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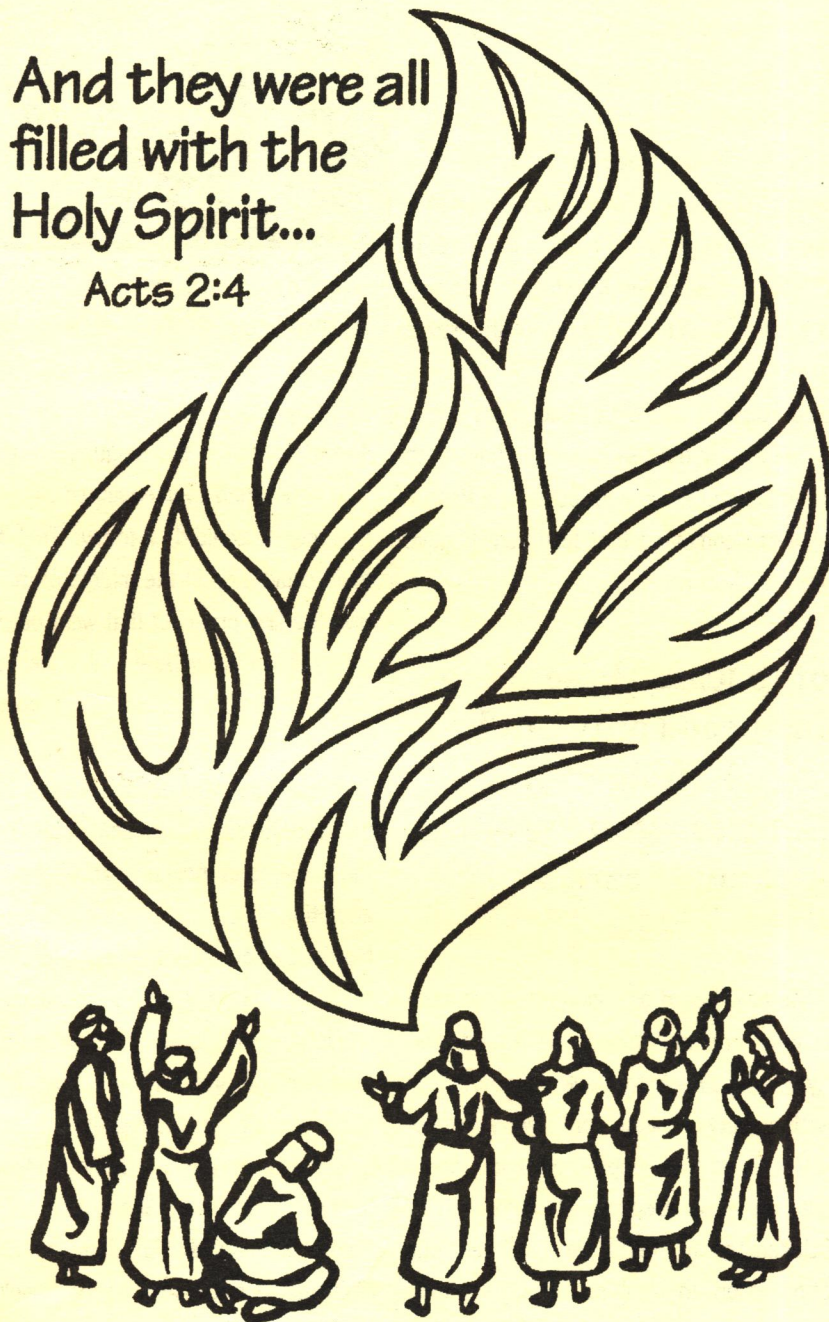
Celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

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Acts 2:4



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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

-Acts 1:8-

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

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"The Latter Rain"

By: The Late Charles F.
Parham

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We opened the Bible School in Topeka, Kansas in October, 1900. To which we invited all ministers and Christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer, where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit men and women to go to the ends of the earth to preach, "This Gospel of the Kingdom." Matthew. 24 as a witness to all the world before the end of the age.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the Scriptures wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally obeyed.

