

Go Ye into all the World and Preach the Gospel to Every Creature. Mark 16:15

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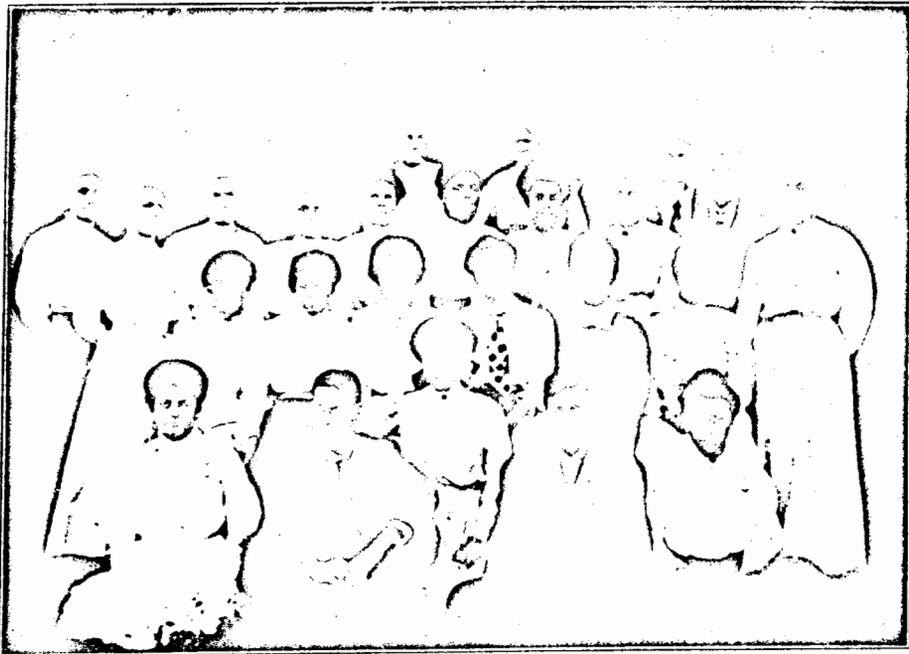
ALICE M. REYNOLDS.

Chosen Ones in Jesus:

"Called to be partakers of His divine likeness." My heart is thrilled as I realize for each of us His

His own power opened hearts to a deep hunger for a closer walk with Him. How sad it is for us to fail God, especially when we realize that on our faithfulness most assuredly there rests the salvation through Jesus, of precious, hungry ones.

rejoiced at this, another golden opportunity to sow the precious seed of truth "beside all waters." Just here, how real it becomes to me each day, the manner in which many are perverting God's eternal truth. Let us hold to the Gospel, dear brothers



Pentecostal Young People—Zion City, Illinois.

glorious purpose. The summer months have closed. Autumn is here and the Scripture reverberates through my mind. "The summer is past; harvest is ended, and we are not saved." O God, help us individually to understand our responsibility before Thee and those for whom Thou hast put us in trust with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

God very graciously opened the way for two of us, Bernice Flower and myself, to be in Zion City for several weeks. God was with us in tender and loving way, and with

Dear young people, God enable us to be faithful. Sunday nights young people's services in the college building were most inspiring to our hearts. The last one in particular, when God was so clearly manifest and a number of young people launched forth in the liberty of His Spirit. We all felt the necessity of the wondrous command, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come." Glory and praise be to His name!

That afternoon about thirteen of us with dear Brother Graves went over to Kenosha, Wis., and held two open-air meetings. Our hearts

and sisters, and ever remember it is His glorious office when the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts, in the fullest Pentecostal power, to magnify Jesus, our mighty reigning Prince, and those who have most power with God and men are holding fast to the Lord Jesus Christ and "earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints." (1 Cor. 2:1-5.) God's true Pentecostal people are holding to this, I firmly believe, and God help us as the young people, not resting on past glorious blessings, to hold such direct and intimate audience with

God that our faith shall not shake "though an host should encamp against us," with their legions of doubts and fears. In His name victory! Hallelujah!

The Thursday evening meetings had been especially devoted to Bible study. While we were there a part of the time was spent thus—the remainder free, as God should direct. And, true to His promise, God was with us, illuminating His word to our hearts. O, dear ones, if we are in line with God, His spirit and His word always agree.

