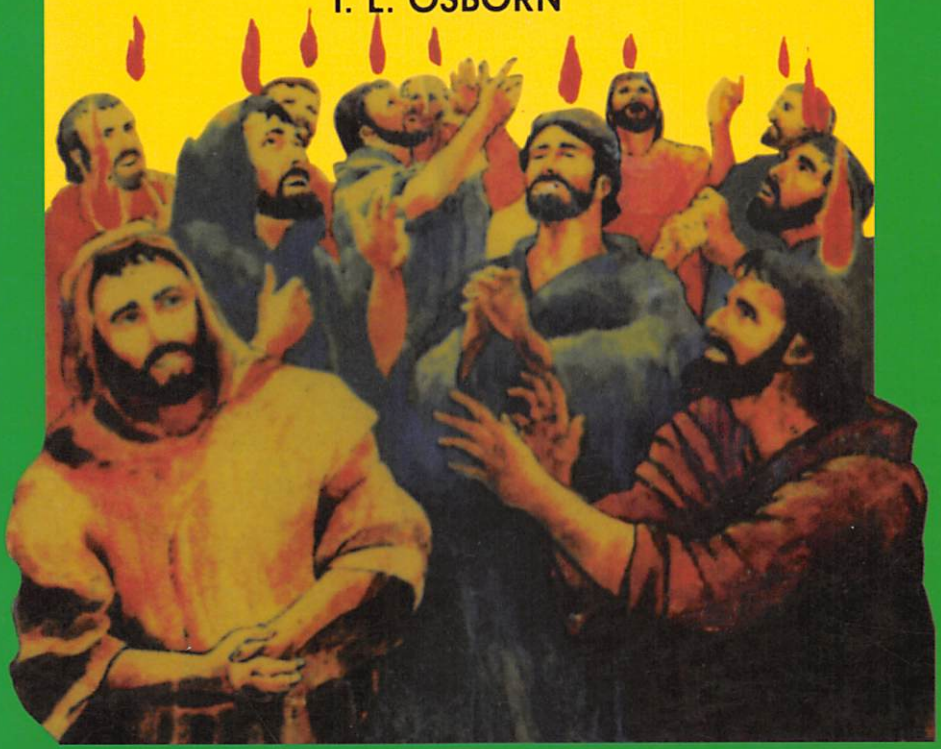
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is startling and impelling. Its message unveils something multitudes have overlooked. As I have preached in over 50 countries, and dealt with so many customs and religions. I believe God has helped us to express the real Purpose of Pentecost as it applies to ALL True Christians, both Catholic and Protestant. I have had to practice what I preach. Thousands are being challenged by this book.

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Foreword

PENTECOST" IS not a denomination: it refers to the feast day on which the early Christians were first filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues . , .

'Multitudes of Christians have received this experience, especially since the turn of this century. But because many orthodox denominations officially, opposed speaking in tongues. "Pentecostal" denominations were formed and the sad result was that people began to confuse the experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, with endorsement of "Pentecostal" church doctrines.

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is an enduement of power for all true Christians both Catholic and Protestant, and has no relevance to belonging to a "Pentecostal" denomination. Logically, the word "Pentecost" should never have been monopolized for a church label

If a man gets saved on Christmas day he does not claim a "Christmas" experience or call himself a "Christmascostal."

Neither snould a person filled with the Holy Spirit (as they were on the "Pentecost" feast day at Jerusalem),

claim a "Pentecostal" experience or call himself a "Pentecostal."

In the early 1900's. the leaders of these new "Pentecostal" denominations made one of their requirements for church membership a belief that speaking in tongues is the evidence of having received the Holy Spirit. Consequently, they became known as the "tongues" churches or the "tongues" movements.

As a result, many Christians have assumed that they cannot receive the Holy Spirit and certainly cannot speak in tongues, unless they become members of one of those so-called "tongues" churches.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit does not pre-.suppose joining a "tongues" denomination: it is an enduement of power that Christians of any denomination affiliation may experience.

Thousands of seminary graduates, college pro-iessors. leading professional people, scientists, outstanding businessmen, millionaires, as well as priests, bishops and other clergymen among practically all church denominations, are being baptized with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues, healing the sick, casting out devils and experiencing new boldness in winning lost souls to Jesus Christ.

This experience is as Scriptural and authentic today as it was in Bible days. It is not. as one prejudiced leader said, "an induced, self-imposed psychological state which exists among small groups of neurotics." Today orthodox clergymen and laymen are being baptized with the Holy Spirit in their typical quiet and reserved

manner and their form of worship often continues according to their customary liturgical pattern. The Holy Spirit is not dependent on physical or frenzied demonstrations.

An ordained minister of a leading denomination (reputed for strong opposition to speaking in tongues) explains his experience in an open letter to his organization as follows:

"One night as I was praying in my normal manner (without anyone near me speaking a 'hocus-pocus' in my ear or in any way trying **to** induce a psychological state) I sensed that the power of God was coming upon me in a new manner. I distinctly remember that I was praying particularly. About the needs of a lost world and my own inability to effectively meet those needs, when the anointing of the Holy Spirit came upon me.

"Such love and joy began to pour into my soul, that I felt I could not take any more. I loved Jesus, and the whole world as I had never loved before. For a half hour or more it seemed that I could not speak a single word in my mother tongue, but from my innermost being I began to glorify God in another language. Perhaps this was because my natural mind could not express my love for Christ, and the Holy Spirit was enabling me to do it in a manner not limited to my understanding. Only God knows its full purpose.

