

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

“Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”—Jude 3

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Jesus Is Visiting His People

Many Saved from Lives of Sin. The Sick Are Being Healed. Demons Cast Out. Pentecost as in the Book of Acts.

REPORT FROM THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CAMP MEETING, PORTLAND, OR.

The Blessed Holy Spirit has presided over the camp meeting and signs have followed the preaching of the full Gospel. It has been a favored spot in a grove of fir trees on a hill overlooking the City of Portland, but the power and presence of Jesus has been the great attraction. Many souls have been saved, sanctified, healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

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Mobs came out and tried twice to cut down the big tabernacle. Once they cut 22 ropes, but the altar service went right on.

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Many people have been slain under the power. One Sunday seven were lying under the power of God and four were baptized with the Spirit and a number of children were saved and sanctified.

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A man who has been an invalid for five years, a paralytic, is walking on the camp ground. His wife was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and he is sanctified and seeking his baptism. He is praising God, and it is an inspiration to hear him.

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A sinner was healed of cancer of the stomach. He had been given up by the doctors. When hands were laid on him for healing, he says he felt the fire of God burn that cancer in his stomach. He now is able to eat everything. Is on the grounds.

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The camp was threatened with a contagious disease. A sister prayed all night for the camp, and the Lord gave her a vision of the camp ground in which she saw an angel over each tent, and over the big tabernacle hung the blessed Lord Himself, with outstretched hands. The camp was marvelously delivered.

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Five drinking men heard the Gospel on the street in Portland from the Gospel Wagon. They agreed together that they would quit drinking, and broke their bottles on the way home. Praise God. One of them came out to the camp meeting and told how that they had kept their promise for five weeks.

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The Lord wonderfully saved a dear rescued girl in the hospital, and the saints took her to one of their homes, and she was healed of an incurable disease and sanctified. One night at the camp meeting she came forward to be prayed for that she might be healed of some small ailment. The power of God fell upon her and baptized her with the Holy Ghost, and she spoke in several languages, and the Lord used her mightily that night.

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Some few weeks ago the Lord healed a woman that ten doctors had tried to cure. She could not keep anything on her stomach. Her side was all swollen up. They had fought the Pentecostal work, and called it of the devil. They were Lutherans. As the saints prayed, she saw Jesus behind them. Her face shone like the sun. She said no one could make her believe now it was of the devil. She went to eating, her side going down. O, how we thank Him for His wonderful power.

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A man who was trying to regain health in a sanitarium near the camp ground, who had suffered with heart trouble for years, came to the meetings and was sanctified and healed. He was filled with joy and thanksgiving. We went to Canada and brought all his family, and they all were saved and sanctified, and are seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. His wife had been an earnest church member for years, but never had received the witness of the Spirit before that she was a child of God.

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Some wonderful messages have been spoken in the unknown tongue and interpreted. They have been solemn messages from the Word of God. One night the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues, saying from the 22nd of Revelations, "And He said unto me, Seal not the saying of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand. He that is unjust let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy let him be holy still. And behold I come quickly and my reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his works shall be." The words, "BEHOLD I COME QUICKLY," were repeated over and over again.

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One noticeable thing in the camp meeting was the love and unity and Godly conversation among the saints. Besides the big tabernacle and children's tabernacle, the Lord gave us two prayer tents, where one could always have a quiet place to pour out their heart to God.

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The children on the campground, instead of making playhouses, would go out and make little prayer places in the woods, and put up Scripture texts and go there to pray. They had many little prayer meetings in the woods. Two little girls went out one day and prayed for a sick baby, and the Lord healed her. They had meetings twice a day, besides being taught to sew for missionary work. Even the little ones outlined Scripture mottoes and helped piece missionary quilts.

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A little five-year-old girl was praying for the Lord to sanctify her. She kept crying: "O Jesus, sanctify me, O Jesus sanctify me." We waited for the Lord to witness for Himself. Presently she opened her eyes and said: "Something in my heart says, 'You are sanctified.'" Then she threw her arms around us and was so happy. Her mother said she lived it at home. Afterwards she sought for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful how the power of God came on this little one, and she fell under the power and sang and talked in the Spirit a long time. She would talk to her playmates about Jesus. God is still blessing her.

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Four little girls at the Campmeeting one evening after sunset as they were together saw a ball of fire descend from the sky. Then it turned dark and they saw in it a white city with buildings which they said were like the pictures they had seen of Jerusalem. After it had gone out of sight a white crown came up. They came into the camp, and there was such a holy awe on them that they could hardly speak of it. Finally little Florence, who had received her baptism, began to tell the vision, and the power came upon her, she lifted her hands and began to speak in tongues. The children all saw it just the same, and they said they were sorry when it went out of sight.

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One Sunday afternoon the children assembled and asked for a meeting. The Lord soon took charge entirely. The children flocked to the altar and began crying to God. Some were laid out under the power and sanctified and baptized. The meeting ran on till ten o'clock, for it was impossible to stop it. Now there are a number of little ones baptized who are filled with the Love of God and working for Jesus.

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One Sunday morning, just at the beginning of the service, the power fell on a Free Methodist preacher, and he began to shake and soon fell to the floor. His wife started to go out of the tabernacle, and the power of God struck her before she reached the door. They were both slain under the power of God and the Spirit of God fell all over the meeting. They both received their baptism and spoke in new languages.

SOULS SAVED ON THE STREET.

God is saving souls on the streets in Portland through a Gospel Wagon. The band of workers can in this way move from corner to corner and hold several meetings in one afternoon. Hundreds gather to hear the Gospel.

One Sunday afternoon, at the first stand, eight knelt in the street and wept their way to Jesus, with hundreds of earnest souls looking on. All jeering and scoffing had left the faces of the

people as the meeting went on. At the next stand God poured out His Spirit. Many raised their hands for prayer, and 12 more men knelt on the street. How God worked!

As the wagon moved off, a poor drunken boy, that we afterwards learned wanted to commit suicide, came up and they put him into the wagon, and brought him to the camp meeting. That night he, with others that came, was saved.

One afternoon, when a number knelt on the street, one poor, drunken fellow kept saying, "I am going to hell, I am going to hell." The workers rebuked the devil off from him, and he was gloriously saved and sobered and got into the wagon and went to the next stand and testified in power. Ten knelt there in the street and were prayed for and some clearly saved.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL SALVATION.

Some of the saints went to the jail, and one man who heard the Gospel, went to his cell and wept like a child. He cried to God and was saved. He came to the Mission and was sanctified. God helped him to make restitution. He was powerfully baptized with the Holy Ghost at the camp meeting, and God is using him to save others.