We were privileged to enjoy the hospitality of a number of God's dear saints and meet with them in tender fellowship. Among these were Brother Graves, whose songs have been a blessing to many, Jean Campbell, Edith Baugh, Miss Cochran from the Assembly in Denver, Colo., and many other precious ones, vessels of God's own choosing, used in reaching others. Individually, we felt strong inspiration to press on and gain the victory that lies ahead.

We were in Chicago one Sunday with dear Brother and Sister Piper in the Stone Church. Our hearts were thrilled as we worshipped God with these precious ones, and witnessed the baptismal service that followed the afternoon meeting. There was young people's meeting at 7 o'clock in the prayer room, which was filled with young people. God was sweetly there and tendered and blessed many hearts. Without special pre-arrangement it happened that there were six of our Indianapolis young people present at this service and a number expressed the feeling of unity and fellowship which characterized the service. But, much as we crave numbers in the Captain's ranks, beyond all else we yearn for individual, vital contact with God for each dear young heart, and with only this purpose can we accomplish His will. Shorn of this world—to the degree that Christ is hindered from being exalted in our lives—God can make us radiant—radiant with the power and blessing that shall make us tell for Him.

We attended one afternoon session of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Convention in Chicago and had the privilege of meeting Carrie Judd Montgomery and also had a most delightful conversation with Rev. John Woodberry of the Alliance, recently returned from Shanghai, China, his field of missionary labor.

As I come in closer touch with our numbers here and there the one cry of my heart is, "Lord, teach us to pray!" And, as we begin to comprehend the depth of this lesson our eyes can look forth and behold the Master as He stands in the field, calling for reapers. May God help us that no longer we may deny the glorious salvation of Jesus to earth's starving millions, by our lack of intercession and active service.

"One shall chase a thousand if he's right with God,
The hosts of sin will vanish if one's feet are shod.
The army of the mighty God, it shall prevail;
Filled with the Holy Spirit's power, one cannot fail."

In closing, I would personally exhort you dear ones in Christ's all-victorious name, to pray that young people far and near may be led to a clearer knowledge of the power and truth of God as it is in Christ Jesus.

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Further Word to the Young People.

J. R. FLOWER.

Dear Young People:

The Lord has laid a burden on my heart for you all. God has called many of us for special work, some in this land and some in the regions beyond. Have we let down in our consecration since we have received this glorious baptism in the Holy Ghost or are we going on with God?

If there is any class of people that the devil is after these days it is the young people. God needs them in His precious work. He needs them at the front of the battle that He may use them to win souls for Himself. Satan comes in many ways to hinder us and to get us to settle down and not obey Him. In what condition has the devil got you today?

I can say from personal experience that when we go on with God and move in His order there is little danger of our getting cold and indifferent. There are many young people who are an example of this. Some of them are being used of God in the country about and in different ways. But sad to say some are holding back and hiding their talent in a napkin. Oh, that God will stir us up to see our responsibility before Him. Paul told the young man, Timothy, to "stir up the gift that is within thee." It is so easy to let down but it is not pleasing to God and we suffer for it.

If the enemy cannot get us any other way he will send along a marrying demon and thus get us out of order. Getting married is all right when it is ordained of God, and in that case there will be no worry about it but the Lord will manage it all right, but oh young people, it is so much better to get married to the Lord, especially if He has called you to a place in His vineyard. Dear young people, go on with God. It pays. Would be glad if any would write me. We can help each other by prayer and

Himself.

Once it was the blessing,
Now it is the Lord.
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His word.
Once His gifts I wanted,
Now Himself alone,
Once I sought for healing,
Now the Healer own.

Once 'twas painful trying,
Now 'tis perfect trust.
Once a half salvation,
Now the uttermost.
Once 'twas ceaseless holding,
Now He holds me fast.
Once 'twas constant drifting,
Now my anchor's cast.

Once 'twas busy planning,
Now 'tis truthful prayer.
Once 'twas anxious caring,
Now He has the care.
Once 'twas what I wanted,
Now what Jesus says.
Once 'twas constant asking,
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.

Once it was my working,
His it hence shall be.
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me.
Once the power I wanted,
Now the Mighty One.
Once I worked for glory,
Now His will be done.

