy Ghost to speak with tongues often, but to say that this is necessary for him to know that he is still filled with the Spirit is without Scriptural proof. Living the life of a Spirit-filled child of God, without condemnation, is where we should place our confidence, rather than in speaking with tongues every day.

Speaking with tongues after receiving the Holy Ghost comes by the anointing or operation of the Holy Ghost, as HE wills, the same as other manifestations or gifts of the Holy Ghost. Does John 10:27-29 mean that if one has been born again, he cannot be lost? These verses read: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

It is true that no man (or woman) can force a Spirit- filled Christian away from God. Paul asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" Then he answered his own question by saying, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8: 35, 37-39). However, this same apostle wrote to the Galatians: "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Galatians 1:6, 7). And again Paul said, "But now, after ye had known God, or rather are known of God (Galatians 4:9).

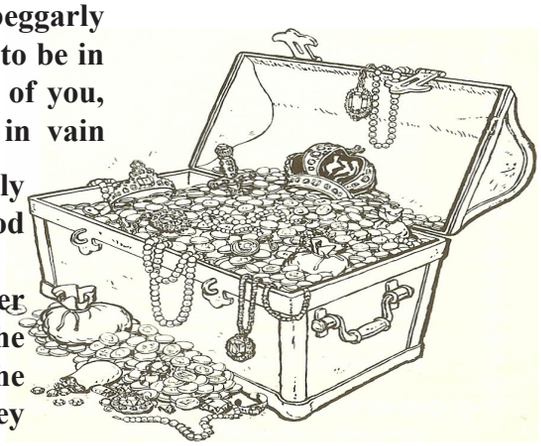
how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" And finally, I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain

If you are a child of God, the only person who can separate you from God is YOU yourself.

The Apostle Peter warns: "For if after they have escaped the pollution of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them" (2 Peter 2: 20, 21).

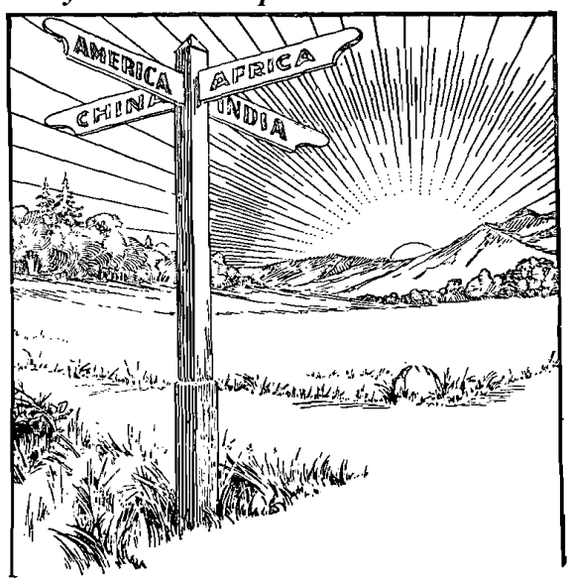
Another solemn warning against turning away from the Lord is found in Hebrews 6:4-6).

Either Jesus is Lord of All, or He's not Lord at all



That Witness

By W.T. Witherspoon



The thought on my mind as a basis for this article, is "our witness." May I reverently say that God has always depended on a witness, whether it be in the Old Testament or in the New. A witness is one who by definite contact or experience can confidently attest to the reality of God and His mighty working among men. Back in the Old Testament it was required that there be a definite witness to the acts of God. Such witness was not only evidence of His working but it communicated the fact from such working to those round about and often times from generation to generation. Worthies of old declared that the sun, the moon, and the stars, piles of rock, and other marks, were to stand for a "witness." It is significant also that two or more persons were to serve as witnesses. This is beautifully typical of the dual witness of salvation in the New Testament, i.e., "He shall testify of me and ye also shall bear witness." The witness is not just something that may happen but it must happen and must continue to be in evidence in the life of Christians in general and the ministry in particular.

Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses." This simply covers the whole realm of Christian profession and activity. To be a continued witness, one must be in continual touch with God. This is what the Master really means when He says, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be (being) filled with the Spirit." This means a normal condition. It takes not only faith to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost but we must walk by faith. "The just shall live by faith." Just as faith. enabled us to grasp the promise of God for salvation and to enter into the kingdom, the same faith moves us on out of the book of Acts into the Epistles, in obedience to each injunction and admonition if we walk with God and have a testimony that we please Him, we shall be translated, even as Enoch of old. There is no stopping place. "If any man turn back my soul shall have no pleasure in him." And we have the solemn injunction, "Remember Lot's wife."

It is possible, like Joseph and Mary, to continue on with the company"supposing Him to be in the midst.'They recalled that He had started out with them. They were sure that He was with them because they had seen Him some hours before.

Suddenly they awoke to the fact that He was missing and it took a long journey back to find Him, just where they had left Him.

It is so interesting to note now Jesus depended entirely on the "witness." After paying the highest tribute to John, He said, "I HAVE A GREATER WITNESS THAN THAT OF JOHN." He continually accorded all power and honor to His Father Our Bible, the book which lives forever, did not come by the will of man but "Holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy· Ghost." ·God moved upon them and spoke or wrote through them and their word thus became the WORD OF GOD.

