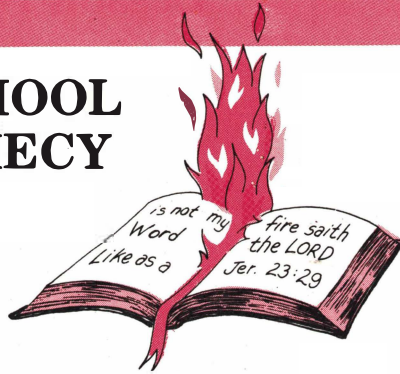


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*Whosoever shall not receive
the kingdom of God as a little child,
he shall not enter therein.*

St. Mark 10:15

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THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

— PART I —

DECLARATION:

Ecumenicism is not Divine Unity — it is compromise! True men of God — Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are given by Christ to His Church, “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ [the church]: **Till we all come in the unity of the faith** [i.e., believe, teach, and practice the same true doctrines of Christ], and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive,” Eph. 4:11-14. Most Christians today are hung-up on some heresy they learned from a blind and false teacher or preacher.

TODAY’S CHURCH IS FILLED WITH HERESY.

Nearly all self-proclaimed Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers are divisive by the doctrine they believe, teach and practice — **they perpetuate deep divisions among God’s people** — they do not unite nor heal the breaches. There can be no Divine Unity by compromise of the True Doctrines of God’s Word. The ecumenical or World Church movement is not Divine Unity in the True Faith of God’s Word — it is apostasy! Apostasy is “departing from the faith” of true Bible doctrines. Cf. I Tim. 4:1-2. Heresies abound and co-exist with the true Bible doctrines in today’s church — but these heresies must be exposed and neutralized by the true doctrines of Christ, dogmatically declared by true, bold, and enlightened men of God.

HERESIES MUST BE EXPOSED.

The Apostle Paul declared even of the early church: “For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved [of God] may be made manifest among you.” I Cor. 11:19. Several teachers who are approved of God are arising, and will expose and correct the heresies being taught divisively among God’s people — and these true men of God will be manifest, that is: “Apparent to the 5 senses or mind; obvious; clear; something or someone that is proved to be of the truth.”

UNITY WILL COME.

Until the perfecting of Christ’s disciples is accomplished, there can be no coming to the “unity of the faith.” **Christians are admonished to “stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for**

the faith of the gospel.” Phil. 1:27. Also: “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name [authority] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and **that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”** I Cor. 1:10.

LESSON EXPOSITION.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times [that’s Now], some shall depart from the faith...” I Tim. 4:1. **“Depart from the faith” means to forsake the true doctrines of God’s Word or go into apostasy!** Then further this prophetic scripture declares, those that “depart from the faith” shall “give heed to seducing spirits [i.e., religious demons that mimic the Holy Ghost], and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy...” I Tim. 4:1-2.

BEWARE OF DOCTRINES OF DEVILS.

Satan has doctrines to fit every taste and whim! Most religions and most religious teachings are perversions of the Truth — the Holy Scriptures label these teachings or doctrines heresies and error. Cf. I John 4:5-6.

The apostles wrote “things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest [i.e., twist], as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, **being led away with the error of the wicked**, fall from your own steadfastness.” II Peter 3:16-17.

Satan has ministers that preach the gospel and doctrines of devils! Most preachers are of the devil and preach “another gospel, another Jesus, and people who believe their gospel of errors receive another spirit.” (II Cor. 11:1-4).

In such perilous times as these last two decades of the 1900’s in which Christians are now living, the Holy Ghost exhorts true men of God “to contend for the faith [Bible doctrines] which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3.

AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE UNITY OF THE FAITH.

True unity of the faith was demonstrated by the early church of Jesus Christ while Christ’s personally chosen apostles and prophets were alive. The early church leaders were real men, dogmatic for the faith — they were not pantywaists as the preachers and teachers are in today’s world-conforming, Laodicean church.

The early church under the apostles’ leadership had Divine Unity in perfect harmony with God’s Word. Its preachers and teachers believed, taught, and practiced the same doctrine — the doctrine of Christ, at first called the apostles’ doctrine. They lived in one mind

and one accord. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." Acts 4:32.

NO CREED BUT CHRIST — NO BOOK BUT THE BIBLE.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God [the Father]. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.** If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." II John 9-11.

The Apostle Paul declared: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2. Also: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." I Cor. 1:30.

The Apostle also commanded: "Preach the word [i.e., quote or read the Holy Scriptures]; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." II Tim. 4:2. Preachers and teachers must use the Bible to teach from — not theology books! **Only God's Word will rebuke and reprove Christians for their sins and disobedience.** Don't rebuke sinners for sinning — they're only doing what comes naturally — but true men of God must rebuke, reprove, correct, and instruct professing disciples of Christ by the written word of God!

USE ONLY THE REAL BIBLE.

There can be no unity of the faith when preachers or teachers teach from perversions of God's Word — that is, counterfeit bibles. **There is one true Bible** — one Bible that contains God's true, infallible Word, **the Authorized Version commonly called the King James Version of 1611.** This is a true translation from ancient manuscripts that God's providence preserved, not a paraphrase as all other 65 or more bibles are.

Men of God cannot speak with authority from many bibles, so Satan has cleverly used his ministers (they are really his surrogates) to "doctor" up the true word of God and fill its changed and paraphrased passages into "the doctrines of devils."

PERVERSIONS OF GOD'S WORD ARE DEADLY.

Christ's apostle warned: "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 [or change God's Word]." Gal. 1:6-7. Satan's delight is to change or pervert God's Word to mislead and

confuse God's people, and make the true conversion of the sinner impossible. **Now professors in Christ are accepting another or perverted gospel, receiving another Jesus, and being filled with seducing spirits which mimic the true Holy Spirit.** Who preaches "Another Jesus?" — Satan's ministers! "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing [i.e., it is no wonder] if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." II Cor. 11:13-15.

SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY.

There will be no return to true unity of the Faith by Christ's true disciples until true, Holy Ghost-anointed men of God preach, rebuke, reprove, correct, and instruct in righteousness from the authority of God's true Bible which God honors. **Jesus taught with authority:** "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes [preachers who taught the tradition of men]." Matt. 7:29. **The apostles spoke with authority:** "And [Paul] said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, **thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?**" Acts 13:10 **The Apostle Paul rebuked a false prophet.** Also: "But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. . . for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Acts 8:20-21. The Apostle Peter rebuked Simon the false prophet who "bewitched" the Samaritans with his sorcery, for money! **The TV, churches, and convention center halls are full of Simons — bewitchers and sorcerers selling "blessings" and "gifts" for money.** These "pervert" the right way of the Lord thru their preaching of "the doctrine of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, and their conscience is seared with a hot iron." (I Tim. 4:1-2).

RESTORATION.

The unity of the faith will be implemented and effected by God's true prophets to bring Christ's true disciples into a Divine Unity not manifested since the apostolic early church of our Lord — **in this end-time generation — before Jesus Christ returns.** This is Restoration which has been foretold by all of God's holy prophets and apostles. "And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution [i.e., Restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21.