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No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need, and He was our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1900 we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification healing



and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached in our studies a problem. What about the 2nd chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. That if Balaam's mule could stop in the middle of the road and give the first preacher that went out for money a "bawling out" in Arabic that anybody today ought to be able to preach in any language of the world if they had horse sense enough to let God use their tongue and throat. But still I believed our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught be Stephen Merritt and others tallied with the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Having heard so many different religious bodies claim different proofs as the evidence of their having the Pentecostal baptism, I set the students at work studying out diligently what was the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we might go before the world with something that was indisputable because it tallied absolutely with the Word.

Leaving the school for three days with this task, I went to Kansas City for three days services. I returned to the school on the morning preceding Watch Night services in the year 1900.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel to get their report on the matter in hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things occurred when the Pentecostal blessing fell, that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues. About 75 people beside the school which consisted of 40 students, had gathered for the watch night service. A mighty spiritual power filled the entire school.

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Sister Agnes N. Ozman, (now LaBerge) asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Spirit as she hoped to go to foreign fields. At first I refused not having the experience myself. Then being further pressed to do it humbly in the name of Jesus, I laid my hand upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language, and was unable to speak English for three days. When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote the Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time.

Seeing this marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power, we removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued as a school to wait upon God. We felt that God

was no respecter of persons and what He had so graciously poured out upon one, He would upon all.

Those three days of tarrying were wonderful days of blessings. We all got past any begging or pleading, we knew the blessing was ours with ever swelling tides of praise and thanksgiving and worship, interspersed with singing we waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free Methodist Church in the City of Topeka telling them what had already happened, and that I expected upon returning the entire school to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. On returning to the school with one of the students, we ascended to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor in the upper room, heard most wonderful sounds. The door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal oil lamps. As I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps.

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Sister Stanley, and elderly lady, came across the room as I entered, telling me that just before I entered tongues of fire were sitting above their heads.

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When I beheld the evidence of the restoration

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If ye then, being evil,
know how to give good
gifts unto your children;
how much more shall
your Heavenly Father
give the Holy Spirit to
them that ask Him?

Luke 11:13

Even the Spirit of truth;
whom the world cannot
receive, because it
seeth him not, neither
knoweth him: but ye
know him; for he
dwelleth with you, and
shall be in you.

John 14:17

But when the Comforter
is come, whom I will
send unto you from the
Father, even the Spirit
of truth, which pro-
ceedeth from the Fa-
ther, he shall testify of
me.

John 15:26

of Pentecostal power, my heart was melted in gratitude to God for what my eyes had seen. For years I had suffered terrible persecutions for preaching holiness and healing and the soon coming of the Lord. I fell to my knees behind a table unnoticed by those upon whom the power of Pentecost had fallen to pour out my heart to God in thanksgiving. All at once they began to sing, "Jesus Lover of my Soul" in at least six different languages, carrying the different parts but with a more angelic voice than I had ever listened to in all my life. After praising God for some time, I asked Him for the same blessing. He distinctly made it clear to me that He raised me up and trained me to declare this mighty truth to the world, and if I was willing to stand for it, with all the persecutions, hardships, trials, slander, scandal that it would entail, He would give me the blessing. And I said "Lord I will, if You will just give me this blessing." Right then there came a slight twist in my throat, a glory fell over me and I began to worship God in the Swedish tongue, which later changed to other languages and continued so until the morning.

Just a word: After preaching this for all these years with all the persecutions I have been permitted to go through with, misunderstanding and the treatment of false brethren, yet knowing all that, this blessing would bring to me, if I had the time and was back there again I'd take the same way.

No sooner was this miraculous restoration of Pentecostal power noised abroad, than we were besieged with reporters from Topeka papers, Kansas City, St. Louis and many other cities sent reporters who brought with them professors of languages, foreigners, Government interpreters, and they gave the work the most crucial test. One Government interpreter claimed to have heard twenty Chinese dialects distinctly spoken in one night. All agree that the students of the college were speaking in the languages of the world, and that with proper accent and intonation. There was no chattering, jabbering, or stuttering. Each one spoke clearly and distinctly in a foreign tongue, with earnestness, intensity and God given unction. The propriety and decency of the conduct of each member of the Bible School won the warmest comment from many visitors.