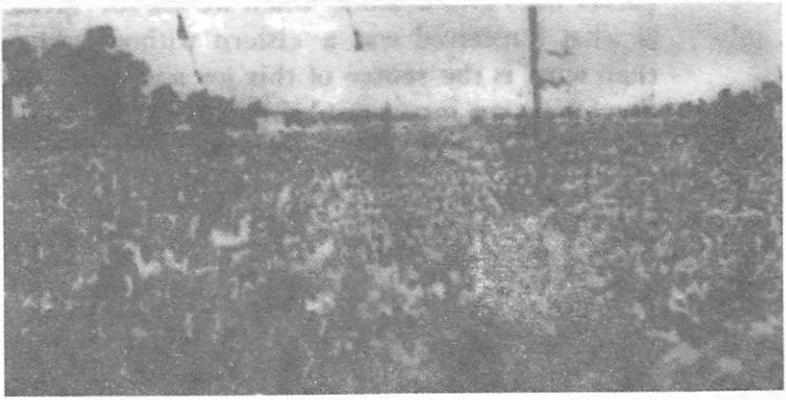
"Now. if this was from the devil, the devil has begun to deal in love. joy. peace, and praises to God. If this was 'counterfeit. then it is dangerous for anyone to seek God with all of his heart, in full surrender. If this was 'deception.' then the Father does give a 'stone' when we

ask for 'bread.' If what I received was a cistern without water.' then what is the source of this joy and peace that flows from my innermost being? If what I received was just an 'induced self-imposed psychological state." then after ten years it still causes me to love God and His Holy Word, to glorify Jesus, to win souls to Christ, and it enables me to have an intimacy in prayer that I never knew before.

"A wonderful thing is happening today. Christians are realizing that 'Pentecost' does not indicate a denomination, but that the experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit is for all Christians of all denominations, and that it results in a new dimension of spiritual power to witness for Christ and to win souls. "

With men in orbit and atheism, rampant, the real Purpose of Pentecost has never been more vital to Christians.

Most of my preaching has been to multitudes who deny Christ-to-followers of dead gods, dead prophets. non-Christian religions. I've had to prove what I preach. This book is written from experience on the front lines of worldwide evangelism.



Due to the controversy about "Pentecostalism." I have tried to avoid being categorized denominationally, because the only identity I want is to be known as a CHRISTIAN. My convictions about being filled with the Holy Spirit may seem am biguous to some, or controversial to others, but they have evolved from the platforms of a world wide soulwinning ministry where what has been said about Christ has had to be demonstrated -and THAT, in essence. is the Purpose of Pentecost.

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"JESUS SAID, 'Ye shall receive power.' Power for what? This is -the real issue. What do we want, or what do we believe we should accomplish as a result of being baptized with the Holy Ghost?"

Chapter One

The Whole Purpose

WHAT IS the evidence or proof that a Christian has received the same experience today that followers of Christ received at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost?

Jesus said "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" Ac. 1:8.

On the day of Pentecost, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues" Ac. 2:4.

An old Methodist preacher related to me how he was baptized with the Holy Ghost. He said: "We Methodists were praying together when we heard a noise, like the sound of a rushing wind in our prayer room, whereupon we gazed with wonder as cloven tongues of fire actually appeared upon our heads. In awe and worship of God. we were caught up in a heavenly atmosphere, speak-ing and singing in other languages." As he related this experience, I marveled at how like the Bible pattern it was.

A controversy for years has been the question of how a person may know he has been baptized in the Holy Spirit. "Pentecostals" contend that one must

speak with tongues. Other Christians reject the 'tongues' experience. Others regard tongues as a possibility, but not something essential.

As for myself, it seems to me that if the only purpose in receiving the Holy Spirit is to speak in tongues, the real objective is gravely misunderstood.

Many people have made "tongues" an image, or goal. Once the experience is attained, they "belong" and often settle down to fruitless Christian lives.

Other Christians err by rejecting the experience of "speaking with tongues" which so often occurred in the New Testament.

But one should be concerned with the **purpose** of being filled with the Holy Spirit not with the ecstasy of a " tongues" experience.

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive **power.**" Power for what.' This is the real issue. What do we want, or what do we believe we should accomplish as a result of being baptized with the Holy Ghost?

When the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Jesus had been raised from the dead only a few days. He had promised to empower them with the Holy Ghost to continue His ministry throughout all the world.

After Christ's resurrection, religious men bribed soldiers to lie to-the people by announcing that His body had been stolen.

But the disciples declared. "He is risen!" The resurrection was, the real issue then and it still is today!

The early Christians, empowered with the Holy Spirit, went forth and performed the same miracles Jesus had wrought. They did it in His Name. These miracles were evidence that Jesus had risen. "With great power the apostles gave witness (or proof) of the resurrection" Ac. 4:33. This was the whole purpose of having this power to witness with proof that Jesus is alive.

This purpose has never changed.

Shintoists, Buddhists, Moslems, Jews, Hindus, fetish-worshippers and followers of other religions worldwide do not believe that Jesus Christ is alive today.

The Christian message is based on the fact of the resurrection. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God" I Co. 15:14-15.

This is precisely what leaders of many religions say about Christians: they are false witnesses of God: because (they have testified of God that he raised up Christ verse 15).

But we are not false witnesses; Christ is risen. And the Bible says that in order for men to be genuinely saved, they must "confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in their hearts that God hath raised him from the dead" Ro. 10:9.

How can followers of non-Christian religions ever be convinced that Christ is risen from the dead without

seeing proof, or evidence? Will they believe this just because we declare it.

Experience in over 50 countries has taught us that wherever people hear the Gospel and see it confirmed "with signs following." thousands accept Christ. Men must believe that Christ is risen from the dead, and that He is alive today, in order to be saved. The best proof of this is when they see Him perform the same miracles that He performed before He was killed. For this purpose. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. Being baptized in this Spirit. Christians are endued with power to give "witness (proof) of the resurrection" to the world.

