

presence does not fill your being with such perfect knowledge of His presence that all inferential reasoning concerning the matter appears to you quite unnecessary, a mere superfluity, then the very first step towards a satisfactory experience concerning the promise of the Father is to acknowledge your need of it. Any other course is full of danger. We have seen sad results follow the persistent effort to doctor up an experience. But to all *honest* seekers of the Pentecostal gift the way of faith is the Scriptural one. That is, you are called on to receive the Holy Ghost, the promise of the Father, into your being, and commit yourself to all the attendant consequences of such an incoming. You are not only to accept Him now, but commit yourself absolutely to His supervision in your future life, for all time, and in every respect. There must be the understanding that He is to have the veto upon every doubtful subject, and that He actually will regulate your whole life, both in its general and its particular aspects—guide you into all truth.

WHAT IT IMPLIES.

Now this may imply more than you at first expected. Take for example your Christian testimony. It does not simply mean that you are always to be ready to witness for Christ, but it means that you will be actually led of the Spirit, and obey His leadings as to time, place and manner of that experience. That a time may come when you may be called by Him to witness in a way which will be displeasing to home friends, yea, and even to Christian friends, including pastor and official members of your own church, but even then you must recognize the actual right of the Spirit to your Christian testimony, and when you can give no other reason to kind but opposing friends but your conscious knowledge that the Lord requires you so to act. And so of any department of life's activities, you recognize the possibility, at any time, of being called to a course of action where the voice of God in the soul is the only warrant for doing that which cuts you off from the sympathy of your choicest friends. When the believer approaches

the subject with such an understanding of its far-reaching claims, the faith of glad acceptance means more than willingness to be happy or to be the centre of revival work.

To those who are ready to receive Him with such utter self-abandonment to Him, the effort to believe that He comes into their being as the *abiding* Comforter is easy, nay, it becomes an act of glad acceptance. But to all others the way of faith seems difficult and perplexing, and trying to believe is ever followed by conscious failure.

Reader, if you are not walking in the full comforts of the Holy Ghost, but if you have such acquaintance with Him as to make you feel perfectly safe in obeying Him in every respect, then, nothing stands between you and your Pentecost but your will. You may now say to yourself, to God, to all concerned, it is done, and perfect obedience in conscious intention at once opens the door of your being, and He, the radiant one, enters in and possesses His own.

We give it as our undoubted belief, founded not only on personal experience but on minute study of God's word and the experience of others, that the moment your will surrenders, that moment you are conscious that the Holy Ghost comes in to abide with you in His fulness, for the Holy Ghost is given to all who obey Him (see Acts v. 32), and to none others.

EXAMPLES.

Returning from one of the meetings at Wesley Park last summer, a brother seemed to hear the question asked him in his innermost soul: Are you a Holy Ghost man? His answer was Yes, Lord, and from that moment he dates his reception of the Holy Ghost in Pentecostal fulness.

A sister at one of the Tuesday meetings said, "I now receive the Holy Spirit in His fulness, and leave it to Him to make my life correspond to this profession of faith." We have more than once put the question publicly to this sister, Have the results of that act of faith, or will surrender, been satisfactory? And the answer has always been an emphatic affirmative, and we, who