

The Holy Spirit (John 14)

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The Holy Spirit is the Comforter and Spirit of Truth, given by the Father as a gift to believers who submit to Jesus and are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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Scripture: Genesis 18:14, Exodus 33:11, Matthew 6:33, Luke 1:15, John 14:15-16, Galatians 5:22

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a personal experience of going through terrible trials and tragedies. Despite the hardships, the speaker finds great joy and sings praises to God. The speaker emphasizes the importance of having faith and completely surrendering to God. They also mention the baptism of the Holy Spirit and how it empowers believers to speak in tongues and magnify God. The speaker encourages the audience to trust in the Holy Spirit and allow Him to work in their lives.

Transcript

Now, we'll turn to the scriptures, and I want to talk to you concerning the Holy Spirit. And I want to use the letter F. Years ago, when I used to live down here in the south of England, before I moved north, now I've come back south, but west, we used to be trained in what we called our young people's fellowship in our church by our godly pastor. He used to do much with us in the things of the Bible.

Of the Bible, I mean. He never taught us anything much about the Holy Ghost. Very sad to say that.

But he did teach us much of this blessed book. One of the ways he taught us of preaching, and he used to put us out much in preaching in the district, was to get your thoughts sometimes under a letter. Now, years ago, I dropped all this kind of preaching.

Or it dropped off me, I don't quite know what it was. But it left me. But still, sometimes, occasionally, the Lord does speak to me along these lines.

And so I want just in this simple manner, under the letter F, to speak to you concerning the Holy Spirit. And I would like to turn with you first into the Gospel according to John, in the great 14th chapter. In John chapter 14, where the Lord Jesus, as you know, drawing toward the end of his earthly life, calls his disciples aside into that large furnished upper room.

And there they prepared the Passover, and there the Lord, it's this great supper with them before he suffered. And he spoke to them concerning the Holy Ghost. It's a wonderful thing when the Lord Jesus speaks to us concerning the Holy Ghost.

It seems that mostly he confines his remarks about the Holy Ghost to his disciples. He didn't speak a lot openly to the outside world concerning the Holy Spirit, but to his disciples. And he said some very, very simple things, and I think that we want to take at least one thing from what he said, under this letter F, in this portion.

If you look in verse 15, he said, If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him. But you know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. And so, first of all, beloved, we need to see that the Lord Jesus gave his reason for not speaking to the world about the person of the Holy Ghost, because of this very simple reason.

The world could not receive him, that is, the worldling couldn't see him, and therefore would not receive him. But he was talking to his disciples, who still couldn't see him, but nevertheless he was expecting them to receive the Holy Ghost. In other words, let's learn this first of all, that when we speak concerning the Holy Spirit, we are in the faith realm.

In the faith realm. The Lord doesn't expect the person outside to receive the Holy Spirit, just for this fact, that they can't see him. And there are people who are so bound up in material things, that they cannot believe anything that they don't see.

You will remember that this is how he took Thomas to task. In the end, in the resurrection, just before we quit the gospel story and go into the acts of the apostles, you remember he said to Thomas, after specially coming for Thomas' benefit, and showing Thomas his hands and his side, and inviting Thomas to thrust his finger into the print of the nails, and his hand into the hole in Jesus' side. He, and Thomas saying, oh my Lord and my God, he said Thomas, because you've seen, you've believed.

In other words, Thomas had not reached the realm of faith. He said, but blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed. What a glorious thing that is.

And mark it well, beloved, if we are in this room tonight, and we to some degree, or perhaps to greater degree, say that we are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, he is expecting you to believe. He's expecting you to come onto the ground of faith. And it's in this whole realm, let me assure you, I may re-emphasize this, before we are through tonight.

I may re-emphasize this, that in this realm, where the Holy Ghost is concerned, and remember it's between you and Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, you are expected to come right over onto the realm of faith. If you're going to be a believer anywhere, and in anything, you've got to believe here, and in this realm. Amen.

So then, there is our first F. The next thing I would like you to see is in the same portion, where he said that he will pray the Father. He said, if you love me, you keep my commandments, I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter. Even the Spirit of Truth, the Blessed Holy Ghost.

He said that the Holy Ghost was going to be given to you from the Father. Well, well. Now you will remember that this isn't an isolated thing.

If you know your scriptures well enough, and your mind can go back, and you're in the 11th chapter of Luke's Gospel, you will know that there, he says the same thing. He says, now if you, being evil, and he's talking to his disciples, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him. Jesus knew that the Blessed Third Person of the Trinity had to come from the First Person of the Trinity.

That, oh, the Holy Ghost is Father's love gift unto men and women, at the request of Jesus, in sheer joy, and having received his son back home into his bosom. This is the wonderful thing. You will find, if you turn with me, for instance, into the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, that this is the same thing.

As you read down through the chapter, you find that this Jesus, verse 32, has God raised up. He's saying, he's giving an account, an account of what's been happening beforehand. He's telling these people what it's all about, because these people had heard them speaking with other tongues.

They'd heard the magnifying God, and they got no explanation for it, except to say that they were drunk, or something like that. I never knew many drunken men who could speak a foreign language, but still, there it is. They could speak languages they never had any idea about.