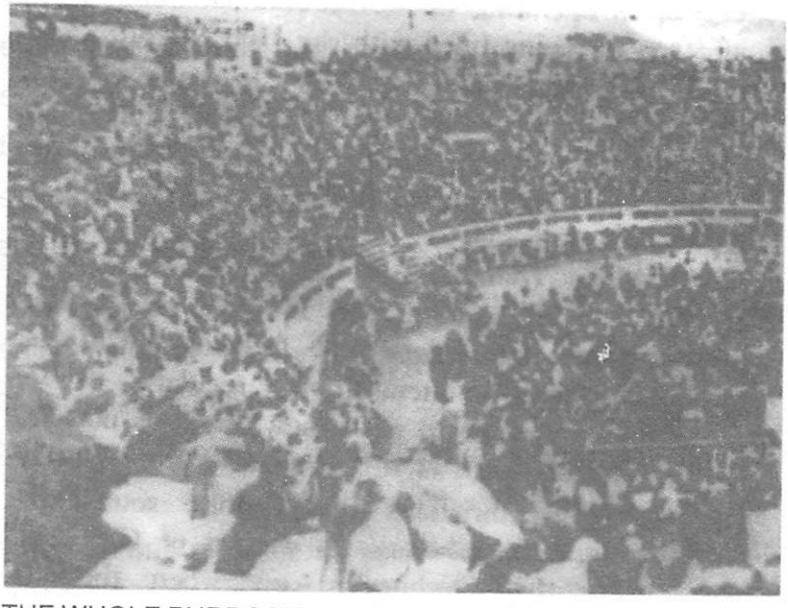
God sent Jesus to set the example. He sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to follow His example. He commanded us to preach to "every creature." He promised that "these signs shall follow them that believe" Mk. 16:17. This can only take place through the power of the Holy Spirit operating in the believer. This is the reason for being filled with the Holy Ghost.

World Evangelism is every Christian's ministry. The purpose of being filled with the Holy Ghost is not to "speak in tongues." but to give proof of the resurrection to boldly witness of Christ to unbelievers.

Many young people lose interest in their church

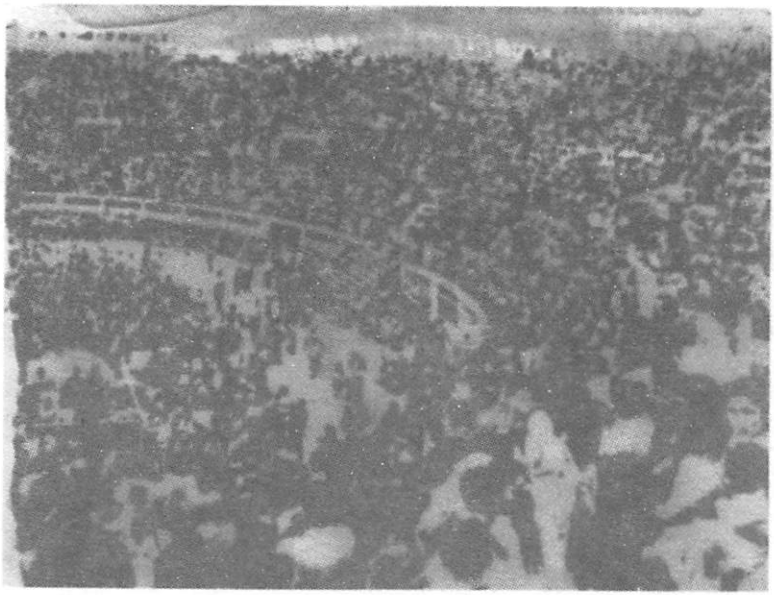
because the real meaning of Christian living is not underscored. If being a Christian only means to attend church regularly, to sing in the choir, or, to pay tithes, this does not challenge the youth of this generation.

Young Christians can organize soulwinning teams to visit homes, to witness of Christ out among the Unchurched out where they live and work and play. Everywhere, souls can be brought to a decision for Christ and those who are sick can be ministered to. This gives meaning to Christian living. Then when young men or women receive the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, if they comprehend the real purpose of this

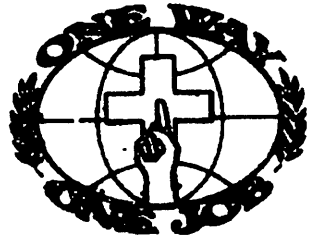


experience, they will consider that they have received power to witness effectively. They will go out and lay their hands on the sick and they will recover. They will speak to the lost with power and spiritual influence, and sinners will obey them and accept Christ.

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THIS IS the No. 1 Job of every Christian, and it must be done quickly! ONE WAY (Jesus) must be our ***Message;*** *ONE JOB (evangelism) must be our* ***Ministry!"***



Chapter Two

The Main Sign

GOD'S PLAN for you is that you share with Him on earth, expressing the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, preparing the way for His return.

This is what Jesus said would happen and He plans you as-part of the fulfillment of these words: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" Mt. 24:14.

These words were spoken by Jesus to His disciples in answer to their questions:

"Tell us. when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (v.3).

He told them to beware of deceivers and of those who claim to be Christ: that they would hear of wars, earthquakes and pestilence: that some of them would be hated and even killed for His Name's sake; that there would be false prophets; that the love of many would wax cold because of abounding iniquity, and then, after all of these signs. He gave them the main sign of His coming: "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then

shall the end come."

When such a large portion of the inhabitants of the world have not yet heard of Jesus Christ, we cannot saythis sign has been fulfilled.

In Mark 13:10. Jesus said. "The Gospel must first be published among all nations.1"

When scores of entire "tribes" have not yet had a



single portion of the Gospel translated into their languages, we cannot say this has come to pass.