In line with the above, it is absolutely necessary for us to live in touch with God to make Him real to those round about us. You will remember that the apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthian Church, urged that above all they each one prophesy. This was simply that they worship, testify, sing, and use their gifts, in order and in the power of the Spirit. In other words, everything done in their meetings was to be charged by the power of the Spirit so that any stranger coming in would have to confess"God was in

them of a truth." This was and is the duty of all saints. Those who have the witness or who prophesy speak to "Edification, exhortation, keep on fire and not lose our "witness." Our Master retained it to the end. Almost the last thing He did was to utter an agonizing cry in other tongues. Paul the Apostle rejoiced in continuance and increase of His "witness. "I thank my God that I speak with tongues more than you all.'

I very much fear that some have grown too big (?) to retain the "witness." Some have "graduated" beyond the speaking with tongues and baptism in Jesus' Name. Such have removed the old landmarks and have wondered off into the fields of error, Thinking themselves as wise they have become foolish in their imagination. They have left the written Word and have wondered into the fields of error and sin. Any thing that isn't based on the Word is wrong.

Jude's admonition is so timely. "Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Once on the day of Pentecost with a hungry and obedient people in one accord. Definitely set to seeking the Comforter. No one, ever having· seen. any one receive the Holy Ghost and therefore not able to help (?) each other through. Suddenly the Holy Ghost came. They all began to speak in tongues,They continued until a great crowd was drawn. they all were in one accord. There was no doubt about who "had the message." All the other apostles stood up with him and back of him.

They with the others recognized him as God's mouthpiece for the occasion. His mind was not befogged or disturbed by opposition. He had the thing' that he preached. 0£ course the result was a harvest of souls. It can be, it will be so again.

Beyond Belief A Biblical Study of Salvation

Welcome to Beyond Belief: A Biblical Study of Salvation. This study is simply an honest, open-minded look at what the scriptures say about salvation. This study is not designed to degrade any experience or relationship you may have with Jesus Christ. Many of you have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior and have given your heart to Him. No doubt, that was the most important decision of your life. God always responds when we make a sincere effort to draw closer to Him. The point of this study is simple. Was your salvation journey complete when you committed your life to Jesus Christ, or was it just the beginning? The road of religion takes us down many different paths, but this study is not about religion. If you disagree with this study, it has only cost you a few minutes of your time, but if you see where God has more for you, then your time will be well-invested.

Understand, man has taken the Bible and confused its simple message. By incorrectly dividing God's Word, and placing emphasis on certain scriptures while de-emphasizing others, man has made this road map say many different things. Although the Bible contains many mysteries, and some things we may never fully understand, the way of salvation is very clear. As you will see when we walk through the scriptures in chronological order, only one message of salvation is possible.

Personal Responsibility

When it comes to our salvation, the Bible has squarely placed the responsibility upon each individual. Second Peter 1:10 says "give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall." Whether you agree or disagree with this study, by taking the time to read this, you are giving diligence to the greatest need in your life, and that is your salvation.

Philippians 2:12 tells us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. We, as individuals, must lay aside any denominational bias and personal preconceptions and study the Word of God with an open mind, and work out our salvation with the understanding that it is the single most important thing we will ever do in our lives. This study is an opportunity to look at what the scripture has to say about salvation. Open your mind and your heart as we study the teachings of Christ and then follow the actions of the disciples after His ascension.

I dare say most of us have never taken our salvation assurance to this level. Many of us have simply accepted what we have been taught and have never objectively explored the scriptures for ourselves. Others of us may have joined a church because we liked the pastor, enjoyed what we felt, and been encouraged by what we heard. Thus, we simply accepted what was presented as the plan of salvation. The problem is the Bible doesn't teach us to accept whatever we are taught or to embrace whatever feels good or sounds good. Proverbs tells us there is a way that There is something about this salvation journey that takes us off the broad road and puts us on a narrow path.

We cannot follow the crowd or worry about what others may do. We must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. We must give diligence to the greatest calling in our lives, which is to know we are saved according to His Word. seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (16:25). We must make certain our salvation is completely scriptural and not just what seems right or feels good. Although it is not "religiously correct" to say it, the Bible teaches that narrow is the way that leads to life and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:14).

A Plan

First, we must understand God has always had a plan. His plan has always been very specific. He has never offered multiple ways to get to Him. We can go all the way back to the beginning of His Word to understand this. God accepted Abel's offering but rejected Cain's. Cain was a farmer, and as a farmer, he brought the fruit of the ground as a sacrifice. Cain was bringing something that was important to him and something he had worked to produce. Yet, God rejected it because it was not according to His divine plan. To our human reasoning, what Cain brought should have sufficed, but it was not what God had required.

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We must understand, we cannot rely on what seems right and what makes sense to us, since that would change with each individual. We must rely totally on what has never changed, and that is the Word of God.

When God told Noah He would destroy the world, He gave him exact specifications on how he was to build the ark. God did not offer Noah a general concept, but instead gave very specific and detailed instructions.

When we study the Tabernacle Plan in the Old Testament, we find there was a certain order and specific directions for what the priest must do in order for sins to be forgiven. The priest could not alter this in any way and live. He had to follow the specific and detailed plan as it was laid out for him by God. The Bible clearly tells us He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). We have not arrived at this dispensation to find that, all of a sudden, God is offering us a buffet line of whatever we choose for our salvation. God still has a very clear and specific plan.