I know they can talk a lot of gibberish. I know they can babble like a baboon. And I know sometimes they get very lucid when they've had enough to loosen their own tongues in their mother language.

But I never heard of a drunken man speaking fluently and gloriously the praises of God in another language. Did you? Never heard of it yet. But still, that's what they said.

It's amazing the excuses that some people will put up when they come up against God. Apparently you've got to be able to explain everything away. If you want what God has, you haven't got to bother about giving an explanation.

You've got to receive it. If you wait for an explanation, you'll never get in. But hear the wonder of it.

Peter is saying, well here it is, Jesus, God raised him from the dead. We're witnesses, he says, and in verse 33, Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has shed forth this which ye now see and hear. Very clearly, we're all to understand, beloved, and understand so tremendously with all the graft of our spirits, and this should settle us all, praise him, that just as Jesus was the gift to the world, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, so the Holy Ghost is the gift of the Father unto the church, unto the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is God the Father's gift through Jesus Christ to his own. Amen. Yes.

Yes, ye some Father. I tell you, if you want to have the answer to this great thing that was voiced in John 14, when Philip said, or Thomas said, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. The answer to it is, oh, if you really want to see the Father.

If you really want to know the Father, you'll have to have the Holy Ghost. If you really want to know the Father. I'll go back, he says.

I'll ask Father. Amen. Wonderful.

Father, some people down here want to know you. These children here, they want to know you. He taught them to pray our Father which art in heaven, but they hadn't got a clue who they were praying to, except that there was God up there, you know, and he was in heaven, and he taught them that.

But now, they wanted to see the one that they'd been praying to. They wanted to know the one that they'd been taught to pray to. You see? So he says, I'll go home, and I'll ask Father.

Now, you needn't worry. It's all promised. He's been promised to me.

He went back home, and he received the promise of the Father. That's what he did. One of the great reasons, beloved, why Jesus ascended up on high.

He ascended up for many reasons. Oh, I couldn't begin to list them. Even if I knew them all, and I think that there are lots of things that are hidden from us, beloved, not specifically revealed in the Bible.

No, we know that he ascended up on high, and he led captivity captive. We know that he went back up to heaven, and he showed himself to his Father. He was the identical Jesus.

As he'd been taken down from the cross, he showed himself to his Father, and he went back to Father's bosom, and he was the accepted sacrifice. Praise God. That's a glorious thing.

You ought to be very glad you can't see Jesus on the earth now. I meet people that say, well, if only we could see him. Nay, nay, nay.

The fact that you can't see him is your guarantee. He is the accepted sacrifice. He's gone now.

It's all been accepted. Everything that Jesus has done, thank God he's not on the earth for you to see him today. He's been accepted up in heaven.

He's not a wandering spirit. Amen. He's gone back to Father's bosom with directness, and he presented his blood there in heaven, and virtually has said, now then, Father, keep your promise.

Keep your promise to me, Father. Give me the Holy Ghost in that manner and measure that we agreed before I went to earth, and give him to me for my people. Hallelujah.

He received the promise from the Father. Now, what you must understand about this, beloved, is that in this great Godhead of ours, there was a deliberate plan, a purpose forethought, foreordained, planned in eternity, and the coming of Jesus down to this earth, and his life and death and burial and resurrection and ascension and enthronement was but steps in this wonderful plan. All of them.

Glory be to God. And he received from the Father the Holy Ghost, and this was it, to pour that blessed Spirit down upon those people who were gathered in that upper room in fulfillment of what Jesus had told them to do. They stayed there, and through Jesus, they received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

They received it. Amen. It was wonderful.

Do you know that God has planned that you should have a parallel, glorious and wonderful experience? Did you know that? Did you know that we are in an age now, and it's the age of the Spirit. We're in the day of the Holy Ghost. And in this glorious day, beloved, it is intended by God, because of the virtue of that

blood and the glory of the fulfillment of that part of the plan, it's the intention of God to absolutely shower the Holy Ghost down upon you in deluges greater than the flood.

That's the intention of God. It's Father's delight to do it. And I would break in at this point and say, and that's so absolutely true.

And I would testify to you all that providing you will go the way of God, you too can come into this glorious place that this life that God has for us is not a life of precarious believing, fighting to hold your own, seeking to keep your nose above water, struggling not to become worldly and atheistic, and all this business. Oh, it's a life. It's a life.

Oh, let's go right on, shall we. Because in this same glorious chapter we have the next thought. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, in verse 1, 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 utter tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Oh, what a glorious truth is here, beloved. And you've all got my next step, I'm sure. That the Holy Ghost comes to fill, fill.

Oh, praise Him. He comes from Father to fill us with Father's satisfaction, Father's seal of approval, Father's joy and Father's glory. Oh, the Holy Ghost has come with such a glorious commission from heaven.

He's come to fill us with the satisfaction of God. He's come to fill us with that glory that just filled Father's heart and Jesus' bosom when they came into that glorious union again, if I might use that word. Oh, when they were there together.

And the Holy Ghost has come to fill us with this glorious satisfaction, this wonderful knowledge, this wholeness, this safety, this eternal love, this abundant life, this that made the bells of heaven ring, and the elders fall, and the angels to weigh their part. This is what, praise God. Oh, you know I've been struggling with a cold or the aftermaths of it, but I can shut now.

