

prominence to strange and startling manifestations whenever these might be made to indicate the presence and sanction of the Holy Spirit.

Now Christ taught that where a process of observation and reasoning would not lead to the acceptance of truth, any supernatural manifestations would not secure that result. "If they believe not Moses and the prophets neither would they be persuaded though one should rise from the dead," is an unmistakable deliverance concerning this truism.

The whole incident then goes to show that whilst emphasis and even signs and wonders may and often do arouse attention to truth they can do no more than this. They weaken not antagonism in non-truth lovers, but rather tend to intensify it, and yet emphatic utterances and even the presence of unmistakable divine supervision have their proper place in propagating the Gospel.

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DEAR BRO.—It is three months to-day since I became subject to the Holy Ghost as an indwelling guide. Though I begun well in Canada in 1887, I was only there two weeks after entering into the pentecostal experience before I left for Dakota. Still I enjoyed the experience till the following year, March, 1888. I never understood it as I do now. If I had I don't think I would ever have lost it. I lived almost four years without the experience, though I made several futile efforts to regain it. I have discovered the secret of my failure. I thought a man could be a regenerated person, a child of God, and yet not have the Holy Spirit in him. I believed that believers were not baptized with the Holy Ghost at conversion, that it was an afterwork by the will of God. Therefore until I should feel a sudden change come over me in answer to prayer for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I would not believe I enjoyed His presence. I believed the Holy Ghost was a person, and I knew it was absurd for a man to hunt and seek after what he had already

found. But since I have been in the school of the Holy Ghost once more, I have laid aside the erroneous views I imbibed while in the school of President McDonald, of our Holiness Association.

I now believe that when a man gives his heart to God, God gives His Spirit to him, and every regenerated heart is inhabited by the Spirit Divine. I believe it every Christian's duty to recognize the Spirit's presence and in the pentecostal sense, as Guide, Teacher, Empowerer, Joy Giver, etc. If a Christian has an unsatisfactory experience it is because his ignorance about the Holy Ghost, his erroneous views and false instruction, have caused his will to exert a repressive force upon the power of the Holy Ghost in him. I like Pope's definition of entire sanctification, as the full, unlimited, unhindered, almighty energy of the power of His presence in the soul. Paul could not write unto the Corinthians as spiritual in the pentecostal sense, but carnal. They followed human leaders like I followed McDonald. Yet they were babes in Christ, so was I. They were the temples of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God dwelt in them. They were enriched by Him in all knowledge, yet were babes because they unwittingly relied on human guides for help. I do not believe in inbred sin. I can't believe that God and sin can dwell together in the heart of the believer. Yet the Corinthians were carnal, and at the same time God dwelt in them.

Then Paul must have meant that some crude notions of divine truth that they embraced which prevented the free course of the Spirit's power, entitled them to the appellation of carnal. I learn that babes in Christ are temples of God. That babes in Christ are holy. That they have the Holy Ghost. That the Holy Ghost is a person. That we are to rely solely on Him. That if we do this He in part to us all our soul needs regardless of Peter, Apollos and Paul. I learn that if *any* man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His. That if His, though only babes, we are sanctified. That we can be babes in Christ yet enriched in everything, so that we come behind in no gift. That a person can be enriched in everything and yet