

EVIDENCES OF A TRUE HOLINESS

"If Any Man Have Not the Spirit of Christ, He is None of His."

Different Meanings of the Word Spirit. Consecration a Definite Contract With God—Sealed With the Earnest of the Spirit—Fruits of the Spirit of God. Necessity of Knowledge of the Divine Character—Justice the Foundation Principle—How Love Fulfills the Law. Proper Balancing of Character Necessary to Joint-Heirship With Christ.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Hamilton, Ont., July 25.—Pastor Russell is here today. We report his discourse based upon the text, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7.) The Pastor spoke as follows: Bible students have learned not to think of the different spirits mentioned in our text as different persons. When, for instance, an evil spirit or disposition is mentioned, we do not think of it as a person; and when a holy spirit or disposition is mentioned, we do not think of it as a person. A holy person has a holy spirit or disposition. The Holy Spirit proceeds from God. It is His Spirit. It comes to us through the Truth; it is not another person, another God. (1 Corinthians 8:5, 6.) Likewise the spirit of fear is not a devil, a spirit being; and the spirit of a sound mind is not a God, nor an angel. Gradually we are getting the right focus on these matters, to see that God is a Spirit; and that as a Spirit He has an influence—just as a human being has an influence. That influence is according to the character, according to the strength, according to the power to exert one's self.

Some have a power of evil-doing by which they could vanquish a hundred or a thousand; in one sense of the word they have a strong spirit. Others have a spirit of bitterness, and can stir up evil in others. Still others have a spirit of kindness, gentleness and love. But by nature we are all members of a fallen race; for we have many of the qualities that belong to the wrong spirit.

When the disciples came to Jesus after the Samaritans had refused to sell them food, they said, "Lord, wilt Thou that we call down fire from heaven to destroy them and their city?" Jesus replied, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." You should not have such a disposition. The fact that they have ignored Me is an insignificant matter. If you desire to have My spirit, you must get rid of that disposition to render evil for evil, to do harm to others.

Our Lord was not talking about the Holy Spirit as a person, but as an influence. The Bible shows us that God, who is a Spirit Being, is not vindictive, but merciful, loving and just. Therefore He is a good Spirit, a Holy Spirit. God's disposition is a holy disposition; He is not disposed to do anything wrong or unjust or unkind. All who receive His Holy Spirit receive the spirit of a sound mind, of justice, of gentleness. And so the Apostle, in speaking about this matter, says that the Holy Spirit is manifest—can be seen—in those who possess it.

Spirit of the Father and of the Son. St. Paul does not mean that we shall see another being get into a man, as once we believed, that the Holy Spirit, as a God, divided Himself up and entered into millions of people. Those who have the idea that God can be divided amongst millions of people are very much confused in their minds. Whoever receives the mind of Christ, the spirit of Christ, receives the spirit of holiness. Our Lord Jesus gave up His own will to do the Father's will. Just in proportion as we give up our own fallen disposition and take instead God's way of thinking, God's way of viewing matters, God's Spirit of Love, to that same extent ours is a holy spirit, to that extent we have received the Holy Spirit.

All the human family are fallen; and when God received us into His family through Christ it was with a view to bestowing us of the Holy Spirit to a newness of nature. This start of the new nature leads us to view every subject from God's standpoint, to say to ourselves, "Is this the mind of God on this subject? I will study the Scriptures and do what God has said on this matter. When I came into the family of God I agreed to give up my own will altogether, just as the Master did."

No matter how good our Lord's will was, He gave it up in order to do the Father's will. "Not My will, but Thine, be done." "Lo, I come in the volume of the Book it is written of Me to do Thy will, O God." (Hebrews 10:7.) The Father had a certain Plan marked out. The Son, as an intelligent being, would have thoughts of His own; but He surrendered all His own plans and thoughts in order that He might do the Father's will. The Father was pleased with this course; and as a result when our Lord Jesus gave up His own will He came right into line with God's providences. He was successful in His

work because He was obedient to the Father.—Philippians 2:8, 9.

The Church Accepted in the Beloved. The invitation of the Gospel Age is an invitation to do the same thing that Jesus did. The Master said, "If any man will come after Me [be My disciple, My follower], let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24.) To deny himself is to give up his own will. Whoever has given up his will has given His all to the Lord. As the Apostle says, we present our bodies a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1.) We give up our wills entirely; our Lord Jesus accepts us and presents us to the Father. But before He can do this, He must impute to us of His righteousness; for by nature we are imperfect through the fall, and the Father will accept nothing that is imperfect. As our Lord said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." Again He said, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."—John 14:6, 6:37.