—Selected.

Report From China.

SISTERS MOOMAU AND PHILLIPS.

"Wisdom, righteousness and power,
Holiness for evermore,
My redemption full and sure;
He is all we need."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. God is certainly working in our midst. Pentecost has fallen and five have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. More are seeking and many reaching out after God with their whole heart. The devil is after them on all sides but they are standing the test fine.

Two very prominent missionaries came to see us about the speaking in tongues as the evidence of the baptism and they pity us very much. They seem to think we are teaching false doctrine. One of them is a dear precious soul and she says she knows she has the baptism.

We expect to move in September into a larger building. We have asked the Lord for it, believing, and it is coming, hallelujah!

If you remember, we told you in our last letter we were praying for a man and wife to be with us. Well,

last Sunday a man and his wife arrived on the steamship Mount Eagle by the name of Atter, from Toronto, Canada. They are blessed people and they just came at the time we needed them the most. They are not certain that they will stay here at Shanghai or not, but feel very much led to do so.

We girls feel like old soldiers with our hats full of bullet holes and our banner tattered and torn but nevertheless God is with us and is leading us and our faces and hearts are set like a flint and our feet are on the rock and ready to die as martyrs for Jesus, should we have to come to that.

The dear Lord is supplying our needs in a wonderful way. The dear Chinese are bringing in food, money and supplies for the home and one Chinese woman came and handed \$33.60 and said that God spoke to her plainly and told her to give it to us and not the "bank."

When we arrived the Lord gave us both positions as teachers at thirty and thirty-two dollars per month. Now the Lord has led us to give these classes up and work entirely for Him. He is on our side and will supply every need.

We certainly thank you dear ones for sending us the four dollars for which God will bless you. Four dollars gold bring us about nine dollars (Mexican), so you see your offering will go a long way.

One Chinese woman came through to her baptism speaking in clear English and she could not speak a word of English naturally. She kept saying "Jesus is coming! Glory to God!" Finally she burst out saying, "Oh the blood!" She also spoke in the Hindu tongue and it was a wonderful sight. Then in the spirit she went through the motions of playing a harp.

We send love to all the saints. So glad you have all united. Look up. Be of good courage and God will raise up a good shepherd. Keep on believing, Jesus is near and coming soon.

42 Haining Rd., Shanghai, China.

Holiness Camp Meeting Went Pentecostal.

B. F. LAWRENCE.

While we were at Thayer, Mo., Mother Barnes received a call from Mrs. Julia Humphrey, "the little soldier" of Southern Illinois, to come and take charge of a Holiness camp-meeting that was willing to hear about Pentecost. After praying and hearing definitely from the Lord we accepted the invitation and on Friday, September 3d, we arrived at Bloomfield, Ill.

The meeting was the annual convocation of The Vienna Holiness Association.

We had expected a regular camp-meeting, but the Lord sent heavy rains to shut the people on the grounds and outsiders out.

On the third or fourth day, the Lord spoke to Mother Barnes and told her He had called a convocation of Christian workers. Almost all on the grounds were representative people in their own community, a good share of them preachers.

During the ten days' meeting, much of it in discomfort on account of rain, God met us and baptised a dozen souls or more. Three of these were preachers. Mr. Allan Veach, the president of the Association, was the last man to get through.

There was only one fighter there and he is now preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost with signs following.

As a consequence of that camp-meeting, the Holiness Association changed to a Pentecostal Union and next year the camp-meeting will be out and out Pentecostal. Hallelujah!

We go to Vienna, the county seat of Johnston County (D. V.), October 13th. The first meeting will be held in the court house.

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Brother T. N. Usrey reports victory in Columbus, Kansas. He is being used of the Lord amongst the miners in that district.

Sister Fannie Reif, Sister Melvia Booker and Brother R. A. Millen have opened up Pentecostal meetings in Lincoln, Neb. They report many hungry souls who want the fullness.

Miss Celia Smock is now holding the fort in Evansville, Ind. She says: "We are having meetings here and the Lord is blessing. Hold us in prayer. Oh, I am delighted with my Jesus. He is so precious."

We are in receipt of word from Chicago that Brothers Lake and Tom Herzmahlzich attended Brother Durham's mission Sunday, September 20th. We did not know previous to this that they were in the country and have heard nothing further as to their movements.

