

they are either intirely indifferent and inattentive, or they begin to exercise their speculation upon what they have heard, but their hearts remain empty, and without any real impression of such truths. On the other hand, the word of the cross is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; it seizes upon and operates in the heart, and is productive of the true conversion of it. For this reason it is a rule with our Brethren, that they never enter into an extensive discussion of the doctrines of God's being an infinite Spirit, of the Holy Trinity, &c. nor do they seek to open the understanding of the Heathen in these points, until they believe in Him, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." As divine Grace alone can produce a true and living faith in them, the Missionaries proceed not to Baptism, until they discover in the hearts of the candidates a real work of the Holy Ghost, and a desire to become obedient to the Gospel. This caution makes it that the progress seems rather slow. But experience shows, that those Heathen who have been brought to the knowledge of Christ by the ministry of the Brethren, if they remain faithful to the grace they have received, prove an honour to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fruits of the Spirit, mentioned in the holy Scriptures, appear in them. Then they become by their lives and conversation living witnesses that Christ saves from sin, they are of course good subjects, and in general shew forth, after their Baptism, that they have been made partakers of the true grace of God.

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