After we have given ourselves through the Lord Jesus Christ, He imputes the merit of His sacrifice to us in such form that the Father can receive us as His children, and start in us the beginning of a new nature—a new creation. When we get a proper view of this transaction, we shall not think that we must repeatedly give ourselves to God. We shall be concerned about living up to the contract which we have made, and which God has accepted and sealed with His Holy Spirit. This seal is the earnest of our inheritance; it binds the contract which we made when we gave ourselves to God in consecration. (2 Corinthians 1:21, 22.) We have signed a contract giving our all to Him; we have received the earnest, the hand payment; and through the coming days we are to keep giving ourselves without cessation in harmony with the Lord's will.

Increase in Grace and Knowledge. Daily we should search the Word of God that we may understand the Divine Message and get the Spirit of the Truth. We must see what is the real meaning of the Bible, so that God may be greatly pleased with us, as He sees how earnestly we are trying to do His will in everything. Thus His Spirit will grow in us. More and more we may be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is a Spirit of meekness, gentleness, long-suffering, patient endurance, and love; it is the Holy Spirit of God; and the more we have of its fruits, the more we shall have of the Spirit itself. But we cannot have these fruits, developed from the teachings of God's Word, unless we have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, influencing all our acts, words and thoughts.—Galatians 5:22, 23.

When first we entered the School of Christ, we were babes and acted like babes. But the Apostle says that we are not to remain babes. We are to put away childish things, to be no longer children tossed about by every wind of doctrine. As babes we were fed upon "the sincere milk of the Word," that we might grow thereby. (1 Peter 2:2.) But as grown men we no longer desire milk as a steady diet, although we enjoy a glass of milk occasionally. (Hebrews 5:12-14.) We prefer to come to our Father's table, the table of the Lord, and receive the Truth—the strong meat that belongs to such as are of full age, the meat that will make us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

The Holy Spirit is not a spirit of excitement. We have known people to be filled with the spirit of excitement who did not seem to have the Holy Spirit at all. If we have the Holy Spirit, it will manifest itself in meekness, gentleness, patience, brotherly kindness, love.

What God has been doing for His people during the past forty years is wonderful. To every one of them the Bible has become a new Book. More and more the old things are passing away. It was not sufficient that we should have the Savior and should believe in Him. That knowledge was only the beginning of our blessings. We still rejoice greatly to know that our sins have been forgiven. We still have the milk of the Word, assuring us of the merit of our dear Redeemer's sacrifice. But we are not living on a milk diet now. We need something stronger than the knowledge that our sins are forgiven. This is far from the end of the knowledge bestowed upon the people of God.

Growing in grace and in knowledge, we are learning more and more to see what the Divine will is and what the Holy Spirit is. Things which once we thought very consistent and reasonable are now very inconsistent to us. As we receive more of the spirit of a sound mind, we see how foolish were many of the things which once we believed. There is new light coming into our minds—appreciation of the lengths, breadths, heights and depths of the Love of God, which passes all understanding.

The Son and All the Graces. Whoever comes into relationship with God receives a begetting of love; for God is Love. Love worketh no injury to his neighbor. Therefore the Apostle says, "Love is the fulfilling of the Law." God's Law is a Law of Justice; and, as the Scriptures set forth, whoever receives the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Love, will at least render justice to others. No law requires more than justice. Whatever we do more than justice is that much of sacrifice on our part. But we cannot do all that we would like to do; for in our flesh dwells no perfection. Nor can we live up to the full Law of God. But we can see to it that our will is to do nothing less than justice; and that if anything we come short of justice, if in anything we have infringed the Golden Rule, it has been contrary to our minds. Then we shall not rest until we have made right the wrong act, word or look—whatever was an infringement of the rights of others.

Should some one say, "This is a hard rule," we reply, "You will never be ready for the Kingdom unless you have the right spirit, my dear brother." This principle of justice, which is the foundation of God's Throne, is the foundation of His character. To do to others what we would have them do to us is the right thing to do—justice. If we cannot do justice in every act, we can at least do it in our minds. "With my mind I serve the Law of God," said the Apostle, even if he could not on every occasion do it in every act and word.

Whenever we find that we have violated justice, repentance is the proper step; and every true repentance means an acknowledgment of the wrong to the one who has been wronged. To be sure this course is very humiliating. But such experiences are the best things that we can possibly have; for by these we develop humility, which in turn will help us to meekness and gentleness. Thus in the Divine arrangement the people of God are learning helpful lessons, that give them more and more of the spirit of a sound mind. They can think better than for merely they did; they are able to build themselves up. As they find that this or that quality of character is weak and imperfect in their natural disposition, they learn to level up their whole disposition in harmony with the spirit of justice. This work going on in their hearts is making them fit for the Kingdom.—2 Peter 1:5-11.