Foundation

Everything that endures is built on a solid foundation. The foundation we will use for this study are the very scriptures that teach us how to study the Word of God.

ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for Doctrine .... II Timothy 3:16

If we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and if we are to make our calling and election sure, we must first be certain that we take all scriptures related to salvation and doctrine. We cannot pick and choose only the scriptures we are familiar with or select just the ones that fall within our comfort zone and still be assured of our salvation. Thus, the first step in an objective study of salvation is to take all scripture. The second step is that we must rightly divide·the Word.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

In the above scripture, Paul was instructing Timothy on the importance of correctly dividing the Word. Since Paul spoke of a right way to divide the Word, there must, obviously, be a wrong way. Therefore, in order to rightly divide the Word, let's explore what the Bible says about salvation one book at a time and with an awareness of the chronological order in which the events of the New Testament occurred.

Matthew Mark Luke John ACTS Romans Corinthians

In this study we will start with the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which all record the words of Christ. We will examine the things Jesus said in relation to salvation, and then we will go to the next book, the Book of Acts: the book where the church first began. In the Book of Acts, we will see where the things Christ taught during His ministry are totally fulfilled.

The final scripture we will use as part of our foundation is found in Hebrews.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; Hebrews 2:3

Hebrews plainly lays out the formula for this great salvation: 1. Find what was first spoken by the Lord, which will take us to the four gospels. 2. Find out what was confirmed by those that heard Him. The only place where we can find this confirmation is in the book of Acts. Following this formula, we will see an incredible picture of fulfillment and confirmation of this great salvation spoken of in Hebrews 2:3. Very simply put, we are about to see what the Lord spoke and then follow those that heard him and see what message they confirmed.

Summary of The Foundation

What separates this salvation study from other studies is the obedience to these three foundational scriptures. When we look objectively at what was first spoken by the Lord, it is important that we take all scripture and not just John 3:16, which states that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish .... " While believing is very important, Christ speaks of much more. **(continued page 7)**

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Once we have read and understood the words of Christ, we must then look to those that heard him. What do their words and actions confirm? This forces us to rightly divide the Word of God by going to the very next book, which is the book of Acts - no jigsaw puzzle to put together, no leaving out certain scriptures, no jumping around, no mystery to solve. We will simply let the chronological events unfold and reveal this "so great salvation.

Teachings of Christ

When beginning a study of salvation, the logical thing to do is to thoroughly examine the words of the One that will one day be our judge and to make sure we fulfilled everything He said. Don't take man's word for it, but study His teachings to show yourself approved unto God. The next four verses are taken directly from the four Gospels and are all words of Jesus Christ. These verses record Christ's directives and teachings that will lead us to make our calling and election sure. In addition to these four verses, more scriptures that reinforce and repeat Jesus's teachings are listed at the end of this study. Take your Bible and follow along as we work

HERE WE GO

Matthew 16:18-19 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and- whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Here we find something that is very critical in our search for salvation.

In verses 18 and 19, Jesus put an amazing amount of trust in Peter. Because Peter understood who Jesus was, he was given the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. These keys were not a literal set of keys; these keys are the words that Peter would speak. Whatever Peter binds and whatever he looses will be backed by the Kingdom of God. If we truly desire to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven, would it not make sense to follow the man who has the keys to unlock the door? Shouldn't Peter be the one we watch and listen to when it comes to our salvation?

Peter was the one Jesus trusted to show us the way. Understand, Jesus is now bound by His word, and if Peter preaches anything that contradicts what Jesus has already taught, we have a problem. But as we will see, there is no contradiction only an incredible confirmation. Many people turn to the writings of Paul to explain salvation. While Paul was a great man of God and an apostle, and while he wrote many powerful things in his letters, he did not arrive on the scene until after the plan of salvation had been clearly established.

Paul was never given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven as was Peter, so why would we dismiss or explain away what Peter preached and rely solely upon Paul's writings to define salvation? Besides, if we study all the teachings of Paul, we will find that he actually obeyed and confirmed what Peter preached. Again, we must rightly divide the Word of God. Now that we have established that Christ entrusted Peter with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, let's continue our study of what Christ taught His disciples about salvation.

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized Here Jesus ties two things to being saved: we must believe and we must be baptized. He didn't say, " ... he that believeth shall be saved." His statement in Mark 16:16 is, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Since Jesus used the conjunction and, can we just pick one of the two and say, "I just choose to believe," and negate the necessity of baptism? Jesus presents believing and baptism as equally important? Many have said baptism is a good thing, but it is not necessary tor salvation. As we will see, not only is it absolutely necessary for salvation, but a specific formula as well as a specific purpose for baptism are clearly recorded in scripture. shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Along with believing and baptism, Jesus points us to Jerusalem where two very important elements of our salvation would be preached: repentance and remission of sins. In the verse below, Jesus references Old Testament scriptures that were written about the Messiah and explains to His disciples that these scriptures are referring to Him. Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

At the very core of our salvation experience our sins must be dealt with: to repent and have our sins totally remitted through His name is a critical message. The fact that Jesus tells us these things will be preached beginning at Jerusalem should not be overlooked. In the following scripture, Jesus tells us what will happen when we believe as the scriptures direct us to believe.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of water. 39(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 7:38-39 In these verses Jesus teaches that when we believe according to scripture **(continued on page 12)**

They Heard Them Speak With Tongues

THE SUBJECT OF THIS MESSAGE is a portion of Acts 10:46, which, in turn, is taken from the account of the receiving of the Holy Ghost by Cornelius and those of his household.