Several have written in to THE PENTECOST requesting the paper to be sent them regularly. On account of the press of work we have not been able to answer them personally, but if you receive the paper all right you will know we received the letter. Beloved, pray for us.

Brother E. C. Millen of the Full Gospel Assembly, Chicago, Ill., has been with us for a few days. The Lord is blessing his ministry to many hungry souls. The Lord has called him to evangelistic work and his heart is on fire for souls and the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

I have received a copy of your paper and would like to get it regularly. We came here three months ago in response to Mark 16:15 and the signs in verse 17 are following. Ten have received the Pentecostal baptism, some have been saved and sanctified and a number have been healed. All glory to Jesus!—George Will. Parry Sound, Ontario.

Brother Daniel Awrey of Doxey, Okla., stopped over in Kansas City with us for a few days. The Lord has called him to China and he is now making his farewell visit to the different centers of Pentecostal work. He expects to leave with his family next month. God has blessed his ministry of teaching exceedingly and given him the hearts of the people in many countries. He has just returned from a trip around the world. When he started out he had the promise "my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" and no money. He made the trip around the world giving teaching wherever he went, and was never compelled to call on the Lord for a cent, but the promise was fulfilled in the minutest detail. Hallelujah! We have a big God.

A word to the young people. God has called some of the young people to His work. Some are holding back in fear and trembling, but praise God, some have responded to the call and gone forth, and the blessed Lord has met their faith and blessed them. Among these are Brother Harry Bowley, who is now in Thayer, Mo.; Brother Bennett F. Lawrence, now in St. Louis, and who reports the camp meeting in this issue of THE PENTECOST.

Several others have gone out of Indianapolis, Zion City, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and other places, to my knowledge, and God has never failed to meet them and bless them. Now, dear Pentecostal young people, if God is speaking to your heart, obey, for obedience is better than sacrifice. He will meet you. His word is true and cannot fail.

We have received quite a long letter from Jeannie Lancaster, 75 Colt Street, Williamstown, Victoria, Australia, asking for literature. This dear one reports about sixty who have received their baptism in Australia and many more hungry for the fullness. "The center of blessing in Australia at the present time is the golden city of Ballarat and we praise God for the wise and humble leaders He has raised up there. Of course the great enemy of our souls is fighting the movement with all the cunning and tenacity at his command, but remembering that he has no greater power than to bruise the heel (and thus retard the progress) of the woman's seed—the heir of the world—we put the Christ's children under His precious blood, and praying the Father to surround us with His three-fold cord, the Spirit, the water and the blood, we press forward in His might, conquering and to conquer."

"Greetings in the precious Savior's name. Hallelujah! I went to Pattonsburg, Friday, September 24th, and remained until Monday afternoon. One precious girl sweetly sanctified Saturday night. Sunday morning we had a baptismal service and five young ladies and one brother were baptized. It was very chilly and I shook like a leaf before it was over, but of course none of us suffered any harm. All glory to Jesus.

"Brother Flower, there is one thing that took place in Pattonsburg during the recent flood that I forgot to mention while I was with you. One of the lumber yards took fire during the flood and the burning boards floated out and set fire to several houses. One was burned and it took work to save the others. Burning boards floated down to the old mission and up against it, even catching in the eaves, but, hallelujah! God did not even allow the fire to scorch it. This was seen not only by saint but sinner also, and the people's attention was called to it. Glory to Jesus."—R. A. Millen.

Pentecost in Type.

A. S. COPLEY.

THE FOURTH TYPE—WINE.

"Now all these things happened unto them for types (margin); and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world (ages, R. V.) are come."—1 Cor. 10:11.

We are certainly in Divine order in searching out these types and the lessons they contain. Our bill of fare this issue is wine. It scripturally follows the last one, for oil and wine are often associated in the Word.

IN CONTRAST

with the Spirit, wine impairs health, judgment, and memory; inflames the passions, reddens the eyes and induces sorrow and contention. "Wine is a mocker." Hence, the admonition: "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit."—Eph. 4:18. On the other hand

WINE SYMBOLIZES

violence (Prov. 4:17), apostasy (Rev. 17:2), judgment (Psa. 78:8), and the blood of Christ. But in a fuller sense it typifies the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Prov. 9:1-9 is a good lesson on this subject. Read it. "Wisdom hath builded her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars; she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. * * Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine which I have mingled, etc."