The Great Test Upon the Church. God is calling a very special class for joint-heirship with our Lord Jesus Christ. These must be very loyal to the Lord, very just in their appreciation of the rights of others, in order to be accounted worthy. The Father sees that our bodies are very imperfect; but He promises that if He finds our heads and our hearts right, He will give us in the resurrection a right body, a glorious body. Then, with right heads, fully committed to those principles of righteousness which represent the Divine character, the Holy Spirit of God, we shall be in the condition in which He will be able to use us.

The new body will not make the character, but will be merely the agency through which the character will demonstrate itself. If we do not develop the character now, the moral character of our Lord Jesus Christ, we shall not receive a place in the Messianic Kingdom. All that are there will be fit for their position. God has taken long enough to find this class. He will not make any mistake. Every one who has developed Love Divine has had just such experiences as you and I have had—experiences along the line of justice and righteousness. The two are similar; for righteousness is justice, and justice is righteousness.

But it is not the Divine will that we should have justice merely; to be like God we must also have sympathy, have a kind feeling toward others. God has that kindly feeling for His creatures. Away back in the beginning, knowing about His Plan for the creation of Father Adam, and knowing about our sins as they would come upon us because of Adam's disobedience, He made provision for our redemption, for the restitution of the world, and for the call of the Church. All this is beyond the requirements of justice. God could not do less than justice to every member of the human family. Just as surely as He calls upon you and me to deal according to the Golden Rule, so He does all things according to the principles of justice.

Justice is the foundation of God's Throne. The whole superstructure of His Kingdom is built upon justice. He will not do less than justice, and this is what He requires of every creature. Nothing less than absolute justice will be permitted. But the great test now upon the Church is more than this—that we should have the love which will lay down life itself for the brethren. While God demands nothing more than justice, yet if we do not render more than justice, we cannot reign in the Kingdom. The Father is seeking those who have the spirit of love—those who are kind, loving, forgiving, helpful. He desires them to have His Spirit.

The Christian knows that all things work together for good to them that love God. This knowledge is to him a spirit of power, of strength. Circumstances and conditions which would overwhelm others would be what he would expect to have. But the child of God is courageous, knowing that his Heavenly Father will not permit anything to come to him that will not be for his good. In proportion as he receives the spirit of a sound mind, the Spirit of the Lord, and in proportion as the Holy Spirit works in him, he will become more and more like our Lord; and this spirit will enable him to have more and more compassion on those who are out of the way. It will give him broader views of life, and more general views of mankind; and as God sent His Son, and as the Son came and did things for the good of man at His own expense, so all who have His spirit will strive to bless mankind.

The spirit of a sound mind broadens and deepens the character along all its good lines. It helps its possessor not only to take more correct views of his own disposition, but to be more sympathetic toward others. As he realizes more and more the impairment of his own mind and body and his own need of mercy and helpful correction, he recognizes the similar derangement of the whole world of mankind and the general need of sympathy and assistance. As he learns to rectify the deficiencies and inequalities of his own mind, he sympathizes more and more with those who are without this regulating principle—this spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind. Thus he gradually becomes more patient, more sympathetic, more generous, more loving—more like the Redeemer, who is God like.

IN PLATTSMOUTH FORTY YEARS AGO.

And Jerry Hartman has come round to it, too. It's a girl—Thursday.

The Episcopal church is getting a new roof, and calmining the inside is next in order.

The sound of the hammer and the whiz of the rip-saw are heard in the land all day now.

The two new houses on the hill near the Episcopal church build that street up considerably.

Johnny White came home and the first thing he wanted to know was about those twelve weddings. How the boy grows!

Rush Fellows went down to Herold's Monday and said he wanted a pair of gloves for the devil (at the Herald office). John Barnes, who was standing by, remarked, "If it is getting so cold the devil wants gloves I'm going to leave this country."

By postal card from Luella we learned too late for last week's issue that a son of Mr. Colbert's, about ten years of age, was accidentally shot by his brother, the rifle ball striking the ground and glancing up, striking the boy in the side, breaking his collarbone and lodging near the backbone; the accident occurred a week ago last Monday. The boy is doing well, and will soon be none the worse for his little escapade.

