

Do not the very extracts above imply that in the gift of the Holy Ghost they had received something greater than heart purity, even the very thing which he asserts should be sought *after*, that is, subsequent to the blessing of heart purity.

And yet Paul seemed to be absolutely ignorant of this modern teaching, as the narrative fully shows.

How many we have met who are clear in their testimony as to being cleansed from all sin, but are still sighing after the gift of the Holy Ghost, as illustrated in the experience of these Ephesian Christians! And yet Paul led them into this experience without their first being told of the blessing of purity as a needful preparation for the reception of the Holy Ghost.

When it comes to a question as to who are the more authoritative teachers concerning this thing, Peter and Paul, or some modern teachers, we are fully persuaded that the teachers who figure in the Acts of the Apostles will win the day.

"THE ANOINTING THAT ABIDETH."

On going to the recent meeting of the National Holiness Association at Mount Tabor, N.J., the writer was specially moved with desire for a fuller baptism of the Holy Ghost than he had ever known before. The meeting progressed from day to day under most gracious influences. Upon every opportunity he was found down in the straw with seekers for "power." Amidst the most tumultuous scenes as they occurred from time to time, the depths of his soul were as the quiet of the sea not reached by the dashing of the waves and the blowing of the winds. This he was inclined to regard as indicative of a need that had not been supplied. On Tuesday afternoon there was a great shout of victory among the worshippers before the stand, in which the writer participated; but still his soul was looking for an unsupplied want.

On the morning of Wednesday, July 25th, he awoke with the inward suggestion to go to the early meeting, and the thought, "This 'anointing that abideth' may come *this* morning." He was called upon to read the Scriptures, and chose a lesson from Gal. 2nd

chap., beginning with the 15th verse, and continuing to the third verse of chap. 3. The truth was particularly applied to his own soul in showing the danger of legality and the folly of expecting anything from the Lord on any other line than faith. The early meeting closed and the 8.30 meeting came on. During the progress of this latter meeting, after speaking of his confidence and satisfaction in God, but definitely referring to the *craving* for the "abiding anointing," he opened the Word to look at 1 John, 3rd chap., for light. His eyes and heart were suddenly arrested by the 27th verse of chap. 2 of that epistle, which reads thus: "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him."

This passage sparkled with light and salvation. Upon associating it with what follows in chap. 3, verses 21-24, he saw by faith that here was just what he had been looking for, and upon which he had been seeking instruction. *The sweet anointing came, and is abiding.* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!—*Rev. W. G. Browning.*

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE.

Still they come, those individual experiences which show that the usual teachings concerning holiness do not meet the inner longings of the soul.

This unction that abideth, what is it but walking in the Spirit?

Now, if this brother does not continue to obey the Holy Spirit as the one and only law of life, without any limitations as to Scripture, common sense or reason, it matters not how great the blessing received, it will not prove to be abiding.

Also, if one simply accepts the Holy One in all His offices and walks in Him, that is, makes Him the one law of life in all things, great or small, he will as certainly be led into all truth, and have the unction that abideth, as if he had spent days or weeks in continual waiting on God for this result.

Again, if this brother should at any time act out his fears to trust the Spirit, reckless of all consequences, should even the alarm about this way, raised by the over-cautious, seduce him from perfect faith in the Guide divine, as Guide para-