God's two great prophets of Restoration will soon appear on today's deteriorating scene in the spirit and power of Elijah. They will prophesy 3½ years with unprecedented anointing and power. Rev. 11: 3-14. Christ's true church, now fragmented and filled with

heresy, will be Restored to Divine Unity of the Faith — Holiness, Repentance or Perish, the fear of God and the Judgments of God will be preached — there will be a complete Restoration to the first love the church once possessed, to Holy Ghost power, and a return to prayer and fasting. All the heresies that have divided Christ's disciples will be exposed, rebuked, and destroyed. **All denominational labels will be cast aside.**

OUR LEGACY OF CALVARY.

The experiences and blessings of Calvary which Christ bequeathed to all believers must be **Restored** to Christ's end time church that is cold, world-conforming, and powerless. Jesus Christ's death accomplished much more than Christ's disciples are being taught by the moral cowards that fill our pulpits and air waves, speaking platitudes and weak essays on humanism and sweet nothings — teaching from books written by authors who have little respect for God's true Word, and no true spiritual experience that glorifies Christ's death and work on Calvary's old rugged cross. "These are they which creep into houses [many through Radio and TV], and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, **Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**" II Tim. 3:6-7.

About all that is preached anywhere anymore is "Born again" or "accept Christ" and be saved. **And those who respond to such shallow preaching and get saved "in spite of it," seldom if ever go on and live a true Christian life.** If such a convert ever leaves the world and sin, he is quickly led back into sin and world-conformity by some scripture-twisting preacher or teacher who doesn't believe God's Word about Christ's other works of grace He accomplished for our complete Redemption on Calvary's Cross.

SOMETHING ELSE FOR THE BELIEVER ON CHRIST.

"**Repent ye, and believe the gospel,**" (Mark 1:15) was the first gospel message of grace by Jesus Christ. John Baptist also preached, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 3:2. Jesus also emphasized the experience of being born again — being made a new creature. John 3:3. Likewise the scriptures teach: "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13. **This together with repentance constitutes the experience of being saved.** Cf. also II Pet. 3:9; Acts 17:30.

DON'T STOP HERE — KEEP SEEKING.

Jesus also shed His precious blood to cleanse and sanctify every born-again believer — **a second definite work of grace.** Paul prayed for Christ's saved disciples: "**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.**" I Thess. 5:23. Jesus prayed for His disciples to also be

filled or baptized with the Holy Ghost after they had been born again and sanctified. They were all filled! Jesus paid for our deliverance and healing from all diseases and demonic oppression at Calvary also: “By whose stripes ye were healed.” I Peter 2:24.

Jesus came to deliver all who receive him as their Lord and Master from the power of propensity to sin. **“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy [i.e., make inoperative] the works of the devil.”** I John 3:8. **The works of the devil is to make a Christian commit sin.** A Christian doesn’t have to sin if he is sanctified and if he stays crucified in Christ. The new creation of the new man won’t sin if the old man or our old nature is crucified with Christ. This is the result of the glorious second work of grace established at Calvary through the blood of Jesus — **sanctification!**

A CHRISTIAN’S RESPONSIBILITY.

Christ did a complete work and sacrifice on Calvary — this was God’s responsibility as revealed through the Bible in man’s redemption. As the old hymn of the church expresses: “I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin, revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him,” even so must we be brought into the unity of the faith by believing God’s Word about Calvary — not by what a skeptic or an unbelieving theologian declares it to mean. **A born-again believer in Jesus Christ, immediately after his conversion, has the responsibility to follow Christ and the command of Christ into water baptism.** Cf. Mat. 28:19-20.

Following closely the acts of obedience unto justification, sanctification, and the Holy Ghost Baptism, the young convert to Christ must align himself with or join a strong fellowship or church where God’s true Word is taught by a true man of God — the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth. Then follows the keeping of the Lord’s Day, Communion and Feet Washing, Tithing and Giving, Witnessing, Praying, etc. These and other acts of worship, fellowship, and financial support in the service of Christ are Christian Responsibilities that comprise great strides into the Unity of the Faith, and unto the Perfect Man to which all Christians are called to attain in Christ. Cf. Eph. 4:13; Col. 2:10; Heb. 13:20-21.

CALVARY’S BLESSINGS ARE NOT FOR SKEPTICS OR DOUBTERS.

Coming into the Unity of the Faith is contingent upon the belief and understanding of all that Christ did for us at Calvary — and then receiving the spiritual experiences that Calvary provides to every true believer in Christ through the revelation and faith of the Holy Scriptures. Salvation or the new birth is received by grace through faith — so is sanctification, the Holy Ghost Baptism and Divine Healing. **No gift, experience or blessing of Calvary can be received**

by an unbeliever, doubter, or skeptic. Faith in the promises of God, and in the person of God only, will bring men in the right relationship with God to receive all the works of grace Christ desires to be wrought in our hearts and lives through believing and trusting faith.

WITHOUT FAITH — YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE.

Many professing Christians, preachers, and laymen alike, respond to the truth about receiving the experience of sanctification, being baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost, and Divine Healing, as if these graces of Calvary are something only the apostles or early church disciples received, and they are abhorred. Well, these doubters and skeptics need not worry or fear — sanctification, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, or a miracle of Divine Healing won't creep up and jump on them without their desire and permission. **A true disciple of Jesus must desire, seek, obey, and believe to receive these great graces of Calvary.**

To Wit:

- (1) "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.
- (2) "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.**" James 1:6-7.
- (3) "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence [faith and trust] toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 3:21-22.
- (4) "The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted." Prov. 10:24.
- (5) "**According to your faith be it unto you.**" Matt. 9:29. Cf. also Mt. 8:13; 15:28; Mk. 5:34; John 4:50; Mk. 16:17.
- (6) It is real faith that brings a true Christian into the right relationship with God to receive His promises — not Fatalism!

NOTES:

PART A. THE NEW BIRTH.

DISCUSSION.

Jesus declared, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. "Cannot see" means that a person who is not born again "cannot understand" the Bible or the Kingdom of God. Then further Jesus declared, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. Also: "Ye **must** be born again." John 3:7.

Jesus also noted two births: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the [Holy] Spirit is spirit." John 3:6.
Natural and spiritual births!

THE PROOF.

- (1) "Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature [or creation]; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17. "In Christ" there is no sin.
- (2) "And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:3-4.
- (3) "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that **doeth righteousness** is born of him." I John 2:29.
- (4) "**Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not**: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." I John 3:6.
- (5) "Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**." I John 3:9.
- (6) "**We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not**." I John 5:18.

A DEFINITE WORK OF GRACE.

There are 3 spiritual experiences for a true believer in Christ — **First**, being saved or born again; **Secondly**, being sanctified; and **Thirdly**, being baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost — all three experiences to true believers in Christ are definite works of Calvary's grace, received through faith.

I. HOW TO BE SAVED.

- a.** "For **by grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: **It is the gift of God**; Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

b. “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom. 10:9-10.

c. Jesus Declared: “**And this is life eternal**, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3.

d. “**Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” Acts 3:19.

“**To Repent**” means to ask and receive forgiveness for, and to forsake all sin.

e. “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **but now commandeth all men every where to repent.**” Acts 17:30.

f. The Apostle of Christ declared: “Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God**, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 20:21. A sinner repents of his sins to God the Father, and then turns to Jesus and asks Him to come into his heart.

g. “But as many as received Him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12-13.

h. “And he [Jesus] said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:15-16. Believe, Repent, Receive Christ, and be baptized!

i. “Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.**” Mark 1:14-15. This was Christ’s first sermon!

j. Jesus warned all men: “I tell you, Nay; but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**” Luke 13:3, 5.