Earlier, on the day of Pentecost, approximately 120 were gathered in Jerusalem, tarrying for the promise of the Father-the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Suddenly" ... they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The original word for tongues in this verse is glossa, which means either language or languages, depending upon whether the usage is singular or plural. From the original comes the word glossolalia, which is now used to denote speaking with tongues.

All true Pentecostals believe that speaking with tongues is the initial sign or evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This belief is based upon what is stated in Acts 2:4, 10:46; 19:6, and upon what is unquestionably implied in Acts 8:17, 18. To put it another way: Pentecostals are fully persuaded that those who have not spoken with tongues have not received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The importance .we attach to the receiving of this experience, and its evidence, is reflected in our Fundamental Doctrine, which reads:

The basic and fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Since we are convinced that the receiving of the Holy Ghost is essential to full salvation, and since we are also convinced that those who receive this gift will speak with other tongues, we are faced with certain unavoidable responsibilities.

We must PREACH and TEACH the essentially of receiving the Holy Ghost. In the New Testament, the first recorded instance of preaching the Holy Ghost baptism is found in Matthew 3:11. The preacher was John the Baptist.

Later, when Paul went to Ephesus, he found twelve disciples of John the Baptist who had not even heard that there was a Holy Ghost (Acts 19:2). Apparently, these twelve had never heard John personally, but had been converted and baptized by one or more of his disciples. But somewhere, between the preaching of John and the conversion and baptism of the twelve, part of John's message-the promise of the baptism of the Holy Ghost-had been lost.

The twelve men, therefore, had to admit that they knew nothing of this glorious experience.

May no one who ever attends any of our churches have to make such a statement. Let the trumpet give forth that certain sound, so that all who hear will know about God's unspeakable gift.

We must PREACH and TEACH that all who receive the Holy Ghost will speak with other tongues, and make it clear just what such speaking means. It should be taught that speaking with tongues is not, as some call it, gibberish. Nor is it the rapid, over-and-over speaking of a word of praise, or any part thereof, until one's tongue is "tangled," and his speech becomes unintelligible.

To speak with tongues is to miraculously speak, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, a real language that has not been learned. This can be any earthly language (perhaps a dead one) or even the language of angels (1 Corinthians 13:1). In teaching this subject, we should warn those who do not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost to avoid the error of placing improper emphasis upon speaking with tongues.

They should be taught to repent, and then to pray and praise God, with the expectation of receiving the Holy Ghost immediately.

One who has repented, arid who will believe God, can receive the Holy Ghost anywhere. During a spiritual service, such a one should join in the worship, and expect God to fill him. If he does not re-eive the Holy Ghost as soon as he repents, he should be baptized in the name of Jesus, and praise God as he comes up out of the water, believing that God will fill him then.

We should admonish them to focus their attention upon the Giver and the gift, rather than upon the evidence of the gift.

It should be made clear to them that they are to not try to speak with tongues. They should be taught to repent, and then to pray and praise God, with the expectation of receiving the Holy Ghost immediately.

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In any case, his attention should be focused upon the gift, and not upon the evidence of the gift.

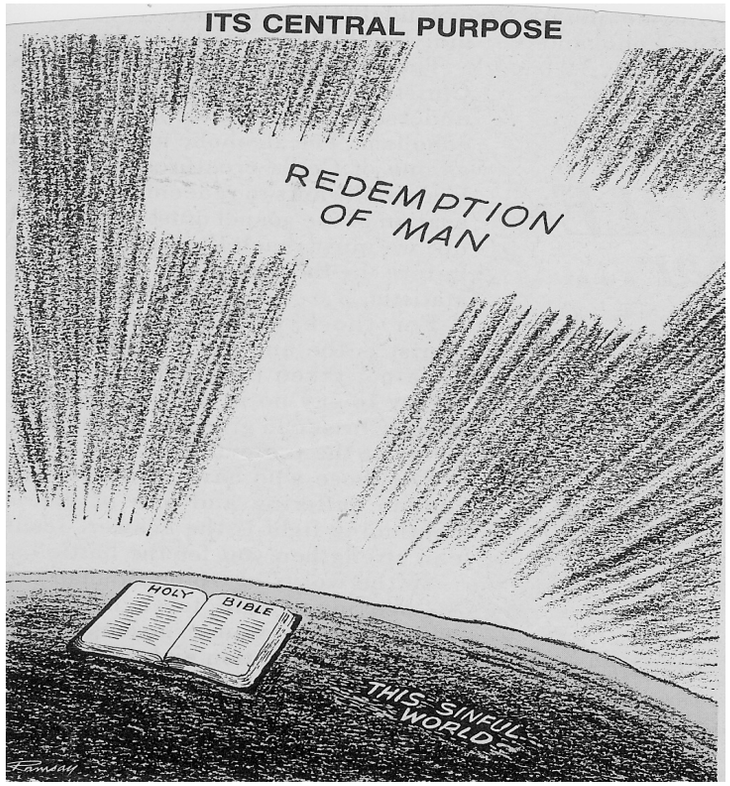
We should help those who desire the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but we should do so in a Scriptural manner. This includes praying with and for them, urging them to pray and worship, and encouraging them to believe God. It also includes the laying on of hands by those qualified to do so, if the Spirit so moves.

