

INTRODUCTION.

The position of believers in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit, is clearly stated by our Saviour in His promise to His disciples before His ascension to the right hand of God. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1 : 8). The disciples continued in prayer and praise for ten days, waiting for the gift. It was the fulfilment of a specific promise to these same disciples, in John 14 : 16, 17, 26 ; 15 : 26, 27 ; 16 : 7, 13. It was the beginning of a new age, called the "last days." (Acts 2 : 17.) Those who received it were Jews, and followers of Christ. They gave their testimony to all who came up to the Feast—representative Jews, devout men from every country in the world. Their witness was of the life, the death by crucifixion, the resurrection from the grave, the ascension to the right hand of God in heaven, of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The remarkable sign, which arrested the attention of the great multitude, was the clear utterance in the spoken tongues of the great company from all nations, while the speakers were all native Galileans. Each hearer heard in his own tongue, or dialect. The question arose in each one, as in every case of true conviction a sinner has felt, "How is it, that I feel this impression, or hear this Voice"? The hearers wondered, they were amazed, and began to account for the feeling, and for the fact. As