REPENTANCE! Men may profess to be saved or born again, but except they give up their sins, that is, quit their sinning, they will not enter into the kingdom of God! Repent or go to hell, Jesus soberly warned all men as have all God’s holy prophets and apostles. Cf. also: John 3:16; Rom. 10:17; II Pet. 3:9; I Pet 1:23.

II. HOW TO STAY SAVED.

DISCUSSION.

“We then, as workers together with him [i.e., Christ], beseech you also **that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.**” II Cor. 6:1.

Many who believe on Christ do receive His grace in vain — because they do not leave their sins and go on with Him toward perfection to wit: “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, **if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**” I Cor. 15:1-2. Eternal life is given to those who repent and believe in Christ upon conditions: Quit Your Sinning!

Also: The Apostle Paul declared, “I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. . . **My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,** I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you [i.e., I doubt you professed experience of being born again].” Gal. 4:11, 19-20. The Apostle would be doubly skeptical of professed born-again experiences today.

FALLING FROM GRACE.

- (1) “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth [by faith] **take heed lest he fall.**” I Cor. 10:12.
- (2) “**Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.**” Heb. 3:12. Christ doesn’t leave us — we leave Him by walking away and living a sinful and shameful lifestyle!
- (3) “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **Ye are fallen from grace.**” Gal. 5:4.
- (4) “Well; because of unbelief they [the Jews] were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.**” Rom. 11:20-22. “If” is a conditional word that expresses God’s conditions of Salvation all through the Holy Scriptures — either continue in God’s goodness or fall from grace and be cut off as a branch, from the vine or tree, which is Christ.
- (5) **GOD’S WARNING: “Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.”** Ex. 32:33. The “book” has to be the book of life. A born-again Christian must overcome sin and his

sins, or be rejected by Christ. Cf. Rev. 3:5 for a warning from Christ.

- (6) Jesus declared: "I am the vine, **Ye are the branches**...If a **man** abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, **and is withered**, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, **and they are burned**." John 15:5-6.
- (7) "**Whosoever abideth in him [Christ] sinneth not**: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him [i.e., doesn't understand Christ's holy nature and demands to live free from sin], neither known him." I John 3:7.
- (8) **SIN NOT!** "Awake to righteousness, **and sin not**: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." I Cor. 15:34. It is shameful the way professing Christians live — they sin and brag about it; they lie, they have evil habits such as smoking, beer guzzling, cursing — they dress immodestly, defiling their bodies which God declares are made to be temples of the Holy Ghost — and brag about Christ's righteousness being imputed to them. This is hypocrisy, arrogance, and open rebellion against God's Word and the Holy Ghost — not salvation!
- (9) "They that are Christ's **have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts**." Gal. 5:24 **A real born-again Christian**— not just a professing Christian — **will quit sinning and living like the world, crucifying the flesh!** All new converts to Christ must go on and seek to be sanctified — i.e., crucify the old nature!
- (10) **A WARNING!** "**They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate**." Titus 1:16.
- (11) **PURIFY YOURSELVES.**
"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness in the fear of God**." II Cor. 7:1.
- (12) "And every man that hath this hope [of being like Christ at His Return] in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure**." I John 3:3.
- (13) **OUR OBJECTIVE: BE CHRISTLIKE.**
Jesus taught this: "The disciple is not above his master: **but every one that is perfect shall be as his master [Jesus]**." Luke 6:40. Every disciple of Christ must strive for perfection or be rejected by Him!

Jesus Warned: “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.” Luke 13:24. Cf. also I Peter 2:21-23.

(14) **DON'T BE CASTAWAY — REJECTED!**

The Apostle Paul declared: “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection [to a holy life-style]: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” I Cor. 9:27.

- (15) “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**” I Cor. 3:16-17.

Smoking, drinking of any alcoholic beverage, cursing, immorality, dressing lewdly in shorts or bathing suits publicly (or any other immodest dress), paint and jewelry on the bodies of Christian women are idolatrous and pagan — and these immoral practices and habits defile a Christian’s body — **and those who practice these abominations will not escape God’s terrible judgments!**

STUDY ALSO: I Peter 1:13-22; I John 5:4-5; Romans 6:16-23.

III. THE MYSTERY OF THE FAITH.

DISCUSSION.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” I Tim. 3:16.

There is an aura of mystery about godliness or what real faith in Jesus will accomplish in a believer’s life. In a great part, the Apostle defined the mystery in this declaration: “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures [i.e., of the Old Testament]; And that he was buried, and rose again the third day according to the scriptures; And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve...” I Cor. 15:3-5.

THE MYSTERY IS UNVEILED BY FAITH.

“Through faith we understand...” Heb. 11:3. **The Old Testament is a magnification of the New Testament.** Its prophets prophesied (foretold) of our salvation through faith in Christ, the mystery of which they wrote but did not understand. Cf. I Peter 1:10-12.

This mystery of our faith consists of the Virgin Birth of Christ, the gospel of Christ, His suffering and death by crucifixion, His burial,

His resurrection, His ascension back to His Father, His priesthood, and His return.

a. VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Declaration.

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Ghost, and He was not born in sin as are all other men. His blood was pure and holy.

- (1) "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**" Isa. 7:14.
- (2) "And she [Mary] shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet [Isaiah] saying, **Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**" Matt. 1:21-23.
- (3) **The Deity of Christ.**

Declaration. The Deity of Christ was only possible through the Virgin Birth. His blood was pure and holy — He was born without sin — making His substitutionary death, that is, the Atonement, acceptable to God the Father. Christ was born God and man. He is not God the Father, but He was born God the son by the Father's decree. Cf. Psa. 2:7.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

John 14:28	Phil. 2:6	Col. 1:15	John 17:3
Heb. 1:2-8	Heb. 5:5-9	John 16:28	John 10:33, 36
Prov. 30:4	Study also Luke 1:26-38 carefully.		

b. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Discussion.

The author of the Gospel of Mark affirms the contents to be the true Word of God thusly: "**The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" Mark 1:1. The Apostle John declared in the Gospel of John: "This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." John 21:24-25.

Jesus was sent to this world with God's message of salvation — freedom from sin! **He was sent by his Father. In the Book of John alone Jesus declares "the Father sent me," some 40 times.**

CHRIST'S APOSTLES WROTE HIS MESSAGE FROM GOD.

The Apostles did not write what they dreamed up — they were eyewitnesses! The Apostle Peter was one of them and wrote: “For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. . . **We have also a more sure word of prophecy.** . . . For the prophecy [i.e., the holy scriptures] came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [and wrote] as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” II Peter 1:16-21.

Jesus Christ was also a prophet sent from God. Cf. Acts 3:22.

HERE'S THE MYSTERY UNVEILED: JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:1, 14.

The gospel lifts men out of sin to live above sin — that is, to live without sinning, to wit: “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” I John 3:6. **The mystery of the faith of the gospel is: “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”** Col. 1:27-28.

Christ, thru true discipleship will manifest the Godlikeness or Godliness that is a mystery to most professing Christians and preachers — that is, if the Christian is indwelt by Christ, he will quit sinning and live Christlike. “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me, seeth him [God] that sent me.” John 12:44.