The following is his testimony:

I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved my soul from hell. I was a drunkard, a thief, a gambler, a blasphemer, and possessed with devils for 25 years. I have been in jail a number of times. But I praise the Lord. He has washed all my sins away in His precious Blood. He has sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. Acts 2:4. My heart is full of love for every one. This is a wonderful salvation, and I am determined to press onward and upward by the help and grace of God. Amen. Your brother in Christ Jesus, Thos. Sickling, Portland, Or.

TOUCHING SCENES IN A SALOON.

In St. Paul some of those who have been baptized with the Holy Ghost were rescued from the slums. Now they have turned to rescuing others.

At one of the meetings in a saloon the four workers were all from the depths themselves. God's mighty power was manifest from the first. The saloonkeeper opened to the Gospel and refused to sell drinks while the service was in progress.

As those who once drank in that very saloon poured forth in prayer and song their praise to Jesus, how can I forget the scene when one sister lifted from a life of shame in that very saloon pleaded with those who had been her companions in sin to come to Jesus! Or the scene as she threw her arms around a poor fallen woman, as they wept on each other's breasts, pleading with her to live a pure life.

PENTECOST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Pentecost has fallen in South Africa. Praise God. Johannesburg, Krugersdorp and other cities have been visited by the blessed outpouring of the Spirit. Quite a number have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many have confessed their sins and been saved.

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A young lady who was baptized with the Holy Ghost in the native tabernacle in one of the recent meetings before a large audience spoke fluently and sang in a number of Hindu languages. Some Hindus who were in the audience, when they heard and saw her speaking in their own language, came forward up on the platform, and one young man translated to the audience what

she was saying in his own language. It was a message to the Hindu people to the effect that salvation was not to be had through Mohammed, but that salvation could only be had through the acceptance of the atonement of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who would soon come in the clouds and receive those whose hearts had been cleansed from all sin, and the nature of sin, by the Blood of Jesus Christ. It was a remarkable manifestation of the power of God.

On the following evening the same lady sang the story of the Gospel in the Hindu language, and again the Hindus gathered around to listen. At the close of the singing the young man who the night before had interpreted the message to the congregation, a Hindu of probably 25 years of age, came forward and knelt down, and after being taught and receiving sanctification, asked them to pray that Jesus would baptize him with the Holy Ghost. They did so, and he immediately fell on the floor under the power of God and received his baptism and spoke in tongues in the presence of the congregation.

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One of the wonderful manifestations that has followed the preaching of the Gospel is, that as the missionaries have laid their hands on the sick for healing, the power of God has come upon them in such a degree that they would immediately fall to the floor. In some of the meetings the floor has been strewn with the sick under the power of God, and when consciousness returned the disease was gone.

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A blind woman came forward, totally blind in one eye, a portion of the other eye almost blind. They prayed with her and she returned to her seat. As the service progressed, she suddenly observed that her eye had opened. She could see the choir galleries. In her delight she sprang up on the platform and shouted, "Oh, I see, I see you in the choir." Presently she turned round facing the audience and cried out again, "Oh, I see all of your faces."

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The other morning a Hindu man selling vegetables came to the missionaries' door. As one went to the door to buy vegetables, the power of God came upon her and she spoke to him in his own language, not knowing what she herself had said, not that she was speaking in a language that he understood. When she ceased speaking, he dropped his vegetable basket and said to her, "But your God is just the same as our God, only you say your God is coming in the clouds, and that every eye shall see Him, and that every knee shall bow to Him." She said, "Did you understand what I said?" He said, "Oh, yes, oh, yes, you speak my language better than you speak English."

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One English woman just from England a couple of weeks received her baptism and spoke in the Boer language. Many Boer people were present in the audience, among them one of the government officials, a man of great influence. They gathered around this woman and listened to her tell in their own language the message as we so often hear, "Jesus is coming. Get ready, for the time is at hand."

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One native boy, whose brother had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, arrived in Johannesburg, having walked 400 miles to get the train, and had ridden 500 miles in the train in order to get there. He said, "Jesus told me that I must come here; that you would pray for me, and I should receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

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Stands for the restoration of the faith once delivered unto the saints—the old time religion, of camp meetings, revivals, missions, street and prison work and Christian Unity everywhere.

Repentance—Mark 1:14,15.

Godly Sorrow for Sin, Example Matt 9:13; 2 Cor. 7: 9, 11; Acts 3-19; Acts 17: 30, 31.

Confession of Sin—Luke 15:21 and Luke 18:13

Forsaking Sinful Ways—Isa. 55:7. Jonah 3:8; Prov. 28:13.

Restitution—Ezek. 33:15. Luke 19:8.

And Faith in Jesus Christ.

First Work—Justification is that act of God's free grace by which we receive remission of sins. Acts 10:42, 43. Rom. 3:25.

Second Work—Sanctification is the second work of grace and the last work of grace. Sanctification is that act of God's free grace by which He makes us holy, John 17:15, 17—“Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy word is truth.” 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:12; Heb 2:11; Heb. 12:14.

Sanctification is cleansing to make holy. The disciples were sanctified before the Day of Pentecost. By a careful study of Scripture you will find it so now: “Ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” (John 15:3; 13-10) And Jesus had breathed on them the Holy Ghost (John 20:21; 22). You know that they could not receive the Spirit if they were not clean. Jesus cleansed and got all doubt out of His church before He went back to glory.

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is a gift of power upon the sanctified life; so when we get it we have the same evidence as the Disciples received on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3,4), in speaking in new tongues. See also Acts 10:45, 46; Acts 19:6; 1 Cor 14:21; “For I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe though it be told you.”—Hab. 1:5.

Healing—We must believe that God is able to heal. —Ex. 15:26; “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” James 5:14; Psa. 103:3; 2 Kings 20:5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16:16, 17, 18. “Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?”—Jer. 22:27.

Too many have confused the grace of sanctification with the endowment of Power, or the baptism with the Holy Ghost; others have taken “the anointing that abideth” for the Baptism, and failed to reach the glory and power of a true Pentecost.

The Blood of Jesus will never blot out any sin between man and man they can make right; but if we can't make wrongs right, the Blood graciously covers. (Matt. 5:23, 24.)

We are not fighting men or churches, but seeking to displace dead forms and creeds and wild fanaticism with living, practical Christianity. “Love, Faith, Unity,” are our watchwords, and “Victory through the Atoning Blood” our battle cry, God's promises are true. He said: “Be thou faithful over a few things, and I will make thee ruler over many.” From the little handful of Christians who stood by the cross when the testings and discouragements came, God has raised a mighty host.

THE PRECIOUS ATONEMENT.

Beloved, it honors our Christ for us to seek all that He purchased for us by His atonement on the cross of Calvary. Let us study and see all that His Blood and the offering His precious body has bought for us.

1st. We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, justification from our actual transgressions. We receive the adoption, by the birth of the Spirit, into the household of God. Our names are written in heaven.