On the table of the social, wine has always been a very important item. It never is enough to have simply the solid foods, but there must also be that which enlivens, stimulates and exhilarates. And it is marvelous how much God's word has to say about wine as a many-sided symbol of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life. Christianity is not a cold creed, or a lifeless ritual of set forms and ceremonies. It is a life scintillating and permeating every fiber of one's being and exhilarating the whole soul and spirit. How strange that in nature men

clamor for life, but in religion they want death.

Of the many choice lessons conveyed to us by the mention of wine in the Scriptures. Let us notice seven.

1. Wine is sweet. "The mountains shall drop sweet wine."—Amos 9:13. It is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit to cancel bitterness in men's lives and fill them with the sweet Spirit of Jesus. In the beginnings of the works of grace, He kisses away the bitterness of guilt and the conscience of sin. He drives away bitter feelings between members of the family and pours into each heart the sweets of a Christly disposition. If we welcome Him, the Holy Spirit falls upon an assembly, upon an entire convention, or camp-meeting, as a mighty mist of sweet wine dulcifying every temper and unifying all. We have seen it so. Look at the figure again. "The mountains shall drop sweet wine." The mountains of God's abundant sweetness are above us. Let us come near to the base thereof, and the sugar, the honey, will drop upon us. We need not thrash, nor scold nor coax the mountain. The wine is dropping, hallelujah! Get to the right spot at the foot of the mountain.

2. Wine makes merry. "A feast is made for laughter and wine maketh merry" (maketh glad the life, margin)—Eccl. 10:19. Hence, the instruction: "Give wine unto those that be of heavy heart."—Prov. 31:6. Here again the dear Holy Spirit meets human need. Men try to drown trouble by drinking wine. But the Spirit of God not only drowns our sorrows, but much more fills and thrills our hearts with gladness and our mouths with holy laughter. There is a gladness and laugh which are wholly carnal. Sometimes they are partly fleshly and partly spiritual. But oh, the mellowness in the voice, the heavenly ozone in the air when the pure wine of God's Spirit gladdens the heart. The flesh is utterly passive. The Spirit is joyously active. This is happy sublimity.

3. "Wine cheereth God and man."—Jud. 9:13. We are always interested in what blesses humanity, in what we may get out of Christianity. But, beloved, God also is getting something out of this. We are occupied with "our inheritance in Christ," but we seldom hear of "His inheritance in the saints."—Eph. 1:18. We joy and rejoice in the Lord and expaciate and become hilarious over His gladness in our hearts, but forget that He too is glad. What about "the joy of the Lord," "My joy" (Jno. 15:11), "the joy that was set before Him." (Heb. 12:2.) We forget that God is glad and that our gladness is simply His gladness in us. Then He is glad because of us. See this, "He will rejoice over thee with joy * * He will joy over thee with singing."—Zeph. 3:17. "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."—Isa. 62:5. Is it not wonderful! Who would have thought that God sings over His people? Is it any wonder that the Holy Spirit sings in our hearts and through our lips these days?

4. Wine invigorates. "And the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink."—2 Sam. 16:2.

The mind grows tired with study, the heart weary with suffering and enduring and the body worn with toil. But "they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength" by drinking in the wine of the Spirit. This is our glorious privilege. We have not half learned how the other Comforter can invigorate our beings by our simply drawing on Him. "He is rich unto all that call upon Him."

5. We read also of "all sorts of wine."—Neh. 5:18. "And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined."—Isa. 25:6.

Just so the manifestations of the Spirit are various. Sometimes there is a heart-rending cry for others;

sometimes there is holy laughter; sometimes there is a holy awe and a heavenly hush; sometimes there is triumphant praise rolling forth in waves; sometimes there is the outgushing in other tongues; but the sublimest of all is the anthem of the so-called "heavenly choir." Where the Holy Spirit has His way fully, He often utters unnameable, indescribable sounds through surrendered voices and lips. These must be experienced to be appreciated. The ecstasy at such moments is inexpressively glorious. Oh, the preciousness of Jesus, the sweetness of His presence then!