Altar workers have no Scriptural right to shake the chins of those praying for the Holy Ghost. They have no Bible basis for urging them to talk "faster and faster." This is, in effect, trying to make them speak with tongues, And such has the added harmful effect of causing the "seeker" to concentrate upon trying to speak with tongues, rather than upon worshiping God. On a radio program I recently heard a well-known Trinitarian Pentecostal preacher say that God had revealed to him a new way for people to receive the Holy Ghost.

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They Heard Them Speak With Tongues (continued)

It went something like this:
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Consider another aspect. Suppose there are those who mistakenly believe they have received the Holy Ghost. Having strong wills, and perhaps not being subjected to the severe trials faced by others, they remain in the church, and live good moral lives by their own power. Still, they are nonspiritual because they are not filled with the Spirit. If the Lord tarries, and the number of such increases, what will our church be in a generation or two?
In view of all these things, it is important that we LISTEN. How did Peter and the Jews with him know that Cornelius and his household had received the Holy Ghost? "They HEARD them speak with tongues .... " Of course there are times when the gathering is large, and it is well-nigh impossible to hear whether one is speaking with tongues. But should not someone always try to get close to this person, and LISTEN?

We must do our best to see that all who come under the influence of our ministry really receive the Holy Ghost. To do anything less than this is to shortchange them for time and eternity.

The Blessed Name

There is no name so sweet on earth,
No name so sweet in heaven,
The name before His wondrous birth
To Christ the Saviour given.

O Jesus, by Thy matchless name,
Thy grace shall fail us never;
Today as yesterday the same,
We'll bless Thy name forever.

For there's no name ear ever heard
So dear, so sweet as Jesus.
We love to sing of Christ our King
And hail Him, blessed Jesus.
—George W. Bethune

Jesus is more than enough !

What Christ Is To Us

The Shield from every dart;
The Balm for every smart;
The Sharer of each load;
Companion on the road.

The Door into the fold;
The Anchor that will hold;
The Shepherd of the sheep;
The Guardian of my sleep.

The Friend with Whom I talk;
The Way by which I walk;
The Light to show the way;
The Strength for every day.

The Source of my delight;
The Song to cheer the night;
The Thought that fills my mind;
The Best of All to find—is Jesus!
—Anonymous

If I were the devil by Paul Harvey

If I were the prince of darkness, I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness.

I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree.

So I would set about to take over the United States and Canada.

I would begin with a campaign of whispers.

With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please."

To the young I would whisper that "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I'd confide that "what's bad is good and what's good is 'square. '"

And the old I would teach to pray after me, "Our Father - who art in Washington."

I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull, uninteresting. I'd threaten television with dirtier movies.

I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentleman of distinction. I'd tranquilized the rest with pills.

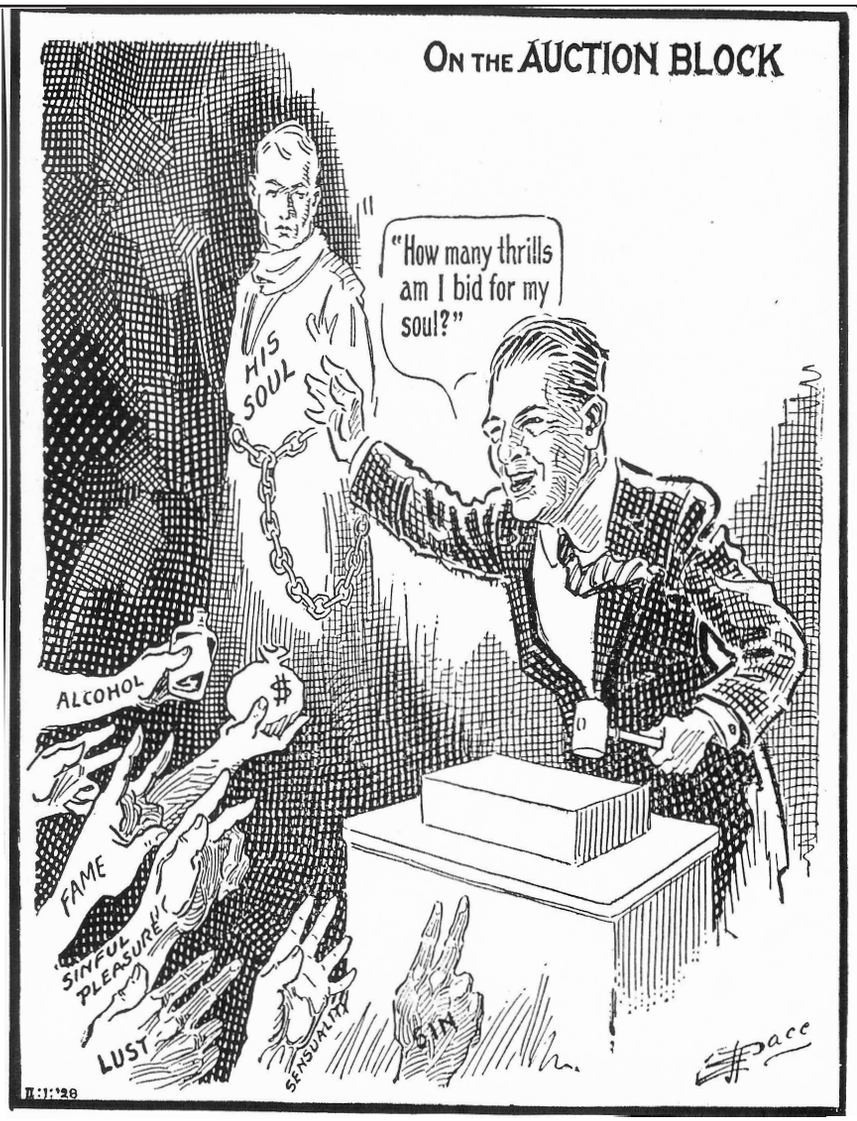
If! were the devil, I'd soon have families, churches and nations at war with themselves. Until each, in turn, was consumed.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine intellects but neglect to discipline emotions - just let those run wild. U ntil well before you knew it you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing and judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse and the schoolhouse and then from the houses of Congress.