CHRIST IN YOU.

If any person sees God through Jesus Christ — that is, sees His holiness and understands His judgment for sin — he will quit his sinning!

Jesus did not come to save people in their sins, but to save His people from their sins. And the gospel of Jesus Christ will set a person free from sin if believed and obeyed! Cf. Matt. 1:21; John 8:31-36; Rom. 6:17-18; and esp. I Cor. 15:34.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

If the gospel a person accepts does not set them free from their sins, he has accepted a perverted gospel. Cf. II Cor. 11:3-4.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

John 15:3
Acts 19:20

John 8:32

Heb. 4:12

Rom. 1:16

c. THE CRUCIFIXION.**Declaration.**

Christ's death by crucifixion was an essential element in our Redemption from sin. Jesus Himself declared that He must suffer, be put to death, and rise again. Luke 24:46. His death fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies, esp. Isaiah 53. The blood sacrifices offered in the Old Testament under the law of Moses foreshadowed the death of Christ "as a lamb without blemish, and without spot." I Peter 1:19. **God demanded a perfect sacrifice for sin, and Christ alone could fulfill this necessary sacrifice.** "But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Heb. 9:26. Also: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." I Cor. 15:4.

STUDY ALSO: Mark 18:31-34: Heb. 2:9-11.

NOTE: Isaiah 53 records a comprehensive portrayal of the sufferings and death of Christ — the 4 Gospels contain a vividly detailed portrayal of the death and sufferings of Christ. What happened for a believer's sake on that old rugged cross? Let's see!

(1) REMISSION OF SINS.

Declaration. "But God commended his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now **justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Rom. 5:8-9. A repenting and believing sinner is justified by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Further: Jesus declared this great revelation at the passover-communion supper with his apostles thusly: "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**" Matt. 26:27-28. Justification from sin, and remission of sins is only and totally possible by faith and trust in the blood of Jesus! Cf. carefully Rev. 1:5-6.

(2) THE ATONEMENT.**Declaration.**

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received **the Atonement.**" Rom.

5:10-11. Under the Old Testament covenant of sacrifices for sin, **God commanded Moses to sanctify a Day of Atonement**: “And the Lord spake to Moses, saying, Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement...for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God.” Lev. 23:26-28.

NOTE CAREFULLY:

- God has declared: “For the life of the flesh is in the blood! and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: **for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**” Lev. 17:11.
- **To Atone Means**: “to make reparations or amends for wrongdoing; to bring into agreement; to reconcile.” Therefore, “Atonement is the effect of Jesus Christ’s sufferings and death in redeeming mankind and bringing about the reconciliation of man and God, to make God and man one in Christ.”

THE CONCLUSION.

- “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; **and without shedding of blood is no remission [of sins].**” Heb. 9:22. **Christ’s blood!**
- “But 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 cleanseth us from all sin.**” I John 1:7. A conditional cleansing — “if” a Christian walks in the light of Truth as Christ Himself walked!

(3) REDEMPTION.

Declaration.

What else happened on that old rugged cross of Christ’s shame for the Christian’s victory? Answer: “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, **and redemption.**” Christians were “**redeemed**” by **his blood and death!** Cf. Acts 20:28.

- **To Redeem means**: “To buy back; to get back or recover; to rescue; to set free by paying a ransom.”
- **To wit: Jesus declared**, “**Even so the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**” Matt. 20:28. Jesus’s death paid the ransom for our souls from the slavery of sin and the devil. A true Christian has been redeemed by Christ’s blood! Cf. carefully Rev. 5:9.

THE PROOF.

- “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by

tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. . . who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.” I Peter 1:18-21.

- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.” Eph. 1:7.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

It is necessary to study the following scriptures carefully:

Rom. 1:16	Mark 1:1-15	Col. 1:14	Col. 1:19-23
Eph. 1:19	Heb. 4:12	Heb. 2:17	II Cor. 5:18-21
Isa. 35:10	I Tim. 2:6	Heb. 9:14	Ex. 12:13
Isa. 53:1-6	Heb. 9:12	Eph. 2:13	Ex. 30:12

d. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

Declaration.

“[Christ] was delivered for our offences [i.e., died for our sins], and was raised again for our justification.” Rom. 4:5. Jesus predicted His death and resurrection! “For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, **he shall rise the third day.**” Mark 9:31; 10:32-34.

He Arose!

Jesus justified our faith in His deity and redemption which He declared fulfilled all prophetic scriptures; to wit: In His resurrected body He proclaimed: “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; **for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.** . . . And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me. . . . And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, **and to rise from the dead the third day.**” Luke 24:39-46.

HE SHOWED HIMSELF:

“And that he was buried, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas [Peter], then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. . . . After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also [Paul].**” I Cor. 15:4-7.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

John 20:1-29	Acts 1:1-3	Eph. 1:18-20	Luke 9:22
John 21:1, 14	Matt. 17:23	Acts 2:32	Luke 13:32
Matt. 16:21	Acts 10:40	II Tim. 2:8	Luke 18:33

e. CHRIST'S ASCENSION.

Declaration.

To continue in God's grace, a Christian must believe that Christ ascended back to heaven, and that he is now at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus is **right now** at the right hand of God as our High Priest, and will make intercession for every Christian who seeks grace by which to live victoriously over the world, the flesh, sin, and the devil!

THE PROOF.

- "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, **Yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.**" Rom. 8:34.
- The Apostle Peter declared: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted**, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." Acts 2:32-33.

THE REASON: JESUS IS NOW OUR HIGH PRIEST!

- "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them [i.e., a repenting sinner seeking salvation]." Heb. 7:24-25.
- "For there is **one God, and one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom** for all." I Tim 2:5-6.
- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life — and no man can come to God the father but by and through Him. (John 14:6).
- **The Throne of Grace.**
Christians who sin, who are sick, or in adversity can come to God's throne of grace for mercy and help through the priestly work of Christ at God's right hand. Heb. 4:14-16; I John 2:1-2; read these carefully.
- "For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." Heb. 7:26.
- Neither dead saints nor the Virgin Mary can make intercession for a sinner or saint to God the Father — only Jesus Christ our mediator between God and men!

This is why prayer to God by a true Christian must always be prefaced or concluded by, "in the Name of Jesus," to have access to the throne of God's grace! Cf. John 15:16; John 16:23-25; Col. 3:17; Acts 4:30.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Acts 7:55-56

Heb. 1:13

Heb. 8:1

I Peter 3:22

Luke 22:69

Col. 3:1

Eph. 1:20

Heb. 12:2

● CONTINUE IN THE FAITH.**Declaration.**

Many of Christ's disciples, people who were saved, do not go on and walk with him or follow him. Even when Jesus was here in the flesh this was true, to wit: **"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."** John 6:44. Many of Christ's disciples "are blind, and have forgotten that they were purged from their old sins" (II Peter 1:9). Others "turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them, and are as a dog turned to his own vomit again, and as a sow [hog] that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (II Peter 2:21-22). Cf. Also II Cor. 6:1. Paul **"persuaded the Christians to continue in the grace of God"** (Acts 13:43), and also, **"exhorted Christians to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God,"** (Acts 14:22).