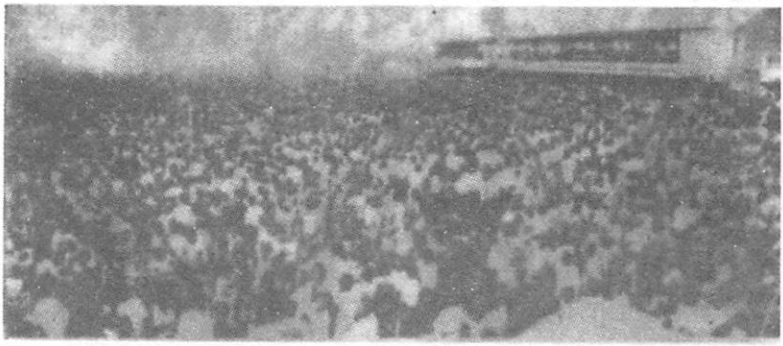
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The storm-clouds of the evening are swiftly gathering, and the ripened grain of millions of souls will be swept into darkness unless believers involve themselves in the work nearest God's heart reaching the UNreached with .the Gospel of Christ.

"The Gospel must first be published among all nations." said Jesus.

Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before

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everyone has heard It once? The supreme task of the Church is the evangelization of the world! There is only ONE WAY to follow, and only ONE JOB to be done.

That was the purpose for which He sent forth His disciples! This was why He sent the Holy Spirit back to them to endue them with super natural power and



and boldness to go out and face the unbelieving world with the message of the Gospel, and to make them capable of giving proof of their testimony with signs and wonders and miracles. They could do their ONE JOB (evangelism) with supernatural proof that Jesus Christ is the ONE WAY to God.

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*"IT **IS 'this Gospel of the Kingdom'**, being preached in the power of the Spirit of God, being confirmed by signs and wonders and divers miracles, that always produces the greatest evangelistic triumphs in any generation."*

Chapter Three

The Same Evidence

WHAT is "this Gospel of the Kingdom?" Mt. 24:14.

It is the same Gospel Jesus Christ preached. It is the same that His disciples preached.

When Jesus sent His disciples forth. He said, "Preach, saying. The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." With that message. He told them to: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils . . . freely give" Mt. 10:8. These signs were evidence of "this Gospel of the Kingdom."

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" Mt. 9:35.

When Jesus preached "the Gospel of the Kingdom," He always healed the sick.

"And He was casting out a devil . . . and it came to pass, when the devil was gone out . . . the people wondered.

And Jesus said. "If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God. then the Kingdom of God is come unto you" Luk. 11:20 and Mt. 12:28.

Jesus proved that when the Gospel of the Kingdom is preached, devils are cast out and the sick are healed.

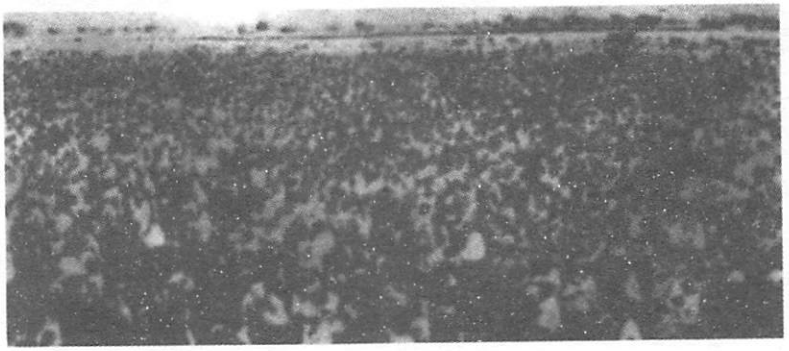
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God always wills to confirm His Word with signs and wonders. Only men, full of the Holy Ghost, can give "witness of the resurrection," as those early Christians did. preaching the Gos pel "with signs following" and winning lost souls wherever they went.

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Chapter Four

What India Taught Us

WHEN I WAS 21 years of age. my wife and I, with our baby boy, sailed to India with a burning desire to preach Christ among the non-Christians.

Though we had no previous experience abroad, the Holy Spirit was definitely guiding us. Our plan was to acquire a good interpreter, conduct Gospel crusades and build churches. If we had done that, we would have succeeded in our ministry during that first soulwinning journey abroad.

But instead, we listened to senior missionaries who did not share our concept. They insisted that the most important thing for us to do was to study the language, and not expect spiritual results during our first five years.

Our better judgment protested, but having had no experience abroad, we tried to convince ourselves that the veterans knew best.

We occupied the winter doing nothing, but studying an occasional lesson in Hindustani. Once a week I went down to the little mission and printed on a black-board the title of the sermon the senior missionary proposed to deliver on the following Sunday.

The mission was opened only once a week, at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, for a one-hour service which was never attended by more than ten or fifteen persons.

We sold some of our belongings for enough money to travel to another city where we encountered a similar situation. The doors of the church there were opened only on Sunday evening at 6:00 for the brief meeting of the week. A little group of Christians gathered for a hymn, a prayer,- a sermon and a benediction.

We were invited to conduct a series of meetings there but I was advised not to make an invitation for sinners to come forward. The missionary explained: "We do things differently here than we do in our home country."

Finally, on the last night of this protracted effort. I decided that, regardless of their tradition. I would give the listeners an opportunity to accept Christ.

At the close of my message. I called for those who wanted to be saved, to come forward to kneel, and to receive Christ.

Eleven Indians immediately responded, bowing on their knees, weeping and receiving the Lord.

Upon reaching the missionary's home, after the service, his wife was saying. "Honey the service tonight has proven that if we preach and minister here like we do at home, the same results will follow."

As I recall those experiences in India. I regret that we allowed anyone to detour us from the ideas which God has impressed upon us, and which would have succeeded.

