

The Wednesday Word, September 5, 2018: The Precious Work of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:14; "He shall glorify me"

John 15:26; "He shall testify of me:"

2 Corinthians 3:18 " But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

There are many who hold that the Gospel is about the cross while the 'Full Gospel' is about the Holy Spirit and His power in the lives of the believer. But here's the truth, the Gospel is already full. It became full 2000 years ago in the doing, dying and rising again of the Lord Jesus. The Gospel is in no respect deficient or defective. There's nothing which can be added to it, it lacks nothing, needs nothing and is wanting in nothing. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is already the Full Gospel.

I'm sometimes asked whether I believe in the Holy Spirit. I reply, "Of course I do." However, the genuine Holy Spirit is in no way divorced from the Gospel. While it is true that the Holy Spirit is working within us (Philippians 2:13), He, as He works, causes us to think outside of ourselves as He brings us to authentic Full Gospel, the person of Christ.

Do you ever yearn to enjoy more of Jesus? I know I do. This is the working of the Holy Spirit. He continually causes us to hunger for the real bread of life.

The Holy Spirit gives us simple yet magnificent thoughts about Jesus (John 16:14).

He causes us to call upon Jesus.

He focuses our minds on Jesus.

As we are filled with the Spirit, our lips speak about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit draws us to Jesus.

He makes Jesus the first and Jesus the last.

He causes us to be taken up with Jesus.

May we be so filled with the Spirit that He will cause us to behold Jesus when we wake.

And think about Jesus as we sleep.

May we meet Jesus in the study and in the living room.

May we meet with Jesus in the kitchen and in the garden.

May we meet Jesus in the car and in the gym;

May we enjoy Jesus when we are alone or in company.

May we be more than aware of Jesus in the shop, in the factory, in the office or in the classroom.

The Holy Spirit breathes on us that we may breathe after Jesus.

This is the Spirit filled life! (John 15:26).

Jesus abounds! No, I'm wrong, He super-abounds!

Jesus is our daily and all-sufficient portion.

The Holy Spirit will cause us to see that!

Having Jesus, we have all things.
The Holy Spirit will cause us to see that!

What can we lack if we have and enjoy Jesus? He is more than a million universes.
The Holy Spirit will cause us to see that.

Jesus can stop every gap. He can fill every void. He can crush every enemy. He can destroy and dispel every drop of darkness. He can quell every fear. He can banish the remotest doubt.
The Holy Spirit will cause us to see that.

Oh, precious, precious Jesus, whom have we in heaven but you and there is none upon the earth that we desire besides you. (See Psalm 73:25-26). Having you, what do we lack?

Once, by the Holy Spirit, we have caught a vision of the Lord Jesus, we will never be satisfied with the subjective man-centred fare that is on offer in so many of the churches.

The real Holy Spirit will cause us to grow downward in self and upward in Christ.

And that's the Gospel Truth!