2nd. We receive sanctification through the Blood of Jesus. “Wherefore Jesus also that He might sanctify the people with His own Blood, suffered without the gate.” Sanctified from all original sin, we become partakers of His holiness. We become one with Christ. “For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.” Sanctification gives you a Sabbath of rest in your soul, because Christ reigns without a rival. He gives you power over the world, the flesh and the devil. You can testify to a holy life free from sin, because “The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. Through this precious atonement, you have freedom from the nature of sin. Though living in the world, you are not of the world, even as Christ. You sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

3rd. Through Christ, the precious Lamb of Calvary, we have also healing of all our sicknesses and diseases. Sickness and disease are destroyed through the atonement. How we ought to honor the stripes of Jesus, for ‘With His stripes, we are healed.’ Isa. 53:5. How we ought to honor that precious body which the Father sanctified and sent into the world. That body that knew no sin or disease was given for these imperfect bodies of ours. Not only is the atonement for the sanctification of our souls but for our bodies. He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. All sickness is of the devil.

Man in the Garden of Eden was pure and happy and knew no sickness till that unholy visitor came into the garden. Then his whole system was poisoned. And it has been flowing in the blood of all the human family down the ages, till God spoke to His people and said, “I am the Lord that healeth thee.”

The children of Israel practiced divine healing. David no doubt knew what it was to be healed when he said, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. God was the healer of His people, till they lost the Spirit and began to seek the arm of flesh to find something to heal their diseases. But now God is calling His people to come back to His plan and take Him for their Healer.

Thank God, we have the living Christ among us to heal us today. He is just as powerful and just as truly among us as He ever was. He will heal every case that is put into His hands. We read in the 8th of Matthew how that Jesus healed all that were sick. And in the 17th verse, “That it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, “Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.” Isaiah had seen the glory of Christ centuries before, and prophesied that He was to bear our sicknesses. When Jesus came He fulfilled the prophecy. Now, if Christ bore our sicknesses, why should we bear them? We ought to accept full salvation through the atonement, salvation for soul and body.

4th. Through His atonement, we get the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire upon the sanctified life. We receive power to witness for Christ in all His fullness, power to do the works that Jesus did. “Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall

be witnesses unto me.” He puts upon your hand the ring of authority, makes you an anointed witness. It is the Holy Ghost that speaketh in you. He anoints you to prophesy of the wonderful salvation of God. He takes your tongue and speaks and sings through you at His own will.

We should lift up Christ in His fullness to this world not only in salvation from all sin and healing of the body, but in His power to baptize with the Holy Ghost as on the Day of Pentecost. We, the messengers of this precious atonement, ought to preach all of it, justification, sanctification, healing, and the baptism of the Spirit with signs following. We need the triune God to enable us to do this. He is now confirming His Word with signs following in many lands.

SIGNS OF HIS COMING.

These are days of expectancy. The Bride, the Lamb’s wife, is making herself ready, and is anxiously waiting and watching for the appearing of our Lord. Soon, very soon, the glad cry will be heard, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh.”

The world feels that there is some great crisis almost upon us. That we are living in the close of this age, and that perilous times have come, there is proof abundant. See the great agitation, the feeling of unrest in the social and religious world. Daniel says that at the time of the end, “Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.” Dan. 12:4.

See the warlike preparation among the nations, all making ready for a clash of arms. Also see the labor unions, with their terror-dealing strikes. Jesus, when they asked Him, “What shall the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?” gave them as one sign that “Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars.” Matt 24:6.

He also said in Luke 21:25-28, “And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Budding fig trees tell that Summer breaks over the land. Signs portend that Jesus’ coming is near at hand. See Matthew 25:32-33. Yet many are saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”

Jesus said Himself, “I will come again.” John 14:3. It will be sudden. The first manifestation we are to expect is the catching away of His saints: “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.” I Thess. 4:16-17.

After the meeting in the air and the marriage supper of the Lamb, he will come to the earth with ten thousand of His saints. This will be the great and terrible day of the Lord when He shall be revealed from heaven in flaming fire and destroy the antichrist with the brightness of His coming. His feet shall stand in that day on Mount Olivet. See Zech. 14:4. The angels said when He ascended from Mount Olivet, “This same Jesus that is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11. So we know beyond a shadow of doubt that He will come in just that way.

We believe His coming is near, even at the doors. His message comes to us with power, “Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” Jas. 5:8. “Surely, I come quickly.” Rev. 22:20. His bride responds, “Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus.”

WHEN GOD CALLS.

When God calls, you know it. He does not leave you in ignorance. You do not have to think it is imagination. Oh, He makes it so plain.

When God said to Jonah, "Go to Nineveh, He meant Nineveh, and not Tarshish. He came to Jonah as He comes to you today and stops you, and the glory of God covers you while He talks with you. Then He leaves it with you. You may argue over the message, but it is there. He does not change or postpone the matter. When God gives you a command, it is a command.

Jonah took ship to Tarshish, but God meet him on the high seas. The men thought the ship was too heavily loaded. Yes, Jonah was the load. You are a load when you are trying to run away from God. The lot fell upon Jonah, and they cast him overboard and prayed to God and the sea was calm.

Jonah's punishment was severe. He said "Out of the belly of hell, cried I, and Thou heardest my voice." When we disobey God, He chastens us, and the chastening is something we never forget.

After Jonah repented, God sent him to Nineveh. He did not cancel the call. If you have turned your back on the call of God, he has not canceled it, and you will have to fulfill that mission.

Jonah's salvation stood in going to Nineveh, and just as surely your salvation stands on your obedience. If God says Nineveh, it is Nineveh or hell. If He has called you to the gospel, you may get out of order, but when you get in order again the Lord will call you right back to it. If He calls you to preach the Gospel, that is your work, and the call never runs out.

If God has put His message on any man and he has gone into sin or wickedness, if you will repent, God will put His message on you again just as He did on Jonah. Some have been called and gone back, some to cooking pots, some to the carpenter's bench, some to the store, and some to the railroad. But still the Lord stands and says, "Lovest thou Me more than these?" Oh, let the Lord use you to save poor dying and suffering humanity.

Jesus Draws Sinners.

Everywhere that Jesus went He drew sinners unto Him. The sinners loved Jesus. The ones that hated Him the worst were the hypocrites, the self-righteous people. See that awful adulteress that men scorned and women held their skirts from. She knelt at Jesus' feet and washed His feet with her tears, and took that hair that she had used for the glory of the devil and wiped His feet. Jesus forgave her sins and made her a daughter of God.

