

mount, outside of, and independent of, all things, he will cease to walk with Him, and will learn that He, the Holy Ghost, is only given to them who *obey* Him.

Our hope is that not only our brother here, but all who accept this unction, may continue to walk in the Spirit—be led by the Spirit into *all* truth.

THE PERSONAL HOLY GHOST.

The blessing of holiness, being an intense spirituality, is a great aid to orthodoxy. It clears up doubt, and makes more real and living the fundamental doctrines of Jesus Christ.

In nothing is this more true than in the doctrine of the Holy Ghost. To receive the blessing of holiness is to come into such a relationship to God as to learn more easily than before, because more experimental and conscious, the deep mystery of the divinity and personality of the Holy Ghost. Accordingly it is a matter of history and fact that a holiness revival is a revival of attention to the doctrine and person of the Holy Ghost.

No one knows the Holy Ghost as a person until he is sanctified wholly. In regeneration, the Holy Ghost witnesses to us of the personality of the Father and the Son, but not of his own personality. The Father is then revealed in the consciousness of the believer as his Divine Father; and the Son, in like manner, is revealed as the Divine Saviour. These facts are living realities to him, as every real Christian well understands. But it is only when he is cleansed from all sin that he has a like consciousness of the indwelling personal Holy Ghost. His presence giving life in the heart did not before this reveal his own personality, but now it does so.

This view of the case explains, what otherwise is dark and inexplicable in the teaching of Jesus, that, although His disciples were "born of the Spirit," yet "the Holy Ghost was not yet given;" but after He went away He would send Him. It also explains the promise that when the Holy Ghost was thus come, He should be "another Comforter," or "Advocate;" another personal Friend. (John iii. 5; vii. 39: xv. 26; xiv. 16.)

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Oh, receive Him to-day!

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE.

Ever and anon we find articles in our exchanges which show a tendency to re-

turn to the nomenclature of the early Christians.

If this article is read from the bottom upward, it would come still nearer to the apostolic order in teaching.

It will be seen by reading, in the Acts, the incident of the reception of the Holy Ghost by Cornelius and other Gentiles, that in the three mentions of the incident it is not till the third time that purity or cleansing is named.

If, then, the Bible puts the reception of the Holy Ghost first and cleansing as a result of walking in Him after, is it wise to reverse this order, even if, as with this writer, the two are made to be inseparable?

It may be asserted that practically it makes no difference. Suppose even we should admit this, still the question is in order, Why make the change at all?

PERFECTED IN LOVE, AND YET O FOR MORE LOVE!

Cleansed from all sin, but O for another application of the cleansing blood! Baptized with the Holy Ghost, but O for more power! Filled, but O to be fuller!

Now these and kindred utterances are right or wrong, just according to the meaning attached to them by the one using them. When they simply refer to growth in grace, according to Scripture teaching concerning growth, they are not necessarily wrong, although we might discourse concerning the propriety of avoiding nonsensical expressions, that is, expressions that convey no intelligent meaning to any but the one using them.

A perfection that can be perfected, a completeness that can be further completed, a fulness that can be filled, a wholeness that can be made whole. These and like expressions need so many explanations to make them pass current, that the question might well be raised as to the propriety of inventing some explanations of Christian perfection which did not need that they themselves should be explained.

Of what consequence is it, asks one, seeing it is only a question of words?