It's gone. If you want to get rid of colds, pray for others. Amen.

If you want to get rid of anything, get concerned about others. Amen. Jesus got rid of everything because He was concerned about you and me.

He took sin and then got rid of it. That's right. He took on the devil and then got rid of them.

Amen. For us. Amen.

He saved others himself. He couldn't save. Neither can you save yourself if you're determined to bring starvation to others.

You've got to give yourself away. This is the tremendousness of it, beloved. But oh, when this Holy Ghost came, He filled them.

Filled them. Filled them. That's the answer to it all.

Never came and gave them a little alleviation from their troubles and burdens. Just give them five minutes flash of intercourse with Heaven. He kind of filled them.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. And they weren't big enough, so He spilled out of them. There aren't enough people to receive the Holy Ghost.

That's why the call's out tonight. For people to come and know this glory. Now notice something.

Notice something with you. Whenever you approach the Bible, you must distinguish between the Old Testament and the New. If you don't, you'll miss so much.

But getting this settled, it will answer a lot of your problems. Now you will not find in the New Testament, in the New Testament, I mean in the true New Covenant, you will not find that anybody was filled with the Holy Ghost until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. That's right.

Now in the Old Testament, you will. You say, oh yes, I can remember. You say, oh John Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb.

But he wasn't in the New Testament. He said he was only the friend of the night. He's written about in the New Testament, and so is Abraham and Moses.

But he belonged to the Old. That's right. He belonged to the Old.

And God moved in a different way in the Old Testament. But in the New Testament, nobody is ever filled with the Spirit until they're baptized with the Spirit. I want to make this very clear to you, because there's a subtle teaching about today that says you can be filled with the Spirit, but don't talk about being baptized in the Spirit.

Don't talk about being filled with the Spirit. It doesn't upset people. Well, if people get upset with Bible, well, they must get upset.

They've got to get their offenses cleared with God. I was at a conference once, I remember, and a man, a lady was there, and she came up to me afterwards, and she said, oh brother, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. She said, but you know, we think you ought not to speak about being baptized in the Spirit.

You ought to talk about being filled with the Spirit. It doesn't cause offense. Well, beloved, I never knew anybody so offensive as God.

I never knew anybody that caused people so much trouble and upset as God. Jesus says you're going to be baptized in the Holy Ghost. Oh, Jesus, don't say that.

Say filled, please Lord. Well, you can't do that. Nobody was filled with the Holy Ghost in the New Covenant.

I happen to remember the New Covenant didn't start until the day of Pentecost. The blood had to be presented in heaven first. It wasn't over when Jesus died.

It wasn't over when He rose either. It wasn't over until, beloved, He presented that blood there and stepped into His great high priestly office. Oh, hallelujah.

Yeah, glory. He received the promise of the Father and just waited for God's clock to come right. And nobody was filled with the Spirit until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Not in the New Testament. You let that sink into your hearts. And if other people get offended, don't you get offended.

And move on in this great realm of what God has for you. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost. That's wonderful.

Dare I say to the Lord tonight, before I go to sleep, Lord, everybody in that room was filled with the Holy Ghost. I mean this room. Everybody filled with the Holy Ghost.

People don't get filled with the Holy Ghost because they won't submit to being baptized by Jesus. That's right. Oh, they'll say, Jesus, save me.

They'll say, Jesus, forgive me. Jesus, blot out all my sins. Jesus, let me go to heaven when you die.

Jesus, let thy blood speak for me. Well, what for? That blood is speaking for you, the right to be filled with the Spirit. You can't.

That's what the blood's speaking for. The right to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Wonderful.

And they'll never be filled with the Spirit because they won't submit to Jesus baptizing them with the Holy Ghost. A man that was filled with the Spirit under the Old Covenant said to Jesus, I have thee to be baptized of thee. He still needed to be baptized in the Spirit although he was filled with the Spirit under the Old Covenant regulations.

And he knew it. There's a great world of difference, beloved. Oh, there's a glorious company.

It's called the Church of Jesus Christ. Amen. A glorious exclusive body.

Oh, I believe that God would include everybody in this room tonight. It's not exclusive in that sense, but I mean in the whole of eternal reckonings, there is an exclusive body. I don't mean on this earth trying to be an exclusive brother or sister or everything like that.

That's not what I'm meaning. Or belonging to a select company. Not exclusive in all the doings and arrangements and ordinances of God, ordinations of God.

Throughout eternity, there is this exclusive body. Yes. Oh, there for a special purpose.

God's eternal purposes for her. This is her baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire, as John said. Made no mistake about it, they saw as it were on their heads.

Glory. The initiation of a new dispensation. The ear, shall I say, the hallmark of God, the Holy Ghost and fire.

They should know that it had arrived. The great day had come. The day of abundance and fullness when the largest of our God should be given to men.

Oh, it's so wonderful. Have you ever known what it is for God to fill you, fill you, fill you? I know of a man, I know of him, I've never met him. He's gone to be with the Lord now.

And a great friend of mine told me he used to live in London, this man. And God so met him, he said when he came home from work and he used to put his key in the latch. He was a bachelor and he had a house of his own and he used to turn the key in the latch and he'd say, Good evening Lord.