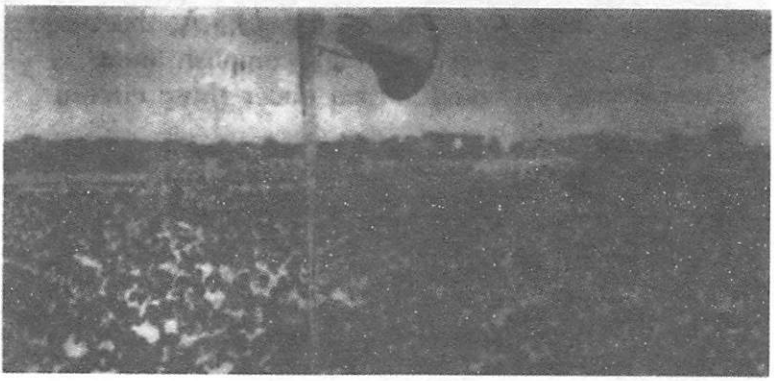
We finally returned to the U.S.A. because we realized

that we could accomplish more at home than we could abroad under those circumstances.

About a year later, a gifted evangelist came to the city where we had settled down to pastor a Church. Seeing his marvelous ministry. I knew that God would use any other man who would pay the price to fully preach this Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. I determined to be a vessel through which God could manifest His power.

As God began to show forth His mighty works in our ministry, the unevangelized of other lands began to occupy our minds again. With Christ's power in evidence, casting out devils and healing the sick, we knew that we could win the un-reached by the masses. Our experience in India had taught us the invaluable lesson that what the non-Christian millions need in order to believe on Christ, is not the traditional exercise of church-religion, but the simple preaching of the Gospel confirmed by miracles.

Since 'then, we have conducted great evangelistic crusades in over 50 countries. Obsolete traditions have not been observed. We have done what God impressed us to do in India: we have acquired interpreters and



have proclaimed "Christ as the Savior and the healer of all who will call upon His Name and serve Him.

The results have been overwhelming as hun dreds of thousands of souls have accepted Christ, because they heard the Gospel and saw the miracles wrought in Jesus Name (Jn. 2:23). The Holy Spirit, operating through us. has given proof of the resurrection. This is the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit not to speak with tongues, but to proclaim with evidence that Christ- is alive so that men may hear this message, believe it and be saved.

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"THE BIBLE says: God anointed Jesus . . , with the Holy Ghost'Ac. 10:38, This same anointing is what we receive when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. It is for the same purpose."

Chapter Five

The Same Anointing

JESUS SAID, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, as a witness, then shall the end come."

I noticed one day that this word "witness," in the original Greek, means "something evidential,"* with proof or "with evidence."

This discovery increased the conviction of my heart that our ministry today must imitate the ministry of Jesus Christ.

When John's disciples inquired as to whether or not Jesus was the Christ, they were instructed to "go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the GOSPEL preached to them" Mt. 11:4-5.

"Tell John what you hear and see."

They heard the Gospel preached, and they saw the blind receive sight, the lame walk, etc.

Christ's message was with evidence!

There could be no doubt that He was the Christ!

The Bible says: "God anointed Jesus . . . with the Holy

Ghost" Ac. 10:38. This same anointing is what we receive when we are filled with the Holy Spirit. It is for the same purpose.

All over the world, there have not been enough Christian workers and ministers who have demonstrated what they have preached. They have missed the real purpose of a Spirit-filled life and ministry. Consequently, many have preached and taught year after year, with very limited success in soulwinning. On the other hand, where men have proclaimed Christ in His power, demonstrating what they preached, people have been converted by the thousands, because they were able to witness the evidence that CHRIST IS ALIVE AND REAL.

This Gospel of the Kingdom must be proclaimed with evidence; it must be preached "as a witness." This can only be done by Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank God this is an experience that every Christian can enjoy regardless of denomination. "Receive YE the Holy Ghost," is Jesus' command to every one who follows Him.

*"IT WAS not enough (for those in Philip's day) just to "**bear** the message, nor is that enough today: they had to see the miracles which bore evidence that he was preaching the truth. Even so today, it is the miracles which witness to the Gospel. And it is the Holy Spirit who empowers believers today to produce these miracles.*

Chapter Six

A Holy Ghost Filled Life

THE **witness** who produces evidence in the court is the one who wins the case.

When Philip went down to the Gentile city of Samaria, he "preached Christ unto them, and the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.. For unclean spirits . . . came out of many that were possessed with them: And many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city" Ac. 8:5-8.

He preached Christ and he did it with evidence! Philip was producing evidence of the Gospel message he preached because his was a Holy-Ghost-filled life.

Miracles testified to his sermons! They convinced the city!

They all gave heed, hearing the message, and seeing the miracles, and a whole city was affected. It was a very, wicked city too.

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the Holy Spirit who empowers believers today to produce these miracles.

At the close of one of our great crusades in Chile. South America, a certain pastor said: "More has been accomplished in these three weeks of miracle evangelism to convince this city of the Gospel than in the past hundred years of preaching our traditional sermons of theology."

If men are to believe the Gospel, they must not only hear the message, but they must see its supernatural confirmation. [1]

Paul said "our Gospel came not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost" 1 Th. 1:V and "my paaching was not with enticing words but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" I Co. 2:4.

Speaking of the signs and wonders which Christ wrought through him "by the power of the Spirit of God." Paul .testified that their purpose was to make the Gentiles (unconverted) obedient by word and deed" Ro. 15:18-19.

Hebrews 2:3-4 declares this great salvation "which first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him: God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost..."

The Gospel was with evidence.

Their message was with proof!