In His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I'd lure priests and pastors into misusing. children and church money.

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If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

What'll you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? .

I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism and moral conduct.

I'd convince the young that marriage is old- fashioned, that what you see on TV is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public and lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, If I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Prepare To Meet Thy God

The Cry of The Heathen

A cry of woe and fear;
It is the voice of millions
Who grope in heathen night ; It is the cry of Jesus
To rise and send them light.
With every pulse's beating,
Another soul is gone,
With all its guilt and sorrow,
To stand before the Throne.
And learn with awe and wonder
The story of that grace
Which God to us had trusted
For all our fall en race.
Oh, how the Master's bosom
Must swell with love and pain
As evermore they meet Him-
That sad and ceaseless train; And if He holds us guilty
For all our brothers' blood,
What answer can we offer
Before the throne of God?
Author Unknown

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THE Art Of Thanksgiving

As the wind died down to a whisper and the waves ceased crashing on the shores, tambourines and joyous praises erupted from the shores of the Red Sea! It was the first song ever recorded by the Israelites as a nation -a song of thankfulness to God for His victory over their oppressors. As Moses led the people in a mighty chorus of thank- fulness, his sister, Miriam, led the women in a dance of joyous abandonment to their God who had won their complete freedom from slavery. Victory! Thanksgiving!

The Psalmist David writes in Psalm 100:4 and 5: "Enter his gates with thanks- giving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all gener- ations." Look what He has done for us! Thanksgiving!

"Give thanks in all things for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5: 18). Our thankfulness mirrors our faith to the 'Lord and our trust in His ability to accomplish His will in our lives. Having faith means we cannot see the answer- only depend on His promised word and believe it shall be done. By faith, we can thank Him for what He is going to do! Thanksgiving for good things in the future! It is not hard to be thankful for the good things He sends our way or for the victory of a great battle. But can we thank Him in faith, knowing that He is a rewarder of all who diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6), even while we are still in the pits oflife? Can we give thanks "in all things?" In Psalm 30, David shares about how God turned his mourning into dancing and how he would thank the Lord forever. There were many psalms written during his mourning peri- od-times when he had to draw on his thankfulness for past victories and for future promises.

Hebrews shares about others others who trusted God and gave their lives sawn asunder, beheaded, thrown to lions, crucified. Yet they had the same hope in a miraculous God, the same faith in a powerful God, and the same consuming thankfulness to God for His promised salvation They were kingdom-minded, not caring whether their lives would be saved but rather that God would be glorified.

In this technical age of immediate response, the call of the hour is not whether we can praise God and get ourselves out of distressing situations right now. The call of the hour is whether or not we can thank God enough for what He has done for us and for what He can do for us so He will be glorified and souls will be saved right now.

Thanksgiving!

Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks ....

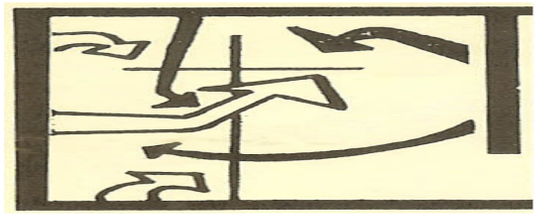
Whatever my lot, whatever my circumstances, wherever I am, I will give thanks to my God for there is no other God like our God; no other Savior like our Savior; no other Hope like our Hope ... all that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Him.

Thanksgiving!

by : Janice Moorman



The Lord Thy God Bringeth Thee into a good land" Deut 8:7



Preacher Pointers

by E. L Holley

Only the pastor can hold forth a vision of God's great cause, and rally the ranks of the redeemed behind it. Only he can articulate the Church's values, define its goals, and marshal its will. His unique role affords an opportunity which is matched only by its awesome responsibility!

"Without a vision, the people perish ... " Any fool can condemn, criticize and castigate a people for having no vision; but it takes a pastor, worthy of the name, to hold out God's cause in full view and enable the people to see it. If the saints of God could see everything clearly for themselves, there would be little need for pastors! Only the pastor can present the cause of Christ in such a manner as to enlist the involvement of the redeemed.