And he'd walk in and he used to go in his room and he used to have to say to God, Stay your hand Lord, stay your hand. God. He said, can the Holy Ghost fill a house? Well, it said so.

He filled all the room where they were sitting. All the room. Fill the place.

I've got no idea about consecrated buildings or pieces of land or anything like that. No such things as sanctuaries in this sense. In the sense in which people try to mean it today.

But oh, beloved, Father wants to fill you. Do you know why? Do you know why? One of the basic reasons of it. Just to satisfy Jesus' heart.

He said, I'm going to pray to Father. Give Jesus anything. Father would.

When he went to the cross, when he went to the cross, he said, I want the world to know that I love the Father. The Father says, I want the world to know that I love you Jesus, who is the Holy Ghost. Yes.

And only Jesus can baptize you in the Holy Ghost. Only Jesus can bring you into this glorious fullness of the Spirit. In his manner, so could you argue.

Well now, in our set, we use this lot of terms. Well now, terminology doesn't matter. Terminology didn't save you.

Words and ways of speaking about it and phrases, beloved, they don't count. The thing that counts is that you have a personal dealing with the Lord Jesus Christ and that you come to Him without any qualifications and without any limitations. Throw all your phrases away in case you are too small in your thinking and in your stating.

And just come to the Lord as He is. Amen. You can even use the phrase I used when I came.

I said, oh Lord, I don't know what it is I do want, but give it to Him. There you are. That shows you He does it for fools.

That's right. Because I got confused. You see, I've been taught other doctrines than this.

But blessed be the name of the Lord when I got to heart reality. When I knew my need and none of this other stuff satisfied me. Nothing at all.

Oh, it's all right in its place. But you see, this is the fulfilment of it all. People getting along without this.

Why? Why? It's like having a queen sitting on the throne without a crown on her head. This is the fulfilment of it all. You see, don't you understand? This is the blessing of it all.

You see, Jesus was up there and as old Wesley says, Jesus is glorified and gives the comforter. His spirit to abide in all His people here. You see, it's the coronation gift.

It's the crowning glory. It wasn't selfishness that made Jesus go home. It was that only by going home in this great movement of the plan of God and personally securing the end of the promise from the Father.

He could shed this forth upon us all. Oh, glory. We all ought to be up jumping and shouting hallelujah.

Perhaps I'm doing it for you. Amen. This is what God wants.

You've got to be filled. Now, let's go on. This isn't the end of it.

We're just moving in now. In the Roman letter, chapter 5. Oh, you know, the Holy Ghost is a marvellous person. And this is what we read.

Chapter 5, verse 1. Therefore, says the scripture, Paul writing to these Romans, he says, being justified by faith, let us have peace with God. Perhaps your version says that. That's the way the Revival says it.

By faith let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have received access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also.

Knowing that tribulation worketh patience. And patience experience. And experience hope.

And hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Weymouth gives it. The Holy Ghost is flooding our hearts.

The love of God is flooding our hearts. That's my next step. The love of God is simply swamping us.

Flooding! Why, you know, sometimes on my way... Oh, where I go so many places. Where is it? Alright, I think it's somewhere... Yes. Somewhere up in the Midlands.

At a certain place. We drew off one day for lunch. We were coming down and my dear brother Bob Love was driving me.

We stopped off for lunch. We sort of turned in here and worked our way round into this lovely little country town. And found there was a church and a square and a river running through and a lovely bridge and gorgeous trees there.

Well, what a wonderful place to stop and have... So we did. We got out our coffee and we got out our buns or whatever it was we were eating and drinking and stretched our legs a bit. I think we must have been driving for about four or five hours.

So we decided we'd have this break. And I wandered round, you see. I got over against the church wall and when I got over the church wall I saw there was one of these, you know, boards that they had for measuring the depths of rivers.

Have you seen them? You know, marked off in feet or they had them in swimming baths. And I went across and I looked and it had got a mark at a certain level. This was the level that the flood reached.

In... Oh, not Noah's flood. This was the level that the flood reached in 19 so and so. And it was high.

It was high. You know, you see, they were so flooded that they'd marked it. They're not there now though.

I walked and the river's running very ghostily, dutifully, under the old bridge. There's a fault down there. They used to cross.

Shows you how the river wasn't very deep at all before they built the bridge. There was a time when it was. Now the Holy Ghost has come to bring you to glorious high water, Martian.

Amen. He's come to flood your hearts with the love of God. And this is why He's given to flood your heart with the love of God.

So that you're not struggling to believe, Oh, we know that all things work together for good. They love God. You see? Or that, you love me, Father.

You know God so loved the world. See? You're not struggling to believe those things anymore. Praise God.

When God, when you let God have His way with you, when you let God do what He wants with you, He'll satisfy Himself in you, He'll flood you with love. His own glorious love. Now, this is why the Holy Ghost comes, and only the Holy Ghost.

You say, well then, I do know something of the love of God. No, not something of it. Flooded.

God has blessed me. Oh, flooded. Flooded and flooded.

You know what? You know what happens when you're flooded, don't you? Eh? Well, See? It isn't something like Noah's flood that you can float on the top of. Oh, no. No, no.

