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QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Should a person seek sanctification before the baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Yes. Sanctification makes us holy, but the baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers us for service after we are sanctified, and waits us until the day of redemption. Sanctification destroys the body of sin, the old man Adam. Rom. 6: 4, 7. "For as much as our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." When a man has been saved from actual sin, then he consecrates himself to God to be sanctified, and so his body of sin is destroyed or crucified. Then the resurrection life of Christ rises in his soul according to the Scriptures, Rom. 8: 13. "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him."

Is it necessary for a person to leave their home duties in order to wait at some place for the Holy Ghost?

No; you can wait right in the kitchen or in the parlor or in the bath. Some have received the baptism of the Spirit in their barns, some in the kitchen, some at family worship, some on their porch, some about their business.

Must people give up their property and have all things in common in order to receive the Pentecost?

No; God has made us stewards over all that we have, and He lays on our hearts to give as He prospers us. At the beginning of Pentecost, there were some men living in Jerusalem, and many people were waiting for salvation. Numbers of them were poor and had no home, and were in need of food and raiment. And God laid it on the hearts of some as stewards of lands or houses that they sold their possessions and brought the price and laid the money at the apostles' feet, to help supply food and to spread the Word of God, that it might be preached over the world. But they did not do this in order to get salvation. God laid it on their hearts to do this for a special need. So those that were sent to preach the Gospel found favor with all the people and their needs were supplied, and they all were in one accord in the Spirit. But it does not mean that we should today, wherever the baptism is poured out, just sell our homes and come and wait for salvation, and expect to receive salvation simply because we have sold our homes and our business and given up our talents. We can have positions that are decent and get salvation also, and can be called to a special business and can keep saved.

We read God's word in I. Thes. 4: 11. "And that ye study to be quiet and to do your own business with your own hands as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

People that have large families have become so entangled over wonderful salvation that they have sometimes sold out their homes, when God has not said so. We believe that people can have homes and still be in God's order. We bless God for everyone to whom He has given homes. We tell them not to run ahead of the Spirit in selling their homes, except God has really laid it on their hearts to do so. We have seen many that did so and regretted it afterwards.

What is the real evidence that a man or woman has received the baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Divine love, which is charity. Charity is the Spirit of Jesus. They will have the fruits of the Spirit: Gal. 5: 22. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." This is the real Bible evidence in their daily walk and conversation; and the outward manifestations; speaking in tongues and the signs following; casting out devils, laying hands on the sick and the sick being healed, and the love of God for souls increasing in their hearts.

Can a person lose the Pentecost and be renewed?

Yes; if they have not sinned wilfully. A sinful sin means to deny the Blood of Jesus Christ and insult the Spirit of truth, which is the blessed Holy Ghost. Then there is no more remission of sin. But the person that has been snared by Satan and will confess their sin and turn to God will find saving power in the Blood to cleanse them. There is a great difference between denying the Blood of Jesus Christ or doing despite to the Spirit, and just simply falling into temptation and being overcome by Satan. If they repent and do the first works, and consecrate and receive sanctification, and wait for the baptism they can get it again.

Do you teach that it is wrong to take medicine?

Yes, for saints to take medicine. Medicine is for unbelievers, but the tendency of the saints of God we will find in Jas. 5: 14.

"Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Does the Lord Jesus provide healing for everybody?

Yes; for all those that have faith in Him. The sinner can receive healing.

Does a soul need the baptism with the Holy Ghost in order to live a pure and holy life?

No; sanctification makes us holy, Heb. 2: 11. "For both He that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren." The Holy Ghost does not cleanse anyone from sin. It is Jesus' shed Blood on Calvary. The Holy Ghost never died for our sins. It was Jesus who died for our sins and it is His Blood that atones for our sins. The Scripture says, I. John 1: 9. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and true to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And the 7th verse says, 'If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.' It is the Blood that cleanses and makes perfect. The Holy Ghost we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Ghost always falls in answer to the Blood.

Do we need to study the Bible as much after receiving the Holy Ghost?