UNITY OF THE FAITH.

Men of God are not to strive for "unity" among professing Christians and preachers — **they are to strive and contend for the "unity" of the faith** — i.e., adherence to God's Word in all doctrine and life-style!

BEWARE OF FALSE DOCTRINE.

Calvinism and the doctrine of "eternal security" must be rejected by true men of God and true saints. It is damnable, and humanistic — not a part of the mystery of Godliness or of the faith of the gospel. A Christian must live a repented life, abhorring sin! For "fools make a mock at sin," (Prov. 14:9); and God has warned His people thusly: "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book [and this is the book of life]." Ex. 32:33.

GOD HATES ARROGANCE.

- **"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."** I Cor. 10:12; also Heb. 4:11.
- **"Well; because of unbelief they [the Jews] were broken off, and thou standest by faith... Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."** Rom. 11:20-22.
- Also: **"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit [arrogant spirit] before a fall."** Prov. 16:18.

God never instituted the heresy or doctrine of eternal security that makes men arrogant in their sins as they slide from sin to sin in “greasy grace” — **John Calvin, an arrogant, itinerate preacher invented it** — and it is a doctrine of devils as declares God’s Word. Cf. I Tim. 4:1-2.

● **DOCTRINE OF IMPUTATION.**

Declaration.

“To impute” means to charge to the account. The doctrine of the imputation of Christ’s righteousness by grace and not by works is a damnable heresy among professing Christians — a cover-up for sin and sins in those professors’ lives. God does not impute righteousness unless a person truly becomes righteous, and lives righteously by truly becoming a new creature — Christ in You!

● “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that **doeth righteousness** [i.e., lives a holy life] is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil... **Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin:** for his seed [the pure and holy Word of God] remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest [i.e., clearly seen, obvious to the 5 senses], and the children of the devil: Whosoever doeth not righteousness [i.e., whoever doesn’t live a holy life] is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.” I John 3:7-10.

● “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith **without the deeds of the law.**” Rom. 3:28. The law of faith demands righteous works. Rom. 3:26-27. Justification unto Salvation is premised on God’s promise to justify the sinner by grace through faith with works — but here’s the error of the proponents of the imputation theory, to wit:

● **“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works** [i.e., obedience to God and the Word of God] is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? [that is, he obeyed God] Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works [i.e., obedience to God’s Word] was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was **imputed** unto him for righteousness: And he was called the Friend of God. **Ye see then how that by works [obedience] a man is justified, and not by faith only.**” James 2:20-24.

● “For we say that faith was reckoned [i.e., imputed] to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? When he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision but in uncircumcision...” Rom. 3:10. Abraham believed God, but had he not obeyed God in the sobering test of offering his son, Isaac, and in all other matters such as leaving relatives and home (Cf. Gen. 12:1-4), that

“dead faith” would not have been imputed for righteousness. To the Jews, circumcision was the sign and seal of God’s approval and of salvation. The Apostle Paul in Romans, Chapters 3, 4, 5, refutes the theory of circumcision and dogmatically establishes salvation through Christ, premised upon God’s grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

- **Under grace, circumcision is in the heart and spirit of the believer.**

FOR FURTHER STUDY (IMPUTATION).

Col. 2:10-13	Phil. 3:1-3	Rom. 2:28-29	I Cor. 7:19
Rom. 3:20-27	Rom. 4:19-25	II Cor. 5:21	Rom. 8:1

FOR FURTHER STUDY (NEW BIRTH).

John 5:14	I Cor. 6:9-11	I Peter 2:21-22	Jude 24
John 8:11	I Cor. 3:16-17	I Peter 4:1-4	Titus 2:11-12
Rom. 6:19-23	I Cor. 8:9-12	James 1:22	I Tim. 6:3-5

NOTES:

PART B. SANCTIFICATION.

Declaration.

Sanctification is a definite work of grace, a wonderful spiritual experience — as definite and real as being born-again or baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. A person must be saved or born-again to be sanctified, so therefore it is an experience of Calvary that only Christians who really earnestly seek can and will receive. No Christian need worry — it won't just jump on him! A Christian must really desire to be sanctified so as to lead and live a Godly, sanctified lifestyle!

Discussion.

The Holy Scriptures set forth the experience of Sanctification as a definite work of grace but also progressive in its perfecting of the truly sanctified saint of God.

DEFINITION OF “TO SANCTIFY”: To set apart for a holy purpose; to cleanse, purify, and make holy; cleansing of one's own self.

SANCTIFICATION BY THE WORD!

- These are the declarations of Jesus Christ, our Sanctifier: “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” John 15:3.
- “Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.” John 17:17.
- “Even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might **sanctify and cleanse it** with the washing of water by the Word.” Eph. 5:25-26. Sanctification is purging and cleansing for the complete spiritual experience that includes being set apart for a holy purpose for God's work. **The result of the experience of sanctification is holiness in every facet of a Christian's life!**

SANCTIFICATION BY THE SPIRIT!

- “God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through **sanctification of the Spirit**, and belief of the truth.” II Thess. 2:13.
- “Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.**” I Peter 1:2. In any work of grace ministered by the Spirit of God, there must be obedience by the believer, and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

SANCTIFICATION BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

- “Wherefore Jesus also, **that he might sanctify the people with his own blood**, suffered without the gate.” Heb. 13:12.

- “How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Heb. 9:14.
- “But know that the Lord hath **set apart him that is Godly for himself.**” Psalm 4:3.
- “And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly** [i.e., entirely, completely]; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it [that is, if you, Christian, desire to be sanctified wholly.]” I Thess. 5:23-24.
- Every work of God’s grace has a **definite beginning**. The experience of Sanctification began at Calvary when Jesus shed His blood — first, for the remission of sins, and secondly, that the true believer might be sanctified in soul, spirit, and body. The believer’s experience of sanctification has its definite beginning with the blood of Jesus and unto their obedience.
- “[Christ] is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification. . .**” I Cor. 1:30.

a. THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPERIENCE.

Declaration.

The glorious experience of grace subsequent to the new birth — **sanctification** — **does not destroy the humanity of a Christian**, but it destroys or rather makes inoperative the power of the “old man” or old nature.

- “Knowing this, that our old man [old nature] is crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin [i.e., quit sinning].” Romans 6:6. Christ died to redeem men from the slavery of sin, to wit: “**Whosoever committeth sin is the servant [slave] of sin. . .** If the Son therefore shall make you free [i.e., from sin], Ye shall be free indeed!” John 8:34-36.

PRESERVED IN A HOLY, SINLESS STATE OF BEING.

- “Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that **are sanctified** by God the Father, and **preserved in Jesus Christ, and called.**” Jude 1.
- “Your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless** [how long?] — unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Thess. 5:23.

The blood of Christ effects the cleansing of the soul, by grace alone. But there is another effect of sanctification that depends upon the Christian’s effort.

THE PROPENSITY TO SIN.

- “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness [i.e., lives a holy life] is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil. . . For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy [i.e., make inoperative in a Christian] the works of the devil.” I John 3:5-8. **The works of the devil is to keep men in the bondage of the old nature that cannot quit sinning, both thru ignorance and deception by teachers of error and heresy.** But through the wonderful experience of Sanctification, men can be free from the propensity to sin — even though they will still be tempted.

WHAT IS SIN?

