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millions are so deluded. "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To the Unknown God, whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you." Acts 17:23.

Modern worship of God by those who have no experimental contact with Him, is equally ignorant worship of an unknown God. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." Jno. 17:3.

"He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in Him" "This is that Bread which came down from Heaven." That is partakes of the Word that was made the flesh of the Son of God. Jno. 6:53-58; 1:14.

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Divine Fundamentals

"...They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways."

Hebrews 3:10.

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7

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The Great Almighty Lord of the Universe is a God of order, system, law, exactness, perfection, uniformity. He works along lines of highest and most perfect wisdom. There are certain fundamentals or foundation principles or laws of action and being, from which He does not depart or vary. To know these laws or fundamentals, to become informed of these fundamentals, is a strong aid toward lifting one from the realm of broken human existence into the realm of divine knowledge and operation. This writing is for the setting forth of some of the basic foundational laws as they have been discovered to us by divine revelation. The numbers are for convenience, not law numbers.

1 THE LAW OF PROGRESSION

Light proceeding from the sun or other source, instantly ceases or disappears into darkness, if its flow or progression is intercepted, or broken. "The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." Romans 1:20.

"Jehovah God is a sun." (Psalm 84:11; Isaiah 60:19, 20; Malachi 4:2; Revelation 21:23). The Holy Spirit "proceedeth from the Father." "He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of

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God and of the Lamb." "He that believeth on me, ... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit!)." (John 15:26; Revelation 22:1; John 7:38, 39).

Since then, Holy Spirit is ever proceeding, flowing or emanating from God and the Lamb, like the light from the sun or a river, it easily appears that the translation of Acts 1:8 (margin) is the correct rendering: "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you."

This is why the apostles and people of the early Ecclesia were frequently refilled, as in Acts 4:31. If any act, thought, feeling, neglect, carelessness, lukewarmness, natural tendency, attachment, interest, concern, occupation, or anything whatever comes between you and the light, the life is interfered with, the power lessened, and you are started on the down grade.

The currents of thought, feeling and activity here in this world are against God and His power. Strive, fight, press, are the words to describe our attitude. Most Christians live on a low plane. Most Pentecostal people do not keep up the supply or flow of the Spirit, but drop to a low spiritual condition.

This then, is the foundation principle of divine operation. If you do not keep a constant flow of the Spirit, the power

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will diminish, the river run dry, the fire smoulder, and the light grow dim.

2 BY HIS WORD

God has power. God has unlimited and almighty power. He has given all power to the Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Eternal Word of God made flesh. "A body hast thou given me," "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things." "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

In the creation, "The worlds were framed by the word of God." He spake to the fathers by the Word. In the Ecclesia Paul commanded by the Spirit, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." In the last revelation time His people had the "Testimony of Jesus, ... the Spirit of prophecy." Christ as the Word of God, heads the whole white horse army, with a sharp sword, the speaking Word of God in His mouth: a rod of iron with which He rules the nations and slays the wicked. This white horse army also have the Word of God; a rod of iron. Heb. 11:5; Col. 3:16; Rev. 12:17; 19:10, 15; 2:27.

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Word of God. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." "He sent His word, and healed them." "Believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." Psa. 107:20; 2 Chron. 20:20.

The substitute of human learning for prophetic preaching of the Word of God has wrought untold havoc in the assembly of God. It has wrought ruin. But now in the "period of the Great Restoration," the Lord is demanding that a set of ministers shall be raised up who shall minister by the prophetic Word of God, and not by mental effort. God will no longer pass this wrong by, but will require it of His ministers, that they speak by the Word of God, and He will require it in the very near future. You had better prepare now.

3 INDWELT

HOLY SPIRIT IS THE NAME by which that manifestation or activity of the Divine Being who pervades the universe is indicated. He is not merely an influence emanating from God, but is very God indeed. The Holy Spirit is that manifestation of God of which it is said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them." One in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, possessing, controlling and leading; thus becomes an "adopted," or "set in" grown son of God. "A vessel unto

honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use." 2 Cor. 6:16; 2 Tim. 2:21.

This Divine indwelling and control of men should reach every faculty and function within him. And it will in so far as He is given possession and sway; but the Holy Spirit is delicate and refined in His touch, and has so great deference and respect for the citadel of mansoul, that He only takes control so far as man grants freely right of possession. Perverted man is slow to yield this right of way: so the Holy Spirit waits, and the tug of war goes on, year after year.

Of the several human faculties it is said: if it be control of the will: "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

If it is the mind: "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5.

If it be the heart, with its desires, affections, passions, appetites, etc., then one should be able to say: "All my springs are in Thee." "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." "The Lord possessed me." Psa. 87:7, Prov. 8:22.

If it be the body: "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

If it be the Ecclesia: "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." 1 Cor. 3:9; Eph. 2:22.

Thus by these and other similar Scriptures it is plainly shown that a Divine Fundamental of relationship between God and man is that God asks and requires entire possession and control of the full circle of powers and faculties of whoever will acknowledge His sovereign rights in the creatures He has created.

If it be speech: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His Word was in my tongue." 2 Sam. 23:2.

Not only is Divine control a principle of Divine-human relationship, but it is a Principle of Divine Being and action. Jesus plainly taught this oneness and control, for He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself." "I can of mine own self do nothing." "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which sent Me." "I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us." John 5:19, 30; 14:10.

These quotations contain the whole gist of this Fundamental Principle. As Christ further says: "I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one." Jno. 17:23.

4 MEAT AND DRINK INDEED

A great, grave and far reaching error pervades Christendom. It is "holding of truth in theory in the abstract, having the truth in unrighteousness." The holding of truth in theory in the abstract, having a mental conception of the thing, yet not having felt or known it in its experimental power. Millions profess to be Christians, yet have never known Christ in His saving power. To hold to the theory of the grace of God in any way, and yet not know its power in personal experience makes one liable to the wrath of God. Rom. 1:16-30.

Abstract doctrine, or teaching held in theory, but not known in experience, not wrought into one's inner life, is deceptive and misleading—but a mirage. All saving truth coming from God has life in itself, and imparts life where received in faith. Truth held in theory without the life is hypocrisy, mere stage playing, empty profession.

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