Yes; if we do not become fanatical or many things that are deceptive spirits and begin to have revelations and visions and try to the world, and begin to prophesy and think we are great and do not care for some other Christians. But by reading the Bible preferably, waiting before God, we become just little humble children. We never feel that we have got more than the least of God's children.

Is it necessary to have hands laid on in order to receive the Holy Ghost?

No; you can receive the Holy Ghost in private closet. The gift of the Holy Ghost comes by faith in the word of God. You may receive the Holy Ghost right now, that is if you are sanctified. Take your Bible, turn to the first chapter of Acts, and read the story of the Holy Ghost. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall also be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Just read this verse of Scripture and cry out to the Father, "Lord Jesus, baptize me with the Holy Ghost." You believe the Lord with all your heart and power and will.

The baptism of the Spirit is a gift of power on the sanctified life, and when people receive it, sooner or later their tongues are set free. The Spirit gives us a gift that God never takes back. As soon as we get to praying or praising God in His Spirit, our tongues are set free. Tongues are not salvation. It is a gift that God never takes back. Baptism and tongues are not the same. Baptism is the gift that God never takes back. Baptism is the gift that God never takes back. Baptism is the gift that God never takes back.

Is the speaking in tongues the standard of fellowship with the Pentecost people?

No; our fellowship does not come through gifts and outward demonstration, but through the Blood by the Spirit of Christ. There is nothing more loving than the Blood of Jesus Christ in our hearts. The Lord Jesus says, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." If a man is saved and living according to the word of God, he is our brother, if he has not got the baptism with the Holy Spirit with tongues.

How are we to keep the anointing of the Spirit after receiving the Pentecost?

By living in the word of God with perfect obedience.

In meetings, should a number speak in tongues at the same time?

No; except as God sends a wave of the Spirit over the saints. Sometimes He will call it as a shower or a rushing wind, and everybody may speak that has the power. But it is not in order or Bible regulation for all to speak in tongues at once. I. Cor. 14: 23. "If ye sometimes God works in ways that we do not just understand. But for the edification of all, there should be when we have to get back to the 14th chapter of First Corinthians from the 26th to the 40th verses. Paul says, 'Let all things be done decently and in order.'"

Is this movement a new sect or denomination?

No; it is undenominational and unsectarian. We believe in unity with Christ's people everywhere, in the Word of God. It is the old-time apostolic assembly, the same old teaching of 1900 years ago. It is new to the world in these last days, but its teaching and doctrine is old as the New Testament.

Does any man control the missions of the Apostolic Faith?

No; every mission will have its own elders and teachers as the Holy Ghost shall appoint. And the pure word of God. Every mission will be in harmony and work in unity. The Lord has deacons, elders, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints.

Is it in His saints, until we all become a perfect man in Christ Jesus?

What is the Bible way for a preacher to get his support and to raise the expenses of the church?

To pray to the Lord God and by free will offerings and donations, as God lays it on the hearts of the people that he is laboring with. God will graciously supply all needs, if you simply will trust Him and look to Him. He will pay off expenses.

Do you teach that divine love in the heart would make any familiarity between men and women safe and right?

No; every precious child that is getting the baptism of the Holy Spirit should be watchful and avoid all appearance of evil. Satan is transformed as an angel of light to deceive many precious souls that receive great spiritual blessing, and not understanding the cunning devices of the enemy, people have been led by Satan into free-loveism. Some have taught that a baptism of love would make you so holy that you could overstep the bounds of propriety. May God help us to keep free from anything that is impure. If a person happens to get under the influence of these powers, they must denounce their doctrine and get their spirits cast off from them and get under the Blood. The Scripture of free-loveism is Satan's counterfeit of genuine salvation through the Blood of Jesus.

On what would the Lord Jesus teach that a man and wife could separate?