How wide should the scope of a pastor's vision be? Pastors who enjoy the greatest range of success find it true that "The heart is never emptied by loving; Nor the purse emptied by giving."

They have found that the giving church is a living church! Involvement is the key.

And, odd as it may seem, the church that sees with a worldwide vision always sees the needs at home better! By the same token, the church that knows little about the worldwide struggle seems to know and care less about the local effort. Anytime you see a church that is ill-cared for and just barely existing with a congregation which is lax and indifferent, you will note that they never support anything beyond their own doorstep. On the other hand, you will never find a congregation which gives and gets involved with every worthwhile project of the church that is lagging at home!

Only the pastor can help a congregation see the true value of life; only the pastor can define attainable goals and marshal the will of the assembly to reach them! Involvement is the key to life for an assembly and the pastor is the key to involvement for the church.

Why is there a church anyway? For what are we in existence? Will not the individual member feel more of a commitment if he sees the role of the church in the world? And if he sees the role of the church in the world, will he not see his individual role in the church in a better light?

Blessed is the church whose pastor holds forth a vision of God's great cause! Blessed is the church

Beyond Belief A Biblical Study of Salvation continued:

we should receive the Holy Ghost. The problem with a common but faulty interpretation of salvation lies in the fact that many people believe, but have negated the necessity of the Holy Ghost. They align their belief with only certain select scriptures. Remember, 2 Timothy 3:16 instructs us that all scripture is profitable for doctrine. As we will see, when we incorporate all scripture and "believe on Him as the scripture hath said," the Holy Ghost is something promised to us and is a sign of our true belief.

Summary of Jesus Christ's Teachings

We have just taken a walk through the gospels and studied what Jesus taught during His ministry. Let's quickly summarize.

1. **The salvation message would begin at Jerusalem - Luke 24:47**
2. **Peter has the keys - Matthew 16:18-19**
3. **We must believe - Mark 16:16, John 7:38**
4. **We must repent - Luke 24:47**
5. **We must be baptized - Mark 16:16**
6. **Remission of sins would be in His name - Luke 24:47**
7. **Believers should receive the Holy Ghost - John 7:38**

The Confirmation

Now that we have seen what was "first spoken by the Lord," we will find in the scriptures where those who heard him confirmed His teachings. Let us continue to rightly divide the Word and follow it in the order the events occurred and not jump from book to book as if this were a puzzle to be to put together.

We will now go to the very next book, the book of Acts, where the Church begins. Watch, as through the next several verses how this confirmation is revealed. A few things to note in the beginning of Acts: 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: Jesus has just spent forty days after His resurrection speaking to His disciples of things pertaining to the kingdom of:God.

After forty days of intense teaching with the resurrected savior, I doubt they were confused about what He wanted them to do. Therefore, what happens in the next few chapters is exactly what God had in mind. Remember, this great salvation would be confirmed "by them that heard him" (Hebrews 2:3). We must understand that these disciples were the very ones that had heard Him. In verse nine, after His final words to His disciples, Jesus ascends. Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Now for the first time, everything He lived and died for is ready to be put into action. Watch what happens as we simply walk through the scriptures and view the events just as they occurred: Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. They returned unto Jerusalem. Remember, in Luke 24:47 Jesus directed us to Jerusalem. If we are wanting to make sure we are following the message correctly, we must start at the beginning and not somewhere in the middle. We are now at the right place where Jesus said this message of repentance and remission of sins would be preached for the first time.

Now, let's go to the next chapter. They returned to Jerusalem and gathered in the upper room to wait for the promise Jesus told them was coming. The Holy Ghost falls on them and they begin to speak in other tongues (Acts 2:1-4). Focus on what happens next: a multitude gathers. Notice what the bible says in verses 12-13. 12And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 130thers mocking said, These men are full of new wine. Acts 2:12-13 At this point, these people who are in doubt and are mocking them are not believers. Remember what Jesus taught - we must believe in order to be saved. So, let's review the elements to make sure we have the entire picture: after His resurrection, Jesus had just spent an additional forty days teaching and training His disciples. He then ascended, after which, they returned to Jerusalem, and now, for the first time since they have fulfilled what Jesus told them to do, unbelievers are present. Watch what happens. 14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Acts 2:14 Who responds to the doubters and the mockers or unbelievers? Peter. Remember in Matthew 16:19 it was Peter that was given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Notice what comes together in just a few verses: they are in the right place with the right man preaching and unbelievers are present. Let's see what occurs:

(To be continued in January-February issue)

Setting The World Afire

To set the world afire with this glorious truth was a commandment from Jesus Himself when he said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Pentecostal Fire is falling today. It is like a giant fire which is spreading out of control engulfing the hearts and lives of hungry men and women in our world. Acts 5:39 says "If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. Throughout the centuries Satan has been waging a constant warfare against the people of God, but God has always found a way to use this warfare to defeat Satan himself.