Jesus. Himself, was "approved of God ... by miracles and wonders and signs" Ac. 2:22. This was because

"God anointed (Him) with the Holy' Ghost and with power" Ac. 10:38.

The world needs more preachers and laymen who. like Paul, preach and witness "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That (men's) faith should n ot stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" I Co. 2:4-5.

The world must hear "this Gospel as a witness!"

The Good News must be proclaimed with proof with evidence!

One prominent churchman says: "We find it increasingly difficult to get people to accept a half-Gospel." He realized that if men are to believe the promises of God to save sinners, they cannot be taught to treat as inapplicable God's promises to heal sick people. **"All** the promises of God are . . . Amen" II Co. 1:20.

"This Gospel shall be preached **as a witness,**"[1] said Jesus. The world awaits men of daring faith who will proclaim Christ's resurrection HI the power of the Holy Spirit, men whose preaching is coupled with mighty demonstration of signs and miracles as a witness of the living Christ.

For seven years Mrs. Osborn and I tried to entertain our audiences with our music. We are both musicians and appreciate the place which anointed music can have in Gospel ministry. But since we have experienced the miracle-power of the Holy Spirit in



Spirit in healing the people, we have won more souls to Christ in a single night than we won in all of those seven years combined during which we had music, but no miracles.

Only "this Gospel of the kingdom as a **witness"** can be the means of evangelizing the world.

I shall never forget the time I discovered that this word "witness" (used in Matthew 24:14) **is the** same word that was used in describing **the "Tabernacle of Witness"** in the wilderness (Ac. 7:44).

This great tent of Israel was called the **"Tabernacle of Witness"** because twenty-four hours of **every** day. God's miraculous **power was in evidence there.**

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In the Holiest Place there was the constant, miraculous presence of God.

Other nations could build tents like the people of Israel did: they could use the same materials, but one thing would be missing the glory of God's presence the miraculous witness of Jehovah.

Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me!"

Paul said, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?"

Now we are His witnesses!

We are His "Tabernacles of Witness!"



God's miraculous power can be evidenced in our lives!

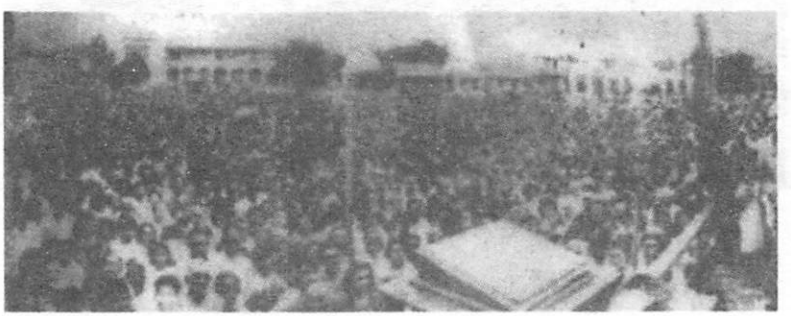
Peter, being arrested for healing a cripple through the power of the Holy Spirit in his life, standing before the court declared, "We are His witnesses!" Ac. 3:15.

Other men deliver their discourses, but without the power of the Holy Spirit, they lack the ability to witness with proof.

God's miraculous presence must be in our lives, if we are to see the results.

It is one thing to say, "I am a church member, or a minister, or a preacher;" it is another thing to say, "I am His witness."

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WHEREVER those preachers of the Early Church declared the Gospel, Christ confirmed it with signs and miracles . . . Those men are the best examples We can follow today.»

Chapter Seven

Our Best Example

MARK 16:20 says: "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following."

Those were preachers with evidence! Their sermons were demonstrated!

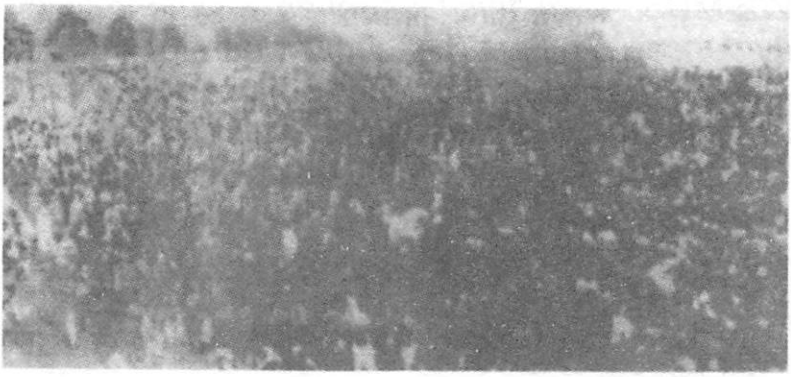
They were men full of faith and of the Holy Ghost!

When those preachers arrived in the town, the people .said, "these that have turned the world upside down have come 'hither also" Ac. 17:6. and those words were not a compliment!

Those unbelieving religious leaders became nervous whenever they heard that Paul or Peter had arrived.

Wherever those preachers of the Early Church declared the Gospel; Christ confirmed it with signs and miracles Mk. 16:20.

Whether it was Peter in traditional Jerusalem, Philip in immoral Samaria, or Paul on the pagan island of Melita, the same results always followed; they proclaimed the Gospel, miracles were in evidence, and multitudes believed and were added to the church. Those men are the best examples we can follow today".



wonders and miracles among the people . . . and all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

Stephen was a witness!

His preaching was with power!
He was full of the Holy Ghost!

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WE MUST take 'this Gospel as a witness (with evidence) to all nations. Only Men fit & of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit can do this! Nothing else will substitute.

Chapter Eight

Nothing Else Will Substitute

SOME theologians tell us that we can believe on the Lord and be saved, and yet oppose and deny the supernatural.