Our first public appearance after others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was in Kansas City, in the Academy of Music, about January 21st. The Kansas City papers loudly announced our coming. Two columns appeared in the Kansas

City Journal, with large headlines on the front page. These headlines, being the largest on the front page, attracted the attention of the newsboys, and they not knowing a Pentecost from a holocaust ran wildly up and down the street crying their papers, Pentecost, Pentecost, Pentecost, read all about the Pentecost.

I have on record the sermon preached on this occasion. The first upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all modern Pentecostal Apostolic Full Gospel movements. Also on file all that the papers had to say about these things in those days. Through great trials and persecutions we conducted the Bible School in the city of Topeka itself, then one in Kansas City.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ". - I Peter 1:7

"Hedged about from ever evil Sheltered from all tear of ill, Thru Jehovah's power protected Even "The accuser's" voice is still.	He the Alpha and Omega, The beginning and the end- He who notes the falling sparrow, Is to thee thy truest Friend!
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But thy heart must feel the furnace He thy Maker knoweth best. And in love the hedge must vanish That thy gold may stand the test.	In the center of His will, There is Rest and Joy and Peace. Care and doubt and slavish fear, In His presence cease.
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"Tho He slay me I will trust Him" Thus the King his promise gave, And the Christ who prayed for Peter Will thee thru temptation save.	Just to hear His gentle whisper- I will guide thy steps aright, Stills the voices of confusion, Fills the path with radiant light.
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For that prayer in heaven recorded Thru the power of His Name, Makes the trusting heart a victor Sets the soul with love aflame.	He sees the secret spring within, That thou hast never known; In patience and in tenderness He teaches thee alone.
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Doubt no more but trust His promise. He will not forsake His own, Only sight is known to mortal Faith proceeds from God Alone.	It doth not yet appear What He would have thee be, But blessed thought, to be like Him, When thou His face shalt see."
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-Lilian Thistlethwaite

PARHAM'S NEW RELIGION PRACTICED AT "STONE'S FOLLY"

Evangelist Who Recently Attracted Attention in Kansas City Has Established a Gospel School in an Old Mansion at Topeka, Where He Teaches Forty Students His Strange Doctrines - Converts Get What They Pray For, and, by an Inspiration, Speak in Languages Unknown to Themselves - The Tower of Cont...

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Charles Parham, evangelist, who lately has at-



CHICAGO DAILY BLADE
JANUARY 6, 1901

IN TOWER OF BABEL.

Occupants of Topeka Mansion Talk Queer Jargons—"Parhamites."

Members of Religious Sect Tell of Latter-Day Miracle - Dwellers in "Stone's Folly" Declare Prayer Enables Them to Speak in Unknown Tongues.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 6.—The following is the Rev. Charles F. Parham, leader of a

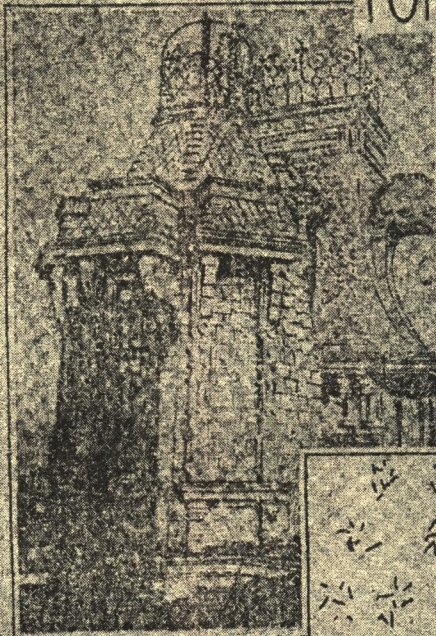
TOPEKA CAPITAL
JANUARY 14, 1901

A QUEER FAITH.

Strange Actions of the Apostolic Believers.

POST DISPATCH, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 26, 1900

NEW SECT IN KANSAS SPEAKS WITH STRANGE TONGUES



THE PRAYING TOWER OF BETHEL GOSPEL SCHOOL

Bethel Gospel School at Topeka, the Members of Which "Toll Not Neither Do They Spin" Preach New Doctrins.

X TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25. Special Correspondence of the Sunday World-Dispatch.

HE GOT MONEY.