The gambler and drunkard in the dens of hell can come to Jesus. He is saving and cleansing them today and making them partakers of the Holy Ghost. All have sinned and must come through repentance and faith in the Blood of Jesus. There is nothing in this world that can cleanse a man from sin and unrighteousness but the Blood. There is a fountain opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness." Beloved, the only way into heaven is through that fountain that washes whiter than snow.

"HE FILLS THE HUNGRY SOULS."

By chance a few days ago, by passing a barrel of old papers, my eyes were cast on the heading of one of your papers, and somehow or other my hand grasped it with a craving, as a hungry dog would grasp a bone. And by the grace of God, I found it a blessed bone, filled with the richest of Gospel meat and truth. A little over a year ago I found my Savior precious to my soul. For four years I suffered from rheumatism, and have been healed of it now a whole year, and also cured of a strong tobacco habit of both chewing and smoking, and also of beer-drinking.

—Jas. T. Stacy, 29 Mill St., Middletown, N. Y.

The more spiritual we become, the closer we must keep to the Word. Satan transforms himself as an angel of light, to deceive, if possible, the very elect. He tries to counterfeit the Spirit: but if you live in the Word, he cannot get you off the track.

In a camp meeting that was opposing the speaking in tongues the Christians went to the altar to seek more of God. One was sanctified and fell under the power and began to speak in tongues right in their midst.

Jesus was too large for the synagogues. He preached outside because there was no room for Him inside. So this outpouring of the Spirit is too large to be confined in any denomination or sect. The Spirit is working outside, drawing all together into one bond of love, one church, one body of Christ.

Sister Marie Iverson, who went from Los Angeles to Bjerka, Helgeland, Norway, writes that souls have been saved, healed and sanctified. Some are waiting in unity and one accord for the outpouring of the Spirit. God healed a grandma 92 years old who had been lying sick in bed two and a half years.

Brother McIntosh writes that he will be home in a few months, but he expects to return to China; and he prays God that He will send back with him a hundred to five hundred Holy Ghost missionaries. He is in Palestine now. There are some souls there hungry for this Pentecost.

If the Blood cleanses you, go right through the gates of praise to Pentecost. It is not in hard praying or fasting, but praising Him, believing His Word, and letting Him baptize you with His precious Spirit. He is more willing to give the Holy Spirit than parents are to give good gifts to their children.

We are living in wonderful days. Was there ever a time when the cry was going forth in all lands and tongues, "JESUS IS COMING; GET READY TO MEET HIM"? Was there ever such a wide-spread revival of Bible salvation? This is the last great Pentecostal revival, the last march of the church to meet her Beloved.

The Lord Jesus died to receive greater power. Everything in the world was His, but mankind had gone astray and sold themselves for naught, and He died to purchase back His possession. He bought us with His own Blood. He died and rose again, and today He is sitting on the right hand of God, far above all principalities and powers and every name.

Every time we go through a trial, we decrease and Christ in us increases. The dross has been consumed, and it is more pure gold. We become more spiritual when we submit sweetly to trials and go through the fire, with the "form of the Fourth" beside us. This is God's way of perfecting us, the way of suffering. The fire burns off the bands. We get loosened from earth and rooted in the skies. Jesus becomes our treasure, and our hearts abide in heaven with Him.

It is such a privilege to know Christ in the fullness of the Spirit. In the Old Testament days, it was only for men that had the anointing for special service, such as kings and priests. But in these last days, He is pouring out His Spirit upon His sons and daughters, that all may know Him from the least unto the greatest.

We earnestly invoke God's blessing on this sheet. We honor Him to manage and edit the paper by His inspiration and guidance. We wish no human writer to receive any honor. We mention no names, except where it seems necessary to verify reports and testimonies. We want this paper to voice the power and presence of Almighty God among His people. Amen. He says, "Publish His mighty acts." This Gospel must be spread the world around. All God's people should write Pentecostal letters and send Pentecostal papers so that the Gospel may be quickly spread.

If you have salvation, you are born again—not born of the flesh and fulfilling the works of the flesh, but born of the Spirit and fulfilling the will of God. Salvation means to be born of the Spirit. Without the new birth you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. A soul born of God will show forth the Spirit of Christ every day in home and business. Salvation is a grace not to be lightly spoken of. It means something to have the Spirit of Christ in you morning, noon and night.

In the church of Christ the justified member, the sanctified member, and the Holy Ghost baptized member are all one body in Christ. We cannot do without the hand or the foot. We need every member of the body, and must respect every little child of God. The Holy Ghost presiding over the church, uses each one to the honor and glory of God. He will encourage the justified member and cleanse him, teach the sanctified one and lead him into the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and perfect the baptized one and give him heavier anointings. "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might present it unto Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle."

In Baltimore, Md., in the past year there have been some thirty who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The leader of the Mission is Brother John W. Pitcher, 400 Wehage street.

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

A WITNESS TO THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

I was an outbreking sinner, a helpless drunkard and the age of 20. Began to drink at the age of 14, and for seven years kept getting worse. From drinking high wines, champagnes and clarets at 25 cents a glass I went down the scale to “red eye” whiskey.

I was the son of praying parents, who taught me the right of way. They took me to Sunday school, but at the age of 14 I thought I was too big for Sunday school and went out into sin. Soon contracted the habit of drinking, which I had inherited. While under the influence of liquor I would steal and commit almost any crime.

Once I narrowly escaped death by drowning, going down the third time. They worked over me two hours to bring me back to life. I was frightened by this into a week of soberness; then found myself again in a beastly state of intoxication, unable to walk. I lost position, friends, and was finally ostracized from all decent society and became a companion of bums and loafers.

Several times I very nearly lost my life through excessive drinking, twice barely escaped being run over by trains. All this had no effect on me; but I continued my downward course, drinking, gambling, swearing, stealing, until I was a hopeless wreck, physically, mentally, spiritually and financially.

God Loves and Can Save a Drunkard.

There was at this time a young girl, the daughter of our village minister, who came to me and pleaded with me to turn from my wicked course. And for the first time in my life I was told that God loved and could save a drunkard. The seed dropped into my heart at that time bore fruit, aided by the prayers of this child, and my Godly mother, who never gave me up. I soon came under awful conviction. I saw hell yawning for my feet, and when I cried to God I cried as a sinner—not as a drunkard. I had forgotten all about my drunkenness. After wrestling desperately for days and nights, and not sleeping any for several nights, finally at 4 o’clock one morning, the 15th of October 1886, when I was just 21 years of age, the light of heaven broke in on my darkened soul. Bless God! And I saw Jesus as my loving Savior. And then and there I knew my sins forgiven through the Blood of Jesus. I rushed downstairs and embraced my mother with tears running down our cheeks. We thanked God that the lost was found, the dead was alive.