On the ground of fornication. These are the words of the Lord Jesus, "Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement; but I say unto you that whoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, she committeth adultery, and whoever shall marry her that is divorced, he committeth adultery." Matt. 19: 31. Notice He says, "If a man hath been joined to his wife, they are one flesh; so they are no more two, but one flesh. Therefore shall they leave father and mother, and be joined together, and shall be one flesh. This is the great teaching, but in Christ's church, it is not a divorce. A divorced man has a right by the Scripture to put away his wife for fornication, but he has no right to marry another, according to the Scripture, while she lives. 'For the law of the Lord our God is to be obeyed by the law to her husband, so long as he liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband; so then if while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she is called an adulteress.'—Rom. 7: 2, 3. If a man puts away his wife, except for fornication, he exposes her to get another husband and send her soul to hell, so it is not right to put away a wife to get another husband and send her soul to hell, so it is not right to get another again.

Do you have preachers and evangelists of the Apostolic Faith that have two wives or two husbands?

No; we did allow it before we became settled down and searched the Scriptures and compared scripture with scripture. We found no man that had divorced and remarried to preach the Gospel, thinking that everything was under the Blood, and that the Apostle Paul had set an example that we should follow. But after searching the Scriptures, we found it was wrong that the widow was to be the wife of one man and the widow was to be the husband of one wife. We found no scripture where the preacher could be engaged in this blessed Gospel ministry with two living companions.

If people never had light on the divorce question and have the second companion, how shall they regulate their lives in harmony with the Scriptures?

"If any man come to Me, and hate not his father and mother and his wife and children and brethren and sisters, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."—Luke 14: 26. That does not mean to desert a lawful wife, but it means to let nothing stand between you and Christ. And whoever doth not bear his cross and follow Me, he cannot be My disciple."—Luke 14: 27. "And if his right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish; and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. I have been said, whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement; but I say unto you, that whoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whoever marrieth her that is divorced, committeth adultery."—Matt. 5: 29, 30.

Can a child of God be possessed by evil spirits?

No; evil spirits cannot come over the child of God, any more than the Egyptian could pass through the Red Sea. The Holy Spirit represents the Blood of Jesus Christ. The good gives you power over all the power of the enemy. But we must have Christ with us. If the soul is left empty and without a man within, then the evil spirit can just take the house. (Luke 11:20-23). Every man that is pure and sanctified, the house is empty and clean, and if he does not get the Holy Ghost, a wicked spirit can come in. Don't you ever believe that.

That empty house represents a man that had a demon cast out, as we saw plain in the 24th verse; and he did not get Christ within. But a man that is sanctified has Christ ruling within. People that are living under the Blood live free from sin and Satan's powers. They live pure and holy before the Lord. A man might be a Christian and oppressed by a demon, but that is altogether different from being possessed. Wicked spirits are driven out and repentance and faith wrought in the heart, when a man is justified. Then Christ comes in and keeps them out. A demon might be in the flesh as in the case of a cancer. The devil may oppress the body with sicknesses out that is very different from possessing the soul.

A WONDERFUL BAPTISM

IN ENGLAND

Two years ago, a special work of grace began. The Holy Spirit came upon me with manifestations, and the old natural life was in very deed and truth crucified with Christ. And from that time, I became a crucified follower of my crucified Lord. Anointings of the Holy Spirit were continually given me for service, as each need arose. It was indeed a walk in newness of life, proving the power of His resurrection.

On the last night of the old year, came the command to tarry, which was promptly carried out. The result being a further revelation of the exceeding love and of His glorious holiness and love. At the end of eight days came the baptism of fire burning and consuming things, while being as the very ashes of my old life were consumed and done away with. Love to God and man took possession of me and I was filled with the power of His resurrection life of my Lord. Much time was spent in silent waiting before the Lord, receiving from His Holy Spirit such teaching, that what had formerly been hard was translated into life for spirit, soul and body.

With two dear Pentecostal sisters, I met for prayer and waiting, saw in vision Christ on Calvary, bearing my sin. Each soul was made separate unto Him, and weighed Him down deeper and deeper, until beneath the awful weight of blackness and darkness of word and anguish, His heart was broken and mine seemed to break with His. How the power of the Holy Spirit descended in clouds of glory, and we were all glorified. I did not know; but at length, consciousness returned. The glory broke and the Holy Spirit came down and waiting, revelation after revelation was given of the Lamb; the glory of the Lamb, the power of the Lamb, the victory of the Lamb, the marriage of the Lamb, and the reign of the Lamb with His glorified bride.

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