Declaration.

- “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law [i.e., law of God or Ten Commandments].” I John 3:4.
- “All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto death.” I John 5:17. Any wrongdoing is sin!
- “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good [i.e., to live holy], and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” James 4:17.
- An erroneous doctrine declares that your flesh or body cannot cease from sinning — however, your body does not sin. The body may be involved, but the sin comes from the heart, to wit:

“Every sin that a man doeth is without the body!” I Cor. 7:19.

“And [Jesus] said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries. . . an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” Mark 7:20-23.

- A truly saved and sanctified Christian can overcome those evils enumerated by Jesus, by His grace and by His blood. Cf. Rev. 12:10-11. They are alibis of weakness and carelessness that professing Christians offer as excuses for sinning and living like the world. These things, my beloved, ought not so to be — because its not grace but disgrace they are living in!

WHAT IF A CHRISTIAN COMMITS A SIN?

- “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [mediator] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins:

and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." I John 2:1-2.

- "If we confess our [the Christian's] sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 2:1-2.
- "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him [or turn him back to the truth]; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner [i.e., the sinning Christian] from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20.

SUMMARY.

God's Word commands a Christian not to sin. God, however, in His mercy, has promised forgiveness and cleansing to a sinning, and subsequently, a repenting Christian. However, God's promise of pardon is premised upon the conditions that a Christian does not commit sin wilfully or presumptuously — that is, premeditated sin! To wit:

- "For if we sin **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." Heb. 10:26.
- "Keep back thy servant also from **presumptuous sins**...and I shall be innocent from the great transgression." Psalm 19:13.
- Christians can be tempted through weakness or ignorance to commit a sin, and they can receive pardon and cleansing through true repentance. However, if they continue to commit sins of the flesh, there is no forgiveness nor cleansing until they repent — that is, until they quit sinning.

b. THE EFFECTS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF SANCTIFICATION TO THE CLEANSING OF THE BODY & SPIRIT.

- "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves [Christians] from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Cor. 7:1.
- "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21.
- "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." II Cor. 6:17.

(1) "DEAD TO SIN" IS SANCTIFICATION.

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:11.

A crucified Christian doesn't commit sin.

A dead man cannot sin. "For he that is dead is freed from sin [from committing sin]." Rom. 6:7.

A sanctified Christian does not walk in the flesh but in the Spirit. Jesus condemned sin in the flesh or body. "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us [i.e., sanctified Christians], who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8:3-4.

A VITAL NOTE.

"To reckon" yourself to be dead to sin, is by an act of strong faith in the shed blood and death of Jesus Christ, and the operation of the Holy Ghost to keep you from sinning. A sanctified Christian has a much greater faith than just a born-again Christian, to wit: "But unto every one of us is **given grace according to the measure of faith.**" Eph. 4:7. And, "**We go from faith to faith.**" Rom. 1:17.

(2) THE MIND OF CHRIST.

Declaration.

God is not just a heart specialist — for through that glorious work of grace, the definite spiritual experience of sanctification, a new-born Christian's mind is transformed to think (and subsequently live) soberly, righteously, and Godly. Cf. Titus 2:11-13.

All Christians have the problem of evil or bad thoughts entering their minds, but they can overcome this disturbing element of an invasion of the flesh. A Christian cannot prevent the thought from arising every time, but he doesn't have to "think evil" or let the thought lodge in his mind. **Remember, you can't help it if a bird lights on your head; but you can keep him from building a nest in your hair.** You can eject bad thoughts and stay sanctified. But How?

- "Let **this mind** be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5.
- "Be renewed in the spirit of **your mind.**" Eph. 4:23.
- "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of **your mind.**" Rom. 12:2.
- A Christian is what he thinks! To wit:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest. . . whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. . . **think on these things.**" Phil. 4:8.
- "The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8:7.

To transform means: “To change the condition, nature, or function of; to change the personality or character of.” **The experience and work of grace, sanctification, will transform a real Christian’s mind — and the result will be Holiness of character, and a mind of faith.**

HOW TO STAY SANCTIFIED.

- “What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?” II Cor. 6:14. “How can two walk together except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3. Separate yourself!
- “If any man teach otherwise... [than] the doctrine which is according to Godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing... from such withdraw thyself.” I Tim. 6:2-5. **Separate yourself from carnal “Christians!”**
- “Thou shalt not plow with an ox [i.e., a faithful and holy man of God] and an ass [a carnally-minded preacher] together.” Deut. 22:10. This is by New Testament analogy. Cf. I Cor. 9:9-10; also Prov. 14:4.
- **A true saint of God is a sanctified Christian.** “Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified in Christ Jesus.**” I Cor. 1:2; Cf. I Cor. 5:9-13.

The phrase “in Jesus Christ” means to live blameless and without sinning, to wit: “And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and **in him** is no sin. Whosoever abideth **in him** sinneth not.” I John 3:5-6.

PRAYER IS VITAL.

- A truly sanctified saint of God must have a great prayer life to keep sanctified — that is, to stay blameless and with victory over sin, the flesh, and the devil. The sanctified saint must fellowship with real praying saints — not mockers or mimickers.
- It is not always possible in every situation to stay separated while living in this world, but one must choose a church of worship, study of God’s Word, and fellowship where there is a sanctified preacher and fellow Christians.
- This prophet did so, to wit: “I sat not in the assembly of the mockers [mimickers of true holiness], nor rejoiced; I sat alone...” Cf. all of Jeremiah 15:16-18.

- **A sanctified Christian must fellowship with real sanctified saints or have church at home!** The early church did. Cf. Rom. 16:5; I Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 2.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Matt. 5:48	I Thess. 4:3-8	Heb. 2:11	Jude 24
Acts 20:32	II Tim. 2:20-21	Heb. 12:14-15	Heb. 10:10-14
Acts 26:18	I Cor. 1:2	I Cor. 6:11	John 17:19

NOTES:

C. HOLY GHOST BAPTISM.

Declaration.

John the Baptist declared: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he [Jesus] that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:11. **All Christians most surely are not baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost and fire — but they ought to be.** There is a great difference between a Christian whose spiritual experience is only being born-again, and the truly sanctified Christian who has been baptized or filled with the Holy Ghost and fire.

DISCUSSION.

The apostles and others of the 120 disciples obeyed Jesus' command "to go and tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49. Those apostles and disciples who were the pillars of Christ's first church, were already saved long before they were filled with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Jesus also had promised to sanctify these disciples, and he prayed the Father to sanctify them, to wit: "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word [Jesus here prayed for all Christians to be sanctified]; That they all may be one." John 17:19-21. They were sanctified by Jesus — Cf. Luke 24:50-53.

Salvation is not contingent upon being filled or baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues — but upon a truly victorious life — victory over the world, the flesh, sin, and the devil, which will be a sanctified and Holy Ghost-filled life.

a. The Experience.