When the Lord saved me He also healed me from consumption and restored my voice. I had what they called a “whiskey husk,” and was going fast with what they called the “galloping consumption.” My lungs were very weak. When the Lord touched my soul He also touched my body and healed me. I knew nothing about divine healing, but it was just the coming of the Lord into my soul.

Salvation Brings a Love for Souls.

With my salvation from sin came an intense love for my fellow man, and a desire to spend the rest of my life in telling some one else of this wonderful Savior. At every opportunity I would rise and give my testimony of how God had saved a hopeless drunken wreck from hell. I was preparing for the ministry when I visited the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. There I found men struggling against the same power of sin that had grappled and almost destroyed my life. An intense passion to lead those men to Jesus possessed me. Then and there I was called to leave the ministry and go into rescue work.

Many Drunkards and Hopeless Ones Saved.

After laboring in that mission for ten years, I went to Los Angeles, Cal., where the Lord soon built up a strong rescue work. In that mild climate we could hold immense mass meetings in the open air. The citizens of the city, seeing the far-reaching effects of the work, soon gave me a splendidly equipped Gospel Wagon, with which I went into the slums of the city and carried the Gospel to those who could be reached in no other way.

The Lord wonderfully blest the effort and many drunkards and gamblers, ex-convicts, jail birds and “dope fiends” were rescued and saved. This work increased and soon another Gospel Wagon was purchased and began its work of mercy on the streets, which was followed by a branch mission in another section of the city and a mission among the Spanish people.

By this time my health broke down from the arduous labors, and the summer of ‘97 found me almost laid by on account of my sick body.

Doctors and Treatment Failed.

I was suffering from nervous prostration and general weakness through overwork. Had long since exhausted the different schools of medicine, allopathy, homeopathy, eclectic; had tried osteopathy for over a year, the electrical treatment, magnetic healing and spent some time in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Finally I took the milk cure and the water cure. All these were of no avail, and finally I was induced to give Divine healing a trial. I went to several who were gifted in this direction and was prayed for, but failed in my effort to obtain healing. In July of '97 I was attacked with the walking typhoid, although I was at this time under the constant care of one of the best osteopaths in Los Angeles.

Advised to Seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

While lying sick in bed very weak from this disease, I was visited by a former assistant superintendent of the mission who told me that the Apostolic Faith people were holding a campmeeting near where I was living. He said he had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and labored with me that I should seek the same blessing. I had previously investigated this work, and was convinced that it was of God, but was so sick that I lacked the necessary interest to think much about it. However, when he held out the possibility of my being healed by going to the grounds, I concluded that I had everything to gain and nothing to lose by going.

So several days later, when I was able to walk, my brother came for me and I started, very weak, and managed to reach the grounds. My entire mind was occupied with the thought of my being healed. I was impatient for the saints to pray for me. However, the Lord had higher things in store.

The worker to whom I appealed for help was led by the Spirit to deal with me in reference to my soul, and soon showed me that I was not sanctified. Soon the saints gathered about me to pray for my healing, and to my surprise, continued to pray that the Lord might sanctify me and give me a clean heart. I began to feel the power of God working in me. The Lord gave them a great burden of prayer for me, and they continued to pray that the Lord might baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I found myself yielding to the power of the Spirit, and soon became as earnest as they were that He might fill me with His power.

Joy such as I Had Never Known.

While praying, I lost sight of surroundings. My prayers were turned to praise and to my intense surprise and joy, my vocal organs were soon taken possession of by the power of God. This was followed by a great wave of joy in my entire being, such as I had never known. The praises fairly leaped from my innermost being. The Spirit, having obtained entire control, spoke

through me in a strange language. By this time I was on the floor, seemingly content to lie and let the Spirit talk through me.

Healed, Sanctified and Baptized in Less Than an Hour.

It is hard to describe my feelings when I came to realize that in less than an hour God had touched my body, sanctified my soul, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise. I had received the promise of the Father and the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

When I came to the grounds I was very much emaciated, was living on pre-digested foods, weighing about 128 pounds, was unable to take solid food. God touched my stomach and healed it, so that I was able to move on to the grounds and eat pork and beans, boiled cabbage, etc. God had healed my stomach.

The Lord showed one of the workers while in prayer that I must leave Los Angeles and go out on the road and preach the Gospel before I would obtain my full desire in my body. And in September I left Los Angeles for Chicago, preaching the word.

It Cost Position and Salary.

When my health had begun to fail, and with it my spiritual power, the board of directors and mission workers began to pray that God would give me healing and love and power in my life. Many prayer meetings were held for this purpose. When God answered their prayers and I was healed and received the Holy Ghost, they marveled at the change that God had wrought in me, but because I would not denounce the speaking in tongues and refused to agree not to teach it in the mission, I was told that my services were no longer required, and then and there my office was declared vacant. I had long desired to live a life of faith, and the Lord brought it about in His own way. I was cut off from my princely salary and took the narrow way. Amen.

The Lord has supplied my every need abundantly, and has more than verified His promise (Phil. 4:19). As I went in obedience to the word of the Lord into the work, my health began to improve rapidly and my weight increased from 128 to 175 pounds, and for the past year solid have been preaching the Gospel day and night, never seeming to tire. It is Christ in me now, rather than the energy of the flesh in the old work. I thank God forever finding this people.

Will Trotter, Care of Apostolic Faith Mission, Portland, Or

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES.

A missionary in China writes the following experience: After going through some days of trial lately, I had the following experience, which I feel God wants me to write out as best I can for others of His children. I had a dream or trance, in which these things were revealed to me, and as I saw them, I talked of them aloud. I thought the time was about ten minutes, but one who was with me said it was nearly four hours.

I first asked God if there was any little prayer needed in heaven that had not been prayed, that I could pray. Then God gave me this. He told me to pray that He should save every one He possibly could of the yellow race, of the brown and of the black races. I was also told to pray for every child of God in every hamlet, town or place, that they might be delivered in these last days, and for His mercy and deliverance to every sinner who would yet be turned unto Him.

Then I saw the churches of the present time. They were on high ground, and the low ground below had floods of water on it, pouring down to lower ground. There were old steps leading down from those churches, so dilapidated as to make descent very difficult. I saw some whom I knew descending from them. God seemed to show me that they had to come down.

Then Jesus showed me the work He had for a sister and I to do for Him here in Hong Kong. Though very plain compared with that of many, yet He said, "That's what I chose for you." And He comforted my heart very much.

Then I saw that myself, with a company, were on a plain beyond a small stream of water on a road that led up between two mountains, and the whole company were expectant of something great, shortly to appear in the skies. And the absolutely necessary thing for that company to do was to **KEEP THEIR EYES ON THE SKIES!** I saw that the way grew narrower as they went up. I saw a brother with a vessel pouring out water to some along the way. And then it was shown to me that, though it was necessary and we must put the water of life where souls could get it, yet those doing so **MUST** keep in mind that the main thing is to keep our own eyes on the skies.

