

".According to your faith be it unto you." Matt 9:29

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We were glad for the privilege to go out and share the gospel again this week. We find people glad to hear what the Bible says is the only way for a sinning people to be right in restored relationship with a holy, just God, by repentance toward Him and faith in Christ.

Many people listened. A **young woman, who said she had left the Church listened, accepted Christ** as Lord and Savior and would return to Church.

Some children coming from school stopped to receive a gospel tract, then others until there was a crowd of children. We gave a presentation of the Gospel. **Eight children prayed to accept Christ.** We gave the names to our pastor friend there whom Pastor Prince just finished a crusade, to follow up with new converts.

God has given His Holy Spirit to empower us to give the gospel to others. We have Him within but don't always acknowledge Him.

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I'm sorry but I made a mistake in my last email report in the sixth blessing of Pentecost. I wrote that the Church suffers from lack of Holy Spirit. No, the Holy Spirit is present in every believer in the Church. So why the lack of power in the Church? **The Church suffers from the lack of fullness of the Holy Spirit.** In Matt 16:24-26 Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let Him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever will save his life will lose it, and whoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange of his soul? What hinders the blessing of the gift of the Holy Spirit given at salvation? Sins of worldliness, lovelessness, or lack of humility. The root is individual self-seeking, self-confidence, and self-satisfaction. The self-life must be lost to attain the life of God. Matt 13:46 "one pearl of great price."

Lk 14:33 "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all that He has, he cannot be My disciple."

Andrew Murray wrote "Our desire is for comfort and enjoyment of the world, self-pleasing self-exaltation, making it impossible to be filled with the Spirit to represent heaven on earth. To be a vessel filled with the life and perfection of God was to be the highest blessedness of man."

Eph 5 18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." He Himself will give what He desires us to possess. One then understands, that all we have belongs to others and must be used for their service. We must present all our will, mind and emotions to be used by the Spirit to do His work. When the sacrifice of everything becomes the rule of His Church, then the blessing will again break forth like an overflowing stream. Jn 7:38; Lk 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

If Christians in full dependence on 'God Almighty', would acknowledge their sinful condition, yield themselves to Christ for the cleansing work in their hearts, make renunciation at once, and under control of the Holy Spirit, we could see the individual Christian and the Church live and work as God desires. A partner in this ministry, Carol Tooker, was reminded of a favorite hymn,

"And Can it Be" that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain.
My chains fell off, my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

Amazing love! — Thankfully, Mary