6. Wine was an abundant commodity in Palestine. "He washed His garments in wine and His clothes in the blood of grapes."—Gen. 49:11. Likewise our God pours out His Spirit in unstinted measure. The smallest blessing of God upon a human soul is so great that we can't conceive of the ocean-tides of divine grace in store for those who wait upon Him and obey Him. And when we receive the baptism, we barely begin to drink in the infinite God. Yes, He would have us washed, not only from our sins and uncleannesses, but so bathed in the wines of the Spirit that no self-life shall appear. Our very manner graceful and meek, stately but not lordly, mild but not mushy, firm but not frigid, joyous but not boisterous, triumphant but not bombastic, restful but not indifferent. Oh, this uttermost salvation! this deliverance from smart remarks, from little unnecessary stinging words, piercing retorts, selfish looks and lofty nods of the head. Oh, to be so immersed in God's wine that the creature will no more be seen. It is gloriously possible. Amen!

7. The kind of bottles. "And no man putteth new wine into old wineskins else the new wine doth burst the skins and the wine perisheth, and the skins; but they put new wine into new wineskins."—Mk. 2:22, R. V.

Of course a sinner cannot receive the Spirit of God (Jno. 14:17), only new creatures in Christ Jesus are candidates for this divine baptism, and in a very special sense, must become new wineskins today. Our old modes of worship and work, our old habits of thinking, teaching and living must give way for the new. God undertakes to empty us of our self-conceit and preconceived notions and makes us all over new and then pours in the superabundant measure of the new wine.

My Testimony for Christ.

GRACE GILLIAM MITCHELL.

We are always glad to tell of what our earthly friends have done for us, but how much more should we delight to tell of what the greatest of all friends, Our Heavenly Father, has done for us.

I am so glad to tell others of the beautiful experience He gave me and it is for just as many others as will believe and trust in Jesus.

There were four stages to this most wonderful experience. First of all came conviction or the desire to get right with God. Then came the saving power of God and made me to know that my sins were forgiven. The next step was sanctification. When I felt that God had sanctified me I immediately decided to ask Him for my Holy Baptism. I thought of Him just as I think of mother and this is the way we, Jesus and I, did it.

I prayed first that God would come close to me—that He might not seem far away. For two evenings and one morning I prayed for my baptism but each time my mind would wander just a very little from the one thing I wanted to think of, "Jesus." The last time I sought definitely for this wonderful gift of God was in a little prayer service on Sunday. We had such a sweet little meeting. There was stillness everywhere. Everyone was in prayer. In this meeting I succeeded in banishing from my mind everything else but that one thing. I became lost to everything around me. Then the Lord gave me two visions. One was of the three crosses. It was just a dim shadowy vision. I saw Jesus on the middle one but I could not see the two men on either side of Him. After that vision passed away, Jesus came near to me. I leaned my arms against Him and we had a heart to heart talk, not that I heard any distinct voice, but I had a perfect assurance that everything was all right. When that assurance came, I threw my hands up, spoke a few words in tongues and began singing. What I sang I do not know, but when I had finished

I was so filled with the love of God as I never, never had been before. Everything seemed rosy. I had never dreamed of such happiness, for I had received God's sweetest and most precious gift, the baptism in the Holy Ghost with signs following. Jesus had trusted me as I trusted Him.

Since then, I have received still other blessings. One morning at a quiet little prayer service, the power fell upon me and I spoke in an unknown tongue for more than an hour. I sang, or Jesus sang through me, for quite a while.

Jesus put the words of a sweet little prayer in my mouth, while I was working. They are simple words, but the thought is good, and I am going to give them to you.

Jesus, tonight we are resting
Down near Thy golden throne,
And we are pleading with you, Jesus,
To bring some wanderer home.

We know that they are only blinded,
And have wandered away from Thy
fold;
But we believe they're just waiting
To hear Thy Word retold.

But, Jesus, it's just as if
A cruel rift of snow
Had swept down upon them,
And coldly over them blows.

And, Jesus, tonight we're praying
That Thy warm flow of blood
Will come down upon them,
And melt them in its flood.

Jesus, Thy love is what they need,
For then they must have You.
They'll need no other creed,
But Jesus, tried and true.