Unusual Journey of Rev. Chas. Parham of Topeka.

Had No Funds When He Started on His Trip.

PRAYS FOR RESOURCES

Cash Handed to Him, in Response to His Application.

Went From Kansas to Maine and Back.

STRANDED IN WINNIPEG



MISS OZMAN

KANSAS CITY WORLD

CLAIM A STRANGE "GIFT OF TONGUES"

People Who Say They Are Able to Speak Foreign Languages by the Lord's Inspiration.

REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS SECT.

News Clipping From Old Scrapbook of Charles F. Parham

Sermon of the late Charles F. Parham

Published in the Apostolic Faith Report in the January-February issue of 1925

First sermon preached at the beginning of all modern Apostolic Faith, Pentecostal and Latter Day movements, delivered by Charles F. Parham in the Academy of Music, Kansas City, MO, Sunday, January nineteenth, 1901.

Since there are so many teachings to-day of self ordained leaders of more or less human unction and truth, yet who fall into dreadful errors, it behooves us to "try the spirits," to prove all things by the Word of God. That error is the most dangerous which contains the most truth. Yea, error would fall of its own weight if not upheld by pillars of truth. We also find that wherever error exists it is marked by the intensity of propagation and seeming blindness of its disseminators, to its utter unscripturalness.

The word of God is perverted to suit their own convenience, until onward rushing through deserts barren or mountain wilderness, they are lost to sight of sane and wiser men, wrecked on the crater of modern seething religious volcanic disturbances.

Many dear sheep of the tender Shepherd's fold failing to find proper food either through narrowness of self leaders or through failing to take the true teaching and light from men sent of God, have done what this little anecdote illustrates. Down in Texas there is difficulty in getting sheep over sloughs. A goat is sent ahead. The sheep nearly break their necks in following. So God's sheep are to-day led by goats into many arid pastures; starved, bleating flocks are eating the wool off each other, proselyting, denouncing all others who do not feed in the same pasture as themselves, while they feed upon the cacti and the sage brush of wildest fanaticism, led by men whose so-called "divine revelation: are vain as mad-man's dreams, the unction of over-wrought imaginations of self-exaltation and esteem.

We have found the sweet relief by being shut away with the Word of God, where we may learn what He says and hear Him speak.

There are so many to-day claiming Divine leadership, who say they are sealing the Bride, setting the true church in order by the baptism of water, etc., we feel led to declare the sealing of the Bride and setting the Body of the church in order, is the work of the God-head, not man's work.

Let us view the scripture on this point. This very precious fact is noted, the sealed ones escape the plagues and wraths of the last days. Now is the seal of such a nature as to cause us to know when we are sealed, not to be deceived by the fallible sealings of men? Counterfeit sealings being abroad assures us it is time for the true sealing to take place. Wherever the counterfeit exists, the real must also. When we heard and studied the pretended claims of Medical, Mental, and Christian Sciences, hypnotism, etc., we said: God has the real of which these sorceries are the counterfeit. We found Him who bare our sickness (Matt. 8:17) and was lifted up for us even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, (for healing). (John 3:15)

When beholding the power of spiritualism for though 99 percent of it is slight of hand it does contain certain forces, as the possession of mediums, speaking under the control of evil spirits, etc. We said, God has the real of this; and lo, when the power of Pentecost came, we found the real, and everyone who has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has again spoken in tongues, having the same confounding evidence of Acts 2nd chapter, also 10:44-48 and 19:6.

Again, when like the Witch of Endor, they materialize spirits, we said, God has the real that He may be glorified, and we find this in our coming redemption. (See Redemption chapter)

For years we have prayed for this present truth given in this book, simply that again we throw down the rod of God's truth like Aaron of old - to utter confound these workers of magic; leaders of anti-Christian seditious iniquity, the leaven of which worketh exceedingly now, preparing the way for the Anti-Christ.

Note where the 144,000 are sealed (Rev.7), these are considered by nearly all students of scripture to refer to the Bride. This sealing is not accomplished by man or water baptism, or the following of certain leaders, but is accomplished by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as recorded in Acts 2.

