

Murray, 5. The Spirit of Christ.

When he was exalted to the throne of glory, it was that He might send down into our hearts the Holy Spirit ... to maintain in us, in Divine power, the blessed life of FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD. It was to be one of the marks of the New Covenant that each member of it should walk in Personal communion with God....

The personal fellowship and knowledge of God in the Holy Spirit was to be the fruit of the Pardon of sin. The Spirit of God's own Son, sent into our hearts to do each moment A work as Divine as the work of the Son in redeeming us, To displace our life and replace it by the life of Christ in power, To make the Son of God divinely and consciously present with us always — This was what the Father had promised as the distinctive blessing of the New Covenant.

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In our preaching and our practice He does not hold the place of prominence which He has in God's plan and in His promises.

While our creed on the Holy Spirit is orthodox and Scriptural, His presence and power in The life of believers, in the ministry of the Word, in the witness of the Church to the world Is not what the Word promises or God's plan requires.

Many of them can look back to some special season of spiritual revival, when their whole life was apparently lifted to a higher level.... But it did not last. There was a very gradual decline to a lower stage, with much vain effort and sad failure.... They did not know or honor the Indwelling Spirit as the strength of their life, as the power of their faith, To keep them always looking to Jesus and trusting in Him. They knew not what it was, day by day, to wait in lowly reverence for the Holy Spirit To deliver them from the power of the flesh, and to maintain the wonderful presence of The Father and The Son within them... the life and joy of the Holy Ghost, as he brings nigh and Glorifies within them the Jesus whom hitherto they have only known at a distance, high above.

P.8. Is not the power from on high the one thing we lack? May it be, with all our love for Christ and labour for His cause, we have not made the chief object of our desire what was the chief object of His Heart when He ascended the throne — to have His disciples as a company of men waiting for the clothing with the power of the Holy Ghost, that in the power of the presence of their Lord they might testify of Him? (May theologians) secure for God's Holy Spirit His full recognition in the lives of believers, in the ministry of the Word ... in all the work done in His Church.

P.9. ...our prayer for the mighty working of the Holy Spirit through us and around us can only be powerfully answered as HIS INDWELLING IN EVERY BELIEVER is more clearly acknowledged and lived out. WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US.... As we yield ourselves to be led by the Spirit, to confess His presence in us; as believers rise to realize and accept His guidance in all their daily life... If we give ourselves entirely into His power, as our life, ruling within us, He will give himself to us in taking a more complete possession, to work through us.

It is as an Indwelling Life that the Holy Spirit must be known. In a living, adoring faith, the Indwelling must be accepted and treasured, until it becomes Part of the consciousness of the new man: THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSESSES ME. In this faith, the whole life, even to the least things, must be surrendered to His leading, While all that is of the flesh or self is crucified and put to death. If in this faith we wait on God for His divine leading and working, placing ourselves entirely at His disposal, our prayer cannot remain unheard; there will be operations and manifestations of the Spirit's power in the Church and in the world such as we could not dare to hope. The Holy Spirit only demands vessels entirely set apart to Him. He will delight to manifest the Glory of Christ