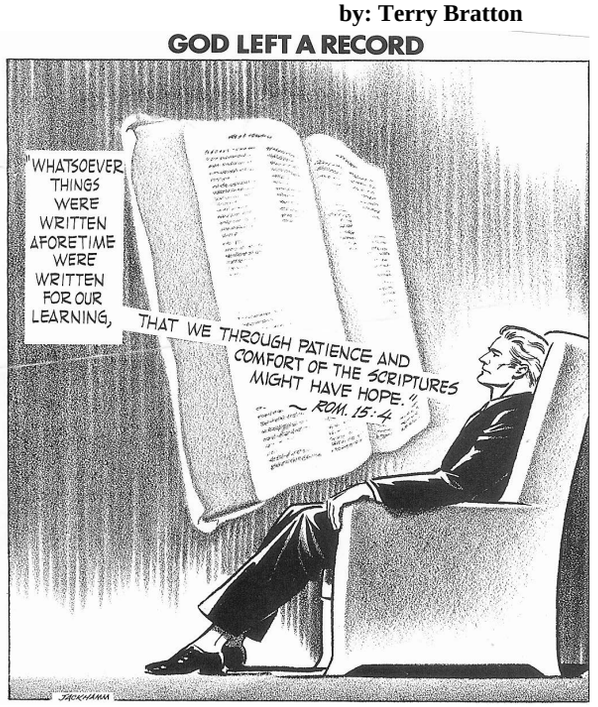
In the Old Testament we find the Children of Israel with the Red Sea before them and the armies of Pharaoh behind them. It looked as though all was lost, and perhaps they would never see a Promised Land. But God used the armies of Pharaoh that day to prove to them that no matter what encounter Satan puts before them, that He would see them through. So was the case with the Philistines. Satan had God's people backed against a wall and trembling at the site of his gigantic master- piece, but God in His simplicity used a shepherd boy, with a sling and five stones, to prove to His people that no matter how big the odds, He had promised to be their God, and He would fight their battles for them.

Early New Testament times found Satan still in pursuit of God's people. The fires of Pentecost had no more than fallen than did the fires of persecution begin. Although with each persecution there came a force which spread this new gospel to the utmost parts of the then known world. However, as many of the early church Christians died, and the fires of persecution increased, the fires of Pentecost were being stamped on by opposition. But God had not forgotten what the Prophet Joel had prophesied of and Peter had once again spoken of on the day of Pentecost, in Acts 2:16-18 when he said,this is that which was spoken through the Prophet, Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And upon my servants and my handmaiden in those days will I pour out my Spirit and they shall prophesy." This gospel spread quickly the apostles turned the world upside down Act chapter 17

How did it all come about? By clean living, a standard of Holiness, and a desire for the Spirit of God to dwell in one's life. It is our duty to see that our lives meet these three qualifications so we ourselves can continue to set the world afire with this glorious gospel.

Yes, there will still be trials and persecutions. Satan is still challenging God in his race against eternity. He has unleashed every Satanic Force imaginable in our world today. But thank God for the promise which Paul wrote of in Romans 8:31 when he said, "And what shall we say of these things? for if God be for us, who can be against us?"

by: Terry Bratton



Pentecostal Fire is falling today, engulfing the hearts of hungry men and women in our world.

The Builder

author unknown

A builder built a temple,
He wrought with grace and skill;
Foundation, pillars, arches,
All fashioned to work his will.

Men said, as they saw its beauty,
"Magnificent it is, my friend,
Great is thy skill, O builder--
Thy fame shall never end!"

A teacher built a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.

None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple she was building
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumpled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.

But the temple the teacher fashioned
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful, unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

Think On These Things

I've Been Set Free

Free from the shackles the weight of my sin
Free from the anguish the pain from within.
Free from the anger the conflict, the hate
Free from the burden the anchor, the weight.
Free from the envy the malice, the strife
Free from the bondage the chains of this life.
Free from His vengeance the fury of God
Free from His judgment the sting of His rod.
Free from the turmoil the seasons of grief
Free from the tempter the robber, the thief.
Free from the darkness the cross holds the key
The light of sweet Jesus Now shines within me.

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You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

If . . . Then

If suffering can be rewarded, and patience learned as a skill,
Endurance held as an honor, and tolerance taken at will,
If weariness still can hold triumph, though pain may be in control,
If courage can still be the master directing the heart and the soul;

If faith can be held as the victor, if God is still holding the reigns,
If the heart can rely on the Master, accepting all He ordains,
If time, which passes so slowly when life seems in such disarray,
When plans for the future lie dormant and life seems a trial day by day;

Then hope is the only solution, God's promise that all this will end;
Perseverance in trials through strength that He will extend.
For prayers do not go unanswered, our pleas do not go unheard;
God in heaven is listening, and He will be true to His Word.

The challenges that you are facing, the hurt and the pain you endure,
Are drawing you unto your Master, where all future plans are secure.
God will always walk with you, the road is not yours alone;
He is the great burden bearer, He loves you for you are His own.

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Casting My Care

Lord, I continually set before you,
My requests and all my needs
With thanksgiving I come unto you,
My concerns unburdened to thee

I wait for your intervention, Lord,
In quietness of soul and mind
And worship at your footstool,
Leaving my cares behind

And Lord, I express my thanks for you,
For all you are to me,
I thank you, Lord, that I matter to you,
Though at times, I cannot see

Because of the circumstances in life,
The things that I go through,
I find my eyes are on the storm,
When they should be looking to you

So help me, Lord, each precious day,
No matter what life brings me,
To carry on with hope and faith
And to rest in you with peace.

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Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Plan your life like you will live forever, and live your life like you will die the next day.

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which bridge to burn.

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