Now he which established us with you in Christ and hath anointed us is God, who hath also sealed us and given us the earnest of the Spirit. (II Cor. 1:22)

And grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed until the day of Redemption. (Eph. 4:30)

After that ye believed ye were sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance. (Eph. 1:13) These verses clearly prove that it was the Holy Spirit promised.

Behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

This promise, when fulfilled was followed by such unmistakable evidence that no one can doubt it who has received it. Thousands of Christians profess this sealing as well as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, yet the Bible evidence is lacking in their lives. We want to say it is unscriptural to call mighty convictions floods of joy, unctions or anointings, the Baptism; there is but one. Jesus said, John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (Acts 1:8)

But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world. (Acts 1:8)

Now all Christians credit the fact that we are to be the recipients of the Holy Spirit, but each have their private interpretation as to His visible manifestation some claim shouting, leaping, jumping, falling in trances, while others put stress upon inspiration, unction and divine revelation. Probably the greatest mistake has been of thinking "the anointing that abideth," (I John 2:27), which the disciples received in the upper chamber when Christ breathed upon them, (John 20:22) the real Baptism of the Holy Spirit. But by a careful study of Acts 1:8, we find that the power was to make them witnesses. The modern idea of shouting, groaning and screaming, performed in imitation of supposed drunken disciples, is a misinterpretation of their actions: because the disciples by speaking various languages which were not understood by many in the audience — speaking as the Spirit gave them utterance — sounded like the mutterings of drunken men. These Galileans, fishermen, were not only witnessing to their own nation, but to the uttermost parts of the earth. The assembled Jews from different countries heard them speak the marvelous works of God in their own tongues wherein they were born.

This scene being true the same evidence would follow today as at that time, if we also are privileged to be recipients of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; proving they did receive this promised power, for which they tarried. How much more reasonable it would be for modern Holy Ghost teachers to first receive a **BIBLE EVIDENCE**, such as the disciples, instead of trying to get the world to take their word for it. And how much better it would be for our modern missionaries to obey the injunction of Jesus to tarry for the same power instead of wasting thousands of dollars, and often their lives in the vain attempt to become conversant in almost impossible tongues which the Holy Ghost could so freely speak. Knowing all languages, He could as easily speak through us one language as another were our tongues and vocal chords fully surrendered to His domination; and in connection realize the precious assurance of the sealing of the Holy Ghost of promise, knowing it by the same evidence as received by the one hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost, of Cornelius and his household, and of the church at Ephesus.

MODERN RECEPTION OF THE HOLY GHOST

Since the days of the Apostolic Church few authentic cases of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost Spirit are recorded.

We have found that the early Catholic Fathers upon reaching the coast of Japan spoke in the native tongue; that the Irvingites, a sect that arose under the teaching of Irving, a Scotchman, during the last century, received not only eight recorded gifts of I Cor. 12, but also the gift of tongues, which the Holy Ghost reserved as the evidence of His own incoming. A gentleman and his wife, whose names we have forgotten, received their Pentecost and spoke the Italian language. Jenny Glassey of St. Louis, after a special time of tarrying received her Pentecost and was enabled to speak, sing, write, and interpret certain African dialects, God also gave her a set of teeth. After being a missionary in Africa she became a resident of Jerusalem which we believe to be her present address.

A very pious man, member of the Baptist church, Marshaltown, Iowa, received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. His church not honoring the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in their midst, he was gathered in by Spiritualists who persuaded him that his Pentecostal power was but a manifestation of their nefarious mediumship. Losing his salvation and spiritual power, became sick and afflicted, lost his mind and is today a complete wreck. How many like cases there are in this world we do not know but do know that the narrowness of modern church Christianity, by refusing to believe and receive true Bible doctrines has driven many thousands unto Spiritualism, Theosophy, Christian Science and infidelity.

Thousands have received what they termed and supposed was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but which was in reality the anointing that abideth. The first teaching on this subject that we became conversant with was that the witness of our sanctification was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The fallacy of this is easily proven. For by one offering He has perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness unto us. (Heb. 10:14-15)

The word "also" in the 15th verse precludes the teaching that the witness to our sanctification is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, for it proves that the witness to our sanctification is given by the Holy Spirit the same as our justification, and if we should claim the one at sanctification to be the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the word "also" would force us to claim the witness of justification to be the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The fact is in justification and sanctification, the Holy Spirit witnesses to our hearts of the inwrought work of the Atonement, His personal work as the third person in the trinity which is a gift not a grace, is not obtained in justification or sanctification.