You see, you're a person, and you're all shut up inside. So He comes and floods you, and you go, whoo, reversed. That's right.

And that's how the rivers flow out of your belly, as Jesus did. Didn't you know that? He has to burst you wide open for that. That's what He said.

You have to be burst. You're so shut up. You're so self-contained.

You know you are. You've cried and sighed and moaned and groaned and prayed and tried. Now you know you are.

There's only one thing for you. You're destined to be flooded. Glory.

And it can't be till the Holy Ghost comes and floods you. And if you say He's come and you're not flooded, you are sadly crossed somewhere. Something's gone wrong.

Oh, message me the name of the Lord. Isn't God wonderful? This is how He plans to do it. Those miserable, mean, wicked, shut up, self-centered, groaning, I don't know what kind of people.

Give them the Holy Ghost, Jesus. This is what we'll do. We'll give them the Holy Ghost And He comes inside, He bursts you.

Floods you. Oh, yes. Flooded and filled you till your mind stops thinking.

Sweetness and glory and the warmth and the power that fills up inside you. That man's flooded. Listen.

One of the most hellish tortures that have ever been devised on earth. The Nazis did it, I believe. Put people in water and flood them with water until they could not drown within.

That's hellish. Now let me tell you the heavenly thing. Jesus said, if you're thirsty, you come to me and drink.

I'll flood until you burst with me. Now this is the grace wherein we stand. That Paul talked about.

This is the grace we stand in. What's this grace? The unmerited favor of God that He should bring me to this place where I'm an utterly flooded, liberated, burst, opened person altogether, like Jesus. That can only be done by the Holy Ghost.

That's why He gives the Holy Ghost. Makes me breathless to think of it. And on that great day of Pentecost, when God baptized them, see? Think of the hellish way.

Hold them down under the water in the bathhouse. Bring them up, just keep them alive. Ooh.

Baptize, you see? Push you under. Hold you under. None of this in and out business.

You'll be filled, baptized, glory. Flooded. This is the love of God that you've got to know, beloved.

It's beyond textual believing. It's beyond the reliefs and blessings you can get from textual believing. It's this great coming of Almighty God by the Spirit.

I don't wonder they spoke in tongues on the day of Pentecost. Don't wonder a bit. Do you? Praise the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Got to have an outlet somewhere, isn't it? Got to have an outlet somehow. Praise God. Took them into the realm of the miraculous and the impossible.

Straight away. Glory be to God. I know we can read in the scriptures that these people were carried away into the realm of prophecy and such likes.

But glory be to the name of the Lord. God did wonderful things. And now listen, beloved.

You've got to know this great flooding of yourself with love. Amen. You know what love is, don't you? God is love.

God is love. The love of God. Oh, praise this wonderful name.

Wonderful to be filled with the love of God. This spirit permeating all your being. Carrying into all the furthest recesses of your personality.

All the depths of your nature. All the wonders and reasonings of your mind. Carrying into every remote little place.

This marvelous nature of God. Now, beloved, this is what it's all about. Flooded.

There are so many who seem to me never to get to this flooding place. I was preaching some time ago at a place and I've been invited to speak there by a company of people who said no, no. Moving in the things of the spirit to use the sort of general term.

And I spent about an hour and talked to them and afterwards the person that invited me he said, when I hear you speak about the baptism in the spirit of God I wonder whether I've known this. This is what I

mean when I say people seem to have a different baptism in the spirit from that which I got. And these beginnings have got foretaste.

Those of you who were not here this afternoon you will not know but those of you that were here will know the things that we thought of then. It's because people don't walk in this that they lose it. Because they don't walk in it.

But when a man walks with God as he should then this is what the Lord will do. And if by sin or by stumbling or something he gets out of it if he repents and goes back to God then God will restore this. God will do it.

This is the testimony of the saints of God. You should know what it is to walk in this way with the Lord flooded with the love of God. Because you see the Holy Ghost is here to do this.

It isn't what we conjure up. It isn't what we try. It's the Holy Ghost's job.

Just like it was the Jesus' job to shed his blood. Just like it was Jesus' work to hang on the cross. And he did it.

So it's the Holy Ghost's work to do this. And he does it. What Jesus did was once in the end of an age to usher in a new age.

And in this new age the Holy Ghost is doing just this. Bringing all the wonder of Jesus into it. Into us.

Bringing all the glory of a fulfilled and satisfied God. A complete God. Whole and at home.

And just uniting it. Bringing it all into us. That's what he's come for.

Once in the end of an age was Jesus Christ manifest to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. Amen. That ended that.

Amen. And as a new age has dawned I tell you it's the age of the Spirit. It's the age of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus Christ lives to mediate the Holy Ghost. And just beloved as he was faithful under death faithful to shed his blood faithful to crucify sin faithful to do away with everything so is he faithful now to mediate the Spirit. He is attentive upon his heavenly ministry.

Amen. Now the Holy Ghost is coming from the Father. Now the Holy Ghost is here.

Now Jesus baptises in the Holy Ghost. He baptised those being revolted by filling the room with the Holy Ghost. They were all immersed then.

Amen. Amen. They were all immersed then.

