

FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

"But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, fastened his eyes on him and said."
—Acts xiii. 9.

Not Paul, being entirely sanctified, or Paul, having obtained the blessing of a clean heart, nor yet Paul, being perfected in love, but Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost.

Whence this change in nomenclature? Is it not seen in this, that they who profess to have obtained a second blessing under any of these modern names are ever ready to take the attitude of seekers after what it is said here Paul possessed?

It is conscious lack which makes professors of holiness hesitate to use Pauline language and substitute something which evidently means less. Imagine Paul gathering Christians about him and uniting with them in a reconsecration service, and spending much time in seeking to be filled with the Spirit in Pentecostal fulness! Well, we could imagine such a thing to take place in his after-life, but then we would expect to find that he too would become thereafter shy of the expression, filled with the Spirit, and substitute some expression which implied an inferior experience, when consecrations and reconsecrations would begin to characterize his religious life as the natural result. And so we would expect to read further on in the Acts: "And Paul finding certain disciples said unto them, Have you received the blessing of a clean heart since you believed?" So also in the great climactic sentence in the eighth chapter of Romans it would read, "The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us who have received the blessing of entire sanctification." Elsewhere you would read, "Get the blessing of perfect love and you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh."

Then at the close of his life what a modernized mutilation we would see of his magnificent death-bed utterance, "I have *tried* to fight the good fight of faith. Amidst much that is very imperfect, I trust I have humbly finished my course. I trust I have striven to keep the doctrinal faith pure from the poison of heresy. Henceforth, through the merits alone of the Saviour, in spite of

my defective life, I believe there is a crown laid up for me which the Lord, the *merciful* Judge, will give to me in that day, and not to me only, but also to all who at death are trusting alone in the merits of Christ for salvation."

Yes, it is seemly that those who only have this modernized experience should multiply their consecrations, and gather together often about the altar of prayer, if happily they may exchange the modern for the ancient type of holiness.

FAULT-FINDING.

In this article we wish to draw attention to a subtle kind of fault-finding which generally escapes notice, and indeed is often, alas, too often, given an entirely different name.

Here is a church member, in a comparatively cold, formal church, but led by the kindly providence of God, he or she attends a camp-meeting or convention, and is at once aroused into life and activity. As a genuine lover of the truth he listens to distinctive testimony and teaching concerning Pentecost and its privileges, and finally welcomes the Comforter to His loved abode in another human heart.

On his return to the lukewarm church he now hopes to inspire it with the same spiritual life and joy in the Holy Ghost of which he is now happily possessed, but he is met with such a sluggish indifference on the part of the many, and active antagonism on the part of a few, that his surprise and astonishment know no bounds.

Now, if this party walks closely with God, and permits the Holy One to teach him all things, obeying Him implicitly in all His commands, even to the minutest, he will, amidst all this, continue to have rest of soul and unlimited patience in doing the perfect will of God, even if years should elapse before he should see public evidences of successful work done for the Master; and in the meantime he would know with restful certainty that he was accomplishing all things possible in the Lord's work.

But if at any time there should be failure to be led implicitly by the Spirit,