W. W. Scott, night watch at the B. & M. depot, had a little fracas with some of the boys on Friday morning about 1 o'clock. Hearing one of the doors rattle below he went down, when three men rushed at him, one of them striking him in the face. Mr. Scott discreetly withdrew, found Sheriff Hyers, and on complaint and a demand for their arrest, the sheriff walked two of the gentlemen up to the Saunders' House, where they were placed under lock and key. The third party was not found.

The notorious house on Second street was the scene of a robbery on Monday. The woman who keeps it was about to leave for Denver, it seems, and had packed her availables in a carpet sack, which set near her bed. It contained \$100 in money, some jewelry and their traps. The carpet sack was found next morning out in the "jimpson" weeds, broken open and plundered. She had two strangers arrested, but not having proof the judge dismissed them. One candid admission and a shameful one for those who are guilty was made during the examination. When asked who was at her house besides these men, she said, "Oh, a lot of the boys around town, as there is every night." Pity her ill-gotten gains were taken, for otherwise we might have got rid of the outfit which is literally damaging the boys of the town.

Eight Mile Grove.—The election here was well attended and the republicans rejoice at the result, notwithstanding the loss of office of assessor; the republican was the best man for the office, but was a newcomer and had to come under, what was claimed, old settlers. Christ Kehne, carpenter of your city, finished two nice buildings in our precinct, one barn for Con Meisinger, and a granary for John Becker, which speaks well for Mr. K. in workmanship and close calculating of bills for lumber, etc., everything in his line is perfect. Our school, under the management of O. Weed, from Illinois, is doing fine, and ere winter the school house will be crowded to its utmost capacity, notwithstanding a lot of new seats have been put up, manufactured by the Burlington School Furniture company. More anon.

Traveling Man's Experience. "In the summer of 1888 I had a very severe attack of cholera morbus. Two physicians worked over me from 4 a. m. to 6 p. m. without giving me any relief and then told me they did not expect me to live; that I had best telegraph for my family. Instead of doing so, I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and take no substitute. I took a double dose according to the directions and went to sleep after the second dose. At five o'clock the next morning I was called by my order and took a train for my next stopping place, a well man but feeling rather shaky from the severity of the attack," writes H. W. Ireland, Louisville, Ky. Obtainable everywhere.

Wall Paper. Gering & Co.

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NEHAWKA News.

Mrs. George Bagley has been sick for the past few days, but is much improved at this writing.

Harold Dodson stepped on a pitchfork Monday evening, but is getting along nicely at this writing.

While in the harvest field Saturday Herman Stoll got his hand caught in a binder and is now nursing a very painful sore.

Mrs. Claude Chapman returned to her home at Ashland after visiting the past two weeks at the home of her father, Peter Opp.

Mrs. Frank Sheldon left for Lincoln Monday evening, where she will join her daughter, Isadore, and from where they will start for Denver, Colorado, for a short stay.

Mrs. L. J. Wise of Craig, Colorado, who has been visiting with H. L. Thomas and family the past six weeks, departed Friday for St. Joseph, Missouri, where she will visit a short time.

G. W. Harshman came in Tuesday from the western part of Kansas and reports that the Republican river is very high and is doing very much damage in the western part of the state.

Harry Higgins had quite a painful accident happen Monday while at work in the quarry. In some way a rock fell on his head and inflicted quite a scalp wound. He is getting along fine.

We picked up an exchange this week, noted where the board of health had ordered all weeds cut, manure piles done away with and other things cleaned up. People of Nehawka are lucky there is no board of health here.

EAGLE Beacon.

The condition of T. R. Crabtree remains about the same as reported in the Beacon last week.

S. A. Vanlandingham, wife and baby, of Davey, visited over Sunday at the A. H. Vanlandingham home.

August Blomenkamp returned to his home at Hastings, Neb., Monday, after several days' visit with his brother, F. W. Blomenkamp.

A. H. Vanlandingham shipped a carload of cattle and hogs to the South Omaha market the first of the week. He accompanied the car.

Mrs. E. J. McAllister came over from Panama Saturday night and visited until Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Reiter.

W. L. Dihel of Richland, Fla., arrived here Friday of last week for a few days' visit with his brother, Dr. Dihel. He left Wednesday for Wahoo, Neb., to visit relatives.

Mrs. O. Keil returned home Monday evening from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Iowa. She expected to return home several days ago, but was delayed on account of the floods.

Money has been raised and the M. E. church will be wired for electric lights within the next few days. This will be quite an improvement over the present system of lighting and

much more convenient also. E. S. Setz of Plattsmouth visited over Friday night at the A. H. Vanlandingham home. He was en route to Talmage for a few days' visit with his parents. Mr. Setz is manufacturing perfumes, toilet waters, face powders and cold creams and brought along some samples to show what his products are like.

