

Christ in full repentance, and accept also the great Teacher to show him exactly how to treat this past.

He who does so act at once enters into Christ's rest concerning the past as well as the present and future. But this rest only comes to stay where there is absolute trust in the guidance of the Spirit, with implicit obedience to all His instructions. And further, this rest is, in part at least, the outcome of the knowledge that in some way he will secure the best solution possible of all the knotty problems of his past life, and in all his actions tend steadily to such result, no matter how misunderstood those actions may be by others.

And the same course precisely must be adopted if, in place of its being the first, it is the second or hundredth time that a man comes to Jesus in penitence or joyous acceptance of the rich provisions of grace. We preach to reputed saint and sinner alike the acceptance of a completed salvation, a salvation which will remain completed every moment that the soul is absolutely and recklessly obedient to the ever present Teacher and Guide into all truth.

But we teach also, on the warrant of the teaching of Christ, that, no matter how long our obedience to the Spirit may have lasted, the moment we are not more than willing to examine and rectify the past, even if that past may have become hoary with age, and apparently forgotten or sanctioned of God, who has, in the meantime, treated us as His favored children, indeed, mayhap, with such ostentatious favor as to found an argument on it that there could be nothing in the past needing rectification, we say that if even under such circumstances there be the absence of loving, loyal eagerness to have the Holy Spirit take us in examination over the past to rectify aught of it according to His instructions, whatever they may be, that the walk in the Spirit on the part of such an one is necessarily interrupted, and thereafter all efforts to live a righteous life must end in failure; for it is only he that loveth the truth that *heareth* the voice of God in the soul, and so can do the will of God on earth as it is done in heaven.

It follows also from the same set of truths that it is quite possible for one to walk in the Spirit, and leave many a past act *apparently* unrectified, seeing God may have, in the meantime, called for absence of concern about the matter, or intimated His will to take a course which would not commend itself to human judgment as the best possible under the circumstances.

The inference then which we draw from the consideration of the whole matter is, that there is, there can be no set of conditions under which a man is placed, whether as a seeker of the pardon-restoring grace of God, or the continued walk in the Spirit, where he may not now accept completed salvation, and thenceforth walk in the Spirit in perfect rest of soul concerning the past, present and future, provided always he honestly wishes to know the will of God concerning himself to do it.

ONE ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR SUCCESS IN SEEKING PENTECOSTAL FULNESS.

If this movement, represented by the Canada Holiness Association, is of God, and the central doctrine thereof is true to the teaching of Christ, he who would walk in the Spirit after this type of spiritual life must, while still a seeker, accept the situation as it now is, with all its pains and penalties.

In plain terms, he must elect to belong to this movement, and identify himself openly with it, in intention at least, in act, if the opportunity presents itself. And this must not be done in a patronizing, half-hearted way, but in the spirit of Moses' act, when he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt.

We should not wonder if there are some who yield to the subtle temptation to put off the time of taking the, to them, bitter pill of unqualified identification with this movement till after they have received their Pentecost, thinking that, mayhap, they would by this means be better able to take up the cross of reproach which such an act now means.

But if the words of Christ are closely