Thayer, Mo., Sept. 16th, 1909.

Just as we are going to press, we have received word from two dear sisters in Indianapolis that after seeking for the baptism for about two years and a half they have received. Hallelujah! They were praying in their own home when the power fell and they spoke in tongues. They were mother and daughter. The daughter was very free in the Spirit, singing and talking in tongues quite fluently. Look up dear waiting one; Jesus is near. Look up, your redemption draweth nigh.

The Pentecost Bible Class.

Lesson II.

Beloved students, let me speak frankly to your hearts. Have you carefully read and digested the first lesson including the introductory? Especially, have you prayerfully and meditatively looked up the Scripture references? It is all important that you be thoroughly settled as to the teaching of the first two or three lessons. This will determine to you the value of the succeeding lessons. What spirit is it that tries to keep us from searching the Word of God?—2 Cor. 4:4. Why should we diligently study it?—Psa. 119:11; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 1 Pet. 3:15. Some of you are workers, or teachers, or are expecting to be such. For what three things does God exhort you to study?—2 Tim. 2:15.

Remember my friends that these lessons are merely suggestive. We want to help you to study the precious Word for yourself. If we study it for you, your originality and individuality are weakened if not greatly impaired. If God can use us to put you on the scent for gold ore, some day you will be glad. "If thou criest after knowledge, and lifteth up thy voice for understanding; if thou seeketh her as silver and searcheth for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. * * Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy gettings, get understanding."—Prov. 2:3-5 and 4:7. What estimate does the Lord put upon His own Word?—Psa. 138:2.

The Four Gospels.

In order to fully comprehend Paul's place in the Divine program and the true value of his writings, we need to have a bird's-eye view of the four Gospels. These were written to Israel and concerning Israel.

I. The Gospel of the King and Kingdom—Matthew. Indicated by:

1. Genealogy of the King.—Ch. 1.
2. Birth of the King.—Ch. 2.
3. Anointing of the King.—Ch. 3.

4. Trial of the King.—Ch. 4.
5. Laws of Kingdom.—Chs. 5-7.
6. Seven parables of the Kingdom.—Ch. 13.

You will easily trace this line of thought throughout the whole of Matthew's Gospel. The key-word is "Kingdom of Heaven."—Ch. 3:2. The key verse is Ch. 15:24.

II. The Gospel of the Servant—Mark. Indicated by:

1. Its unsystematic arrangement.
2. A servant's promptness—"immediately, straightway, forthwith, anon," expressed by one word in the Greek and occurring ten times in the first chapter and forty times in the entire book. This is the key-word.
3. Brief acts of service throughout the book. Fifteen or more distinct events mentioned in the first chapter.
4. The word "Lord" is mentioned but four times, viz: Ch. 1:3, 2:28 and 16:19, 20.

III. The Gospel of the Man—Luke. Indicated by:

1. The genealogy of the Man.—Ch. 3.
2. Biography, His childhood, boyhood, manhood, life.
3. A man in authority.—Ch. 4.
4. The key-name is "Son of Man."

IV. The Gospel of God—John. Indicated by:

1. Absence of mention of Christ as a man.
2. The mighty keyword, "I AM." Trace this in nearly every chapter.
3. Our necessary attitude toward Him—"Believe," which occurs a hundred times.
4. Christ's mediatorship.—Ch. 17. Only the Son of God could do such.
5. His promise of the Holy Spirit.—Chs. 14-16.

You will readily trace other marks in each record indicating the predominant thought, or purpose in each. The Gospel records are specifically kingdom and Israelitish teaching, but Paul unfolds to us assembly teaching.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

Did Paul take the place of Judas Iscariot among the twelve apostles? Did the eleven make a blunder in choosing Matthias to fill up the vacancy caused by Judas' fall?—Acts 1:15-26. NO! emphatically NO! The following facts from the pen of Prof. Newell will certainly make this clear. Do not fail to search out every quotation. They are God's voice of wisdom.

"If you doubt the statement that Paul was not one of the twelve, consider:

1. The Holy Ghost baptized Matthias at Pentecost as one of the

twelve (Acts 2:4)), and counts him one of them (2:14, 6:2).

