

These were the people to whom the Lord Jesus Christ said immediately before the final withdrawal of His visible presence from them, "Behold I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses for Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." And it was upon these that, after ten days of patient waiting, the Holy Ghost actually did come down, in the manner, and attended by the signs and wonders which are described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. They were persons who had so far come under the influence of the Holy Spirit that, though not with the clearness of vision, perhaps, which belongs to this spiritual dispensation, they had been led through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to reconciliation with God; by the same Divine energy they had been quickened into newness of life, made conscious of the love of God, and of the power of the world to come. And yet they were not fully prepared for their life-work without that for which they were instructed to tarry in the city of Jerusalem, and which was realized in that which took place when "the day of Pentecost was fully come."

It will, however, be necessary to return to this subject in another number, and as the space allotted to this article is already full, this will be a convenient point at which to pause.

THOU hidden love of God, whose height,
Whose depth unfathomed no man knows;
I see from far Thy beauteous light,
Daily I sigh for Thy repose:
My heart is pained, nor can it be
At rest, till it finds rest in Thee.

O, hide this self from me, that I
No more, but Christ in me, may live;
My vile affections crucify.
Nor let one darling lust survive!
In all things nothing may I see.
Nothing desire or seek but Thee!

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

"PUT on thy beautiful garments." Beautiful garments were bought for Christians whether they wore them or not, and the will