He filled the room. That's it. That's the testimony.

The Spirit is the Spirit of fullness. Glory. Back and drink it in.

Just to lie back and think no more. Just to lie back and struggle no longer. Just to believe him.

And drink it in. He's filling this room. Did you come here tonight with the intention of receiving? You see, they were there with the intention of receiving.

Those men of old, they were there with the intention. That's why they came. They were all gathered there.

A hundred and twenty of them. With the intention. Glory.

And as I pointed out to you this afternoon, those of you who were here, their spirits were informed to have what Jesus said. That no arguments, no longer now. No more trouble.

Jesus the devil and all those, they were there. And their intense spirits matched the intensity of the love of God in Christ. And he baptized.

Holy Ghost in fulfillment of the word that he'd given. Kept the promise. You got a spirit like that? Fixed.

My heart is fixed, said a man of old. Fixed. Flooded with the Holy Ghost.

Galatians, chapter 5, 22. You don't need me to remind you of this, I'm sure. A well-known passage.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. There it is. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness.

Now he floods you with that all at once. It takes time and circumstances to prove that you've got it. That's right.

That's right. It takes persecutions and troubles and trials to show that it's there. Don't doubt that it's there.

Amen. The fruit of the Spirit is. It just is.

He's not trying to do it in you. That's what it is if it's there. The Holy Ghost hasn't come to struggle with you.

Praise the name of the Lord. The Holy Ghost has come in sweet contentment to abide in you and bring forth all this fruit. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, self-control, faith, and all so much more.

Yes, in you. That's right. That's proof enough.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Are you there? That's right. Are you there? This is what it is.

If it's not there, it's the Holy Ghost you need. You're needing the precious Holy Spirit. It's Him.

It's no good going in for arguments about it. If He's there, that's the fruit of His indwelling. It's no good what you were taught to believe.

It's what the Scripture says. If He's there, that's the proof. Amen.

Yes. Wonderful. He's in your life, isn't He? You've got a peace that nothing can shatter.

You've got a joy, beloved, that goes on despite anything that happens. One of the most remarkable things about it is this. When troubles come, as troubles do, don't think that you never have any troubles.

I remember once talking to a woman and she started telling me all the troubles. And she said, oh, these are terrible troubles. Why, these are terrible troubles.

And they were terrible, you see. And then she went on to say, well, if you haven't been through, you don't understand. And I expect she was telling me that I didn't understand.

So I said, is it something like this? And I told her something that happened in our life, to my wife and I. I didn't tell her what it was. I said, do you mean something like this? You see? She said, yes. I said, well, that's happened to us.

Yes. We were left without a home. We had our daughter knocked down in the road, picked up and unrecognizable.

We've been through troubles, but I'll tell you this. This is the glory. Inside, there's a great joy in my heart.

Nothing could, nothing could dampen it. Nothing could destroy it. I was singing.

You can't sing when tragedy happens. That's it, I was. Say, well, this doesn't tie up.

Don't worry. No, it ties up with heaven. It doesn't tie up with earth.

Inside, there was a storm. These are the proofs, beloved. These are the truths.

Weren't you mentally deranged? No, I don't know what that's like. I've never been anywhere near that, unless I am mentally deranged. I don't know what you think.

But what God has deranged my mind from thinking and acting like earth does, and he's arranged it, rearranged it by heaven. It worked, beloved. The song was sung by the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost gave me joy. My old mum died. Let me tell you about my dear old mum.

She died. And I was the pastor of a church, you see. And everybody was expecting me to go and get somebody to bury my mum.

I said, no, I'll do it myself. Oh, but you don't do that. The closeness of the relationship.

You get brother. Someone should have come. You sort of sit down there.

Sorry. I put my mother in in the coffin. What remained of her.

Had a great time. We rejoiced. I only ever had one mother.

She was my mother. But God had arranged my harvest. The pattern of life and events and circumstances of the outside fall upon an absolutely indestructible situation, a condition in the heart when the Holy Ghost is there.

They must break and recede upon it. From it, God comes to do the work. And he does it.

That's the Holy Ghost that I know. God introduced me to him years ago. Jesus brought me in here.

And to the best of my ability, I sought to keep right in the flood. I've sought to keep there. I have failed of it at times.

But glory, it isn't a man's failures you talk about. It's the success of Jesus that you glory. He does it.

Oh, it's wonderful. Hallelujah. That's the fruit of the Spirit.

Don't you see, beloved? You must understand this. That God's complete plan for you is an utter takeover by God. To run your life.

Do you want that? Now be very sure about this. Do you want to go flirting, fornicating, seeking the world? What do you want? Be very sure. Is it kissing, cuddling you want? Is it dirtiness, filth, your own way? What is it you really want? Be very sure.

Because it's a takeover. There is a place for kissing. A right place.

But you've got to be able to turn around and kiss Jesus straight on the lips the next minute. Then it's safe. Then it's right.

Hallelujah. Then it's holy. Then it's pure.

Then it's glorious. Amen. Jesus has come to take over your life.

Amen. Take it over. Oh, it's wonderful.

I'm not responsible for my own actions now. Oh, but I am because I have the ability to control myself. He moves and does the glorious work.

