

THE INGRAFTED WORD

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Discovery by the Holy Spirit, of the far reaching nature of those privileges provided by the plan of God in Christ Jesus as set forth in James 1:21-25—abundant life for every phase of need—is scantily recognized and sparingly appropriated.

Man-made religion may be carried on by man's efforts, but that which comes from God can only be obtained or promoted by miraculous activities of Jesus Christ Himself. Without the Spirit-movings of God, true relations can neither be obtained nor advanced.

Inspired Scriptures contain a variety of ways of expressing this divine impartation. Excellent among them is the one in James 1:21, which says: "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." Owing to the peculiarity in the meanings of the Greek words, "sozo" and "soteria," translated "save" and "salvation," the text is very wide in its significance. Dr. Scofield's note on salvation in Romans 1:16, says the Greek word for salvation is the great inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes: as justification, redemption, grace, propitiation, imputation, forgiveness, sanctification, and glorification. We might therefore correctly paraphrase this passage by making it read thus: "Receive with meekness the ingrafted Word, that is able to save, sanctify, deliver, heal, preserve and glorify. This 'ingrafted Word' performs all saving acts.

These various uses of the Greek words translated by our words "save" and "salvation" are an extended translation, which is evidently the intentional mind of the Spirit. This is also shown in the clause which follows, where the "ingrafted Word" is named the "perfect law of liberty." It says, "But whoso look-

eth into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein," that is, receiving one ingrafted experience after another continueth to receive the effective working or implanting of the Word of power which is grafted into him in one measure, and then a deeper one of life, healing, etc. "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life."

In considering the other outstanding word in this passage, that is, "ingrafted," we note this is also an important inspired word and in another way a very significant one, full of meaning. The natural process of fruit tree grafting is probably familiar to most. (See large unabridged dictionary.) It consists in setting a twig into a tree or branch so that through the inner sap bark of the two pieces the sap can flow into the shoot causing it to grow fast to the tree, thus imparting life.

This spiritual ingrafting of the Word or working of the perfect law of liberty is bringing of the spirit of man into contact with Jesus Christ, the life-giving Word, so that His divine life may flow into the spirit and body of man, and bring it into life and vital relation and communion with God. This causes the man to cry out, "Abba Father! My Father!" He did not before know God, or that He was his heavenly Father. Now he knows Him as Father and Christ as Saviour.

But as already seen, the use of "ingrafted" applies not only to this initial experience of new birth, but throughout the word for "salvation," to all saving experiences, as sanctification, cleansing, preservation, soundness, etc. Jesus prayed for His disciples and believers, "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." (John 17:17). Other passages as well: "That He might sanctify and

cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word; that He might present it to Himself a glorious Ecclesia, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:26,27.) "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." (1 Thess. 5:23,24.) The God of peace will "ingraft" the Word bringing peace, and so ingraft into you now the Word that sanctifies, washes, and preserves without blemish, blameless and faultless. (Jude 24.)

After the same manner there are various ingraftings. In Romans 3:24,25 we read: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation;" (or Mercy seat that is: a place where Jesus shows mercy by exchanging places with the sinner and becomes sin for sinners, though I Himself knew no sin. In this act the sinner is absolved from sin, guilt and condemnation and the righteousness of God is grafted into him by meeting Christ as, or as, the Mercy seat. (1 Cor. 5:21.)

A higher, the highest, type of atonement in the temple is described in Hebrews 9:7,8. Into the Holiest of all, "we the High Priest alone once every year not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors (ignorance) of the people." This represented Jesus our High Priest making atonement in the Holiest in Heaven before God, for sins of ignorance arising in His people from lack of knowledge, infirmities, wrong character tendencies, or other cause. This teaches us that continual looking into the perfect law of liberty which is receiving continuously the ingrafted Word, will cause us to discover Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Place, presenting His sprinkled blood for our "i

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The grafting of the Word of God into the perfect law of liberty of the spirit of man into Christ, the life-giving Word, His divine life may flow into the spirit and body of man, and thus a new life and vital relation with God. This causes the shout, "Abba Father! My Father!" and not before know God, or His heavenly Father. Now as Father and Christ are already seen, the use of "ingrafting" lies not only to this initial new birth, but through the "salvation," to all saving as sanctification, cleansing, soundness, etc. Jesus preaches to disciples and believers, "Sanctify yourselves by the Word of God through Thy truth: Thy Word is life" (John 17:17). Other passages show that He might sanctify and

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Still further, there is a substitutionary redemption having two phases. The first is: we are under sentence of death. "Sin bringeth forth death." Death is the penalty for sin. Adam's sin brought death upon the whole human race. Jesus paid that penalty—died in our stead. He redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. (Gal. 3:13) The second phase is: that sacred unblemished life of Christ was offered up as a sacrifice—substituted for you and for me. He died on the cross. There being no sin in that body, God raised it, "loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Sinless Jesus raised from the dead, "death hath no more dominion over Him." This was a new manifestation of the power of God. It opened a privilege to those who could understand and receive it. Since the death penalty had been paid, God could pass on this glory and triumph to whomever He chose.

