

boni"? Then we acknowledge Christ as Lord over the intellect, and we will do everything with an eye single to His honor and glory. Such an acknowledgment will notably effect our beliefs and opinions. Our own inclinations will be set aside, and we will come humbly to the inspired page, wanting to know the mind and will of Him whom we are to obey.

It will affect all our reading, which is an intellectual occupation: it involves an exercise of the mind. If we truly utter the word *Rabboni*, we will realize that we have no right to read as we please. We will read any book, as the servants of Christ.

Our hearts, consciences and wills we shall lay as tribute at His feet. Did not our Saviour, when on earth, place His claim above home and kindred? No heart ever knows the power of loving, until it has learned to love only and always in the Lord. When we thus love, our tongues are controlled, and we avoid the mischief wrought by unsanctified speech. Under the control of Jesus, our thoughts and words spontaneously flow out, pure, gentle and sweet.

A true utterance of the word, *Rabboni*, today, implies that we acknowledge Christ as Lord of the conscience to instruct and quicken, as Lord of the will, allowing Him to rule it. And then, as a matter of course, our bodies will be yielded to Him.

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Filled With the Spirit

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There are two expressions which are commonly confounded, namely: Baptism with the Spirit, and Filling with the Spirit. The former is frequently, but erroneously, used to describe an experience in the Christian life subsequent to regeneration.

The baptism with the Spirit is, indeed, regeneration. Whoever has been born into the kingdom of Jesus Christ, has been baptized with the Holy Spirit and in virtue of that fact enjoys the promise of all His fulness.

The filling with the Spirit is an experience which may be subsequent to the Spirit's bap-

tism, but not is necessarily so. In regeneration the Holy Spirit is given and is enjoyed in all the fulness in which the soul consciously and willingly receives Him. The Spirit is God's gift in Jesus Christ, and God is no niggardly bestower of His grace. Our measure of the Spirit's fulness is the measure in which we realize our need of His power and claim His power for that need.

The light from the king of day is at this moment flooding the world without; it enters my room, and fills its every corner just in the measure in which I fling wide the curtains to admit it. And God's Spirit is given me as freely, and becomes mine as simply. He fills my life just in the measure in which, with willing heart, I open every door into every part of my life, and bid Him welcome.

Will there be new "fillings"? There will be richer fulness. As new fields of service open and more powers are called into action, into these hitherto unrecognized areas of my life His power will flow. New experience of need will mean new experience of the Spirit's power to supply that need.

If any one born of God is failing to enjoy the full measure of the Spirit's indwelling, and as a result is failing in efficiency in work to which he has put his hand, the fault is not with God. In ourselves, not in Him, are we straitened. Through ignorance we may not have claimed the blessing; unwilling to part with sin, we may be refusing the Spirit the right of full control in our life; somewhere there is hindrance, and it is in us.

Dr. Moule, who has written so much and so helpfully upon this subject, says that the difference between a Spirit-filled life and one not so filled, is the difference between a well in which there is a spring of water choked, and a well in which the flow from the living spring is free and constant. In every child of God the Spirit is present; the Spring, the Source of life and power, is there. Is that Spring unchecked in us, or is the well of our life dry and parched because the flow of the life-giving Fountain is stayed? And if it is stayed, how many around us are failing of blessing, because we, through whom blessing should come, are "choked channels"!

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