A certain pastor who cooperated in one of our Central American Crusades and who, as a result, received[1] into his church over one hundred and forty new families, said: "How can we call ourselves a church and not believe in healing and in miracles? I cannot read four pages anywhere in the Bible without encountering miracles! And the God of the Bible is the same today!"

What kind of a Bible would we have without Elijah raising the dead and calling down fire? (I Kgs. 17:22; 18:38).

What kind of a Bible would we have without Daniel praying in a lions' den. completely unharmed? {Da. 6:22).

What kind of a Bible would we have without three

Hebrew children being delivered from a fiery furnace? (Da. 3:28).

What kind of Gospels would we have without the compassionate Christ healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead and giving sight to the blind?

What kind of an Early Church would we have without Peter raising the cripple, and gathering the sick on beds and on couches in the main streets of Jerusalem to be healed? (Ac. 5:15).

What kind of an example would Paul be without healing the sick, commanding the man with crippled feet to arise and casting out the devils from the fortune-telling woman?

What kind of a commission would we have without Christ's order to cast out devils in His Name, and to lay hands on the sick for their recovery? (ML 16:15-20).

Take these promises and miracles out of the Bible, and what have we left?

What kind of a preacher would be opposed to the supernatural in his ministry? What kind of preaching do we have without miracles in evidence?

What kind of a missionary could be against the miraculous today?

Take the miraculous out of Christianity and all we

have left is another religion and true Christianity is NOT a religion; it is a LIFE, the Life of Christ.

In the Early Church, "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; . . . and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" Ac. 4:31, 33.

These were preachers with power!

They had not only spoken in "tongues;" they were endued with "power."

Acts 5:12. 14 reports the results; "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people . . . and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

Why .were multitudes added to the Lord? Because of signs and wonders! These apostles preached with evidence!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; then shall the end come"

We must take "this Gospel" as a witness (with evidence) to all nations. Only men full of faith and the power of the Holy Spirit can do this His will **Nothing**

else **will substitute for** "this Gospel with evidence."

One miracle is worth a thousand sermons!

All Jerusalem was attracted to Peter's preaching when the crippled beggar was healed (Ac. 3:9).

All of Ponce. Puerto Rico, was alerted when Juan Santos arose and walked in our campaign there. For sixteen years he had dragged his body on the ground with his hands. His healing shook the city for Christ.

All of Guatemala City gave heed to what we preached when a blind, insane, paralyzed beggar of their streets was healed instantly. He was a witness! His case was evidence!

All of Kisumu, Kenya gave ear to the Gospel we preached when Miriam Gare began to walk and run in the streets near the market place. She had been a notable cripple a leper whose hands and feet were gone; she was paralyzed and crawled on the ground with her basket of belongings balanced on her head. When she was healed, that was evidence that Christ is alive.

All of Ibadan, Nigeria gave heed to our message when Karimu, the noted crippled beggar who had crawled on the ground for thirty years, was instantly healed. His case was proof that Jesus Christ remains unchanged.

"This Gospel of the Kingdom" was preached as a witness! This is the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

***WHEN** the methods of the Early Church met with such miraculous results, why should other methods be substituted today? Can anyone today afford to ignore man's need for the miraculous and insist that contemporary methods are more adapted to our society, when millions are lost in their sins and multitudes are incurably ill?"*

Chapter Nine

This One Principle

THE EARLY CHURCH operated on this principle:

"We ought to obey God rather than men; "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

"For we are His witnesses!" Ac.' 5:32

They had seen Jesus heal the sick, cast out devils, give sight to the blind, raise the paralytics, bless the poor and forgive sinners.

And they had heard Him say, "The things which I do shall ye do also. Go ye; heal the sick, cast out devils, preach the Gospel. As My Father hath sent me into the world, even so send I you into the world."

They had seen His example and had heard His commission to do likewise.

I have spoken of these early Christians because they were successful. Whole cities were changed. Multitudes .believed. Countries were affected. "So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed" Ac 19:20.

When the methods of the Early Church met with such miraculous results, why should other methods be substituted today?

The methods of the Early Church, if applied today, produce the same results. Can anyone today afford to ignore man's need for the miraculous and insist that, contemporary methods are more adapted to our society, when millions are lost in their sins and multitudes are incurably ill?

This generation needs the miraculous power and ministry of Jesus Christ as much today as any generation ever needed it.

Fashions change! Times change! Styles change! Theories change! Doctrines change Religions change! But "this Gospel" was ordained the Master to be proclaimed, without alteration or adjustments, "to every creature," to all nations," unto "the end of the world" confirmed by "signs, wonders and miracles."

We need not adjust the Gospel for modern society. We need only to proclaim "this Gospel of the Kingdom as a witness" and the, same results will follow today as in the Early Church. "Multitudes will be added to the church daily, both of men and of women" Ac. 5:14. I have proven this in over 50 nations. I have not found an exceptional situation yet.

I write this as one who knows what it means to criss-cross the world proclaiming Christ. I know what it means to obey God father than man.

I know what it means for men to discourage and condemn one who dares to be bold in the ministry.

But I also know that faith Wins, and that Christ's power is man's greatest need.

I am a witness that it pays to obey God rather than

men.

I have felt the pulse-beat of suffering humanity around the world, and have had the privilege of pointing hundreds of thousands of souls to the loving arms of Jesus, and therefore I have proven what I am going to say:

There is only one purpose of Pentecost; that is to effectively evangelize lost souls!

There is only one way to evangelize the world before Jesus comes; that is: to proclaim this Gospel with evidence, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am convinced that every race, regardless of tradition or color, yearns to know and to serve the God of miracles.

"And God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth" Ac. 17:26, and they all have the same hunger for the God Who confirms His Word and fulfills His promises.

I have preached to the peoples of practically every major religion on earth.