LOUISVILLE Courier.

Mrs. George Frater of North Platte, Neb., left Monday after a visit with old friends in Louisville.

Miss Rose Rathbun of Lincoln is here making an extended visit with her mother and other relatives. Miss Helen Blair of Piper City, Ill., is here spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Yant and family.

William Pankonin has a new gasoline tractor with which he expects to do much of his farm work in the future.

Miss Katie Wolpert went to Omaha Saturday to visit over Sunday with her sister, Miss Maggie, who is in St. Joseph's hospital.

Ferdinand Wendt and Frank Fleischman of Belmont came down last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gustav Weitzel last Saturday.

August Kuehn of Murdock, a well known resident of Cass county, died very suddenly of heart failure Monday. He was a brother of Adolph Kuehn, a former citizen of this vicinity.

August Stander bought the old Coon farm, one-half mile north of Elmwood, last week, consisting of 160 acres, for which he paid \$155 per acre. His son-in-law, Albert Sieker, will occupy the farm and convert it into a dairy farm.

Lightning struck a barn on the farm of Martin Zaar, near South Bend, last Friday and did considerable damage, although the barn did not catch on fire. H. E. Pankonin went up to put up lightning rods, as Mr. Zaar did not care to take any more chances.

Mrs. John Olson came over from Elmwood last Thursday to get her mother, Mrs. Minnie Myers, who has been in poor health for some time. Mrs. Myers will probably stay with her daughter altogether, not being able to keep house by herself any more.

JUDGE ARCHER LAID UP WITH A SEVERE COLD

From Saturday's Daily. Police Judge M. Archer is on the sick list suffering from a very severe cold, as well as a general indisposition that prevents him from being on hand as usual to look after routine matters of his court. The indisposition of the judge, who is the dean of the Cass county bar, will be learned of with the greatest of regret by his many friends, and it is to be hoped that he may soon be on hand as usual to mete out justice to all comers.

Miss Mable Brown departed this morning for Lincoln, where she will visit for a few days with friends in the capital city.

ELBERTA PEACHES. These are the finest Southern Peaches that will be offered in Plattsmouth this year. Don't delay, for the PEACHES are going to sell fast. Telephone your order now. Phone No. 53 or 54. H. M. SOENNICHSEN.

OKLAHOMA FRIENDS VISITING MR. AND MRS. SAGE

From Saturday's Daily. J. L. Merness and wife of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who were here visiting at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James Sage, departed this morning for northern Iowa, where they expect to make a short visit with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Merness came north in their touring car, but were compelled, on account of the wet weather, to leave it at Nehawka, and will continue their trip by rail until ready to return home.

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HENRY EGENBERGER THE POSSESSOR OF NEW DOG

Henry Egenberger is now the proud possessor of a fine thoroughbred Scotch Collie dog, which was presented to him by a cousin at Iowa City, Iowa. The dog arrived here Saturday afternoon and is a very handsome animal of good size and will prove a most pleasing gift and one that is thoroughly appreciated by Henry, as well as the whole family, and it is needless to say that the new pet is the object of much admiration.

SPECIAL OFFERING.

We offer from our Dry Goods Department a nice line of merchandize at a cut price. 1 lot of Lace Voiles, regular 25c grade, at, per yard, 19c. 1 lot of Crepe, in plain figured and striped, 25c goods, at, per yard, 19c. 1 lot assorted Wash Goods, 35c and 50c goods, to close at, per yard, 25c. 1 lot of Egyptians, good patterns, new goods, at, per yard, 19c. 1 lot of 50c Embroidery Crepe, at, per yard, 35c. 1 odd lot of Tissues, to close, at, per yard, 10c. Palm Beach Dress Linens, 50c goods, to close at, per yard, 35c. 1 lot 12 1/2c Red Seal Gingham, at, per yard, 10c. 10c Muslin, bleached, 12 yards for \$1.00. 1 lot of wide Embroideries, Edges and Insertion, at, per yard, 10c. 1 lot of Torchon Lace, to close at, per yard, 5c. Our 9-4x2 1/2 yard long Sheets, in a good quality muslin, at 79c. They are a bargain. Also the Pillow Cases at 35c per pair are a rare bargain. The ladies' Night Gowns at 98c are out of our regular \$1.25 line. 1 lot of Shirt Waists, to close at, each, 49c. 1 lot of Auto Caps at, each, 50c. ZUCKWEILER & LUTZ.