So Christ became the First born from the dead. No one had passed through death and been resurrected in a glorified spirit body. He was First, the first-born among many brethren. Whoever grew up to maturity by ingrafting, came into the control and direction of the Holy Spirit. They came through a "washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost," so that their spirit, soul and body were each new. Adam was a son of God and so were they. Knowledge of full sonship salvation was in the early Ecclesia, but later lost—unknown for centuries. Now in this end-time they are to be restored. It is necessary for the preparation of the Bride.

In the Holy Spirit realm, is His ingrafting into the being of man. The divine Spirit is indescribably infinite, very God, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, possessing all divine, infinite attributes. Indeed the implanting of God, the

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A RECENT VISIT

amos Hettesheimer and I have the privilege of being in Mobile, Alabama, for the Free Pentecostal Church of meetings in February.

It is so good to get away from the crowds and the cold weather for a little time to shorten the journey for us.

Travels, both going and coming, give us much opportunity to do good work. We found many hungry souls who received in ministering to them. God has exceptional workers here. Other Hettesheimer in a short time of personal work.

During our coming and going we stopped in Mobile, Tennessee, for rest and refreshment; with Brothers William Olson and their families. It was a oasis in the desert. May God bless them in their labors.

They found a body of very hungry souls in Mobile and it was a real pleasure to minister unto them. It seemed as if we stood before them, and they flowed spontaneously as their hearts drew it out of us. It is really difficult to pull ourselves away from them for we had such a good time.

They greatly desired to go into western Alabama to visit the brethren and assemble there, but felt that we must hurry and leave this privilege till next time.

Ivan Q. Spencer

ELIM MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

For a long time there has been felt the need of more systematic cooperation between the leaders and churches of this fellowship. At a business meeting of the Elim Ministerial Fellowship just previous to our last annual Fall convention, the decision was made to call a legal business meeting for the purpose of incorporating the Fellowship.

The date for the above mentioned meeting has been set for Friday, April 13, 1945 at 9:30 A.M. HOWEVER, because of the importance of making right decisions in the matter, a day of united prayer and consideration of this problem before the Lord is planned for April 12th, the day preceding, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Because we are confident that the Lord has a definite program to bring forth, we feel we should urge those attending to be at the first service on Thursday. Let us come together with open hearts to seek the perfect will of God for us as a body at this time.

—Ivan Q. Spencer, Chairman.

CALLING THE UNITED NATIONS TO PRAY

Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.

In a God-inspired effort to help prevent World War history from repeating itself, a World-wide Call to Prayer is now being made.

YOU are invited to join now with millions of others in daily prayer for God's presence and leadership in the proceedings of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, which begins April 25.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

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most mighty of miracles ever wrought. And this indescribably rich privilege is accompanied and increased by a great cluster of miraculous ingraftings and imparting of gift powers of every kind and many degrees. Example: language, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, healing, mental, memory, etc. Wonder of Wonders! These gifts of the Spirit abide and operate accurately and perfectly under the Spirit's movings. They make up the lack of gifts on the natural order which were lost in the fall.

If you have asked and received illumination of the Holy Spirit, you have discovered that it is the divine plan to set into your being, by a series of "ingraftings," such an array of Christ's "impartations," that the man of God may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (Jas. 1:4; II Tim. 3:17.) The "ingrafting," or "implanting," of various degrees and classes of life and power of Jesus Christ unto the people of God, is able to save each and every one to the uttermost, seeing HE ever liveth to make intercession for us. (Heb. 7:25.)

The continuous working of the "perfect law of liberty" will save and deliver and restore and in the end glorify those who submit to its effective operations, presenting you faultless before the throne of His glory. Amen!

NOTICE

We suggest that those sending money through the mail to any department of the work use check, money order or registry.

BIRTHS

Malcolm Lynn, February 15, to Rev. and Mrs. Luther Colbert, Avoca, N.Y.
James Edward, February 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vandruff.