

**THE SHOE THAT FITTED**

The minister hit 'em every time,  
And when he spoke of fashion,  
And riggin' out in bows and thins,  
As woman's ruling passion,  
And comin' to church to see the style,  
I couldn't help a winkin'  
And naggin' my wife, and says I,  
"That's you."  
And I guess it sot her to thinkin'

Just then the minister says, says he,  
"And now I've come to the feller  
Who've lost this shower by usin' their  
friends  
As a sort o' moral umbrella  
Go-home," says he, "and find your  
faults  
Instead of huntin' your brother's  
Go-home," says he, "and wear the  
coats  
You tried to fit for others."

My wife she nudged, and Brown he  
winked,  
"And there was lots o' smilin',  
And lots o' lookin' at our pew;  
It sat my blood a bilin',  
Says I to myself, our minister  
Is gittin' a little bitter;  
I'll tell him, when meetin's out, that I  
Ain't at all that kind of a critter."

**WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

"The Spirit itself beareth witness  
with our spirit that we are the  
children of God."—Rom. 8-10.

We want it understood in the be-  
ginning that this witnessing Spirit is  
the one Holy Spirit...and the only  
one. That the children of God have  
this competent witness to testify to  
their sonship, is one of the most  
gratifying reflections enjoyed by the  
true Christian. If we are children  
of God, the Spirit must be the wit-  
ness to the fact, as none other can

testify on the Divine side of this  
case. We may have abundance of  
human testimony, but there is none  
of that assurance that the Spirit's  
testimony brings. The day was  
when meetings were appointed to  
hear the experience or testimony of  
young converts; the older "soldiers  
of the cross" judged as to whether  
their sins were pardoned by the ex-  
perience related by each one. Paul  
says "We are not of the number  
that measure themselves by them-  
selves, and compare themselves  
among themselves, for they that do  
such things are not wise." In these  
experience meetings the older ones  
compare the experiences of the  
younger by theirs and if it fills their  
measure they are safe, if it falls  
short, the convert is sent off to pray  
again. All this is unwarranted in  
God's Word. You will observe that  
"the Spirit bears witness with our  
spirit." So there are two witnesses,  
the one corroborating the testimony  
of the other. A witness to give tes-  
timony that will be beneficial to man,  
must make himself understood by  
using such words as the court will  
understand. If, when the interroga-  
tion is made, the witness remains  
silent, we conclude at once, that he  
does not know what to say, or he is  
a dumb witness, or else he is a fool.  
The Holy Spirit, our witness, is  
neither of these, but bears testimony  
of an unmistakable character.—  
*How? by words, that are easy to be  
understood. The Spirit has always  
used words to make known anything  
important to man. That is the  
Spirit's testimony on the Divine side  
of this momentous question. Using  
the tongues and language of the  
Apostles, the Spirit testifies as fol-  
lows: "For we are all the children  
of God by Faith in Christ Jesus.  
For as many of you as have been  
baptized into Christ, have put on  
Christ." Gal. 3-26 and 27. On the  
Day of Pentecost the Spirit con-  
vinced the people using the tongue  
of Peter, and told those who desired  
to know what to do to be saved to  
become the Sons of God; "repent  
and be baptized every one of you in  
the name of Jesus Christ, for the re-  
mission of sins and ye shall receive*

the gift of the Holy Spirit." "That  
if thou shalt confess with thy mouth  
the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in  
thine heart that God raised him from  
the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth  
unto righteousness, and with the  
mouth confession is made unto sal-  
vation." Rom. 10-9,10. This will  
suffice to show the character of the  
Holy Spirit's testimony; you will  
understand that the Apostles spoke  
a "directed by the Holy Spirit, hence  
the language of the Apostles reveal  
to us the testimony of the Holy  
Spirit which we sum up as follows:

That if we do believe with all our  
heart that Jesus is Christ risen from  
the dead, and our Saviour, repent or  
reform, by turning away from all our  
sins, from a pure sense of love for  
God, and confess with the mouth the  
fact we have in our heart, and have  
been baptized into Christ, by being  
baptized with him in baptism (Rom.  
6:4-5-12.) The Spirit testifies  
that if we have done this, we are the  
sons of God. Nothing can be more  
plain than this. And we can know  
what the testimony is, for it is writ-  
ten in the Word of God. Now, in  
order for this testimony to be of use  
to us, it must be corroborated by the  
testimony of our spirit. If our spirit  
testifies, I have done all these things  
just as the Holy Spirit has said,  
therefore I am a child of God ac-  
cording to the testimony of the Holy  
Spirit. But if when we hear the  
testimony of the Holy Spirit, we say,  
I have not done these things re-  
quired by the Holy Spirit, of course it  
does not testify to your sonship,  
But you say, "I feel that I am a  
child of God, notwithstanding I have  
not done that which the Holy Spirit  
requires, then your feeling contra-  
dicts the testimony, and a struggle  
must now ensue, as to which is the  
safest to depend on for sonship and  
heirship, your changeable feelings, or  
the unchangeable word or testimony  
of the Holy Spirit.

So far as it refers to the physical,  
feelings may be a safe guide to tell  
us when we are hungry or thirsty, or  
sleepy, but when it comes to matters  
of faith, we cannot rely upon feelings  
to certify the truth, but rely upon  
the testimony of the Spirit which we  
find in God's Word. You know that  
if I should gain your confidence so  
much that you would follow my di-  
rections, and I should direct you on  
the wrong road, no matter whether I  
am honest or not in giving the di-  
rections, you would feel just as happy  
in going the opposite direction as you  
would going the right way, and  
would feel just as sure that you  
would get to the desired place, but  
you would not reason that it is the  
right road because you feel that it is,  
and that right or wrong it is all right  
because I feel that it is right. Oh,  
no, but when you see the finger  
points up all along the way directing  
you, you would follow them, no dif-  
ference how you felt, if it is impor-  
tant to you to get there.

It is related of Bernadotte that  
when he was a corporal in the  
French army, he proposed marriage to  
a peasant girl, who, by the advice  
of her friends, rejected him because  
he was a poor soldier. After he  
became King of Sweden she wrote to  
him and asked for the washing of  
the palace, which he granted.—*Ex.*

A revivalist in Texas, after three  
days of unsuccessful effort, made the  
following farewell speech to an un-  
appreciative audience: "Dear breth-  
ren and sisters, this is the last meet-  
ing that I shall try to hold. It is  
impossible for me to get up a fervor  
on corn bread and molasses for my-  
self and an ear of corn a day for my  
horse. Good-bye. God bless you."

A writer in the *Central Methodist*  
says: "Our excellent book of discip-  
line is not free from Catholicism.  
Look at our formula in baptism.  
And there is too much 'tomfoolery'  
in the marriage ceremony." We  
have often pointed out the Catholic-  
ism in this formula, and had it de-  
nied. As to the "tomfoolery" in  
the marriage ceremony, we have  
heard other ceremonies that contain  
a good deal of "tomfoolery," and  
that are not the worst of it. There  
is more "tomfoolery" in the mar-  
riage ceremony than there was in the ceremony."  
—*Old Path Guide*

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