Immediately I saw a wonderful woman appear in the sky with long flowing bridal robes; and I soon saw she was composed of myriads of bright shining ones caught up from all over the earth. It was the Bride of Christ.

Then I saw the marriage feast of the Lamb spread. It was so great, it seemed to reach as far as I could see, and it was not far above the earth.

The next scene was of the people who belonged to God, and who had not understood and were not ready to be taken up in the rapture. They were all running down a hill very fast to low ground, where there was a shelter for them, and God had a table for them, too. But very near I saw the devil's awful power in the earth to drag down. It was a fearful time. I cannot describe it. I saw the desolations of fire, war and compulsion in the earth, and the hard paths and dangerous that those climbing upward would have to go over. Then I saw a company coming up with shining faces that seemed to have gotten the victory.

Then I saw Jesus come down and stand once more on the earth. Oh, it was such a wonderful scene.

We are assured by messages in tongues from many here that **JESUS** is coming **VERY SOON**.

Some months before coming to China God showed me He was going to send me to China, and as I seemed to look back across the sea, I saw a great number from the States coming down to the seaports ready to come across to the foreign fields. May God bring them speedily for His Name's sake.

A CHILD HEALED AND BAPTIZED.

When the fire first fell in Los Angeles, Mildred Crawford, ten years of age, was brought by her mother to be healed. She had a trouble in her head that prevented her from breathing through her nose. The doctor had taken an X-ray of her head and said she would have to undergo a surgical operation, and that her jaw would have to be spread with instruments, and it would take seven weeks to spread it. The jaw was so contracted that her baby teeth could not be pulled, but were solid. Also her eyes had ulcers on them.

After the saints had prayed for her, on the way home, she looked up and said, "Mamma, I am healed." When they told her father, he began to cry. After she had gone to sleep that night, he went to her room and found her breathing through her nose. She was perfectly healed. Her baby teeth loosened and she pulled them herself. Her eyes were well and she did not have to wear glasses any more.

She sought for six months for her baptism after she was sanctified. While she was in Salem, Or. the Lord used her to lead some little girls to Jesus. She would help them to get to Jesus and then tarry at the altar herself.

She had to ask forgiveness of a little girl in Oakland, and the Lord kept telling her to write, and she kept saying she would and did not do it. The first night they were at Portland she fell under the power and God gave her a vision of a city and Jesus above it, and then a beautiful white cross and big star.

The next day she promised the Lord if He would give her her baptism, she would write the next day and ask the little girl to forgive her. That night she went to seeking and we brought her up on the platform, where she would not be disturbed by those about her, for many were falling under the power. The power came on her, and she spoke in four languages. While she was standing up, there was a French woman and a Spanish, Chinese and Portuguese that heard her speak in their languages. She gave the interpretation, and they said it was the perfect interpretation of what she said. It caused such consternation that the people jumped up on the seats all over the house.

She spoke and sang so sweetly in tongues and interpreted every word. The interpretation of the song was:

“Jesus is calling you;
Jesus is calling, O, sinner, come home.”
“Glory to His name, O, sinner, come home.”

Part of the message which the Lord gave through her was: “He that comes unto Me I will in no wise cast out.” “The Lord has prepared me to preach His Gospel.” “Jesus is coming soon.” “He will take away His bride—one will be taken and the other left.” She fell back under the power, and then got up again and began to repeat the same thing in tongues, and gave the interpretation that God had called her to preach.

The devil was stirred and the child and her mother brought up before the Judge. The Lord gave Mildred wonderful wisdom to answer the questions of the Judge. He tried to take her away from her mother, but the Lord delivered her. The Judge took up just two more children after that. It was prophesied when he took up the last child for speaking in tongues that the Lord would deal with him. He was a well and hearty man, but soon took down with appendicitis and died. God has kept Mildred ever since and used her in healing the sick.

“OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES.”

In a Pentecostal meeting in Seattle a little girl five years of age came and threw her arms around the sister who was leading the meeting, saying, “O, I have been so naughty to papa and mamma.” She was told to run and ask them to forgive her, which she did. She came back in a few minutes under the power of the Spirit of God. She lay that way in the arms of Jesus for three hours and began speaking and singing in other languages. She kept her experience. A few months after that she took diphtheria and died. During her sickness she talked through the telephone, her father carrying her to the telephone on a pillow. Some of the words she said were, “Jesus is blessing me; I just love Jesus.” Before the Lord took this dear child home she sang in tongues that song, “Like a Mighty Sea, Like a Mighty Sea, Comes the Love of Jesus Sweeping Over Me.” Her two sisters and a brother also received the baptism, and are standing true.

A sister had a dream that she felt herself drawn upward toward heaven by a rope suspended over the side of a jagged mountain. Above it was a hand stretched out holding a beautiful crown. When she looked back to see what she had left behind, she found herself slipping downward, but when she looked up she steadily moved upward just as easily as she had moved downward before. As she fastened her eyes above, she at last gained heaven. Paul says, “Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the

mark for the prize of the high calling of God.” If we keep pressing forward, not looking back, we shall reach the goal.

The Pentecostal saints at Sunderland, England, teach clearly that the speaking in tongues is a sign that people have received the full Pentecost. They are in the Word, because it says in 1Cor. 14, “Tongues are for a sign.” And in Acts 10, we find that tongues were a sign to the Jews that the Gentiles had received the gift of the Holy Ghost. They are a sign to us today, when we hear people under the power of the Spirit speaking in new tongues, that they have received the promise of the Father.

A deaf mute woman came into a Holy Ghost meeting in Arcadia, Florida, and the Holy Spirit talked the deaf mute language through some of the Pentecostal saints, with the result that she went to the altar and was happily saved.

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

When Does a Man Become a New Creature?

When he is born of God. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17. He is a babe in Christ. We know we are new creatures because we have a new appetite. The thing we once loved we now hate. Praise God, He can take one who has been living after the desires and passions of the flesh and make of them a new creature. They hunger and thirst after righteousness. This hunger for God makes the world lose all its attractions, that you might be satisfied with the bread of heaven. The things of the world are sounding brass. There is nothing in it to attract the child of God. Nothing but a real good praise service, a blessed prayer in your closet or a precious sermon right from heaven feeds your soul.

This new creature is the new man in the soul. The old man will assert himself and try to choke out the new life. There is a warring in your members. The only way to keep the victory is to have the old man cast out and the carnal nature destroyed. Just as soon as a soul gets the light they should seek sanctification. As workers, we should lead a soul as soon as they are saved to get sanctified right away. God does not want them to wait two or three days or weeks.

Do You Preach Water Baptism?

