

Deeper Experiences

THERE is a definite work of justification whereby every transgression is forgiven and blotted out, and we become a new creature in Christ Jesus. And there is a second definite work of grace, sanctification. where- by the inbred sin we inherited from our forefathers is taken out and destroyed.

We must be born of God and free from the law of sin before we are a candidate for sanctification. When we are really saved sin goes out of our life. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (I John 3:9). Then being justified by His grace, we go on in faith for the removing of the inbred nature that we inherited from our father Adam.

Everyone who is free from sin (and we are not a child of God unless we are free from sin) has a hunger for sanctification and the fire of God in his soul.

Jesus gave His life that we might be sanctified. It is the will of God, even our sanctification. He will give it if we will go down before Him and make an absolute consecration of our life to Him. The fire will fall and sanctify us wholly and we will be filled with perfect love. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

On our part it is absolute surrender and faith; on God's part it is the application of the cleansing Blood. We consecrate; God sanctifies. With all on the altar, the Blood cleanses. God says: "I am the LORD which sanctify you" (Lev. 20:8). "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (I Thess. 5:23). "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). The turning over is our part; the cleansing and making holy is His. Consecration is but putting ourselves in readiness for God to sanctify us. Then the fire falls and the precious Blood washes away the inbred nature and takes it out.

When God sanctifies us, He gives us a clear witness by the Holy Ghost in our soul that the work is done. We know we are sanctified; we have no doubt of it, for we have the witness in ourselves. Christ sits enthroned.

Then we can seek for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire which is not a work of grace, but the gift of power. The Spirit witnesses in greater power upon our soul, and not only upon the soul, but in the outward manifestation of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the flesh. He comes down in mighty power and manifests Himself in speaking and singing through us in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:4). The glory that falls upon us is unspeakable and indescribable and gives us power for service.

We are now living in the last great outpouring of the Spirit when God is pouring out upon sanctified souls the "rivers of living water" (John 7:38, 39). The soul who is sanctified longs for power for service and God will endue the clean heart with power from on High to witness for Him (Acts 1:8).