Later came a wave of teaching that the Holy Spirit was really a gift not received at the time of sanctification. Accordingly hundreds sought for the Holy Spirit in this way, receiving a special anointing such as the disciples received in the upper chambers, when Jesus breathed upon them saying: Receive ye the Holy Ghost. (John 20:22) Therefore having the anointing that abideth and teacheth they were disciples upon whom Jesus breathed, their eyes were opened, the teaching of the scriptures became clear and precious, the reception of the Holy Ghost as their Anointer and Teacher. (Luke 24:45) The disciples obtained all that modern Holy Ghost people have, and yet this occurrence was ten days before Pentecost. Hungering and thirsting for the realization of the same mighty power in God's people today, which is theirs by divine right (for we truly are in the days of the Restitution of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:21 We made a study of all teachings upon this subject and found none had really the experience of Acts 2.

Pursuing our studies, we visited institutions of deep religious thought, which were reported as having the power of the Holy Ghost; yet these all failed to tally with the account in Acts. After careful study, we returned from an extended trip through the east and Canada with profound conviction that no one in these days was

really enjoying the power of a personal Pentecost, while many were anointed above measure. We ourselves had known the power of the Holy Ghost in our lives to a wonderful degree for many years, and had such wonderful anointings that we were carried far beyond ourselves, many times for ten fifteen and twenty minutes words of living truth (our minds took no part, but in which we became an interested listener) flowed from our lips; yet this was but the anointing that abideth not the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as many declared it to be. This anointing is sufficient under all circumstances for needed inspiration when speaking in our tongue, but if you desire, a personal Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the sealing power, escaping plagues, and putting you in the position to become a part of the Body, the Bride or the Man-Child, seek your Pentecost.

It was prophesied: With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people, and yet for all that they would not hear me, saith the Lord. (I Cor. 14:21)

Many say to us, if we were going to a foreign land we should need this gift of tongues, but what need have we of it among our own people. According to the above prophecy God intends to use the gift of tongues in preaching to our people. For centuries men have been sent preaching in their own tongue to their own nation, until the people have come to believe that they are simply propagation some self-constructed creed or ideas for their pecuniary benefit.

In the close of the age, God proposes to send forth men and women preaching in languages they know not a word of, which, when interpreted, the hearers will know is truly a message from God, spoken through lips of clay by the power of the Holy Ghost. This is truly the Acme of inspiration, prayed for every Sabbath, and desired by all true ministers of God.

Do you mean to say that John Wesley and others since, did not have this Baptism. Exactly; he and many since have enjoyed a mighty anointing that abideth, and spoke like holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, but the power of this Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a different thing entirely.

Again, thus saith the Lord of Hosts. In those days, it shall come to pass that ten men, (out of all languages of the nations) even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We have heard that God is with you. (Zec. 8:23)

This gift of tongues is especially given now as the sealing. Therefore the sureness of the last days.

For years we have desired to open a Mission in Jerusalem; now we realize with great delight the possibility of speaking to all nations and the gathering Jews in their own tongue.

On Oct. 15, 1900, we were led to open in Topeka, Kansas, a Bible School which became widely known sometime later as "the College of Bethel." Its unique features and teachings became subjects of the daily papers throughout the land. Its only text-book was the Bible; its only object utter abandonment in obedience to the commandments of Jesus. However, unconventional and impractical this might seem today. About forty students entered. No collections were taken, no board charged. No difference was made whether the students had any means to offer or whether they did not; but one thing was strictly required that they should obey and seek to live the commandments of Jesus. Under these circumstances, day after day, week after week, and month after month, God was faithful in supplying all our needs, yea, "no good thing did He withhold from them who walked uprightly." With people thus given up to God, who more fully obeyed the commands of Jesus, and in a stricter sense had "all things in common" than any other Bible School in the world, we were enabled to sink deeper into the things of God, and to obtain a more comprehensive view of the heights and depths, lengths, and breadths of God's eternal purpose, which He purposed through Christ our Lord.