And then, another great thing that the Holy Ghost does is to fit you. To make you fit for God to use. I want to take this this way in the letter to Timothy.

Though the Holy Ghost is not directly mentioned here. But it is the work of the Spirit. And we read about the scriptures that are given by inspiration of God.

And are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and so on. Verse 16 of the third chapter of 2 Timothy. All scripture is given by inspiration of God.

You know that that was by the Spirit. He's not directly mentioned. And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

That the man of God may be perfect. Thoroughly fitted for every good work. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. And the Holy Ghost, beloved, comes to fit you. For every good work.

Not for heaven. Not for heaven, but for earth. To live down here properly.

And fit you for every good work on this earth. Every. Not men of God.

The man of God. One man fit for every good work. Notice the tense.

Notice the number. The man of God. Fitted.

Thoroughly adjusted. Perfected. For every good work.

Oh, praise the name of the Lord. You say, is that for me? Well, who is this man of God then? All you women can be men of God. I was telling the men yesterday that they could all be virgin.

That's right. All you women can be men of God. And all you men, you can be men of God.

And we can all fail at being men of God. Men of God are people that are fitted, adjusted, perfected, for every good work. Glory.

Now, you as a babe can know these other things that I've been talking about. You can know those as a babe. Glory.

He said, you love me. Isn't it wonderful? It's all so simple. She says, you love me.

I'll ask Father. It's all so wonderful. It's all in the context of this.

Blessed simplicity. I'll ask the Father, he said. He'll give you the other comforter.

That's right. Isn't it sweet? We can all start here where the Lord fills us. Fills us, fills us, fills us with the Spirit.

Floods us, floods us, all the time. You can get used to being flooded so that it doesn't have the same sort of tremendous crash effect on you. It's like falling in love.

I know someone who's fallen in love with somebody else. He's utterly changed. He seems to love me a lot better because he's fallen in love with some woman.

It's a marvellous thing, love. My, you fall into it. It's a complete crash.

Oh, glory. Well, you get over it after a while. You generally stay in it, but you get over the crash.

That's right. And that's what God intends. You're such a brave, I mean, it's an initiation that's never happened before.

Move. It's a baptism. Move.

All right. It's a baptism, and this is what God means by baptism. Understand it.

What God is moving into. One day you're all right, and the next day you're gone. You know what I mean by all right? Because after you've gone you never think you were all right before.

That's right. It's perfect. You see? And then, hallelujah.

Babes can have this. But oh, now, you're the God. In this great fruit of the Spirit, the only abiding testimony to the baptism in the Spirit is the fruit.

Not the works. You understand that. You get that clear.

And this is the proof that you've remained full after your first explosion. This is the proof that the Holy Ghost is really resident, and you haven't had a touch of a move on. But he's come, and he's living there.

The blessed Spirit. And he fills out all the inward, uttermost manhood of Jesus Christ in you, who was all love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, with his self-control, and faith. You see? That's what he's come.

He's come to turn you into a Jesus. That's the fruit of the Spirit. Now, then, to fit you and make you a man.

A man that can work those works of God on you. Do you know many of us are doing this? Here's your chance, then. Here's your opportunity.

Get your eye off coveting anything else. Get your eye off it. On to the Lord.

Lord, you're going to make me fit. You're going to fit me right out to work the works of God. Now, don't get a great, voracious appetite for it.

Don't get that. Grasping, grasping, grasping to work works. Don't you get grasping for that.

All you need to do, beloved, is stay definitely and completely in love with Jesus. Unless the works you work will subtly move you away from this. And they will become your idol.

And they'll become your downfall. But, oh, just stay here that you can work. Yes, this is what Jesus said.

I must work the works of him that sent me. Why, it's day. He said, I must.

And there is this great must about a man of God. The works that you must work are the works that Jesus worked. You must work those works also.

Supposing I said, I don't want anybody to boast or anybody to reach beyond their measure. Or anybody to get out into the wrong spirit. But supposing I said, hands up any of you in this room tonight who really worked the same works that Jesus worked as a man on the earth.

That you could put them side by side with Jesus' works. And they're identical. This is what he said.

Now if you can't, take heart. Take heart. Hallelujah.

Take heart, beloved. Glory. For it's the same Holy Ghost.

Jesus did the works by him that dwelt in him. That's how you ought to do it. By him that dwells in you.

This blessed one. Oh, beloved. It's great.

It's wonderful. But look, you'll not get here and you'll not get anywhere where God wants you to get. Unless you come back to that very first thing that we thought together.

And that is faith. Faith. And faith isn't some sporadic, spasmodic leap onto a position that you briefly hang on to.

Like somebody jumping up and catching hold of a parallel bar and hanging on to it for five minutes and dropping off. But faith is something that's like the swelling and surging of the flood of Noah's waters bearing up the ark. Faith is something often that a man is not conscious of exercising.

Faith is something that I find and testify to you comes in the Spirit. It is a fruit of the Spirit. This kind of faith isn't something that I have to churn up inside me in order to hang on for two minutes.

Like the woman that came and found healing on the robe of Christ. Clutch and away. So vivid and powerful was the glory of Christ that she got what she was after.

But oh, faith as God means it is something that comes. This is my testimony to you. It is that a man becomes a great believer.