2. Peter is evidently divinely enlightened in Acts 1:20, in his quoting Psa. 69:25 and 109:8. No blundering, ignorant Peter speaks here, but the apostle.

3. Another was to take Judas' place (Acts 1:20). This Paul did not; God forced Paul into apostleship. (1 Cor. 9:16, 17; Acts 9:3, 6, 15, 16.)

4. Peter's declaration in Acts 1:22 that there must be one chosen to complete the number of the twelve witnesses to Israel of their Risen Messiah, is significant. For twelve is the number of Israel. (Gen. 49:28; Ex. 24:4, 28:21; Num. 7:3, 84, 86, 87; Josh. 4:2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 20; 1 Kings 18:31, etc.) This number is carefully preserved through all Israel's history. And our Lord, in his Jewish ministry, chose twelve apostles (Luke 6:13; Matt. 10:1-6). And the twelve apostles remained Jewish, in their ministry and general relations; in a sense Paul did not. (Gal. 2:7-9, etc.) And they are to have a Jewish relation in the future. (Luke 22:28-30.) (Note, in the last passage, verse 28, that those addressed were those who 'Continued with Jesus,' which Judas did not, but which Matthias did, Acts 1:21, 22. Matthias was undoubtedly present in Luke 22:28.)

5. All the apostles concurred in Peter's suggestion in Acts 1.

6. They already had the Holy Ghost, in an enlightening authoritative sense. (John 20:22, 23.)

7. It was altogether likely that God would use Peter (after Matt. 16:18, 19) as His agent in suggesting Judas' successor.

8. The use of the lot was the Jewish appeal to God, and was wholly natural to the apostles; and it further marks this proceeding as entirely Jewish. We shall see that Matthias completed the Jewish apostolate.

9. Paul distinctly shows (in 1 Cor. 15:5-7) that he was not one of the twelve; and that he did not account himself one of those apostles."

The Word Is Effectual.

E. C. MILLEN.

There is much said in the Bible about the Word which we need to take heed to. The Lord does not play with words. No! Souls are too precious in His sight for that. It is not the characteristic of a Holy God to trifle with those whom He has sent His Son to redeem. He wants His servants to use faithfully with His Word to others, without trying to fix it up to fit our experiences, but to bring our experiences to His Word. The Psalms say, "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

The Word will show us the steps to take. Impressions have gotten many a soul in trouble and they are not always the voice of God. But the Word of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Nor are all visions to be relied upon. I have heard a dozen different visions describing a certain thing and most of them differ and are so far apart that it would be impossible for them all to be true. If the person who gave them is naturally inclined to imagining things, the enemy tries to work on such a mind. Those that were given and recognized as of God in Bible times were given by very spiritual people who were in prayer and communion with God, always revealing things according to His will and Word. Let us not discourage them and let us not put them before the Word. Oh, let us compare them with the Spirit and teachings of the Word, for some visions have made such impressions on the mind of people that it has caused great disaster and some have believed them rather than the Word, when they were actually contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Paul says, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." It is not all spirits that agree with the word, but The Spirit and The Word agree.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all that believe, and it is God's good news. The let-

ter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. To the hard-hearted professor and the sinner, it is a hammer breaking in pieces the flinty rock, causing them to see they are dead in sin and lost, but to the believer it is life which is leading unto life.

My theory of the Word amounts to but little, but the Word preached in the Holy Ghost brings consternation to the enemy and brings real things to pass for God. The Word will bring blessings to you and success where all your plans and schemes are a failure. It will undermine the foundations of men and Christless religions. It is like a battering ram battering the walls of prejudice and creeds. It opens up doors and ways where nothing else will, for it is the sure Word of God.

A brother in Chicago was in the habit of visiting and laboring in the hospitals among the patients. He never carried with him anything but the Word. He prayed that God would open up the way for him to come to the hospital often to bring the Gospel to the sick. When they were only permitted to come once a week. God honored His Word, and one day as he was passing the office, the superintendent called him to one side and said, "Mr. F. I have been watching you for sometime and I notice you never carry any tracts or doctrines, but simply carry the Bible, and, instead of doing as others who talk church creeds, you tell them of the Word and give them the Gospel to read. I feel I want to give you a permit to come here any day or night and at any time you wish." This brother praised God for the open door that the Word had made.

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