- "And they [120 of Christ's early apostles and disciples] were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." They were **all** already saved and sanctified. They spoke in other languages by the Holy Ghost. **They were all Jews!** Acts 2:4-7.
- Other disciples, several years afterwards, were saved, and then were baptized in water by Philip, the evangelist. Then Peter and John, the Apostles came, "And prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost" — and they did! Acts 8:12-17.
- Several years later, the Apostle Peter preached to a non-Jewish congregation — and while he preached, the Holy Ghost was poured out on them, "**For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.**" Acts 10:45-46. **They were all Gentiles!**

- Many years later, long after the Pentecostal outpouring of Acts 2, the Apostle Paul found a small group of Christians in Ephesus, and asked them this pointed question: **“Have ye received the Holy Ghost [baptism or gift] since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. . . . When Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”** Acts 19:2-6.

b. THE EVIDENCE.

- Speaking in other tongues [or languages] by the Spirit — not something taught by a teacher or some jabbering — is the **initial** evidence. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance [or the Spirit spoke an unknown language through them].” Acts 2:4. Cf. Acts 9:17; I Cor. 14:18; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:6; Acts 2:38-39; Also Acts 1:8.

● **HOLINESS & FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.**

- (1) “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; **but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**” Rom. 14:17.
- (2) “**The love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.” Rom. 5:5. Natural love is not given by the Holy Ghost, but Divine Love — and what a difference!
- (3) “And the disciples were filled **with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**” Acts 13:52.

c. THE CONDITIONS.

- **Obedience!** “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men [i.e., unbelieving preachers]. . . . And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, **whom God hath given to them that obey him.**” Acts 5:29-32.
- “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of [i.e., by the authority of] Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

Note carefully the next verse that tells who the Holy Ghost Baptism is promised to. Just the apostles and early church members?

Answer: NO! To wit: “For the promise is unto you [that generation], and to your children [the next generation], and to all that are afar off [to distant generations], even as many as the Lord our God shall call [that’s you and all other Christians of this generation].” Acts 2:38-39.

Are you “called out” to receive Eternal Life by the Lord? “**Many are called, but few are chosen,**” said Jesus. Matt. 22:14. If you’re

“called,” then you must believe in the Holy Ghost Baptism and seek it to be “chosen.”

● **SEEK IN “BELIEVING” FAITH.**

Jesus declared: “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the [gift of the] Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**” Luke 11:9-13.

d. **THE EFFECTS AND PURPOSE.**

● **Speaking in Tongues.**

Evidence of a believer being filled or baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire has physical manifestations. **“To manifest” means:** “Apparent to the 5 senses or mind; clear; obvious; something proved,” to wit:

● “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue [language] **speaketh not unto men, but unto God!** for no man understandeth him; howbeit **in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.**” I Cor. 14:2. Speaking in Unknown Tongues is the initial evidence of being baptized, being filled, or receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and this is not the eighth spiritual gift of I Corinthians 12:10.

● “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue **edifieth himself.**” I Cor. 14:4. Speaking in tongues or praying in tongues by a Holy Ghost-filled believer is a private affair that edifies or builds up that believer spiritually.

● “Wherefore tongues [i.e., speaking in unknown tongues] are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.” I Cor. 12:22. Speaking in tongues by the Holy Ghost is a sign to unbelievers of God’s judgment. Cf. I Cor. 12:21.

● **The Divine Order.**

“If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three [this is, if a person speaks out to address an assembly of Christians], and that by course [i.e., one at a time]; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter [i.e., no one with the gift of interpretation of tongues], let him keep silence in the church [i.e., don’t address the assembly in unknown tongues], and let him speak to himself, and to God [in unknown tongues].” I Cor. 14:27-28.

● **“But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant** [of the Holy Ghost Baptism and Spiritual Gifts]. Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, **and forbid not to speak with** [unknown] **tongues.** Let all things [relative to the speaking in tongues and prophesying] be done decently and in order.” I Cor. 14:38-40.

Blind, unbelieving, and therefore ignorant preachers and teachers abound everywhere — scandalizing, perverting, and deceiving religious proselytes and even true Christians concerning the wonderful

Holy Ghost Baptism given to sanctified Christians. These are deceiving and being deceived — **but Christ's true saints are believing, obeying, seeking, and being filled with the Holy Ghost and fire — and speaking in tongues and prophesying by the Spirit's great anointing.**

HOLY GHOST UNIQUENESS.

Declaration.

In every gifted Holy Ghost-filled believer, the 9 spiritual gifts vary in size and detail, to wit:

- “Now there are **diversities of gifts**, but the same Spirit.” I Cor. 12:4. Gifts differ.
- “And there are **differences of administration**, but the same Lord.” I Cor. 12:5. The Holy Ghost is the Executor, but He manages the gifts differently in every gifted believer — the administration.
- “And there are **diversities of operations**, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.” I Cor. 12:6.

“**Operation**”: To act in a manner to bring about the right effect or influence.

- “But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.” I Cor. 12:7.

“**Manifestation**”: A showing that is clear and evident, i.e., shows visibly the work of the Holy Ghost through the gift and gifted Christian.

PROPHESYING.

- “And they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” Acts 19:6.
- **Prophesying by the Holy Ghost is not preaching**, to wit: “But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.” I Cor. 14:3.
- “He that prophesieth edifieth the church.” I Cor. 14:4.

A REVELATION.

“I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with [unknown] tongues, **except** he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.” I Cor. 14:5. **Notice**: Unknown tongues and the interpretation of a message in unknown tongues is equal to prophesying in “known tongues” or English.

This is not preaching! God pours out the Holy Ghost on his menservants and handmaidens, and they can all prophesy and speak in unknown tongues — but these are not ministerial gifts in operation (I Cor. 12:28). They are the manifestation of the gift of the Holy Ghost — a true spiritual experience. Acts 2:16-18.

- “Prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, **but for them which believe.**” I Cor. 14:22.

9 SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

- It is synonymous to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, be filled with the Holy Ghost, or to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. The 9 gifts of the Spirit are given only to truly sanctified, Holy Ghost-filled saints and men of God who seek and receive them by faith, and by fasting. **The 9 spiritual gifts are all of the miraculous,** the operation of the Holy Ghost through the consecrated and Spirit-filled Christian!
- “Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.” I Cor. 14:12.

Excel! Every spirit-filled saint should surpass his past inept or weak use of the spiritual gift he has received, and seek to be of a superior quality in exercising the gift so as to ever edify the church members and just not himself.

THE 9 SPIRITUAL GIFTS: CLASSIFIED.

- (1) “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom;
- (2) To another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; (Note: Not wisdom or knowledge, but “the word of wisdom, etc.”)
- (3) To another faith by the same Spirit [Note: a gift of exceptional faith — not just saving faith];
- (4) To another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit [a plural gift];
- (5) To another the working of miracles;
- (6) To another prophecy [prophesying — not preaching];
- (7) To another discerning of spirits [Note: Not a gift of “discernment” as often used in error, but a revelation of the work of demons, spirits of men, etc.];
- (8) To another divers [different] kinds of tongues [or languages which is a gift, not the initial evidence of receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost];
- (9) To another the interpretation of [unknown] tongues.” I Cor. 12:8-10.

e. ABUSES

SUMMARY.

For every true spiritual experience bequeathed to believers from Calvary through Jesus Christ, Satan has a counterfeit spiritual experience. Mimicking and hypocrisy are perils to every Christian and sinner of this idolatrous generation. **Holy Ghost mimicking prospers among Charismatics and Pentecostals of all degrees and flavors, especially speaking in tongues and prophesying** — but it’s a dangerous practice that borders on the art of the occult.

SEDUCING SPIRITS.