Thus in obedience to John 14:15-17, proved our love by keeping His commandments, therefore had a more perfect right to obtain the Comforter than any of God's servants today, who are nearly given up, but not entirely to obey all His commandments.

When we speak thus many say to us, "Oh, but we do obey all the commandments of Jesus;" to which we

reply — “Do you give to every man that asketh of you? Do you take no thought of what ye shall eat or drink, or where-with-all ye shall be clothed, or of the morrow? Do you go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature? Do you obey the command to go, teach, preach, and heal? Have you heard that Jesus said, “except a man forsake all, he cannot be my disciple; and whosoever will forsake houses and lands, and father and mother and all for my sake, shall have a hundred fold in this world, and in the world to come life everlasting.”

This is enough, for long ere we reach the hundred-fold, the forsaking all part, they hold up their hands in utter rebellion, saying; “Oh, the Lord did not mean just what he said (many of those things were only meant for the apostles) and only to be spiritually interpreted to us, so they sit in peace when there is work to be done, or be carried through on flowery beds of ease to their eternal disease.

Nearly all of these students had been religious workers of considerable spiritual growth and attainment. Like many of our readers said they had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost years ago, but in spite of this we continued to teach what we believed to be in the Word of God and in the mind of Jesus, a mighty Baptism such as the disciples received of old to make His saints today world-wide powers for good, to the end that this gospel might be preached to all the world as a witness “To remove the covering cast over all the face of the church,” for we believe this to be the will of God, and the accomplishment of the same well pleasing in His sight.

In the closing days of the fall term of 1900, we had our examination of Repentance, Justification, Consecration, Sanctification, and Healing. As there yet remained a few days before the opening of the New Year, the students were required to carefully study the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The main object of this study was to discover the real Bible evidence of this Baptism so that we might know and obtain it, instead of being confused by the chaotic claims of Modern Holy Ghost preachers.

On New Year’s night, Miss Agnes N. Ozman of Beatrice, Neb., a missionary lady who had attended several Bible Schools and done considerable religious work; one who had had mighty anointings and had for years the “anointing that abideth” which she mistook for the Baptism, was convinced of her need of a personal Pentecost. A few minutes before midnight, she desired hands laid upon her that she might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. During the invocation of hands prayer was offered, she was filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance. Upon beholding this marvelous restoration of apostolic power in our midst, all became hungry, earnestly desiring a personal realization of the same in our own lives; remembering that Peter had said, The promise is to you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Acts 2:39)

Scarcely eating or sleeping, the School with one accord waited upon God. On the night of the 3rd of January, 1901, we were all assembled in an upper room. A most wonderful power pervaded the atmosphere, suddenly twelve students were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance; while several in the room saw above their heads, cloven tongues of fire, as in the days of old. Thus was the Church militant again permitted to realize the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which has since then been given to not only others in the School but to those in other cities and states.

Like seekers for justification, sanctification, and healing, some then and others since, have sought for and failing to obtain the Baptism, turned back, saying, it was either not for them, or deriding it as mere bauble which had no special import or value. The fact remains that it is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit of promise, that seals the Bride and the same Baptism that puts us in one body, (the Church.)

We wish here to give a little advice: No one in the school or in our work or meetings since, who protested that they had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, have ever obtained it; while those who have freely acknowledged and gave glory to God for all His wonderful anointings, manifestations, and gifts of the spirit, humble surrendering the claim to this Baptism, have obtained the power desired, and gone forth speaking in

tongues as the authoritative evidence.

Many in our meeting have said: "Oh, I have had the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for years," and many with an extra boost of human unction: "I have received the Baptism of fire."

We heard of a Bible School that made most marvelous claims in regard to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Like many individuals above spoken of in different meetings, said: We have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but as we are bent upon the world's evangelization, we must have this gift of tongues. This Bible School sought in vain, month after month, for the gift of tongues.