Yes, we preach baptism by immersion, single. John the Baptist and the Apostles taught it. We find that when Philip preached to the Eunuch, though he had not long to preach to him, yet he must have preached water baptism; for when they came to a stream, the Eunuch said, "Here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" And they went down both into the water and he baptized him. When the jailer and his household were converted, they were baptized before day. If they, under the power of the Spirit, saw it was necessary to be baptized before day, we ought to preach it in our day. When the Gentiles received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they were baptized in water. Acts 10:48. Power comes from keeping in the Word of God. When souls are saved, they should be immersed and take the Lord's Supper.

Does the Experience of Sanctification come before the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Yes. It is impossible for any one to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost without a clean life. God never did and never will baptize sin or carnality. The baptism comes only on a clean vessel, and it remains only on a clean vessel.

Sanctification is the second work of grace, and makes us holy. It is the last work of grace. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the gift of power upon the sanctified heart.

Can one have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and lack the fruits of the Spirit?

No. People must be sanctified and keep sanctified in order to keep the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If you lose your sanctification, you lose all. You might speak in tongues, but you have lost your baptism. Sanctification is the standard. If we keep cleansed, we will have no trouble about keeping the power of God in our lives.

It is so easy to let a little evil surmising come in or talk too much and lose our sanctification. A few are going through, and the only way to go through is to keep sanctified.

The Lord wants us above all things to have the more excellent way in our lives, and that is LOVE. It will work out and leaven the whole lump, and make it so easy for us to take our place in the Gospel, and see Him put His mighty power upon any of His little ones. He wants us to keep uppermost in our lives that love. Perfect love comes at sanctification.

Do all speak with tongues that receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Yes. By a careful study of the Scripture accounts of where the Pentecost fell, you will find it so. Read Acts 2:4, where the Holy Ghost fell upon the 120 in the Upper Room, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Also the Gentile Pentecost, where Cornelius and his company were baptized, Acts 10:45, 46, "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

And where the 12 men of Ephesus received the Holy Ghost, Acts 19:6, "When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them: and they spake with tongues and prophesied."

Where the Holy Ghost fell on the Samaritans, Acts 8:5-19, while the Word does not mention that they spoke in tongues, yet there is internal evidence to show that they did. Philip had done wonderful things among the Samaritans, healing the sick and casting out devils. And Simon the Sorcerer wondered, beholding the wonders and signs which were done; but he was not moved to offer money until Peter and John came down from Jerusalem. They prayed and laid their hands on the people that they might receive the Holy Ghost. What was it that this man Simon saw follow the laying on of hands, that made him covet and want to buy the power? We are persuaded that it was nothing more or less than the speaking in tongues. Peter and John, who had spoken with tongues when they received the Holy Ghost, would have been satisfied with nothing short of the Bible evidence following the Samaritans who received.

Is it safe to trust God alone for healing without a physician?

Yes. Divine healing is in the atonement. It is just as much our right as salvation. Our Pentecostal people never call in a physician, and they have many children, and God heals them instantly. One of them had a child with the scarlet fever at the Portland camp meeting last year, and the Lord healed it instantly. One had the croup and God healed it, and one was deaf and the Lord opened its ears.

The Lord says in James, "Is any afflicted, let him pray." Pray yourself, first, and pray in faith. If you do not get healed, send for the elders of the church and let them pray, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Jas. 5:14.

The reason so many are weak and sickly among Christians is because they do not "discern the Lord's body." They eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord unworthily. They are not right with God. So the Word says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Jas. 5:15.

Can any one that is a child of God pray the prayer of faith to heal the sick?

Yes. If you are walking in all the commandments of God, you are a clean channel for God to work through. If you will believe God, He will give you the power. It is simply childlike faith in Jesus Christ. When the sick are brought to you, you know that you can do nothing; but Jesus said He would confirm His Word with signs following. Then lay your hands on them and

believe the Word. If we believe, there will be a performance of the Word of God in our lives. When God baptizes you with the Spirit, He gives you power. That power is in your life. Now He wants you to have faith in Jesus to perform that which He commanded you to do. The very name of Jesus heals the sick. "His name, through faith in His name, hath made this man strong."

How can I have faith in Jesus? Why, if He can save your soul from hell, can He not heal your body? If He can change this soul and make it a new creature can He not heal the sick? Then, why should we not have faith? Bless God. Anybody that has faith in Jesus Christ to save a soul ought to have faith for the healing of any manner of sickness.

Perfect healing was bought for us on the cross. Jesus gave His perfect body for these imperfect bodies of ours. "With His stripes, ye are healed." Believe the Word, and it will perfectly heal your body. He sent His Word and healed them. He confirmed His Word with signs following. Consumption, cancer of the stomach, Bright's disease, paralysis and all manner of diseases God is healing today.

Do you preach a literal Hell burning with Fire and Brimstone?

Yes. The Bible teaches a hell that will burn with fire and brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 14:10-11. Jesus taught it (See Matt. 25:41, 46.), and none can do away with His words. We must preach a full Gospel. You can only preach what God anoints you to preach; but we must pray that God will give us liberty to preach the lake burning with fire and brimstone. Many are preaching a hell that will annihilate the wicked, but that is not Scripture. Multitudes would go right on in sin if they believed in the annihilation of the wicked, that is, that they would be consumed, and that would be the last of them. It is an awful thing for men to preach to cover up an everlasting hell, when men are going right down there. Hell is not preached much in the pulpits of today. O, that ministers would tell the people the truth. The rich man opened his eyes in hell and begged Lazarus to come and dip the tip of his finger in water to cool his tongue, for he said, "I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:24.

A preacher came to the Portland camp meeting, who believed in the annihilation of the wicked. She wanted to preach the Gospel and be in fellowship, but we told her we could not fellowship that doctrine. She asked us to pray for her, and we told her that we would certainly pray that God would let her see hell. I went to my tent and began to pray that God would show her hell, for the work's sake, and that she might be able to preach the whole Gospel and have power on her life. I wept that God would save her to the work. Next morning as I awoke and began to weep for lost souls, soon I saw a great lake of fire. O, it was awful! No one could tell what it was like. Just seething. There seemed to be so many forms in it. The flames would lap up and fork over. The Lord showed me it was an everlasting lake of fire that would burn with brimstone forever and ever. Rev. 20:15. I thought I knew the worth of souls, but I never knew how to value lost souls before I had that vision.

"Nohellism" is a latter-day delusion of the devil to deceive and blind souls till both the blind and leaders of the blind fall into the pit.

Do you teach Church Organization?

