

CLOTHED WITH THE SPIRIT

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REDEMPTION TIDINGS**

God has a plan for us in this life of the Spirit, this abundant life. Jesus came that we might have life. Satan comes to steal and kill and destroy, but God has for us abundance, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, overflowing, abundant measure. God filling us with His own personality and presence, making us salt and light and giving us revelation of Himself. God with us in all circumstances afflictions, and persecutions, in every trial, girding us with truth. Christ the initiative, the Triune God in control, our every thought, word, and action must be in line with Him, with no weakness or failure. Our God is a God of might, light, and revelation, preparing us for heaven (Col. 3:3). Our life is hid with Christ in God; when He who is our life shall be manifested, we also shall appear with Him in glory.

THE EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT

II Cor. 5:1-6. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened, not that we would be unclothed but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now He that hath wrought for us the self-same thing is God, Who also hath given us the earnest of the Spirit. God's Word is a tremendous Word, a productive Word, producing what it is—power. Producing God-likeness. We get to heaven through the Word of God, we have peace through the blood of His cross. Redemption is ours through the knowledge of the Word. I am saved because God's Word says so (Rom. 10:9). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." If I am baptized with the Holy Spirit it is because Jesus said that ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you. We must all have one idea—to be filled with the Holy Ghost, to be filled with God.

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

"God hath sent His Word to free us from the law of sin and death. Except we die we cannot live; except we cease to be, God cannot be."

The Holy Ghost has a royal plan, a heavenly plan. He came to unveil the King, to show the character of God, to unveil the precious blood. As I have the Holy Spirit

within me, I see Jesus clothed for humanity; He was moved by the Spirit, led by the Spirit. We read of some who heard the Word of God but were not profited, because faith was lacking in them. We must have a living faith in God's Word, quickened by the Spirit. A man may be saved and still have a human spirit; with many who are spoken to about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the human spirit at once arises against the Holy Spirit. The human spirit is not subject to the law of God, neither can it be. The disciples at one time, wanted to call down fire from heaven. Jesus said, "Ye know not what spirit ye are of."

Verse 5: "Now He that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, Who also hath given us the earnest of the Spirit." The clothing upon of the Spirit, human depravity covered, all contrary to the mind of God destroyed. God must have bodies for Himself, perfectly prepared by the Holy Ghost, for the day of the Lord. Verse 2: "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." Is Paul speaking here of the coming of the Lord? No; yet it is in conjunction, this condition of preparedness. The Holy Ghost is coming to take out a church and a perfect Bride; He must find in us perfect yieldedness, every desire subjected to Him. He has come to reveal Christ in us, that the glorious flow of the life of God may outflow, rivers of living water to the thirsty land. Rom. 8:10: "If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

THE PLAN OF THE SPIRIT

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

"This is that which God hath declared, freedom from the law. If we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us." (I John 2:16). "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

The Spirit has to breathe in a new tenancy, a new order. He came to give the vision of a life in which Jesus is perfected (II Timothy 1:9-10). "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." Saved, called to be saints, called with a holy calling, holy, pure, Godlike, sons with power. It is a long time now since it was settled and death abolished. Death has no more power; mortality is a hindrance; sin has no more dominion; you reign in Christ, you appropriate His finished work. Don't groan and travail for a week if you are in need, only believe. Don't fight to get some special thing, only believe. It is according to your faith. God blesses you with faith. Have faith in God. If you are free in God, believe, and it shall be.

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” Stir yourselves up, beloved; where are you? I am risen with Christ, planted. It was a beautiful planting. Seated. God gives me credit and I believe Him; why should I doubt?

MESSAGE IN TONGUES

“Wherefore do you doubt? Faith reigns. God makes it possible. How many receive the Holy Ghost and Satan gets a doubt in? Don't doubt; believe. There is power and strength in Him; who dares believe God?”

Quit Doubting Street; live in Faith-Victory Street. Jesus sent seventy away, and they came back in victory. It takes God to make it real. Dare to believe till there is not a sick person, no sickness, everything withered, and the life of Jesus implanted within.