Now we want to say to the private individuals or to the schools, that the gift of tongues is an inseparable part of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit distinguishing it from all previous works; and that no one has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit who has not a Bible evidence to show for it. As pardon is received as a result of sincere repentance, restitution and surrender; sanctification received as the result of entire consecration; so the gift of tongues is received as the result of this Baptism. The Holy Spirit, though witnessing to the work of Calvary wrought in our lives, in justification and sanctification, reserves the gift of tongues from among the nine catalogued gifts of I Cor. 12, as the evidence of his own incoming. Many say, "Oh, I have the gift of healing or discernment or some other gift that is as good to me as the gift of tongues as an evidence that I have the Holy Spirit. Yet in spite of the rebellious toss of the head and seeming regard for the word of God, the fact is the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, and interpretation of tongues were fully manifested in old testament prophets, and new testament disciples before the day of Pentecost; and many have received inspiration, teaching and anointing, for holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; (II Peter 1:21) yet His personal Baptism was not yet ministered.

The Bible records this fact and it seems strange to us that people would dare dispute or try to compass it; that on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) the manifest evidence resulting from this Baptism, which confounded and astounded the multitudes was, that seventeen different nationalities heard them speak their own tongue wherein they were born. To this was added the testimony of Peter (16 verse), "This is that which was spoken by Joel, the prophet; and again: 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. (33 verse) For this promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (39 verse)

Now if this were the only time that the gift of tongues was the evidence of the Holy Ghost, it would be sufficient; but it is found repeatedly yea every time the Holy Ghost fell and the evidence was noted, it proved to be this same one of speaking with tongues.

When Peter had been convinced by a series of visions that the Gentiles were to become recipients of full salvation, being called to preach at the house of Cornelius, was accompanied by Christian Jews from Joppa, who though they had been followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene, they still considered that salvation was of the Jews.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all of them which heard the word. (Acts 10:44)

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as come with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." (Acts 10:48)

No doubt, they had contended with Peter on their journey thither regarding his new departure, whether the Gentiles were eligible to deeper spiritual attainments. It did not require a testimony from Cornelius, interspersed with leaping and shouting or any other modern manifestations of the so-called Holy Ghost power, to prove to the circumcised Jews that Cornelius had the gift of the Holy Ghost, when they heard him and his company speak with tongues. This scene no doubt had become familiar to them since the day of Pentecost, not

only hearing of it from Jerusalem, but must certainly have witnessed the same scene in Joppa and elsewhere. When they heard them speak with tongues, they were convinced that the Gentiles also were brought nigh by the blood of Jesus and become privileged with the endowment of power. At this climax, Peter, seeing that the manifestation of the Spirit's presence had utterly refuted every argument of the brethern, said in triumph; Can any man forbid water, that these should be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? (Acts 10:47)

“As well as we,” signifies that the brethern who came with Peter from Joppa, had received the Holy Spirit the same as Peter did on the day of Pentecost. In relating his experience at Jerusalem, Peter speaks thus: And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

In later years when speaking in tongues was a common feature of the worship of the Corinthian Church, they wrote Paul for instruction as how to conduct themselves; as the individuals did not understand the languages spoken — there not always being interpreters present — it brought more or less confusion.

Paul answering declares: I would that ye all spake with tongues. (I Cor. 14:5) I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all (verse 18,) showing that he also had the same evidence that we so many times noted; and again — “Forbid not to speak with tongues.” (39 verse)

We are often asked, why is it that so many leaders of so-called Apostolic Churches have many or nearly all of the signs that were to follow belivers, recorded in Mark 16:17, 18, except the speaking with new tongues? We always answer; modern leaders and Holy Ghost teachers all have their private evidence of their so-called gift of the Holy Ghost; while they, without an exception, have failed to seek, obtain and honor the only Bible evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who was I that I could withsatnd God? (Acts 11:15, 16, 17)

Nor is this all the proof that the gift of the tongues is the evidence of the Holy Ghost. Yea, all scriptures upon this subject agree; only modern teachers disagree.

When Paul went down to Ephesus, he said unto them: Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed? They said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost (revised version) whether the Holy Ghost be yet given. (Acts 19:2)

After finding out that they had simply been baptized under John's baptism unto repentance, he taught them the way more perfectly, baptizing them in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. (Acts 19:6) To prophesy, in the old testament sense, was to foretell events; but Paul says: But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort. (I Cor. 14:3) While John the Revelator, says: The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophesy. (Rev. 19:10)