It is something that I testify to you comes over me. And rises in me. And fills my being and consciousness till I can't think of anything else but the particular thing that's got to be done.

And it's done. Must have great faith that day. Get that idea out of your head.

It's all in the Spirit. It's in the Holy Ghost. Do you see that? Don't struggle to get to it.

No, go back. Let the Lord immerse you into it. You've come out of the beginnings of it you see.

We move from the fundamentals. There. The Spirit takes over.

The Spirit does the work. Have I ever told you? Have you? I believe I have. For some of them.

When the Lord began to sort of... I don't know. It all happened when the Lord began to move me in this realm. It just happened.

That's all I know. I didn't suddenly... I mean I've heard people. And they're always wrong.

They're always wrong. I know a woman once. Lots of people on this island.

They get into meetings. And somebody preaches it all hot. About getting on in the face.

And this. And they quote somebody's book. And they preach these great faith building sermons.

So they say. You see? And people are going to say. Oh! I'm going to go home and lay an egg on my mother.

You see? And they go home and do it. And nothing happens. And this so-called faith that they've got.

Fizzles out of their boots. I believe I've got it all. I do so and so and so and so.

I always think. Oh Lord. Where can I run to? A bombastic human spirit here.

The flesh has gotten hold of it. It's a terror. It goes rampaging through all the... Away with it.

Well it happened to me, beloved. All I know is it began to happen. Sort of put my hand on people.

And then they got better. I didn't even say get better. I didn't say be healed.

It was in the spirit. It was just there. It was all nature.

It was Jesus there. I know. It didn't come from me getting self-conviction and building up into the thing.

It was just there. The Holy Ghost is here. It's the great fulfillment of the Word.

It's all being fulfilled in me. That's what you're expected to believe. You're expected to believe that.

You can say, oh God. It's all here. This is the plan.

There's not something for me to strive to attain unto or believe. It's just it. It can't be any other.

This is it. And God does it. You say, well why hasn't it happened in me? You haven't believed right.

You're not on this great realm of faith. There is a place where the Lord gets His hand on you and carries you along and draws you on. If you're a bit stubborn, He has to stick a gold in you like He did Saul of Tarsus.

It's all according to what kind of a nature you are. Some people are very easily led. Some people God has to keep on sticking the gold in them.

God has to allow tragedies to happen to some people's lives because it's the only way that He'll get them. And other people sweetly come in. Sweetly let in.

So simply. Some of you are sitting here. It's right.

No great struggle. But anyway, what is it? It's there. It's the life of faith.

Wonderful. God does it. Yes.

Are you believing God? This is right. Now you'll not get there unless you are. And your believing must dispose you entirely to God.

Everything about me. All right? The Holy Ghost filled all the room where they were sitting. That was the baptismal tank.

It's up to God to fill the room. I can't do it. That's right.

He has to do it. Bless the Lord. Are you believing God? How really are you believing God? How deeply? Can you say, Lord, this is it.

This is the great takeover. Here I am. Go on.

Let him do it. Here. That's right.

Just let him do it. Got any hardinesses here? Got any fears starting to flutter inside you? Got any reasonings chasing through your mind? Have you? Got any objections? Glory. All right then.

Go on. Now start drinking. Go on.

Drink of him. Go on. That's right.

You drink. Believe him. That's right.

You don't have to argue with the Lord. Yield him right up. Yield everything to him.

Go on. Don't look at anybody else. It's nothing to do with you what Jesus does with anybody else.

Go on. Look up to his face with love. Thank him.

Drink him. Go on. Let him take over.

Don't resist him. You must let him take you over. This is the whole purpose of it.

If you find yourself fighting now, you're defeating the purpose of Jesus. It's nothing that he's come to force on you. He's expecting you to receive with gladness.

He's expecting your heart to start thumping with joy. And your lips to start moving with praise. That's what he's expecting of you.

What would you expect of Jesus now, poor sinner? Would you expect him to pump his blood out onto the earth for you? That's right. Well, he would, if it was necessary, but it isn't. Would you expect him to hang on a cross for you? He would.

Now, let him have some expectation in thee. Go on. Glory.

Let him have his way with you. That's right. His way is a completely masterful way.

Absolutely wonderful in its love and fullness. Go on. Hallelujah.

Glory. If you don't believe him, tell him so. If you do believe him, tell him so.

Go on. If you believe this is all wrong, say so. If you believe it's all right, act on it.

That's right. Praise him. Glory.

Yes. Go on. It's the takeover.

It's got to be the takeover. It's all or nothing now. Glory.

Relax now. Don't get all tense. If you're in tension, come out here and get prayed for.

The Lord will break them. Hallelujah. Praise God.

You've got sin in your life now. Exchange your sinful heart for a new heart from God. Go on.

It can be done like that. In a moment of time, God's here. Exchange your sinful, wicked heart for the heart that was in Jesus.

Go on. Can I do that? Yes, that's your privilege. Amen.

Wonderful. Now throw your life away. Go on.

And all its rottenness. Go on. And all its fears.

Everything. Let it go. That's right.

He'll take it away from you. Let that glory of the new life fill you now. Go on.

Drink in. That's right. Praise him now.

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