- “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits [religious demons], and doctrines of devils [or religious demons].” I Tim. 4:1.
- Professing Christians who have departed from the faith of God’s Word are receiving another spirit through another gospel — and that spirit mimicks Jesus Christ and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with a phony testimony of conversion, and even phony speaking in tongues which they are taught, and jabbering by the religious spirit (demon) they receive. Read II Cor. 11:4; Jude 17-19; **Bewitched by sorceries: Acts 8:9-11.**

SORCERY AND EXORCISM.

- “Then certain of the vagabond Jews, **exorcists** [traveling preachers], took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits [demons] the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. . . And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?” Acts 19:13-16. The demon did not come out of the possessed man either! Most so-called gifts of the Spirit that have manifestations apparent to the 5 senses, are the work of seducing demons — on TV, in churches, in other public religious meetings — **through sorcery and exorcism!**

f. 9 FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” Gal. 5:22-23. These are not natural attributes, but of divine origin — produced by the Holy Ghost.
- “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in [i.e., produced in a sanctified believer’s life] all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.” Eph. 5:9-10 . **The environmental conditions for Holy Ghost fruit-bearing are Holiness of heart, soul, spirit, and body.**

g. THE COMFORTER.

A SUMMARIZATION.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is more than just a spiritual experience — it far surpasses an experience even though it is a true spiritual experience of Calvary.

“**The Gift of the Holy Ghost**” (called so in Acts 2:38; Acts 10:45), and variably termed “the baptism of the Holy Ghost” (Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5; 8:20), and “**filled with the Holy Ghost**” (Acts 2:4; 4:31; 9:17), is a **filling of Deity**. Just as at conversion, a born-again believer in Christ receives deity, that is, Jesus the Second Person in the Godhead, a Holy Ghost filled believer receives a gift from the Father also — the Comforter or Holy Ghost, the Third Person in the Godhead.

ETERNAL LIFE IS IN CHRIST.

- In Jesus is eternal life, to wit: “God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**” I John 5:11-12; Cf. also John 1:12-13.

JESUS SENT THE COMFORTER.

Summary.

The Spirit of God has always been in the world, but not the Holy Ghost, as a gift; it is a different manifestation of God’s Spirit, as the Comforter, and as a gift to sanctified believers, to wit:

- Jesus declared: “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [inner being] shall flow rivers of living water. (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.
- “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, **whom the Father will send in my name** [i.e., with Christ’s authority], he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26; Cf. also John 15:26.

HOLY GHOST TITLES & DESIGNATIONS.

- **The Comforter.** John 14:26; 15:26.
- **The Spirit of Truth.** John 14:17; 16:13.
- **Spirit of Life.** Rom. 8:2; Rev. 11:11.
- **Spirit of Holiness.** Rom. 1:4.
- **Spirit of Grace.** Heb. 10:29.

THE UNITY OF THE GODHEAD.

- **Jesus revealed:** “At that day [when the Comforter is poured out to Christians as a gift] ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” John 14:20. A spiritual unity is as a husband and wife, which are one (Eph. 5:31); and the members of Christ and His church are one (John 17:20-21). Likewise the Comforter takes the place of Jesus’ physical presence (John 14:16-18).
- Being filled, or being baptized with the Holy Ghost, or receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost is receiving the third person of the Godhead, **and a sanctified Christian becomes His Temple** — that is, the Christian’s sanctified body! Cf. I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20.

HOLY GHOST POWER.

- Jesus declared: “but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8. This power for witnessing did not just

mean or include the ability to speak or talk about Jesus, but also the ability to be “salt” and “lights” as silent witnesses — power to live a holy life-style manifested through the 9 fruit of the Spirit. **Big mouths are not the best credentials to witness for Jesus.** There are many big mouths witnessing and preaching, but there is little visibility of righteousness in the pulpits, and in the way Christians live. Jesus said, Christians are the “salt” and “lights” of this world. Matt. 5:13-16. **Christians are also to be silent, Godly examples.** I Tim. 4:12.

A RIVER.

- Jesus also declared that the Holy Ghost baptism would create power in a true Christian **“like rivers of living water.”** John 7:38. This is a declaration to the working of the miraculous through the gift of the Holy Ghost in the believer’s life of the 9 spiritual gifts. Each Spirit-baptized believer can receive several, not all nine gifts, to wit: “but all these [9 gifts] worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing to every man severally** [perhaps as many as 3] **as he will.**” I Cor. 12:11. The word for Holy Ghost “power” is *dunamis* or dynamite. The Holy Ghost power in a consecrated Christian can be like dynamite, or as a mighty river, irresistible against sin, the flesh, and all the works of the devil.

THE CONCLUSION.

Declaration & Summary.

If a professing Christian’s spiritual experience does not harmonize with the revelation in God’s Word as to the manifestation of that experience, **he should doubt his experience — but for sure, don’t doubt the Word of God!**

- If a “born-again Christian” cannot live a holy life-style — that is, quit his drinking, his cursing, his lying, his immorality, his cheating, his smoking, his gambling, etc., **then it is manifest that he is not born-again or truly saved.** A born-again person is a new creature or new creation, and all things become new! Cf. II Cor. 5:17; Titus 1:16.
- If a person claims to be sanctified but cannot quit his sinning, he is not sanctified, and he is not in Christ. “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not.” I John 3:6.
- If a person claims to have received the gift of the Holy Ghost and has not been sanctified, nor spoken in unknown tongues by the Spirit (not jabbering or something he was taught), that person has not been baptized with the Holy Ghost nor received the gift. “They all spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

John 14:16-17	John 20:22	I Cor. 14:13-15	Heb. 2:4
John 16:7-14	Acts 8:14-17	I Cor. 12:3	I Peter 1:12

PART D. MEMORIZATION.**DECLARATION.**

It is necessary to memorize the following scriptures in order to stay knowledgeable of these great Bible doctrines which are "The Unity of the Faith."

II Cor. 5:17	II Pet. 3:16-17	Heb. 13:12-13	Rom. 6:6
Eph. 1:7	I Thess. 4:3-4	Acts 2:1-4	John 2:1-4
I John 3:6-8	Acts 17:30	Acts 2:38-39	Rom. 11:20-22

NOTES:

Lesson No. 15

The Bible School of Prophecy

THREE WAYS GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MEN

I. Through the Bible — His Word.

God's very personality, His Son, His Will, His Ways, His Plan of Redemption for Sinful man to be Restored to Sonship and Fellowship with God Himself can **only** be found in the Bible's Revelation. No vision, no dream, no angel, no other revelation can further add to our knowledge of God. "In the beginning was the word...and the word was God." John 1:1.

II. Through Christ in a True Christian.

"For it is God that worketh in you...that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:15. Also: "I will walk in them." II Cor. 6:16.

III. Through Nature and All Creation.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Rom. 1:20.

All the forces of Nature — heat, light, electricity, and gravitation — are silent and invisible. We never see them, we only know that they exist by seeing the effects they produce. In all nature, God shows that the wonders of the "seen" are dwarfed into insignificance when compared with the majesty and glory of the "unseen." In a thousand ways, Nature constantly seeks to lead men to a keener and deeper realization of the power and wonder of the creator of Nature: "God who created all things by Jesus Christ." Eph. 3:9.