No. Jesus is the head of the church. He takes the members into the church when they are saved, and puts them out when they backslide. He also appoints His ministry. He never had but one church. He said, "Upon this rock will I build My church"—not My churches. Christ has but one body, which is the church. He prayed that His disciples might be one. There is but one church today, but its members are scattered around in and out of the many denominations. So the Holy Spirit puts you into the church. No man can put you in or put you out. You might be a

member of a church for years, but if you have not the Blood of Jesus Christ in your heart, you will go straight to hell. If you have Him, you have life. There is no life outside of Christ.

If the Holy Spirit is given the head in the church, it is a live body. But if He is rejected, it is dead, and God calls His people to come out, and be separate. You say, "I would not give up my church for anything." If your church is all right with God, you do not need to come out: but if your church has grieved away the Holy Spirit, you will have to give it up. A dead church will never accept Pentecost. Why? Because it would level them all out, pull down the walls of division, and send the hireling preachers hunting a job. When hungry souls get a taste of real life, they will not go back into a dead form.

Did Jesus ever teach Divorce?

No. In looking into the Word, we find that He never gave any right at all to a man and wife to be divorced. No matter how they are abused, the law binds them as long as the other lives. Only could they separate on account of fornication, but not marry again, I Cor. 7:11. Moses gave them the law of divorce, on account of the hardness of their hearts, but it was not so from the beginning. Jesus teaches that marriage is binding for life. Matt. 19:9.

When the light came to the saints in Portland on the divorce, those that were divorced and remarried walked in the light and separated, except one couple that are not now doing anything in the work. The Lord has wonderfully blest the body of saints in taking this clean stand. There is not one divorced and remarried person among them.

What do the Pentecostal People Teach on Dress.

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: but let it be the hidden man of the heart, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." I Pet. 3:3-4. God has chosen us as a peculiar people, not fashioning ourselves after the world, but full of mercy and good fruits, filled with the knowledge of His will. If you get the Holy Ghost in your soul, you cannot fellowship the world. If you live in the Word of God, you will not care to adorn yourself with the world, but you will adorn yourself to meet the Lord in the skies. He does not want His bride to be ridiculously dressed, but clad in modest apparel. We must line up with the Word in order to have power in our lives. You do not need to bow down to a golden calf in order to backslide; you may hold on to a little gold breastpin or ring and lose out by disobedience to God and His Word.

Does the Bible uphold taking collections or a salaried minister?

Jesus sent them to preach His Gospel, saying, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8. It is a sad thing to charge people for this gospel. All we had to do was to bring our old sinful lives and lay them at His feet, and He cleansed and poured out His power upon us and says to us, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Not only give the words of our mouth, but stay up nights, if necessary, and pray for souls.

As to our support, we are not fit to carry the Gospel if we have not faith enough to trust our God for bread and butter. You do all that God requires of you, and see if He will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

We simply use a box for the expenses of the rent, etc., placed near the door and never mention money matters in a public meeting. II Kings 12:9. "But Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it and set it beside the altar on the right side as one cometh into the house of the Lord; and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought

into the house of the Lord.” Jesus commended the widow that dropped two mites into the treasury. Money given this way is without show. Some do not even have a box, and the Lord supplies the needs. God will supply His work.

There are many hireling preachers today. People are paying for the bread of life and getting nothing but dead theology, and the people are starving; but, beloved, this Gospel is as free as the air you breathe. Many are preaching the Gospel for money, but God has raised up a people today that preach the Gospel as Paul said, “without charge.” Praise God. It is a time when God’s ministry has to preach the whole Gospel, uncovering wickedness. No gift or salary can buy them or close their lips against declaring the truth.

How shall one that is called to preach make restitution for debts?

“A bishop then must be blameless. . .

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” I Tim. 1:7. In order then to be blameless, he should make restitution as soon as possible for debts by laboring with his own hands. “Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.” I Cor. 9:14. That does not mean that you are to use the Lord’s money to pay up your back debts that you incurred when in sin, but it is your living only.

A brother missionary was charged with having used some missionary money which he should have used to go to his field of labor, and consumed it for the support of his family, and had not gone to the field. When he was brought before the church, he immediately pulled off his coat and said, “I will go and earn the money and pay it into the treasury.” But another brother stepped up and said, “I will pay it for him.” So he was cleared on account of his honesty. And the Lord gave him means to go to his field. Praise God. We are to be above reproach in these last days.

Some people with crooked spirits came to the Portland camp meeting, claiming to be workers. We told them there must be something crooked in their lives. They finally confessed to being heavily in debt, expecting to pay it off from the Gospel. This was where the trouble began. After we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, if we walk in all the light we have, it is impossible for us to get crooked spirits. We told them to go to work and earn the money and pay their debts.

What is the Discerning of Spirits?

First of all, it is not carnal judging. It is not evil surmising. It is not judging after the flesh. There is danger of getting into false accusation of the brethren, thinking that is discernment, because the devil is trying to switch us off on every hand, and he is the “accuser of the brethren.”

Discernment is always in the Spirit of Christ. The person that discerns will restore a brother or sister in the spirit of meekness. They will always show the Spirit of Jesus—not harshness—not a puffed-up spirit because they have seen the wrong. But it is one of the gifts of the Spirit of God.

Every preacher and worker in the Gospel should have discernment, because many crooked spirits are in the field, seeking to pass themselves off for the Holy Ghost. Many lose the discernment the Lord gives them because they reason it away. If you are not clear, wait on God and test everything by the Word. Crooked spirits, if allowed to preach or work about the altar, will ruin the work of God.

At Portland the work has been kept very clean from false spirits. No one is allowed to preach or teach any false doctrine, and if any false spirit comes in, it is immediately detected. Two parties came to the meeting, saying the Lord had sent them. They were demon-possessed souls.

They talked in tongues and jerked and shook under the power of the devil. There was a strange look in their eyes. The Spirit rebuked the man when he got up to speak, and he was told that, as the Spirit was sovereign, he must sit down. They were dealt with privately, and we asked the Lord what was the trouble with them. He revealed that the man's life was very crooked. Finally he fell to the ground and began to confess to stealing cattle and other sins. We told them they would have to make restitution, and they went away to get a job of work. They both realized that they were possessed with the devil. We told them that God would deliver them as they made restitution. They have since written that they both are working and earning money to pay up debts, and are doing well.

We can never forget those glorious and heavenly scenes when in two baptismal services down at the ocean, after the Pentecost fell in Los Angeles, about 200 were buried with Christ in baptism. God does bless in obeying His Word. In Portland there have been some most blessed baptismal services. We cannot give the numbers. A company from the camp meeting were baptized in the river. Following that, we were to have the other ordinances of the Lord's Supper and foot-washing. But lest any should partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily, we had first an all-night meeting of heart-searching and melting up before the Lord in confession of faults. Then the ordinances were kept. There was perfect love and unity manifested, singing in the Spirit and weeping, praising God. No formality, but the sweetness of heaven marked the services.

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