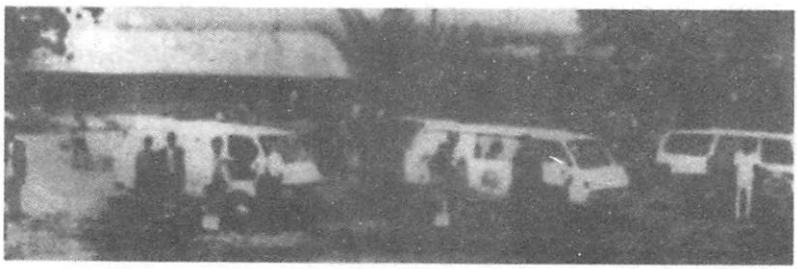
I have preached to the educated and to the illiterate, to the black, the red, the yellow, the Brown, and the white. I have preached in fields, in yards, in markets, by the sea sides, in churches, in cathedrals, on streets, in tents, in auditoriums and in theatres. And one thing I know: All people of all races, of all countries, of all creeds have the same hunger for truth. They are ready to accept the Christ of the Gospel and serve Him when they see His Word confirmed by signs and miracles. This is the purpose of being baptized with the Holy Spirit.



Christ warned us- to "beware of false prophets" and "of deceivers." but He did not mean that the miraculous should have blanket disapproval and suspicion. Multiplied thousands of souls are turning from non-Christian religions to accept Jesus Christ the world over, whenever they have a chance to hear the Gospel preached with evidence and confirmed by miracles.

Certainly, deceivers will come, but that is why we must have the real power of God in demonstration. He who warns against false miracles should be able to produce real miracles! Moses did! Elijah did! Peter did! Paul*did! One must be full of the Holy Spirit to do this.

FLEET OF MOBILE EVANGELISM UNITS PLACED IN KENYA, EAST AFRICA DURING OSBORN CRUSADE AND INSTITUTE



THAT IS the kind of ministry that will sweep the world... If the Church today will unite in prayer, as the Early Church did, and instead of disapproving or minimizing the miraculous, will pray: 'Lord.... grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal: and that signs and wonders may be done by the Name of Thy Holy Child Jesus Ac. 4:29-30."

Chapter Ten

Demonstration Of the Spirit

PAUL SAID, 'For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed.-' And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Ro. 10:12-15.

The whole world is waiting to believe the Gospel proclaimed by one whose witness is confirmed by the demonstration of the Spirit and of power! I Co. 2-4. .But "the labourers are few'" Mt. 9:37.

To Paul, the Lord spoke, "Stand upon thy feet: For I have appeared unto thee for this purpose to make thee a minister and a witness ...

to open their eyes (the Gentiles), and to turn them from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God" Ac. 26:16, 18.

Notice the terms He used: "To make thee a minister and a witness."

It wasn't just to make Paul a preacher, but a "witness! ... a man who could demonstrate what he preached!

That is the kind of ministry for which Peter was thrown

into jail.

That is the kind of ministry for which Stephen was stoned to death.

That is the kind of ministry which we have personally witnessed in over 50 nations, reaping tens of thousands of souls for the Church of the Living Christ.

That is the kind of ministry that must be "proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all nations." And then the end will come.

That is the kind of ministry that will sweep the world, as it swept Europe, if the Church today will unite in prayer, as the Early Church did. and instead of disapproving or minimizing the miraculous, will pray: "Lord . . . grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word. By stretching forth Thine hand to heal: and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy Holy Child Jesus" Ac. 4:29-30.

The call of the Lord of the harvest extends to all regions of the world: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Is. 6:8.

May the Holy Spirit use the words of this message to stir your heart until you arise to the challenge of your generation, crying out: "Here am I, Lord! Send me! I will go! I will be Thy witness!"

"Be filled with the Spirit" Eph. 5:18.

WOOD and stone gods will be abandoned, broken into pieces and tossed into bonfires when their worshippers see evidence of the living, resurrected Christ alive in their midst. People are no different today than they were in Jesus' day when a 'great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on them that were diseased']n. 6:2."

Chapter Eleven

Tongues is Not Enough

IN Africa, I attended a rowdy, tribal village wedding.

After the performance, I engaged in conversation with the mother of the household and with some of her guests.

I asked if they knew about the Bible.

"Of course," they replied. "Do you think we're pagan? We have our churches. We go to them."

I questioned them about the miracles in the Gospels, and asked if they had ever seen a blind man healed, or a deaf man restored, or a leper cleansed.

No, they had not . . . "ever . . . ever!" Would they like to? "Of course!"

Pointing to a beautiful church across the way, I asked: "Have you not seen miracles there?" "Never!" was their response.

"And what happens if you become sick?" I asked,

"W€ have our Ju-ju! We call our priest of Ju-ju. We bring kola nuts, powdered chalk, and chickens. We shed the blood of fowls upon our Ju-ju gods and they bring us cure."

I asked: "If your child is sick and you take it to the pastor, what will he do? Will he pray for it? Will a miracle be wrought?"

"Ho-o-o! White man, you ask a foolish question. If our child is sick, we never take him to the preacher. We consult our Ju-ju. While we shed fowl's blood, we make many cuts on the child's side to remove its blood; our Ju-ju gods will be pleased and the child will heal."

But. I Insisted: "If you would take your sick child to the church and ask for prayer, what would the minister do"



"White man, he would say a short prayer asking God to bless my child, to teach me something through the sickness, and ask for His will to be done. That is all. And nothing would happen ... at all . . . at all!"

Then one of them continued: "But, white man, the preacher does not believe in his God like we believe in our Ju-ju. If we consult our Ju-ju and shed fowl's blood, in ten minutes something will happen."

Those people had absolute, unwavering faith in their Ju-ju gods.

Yet when I told them that Jesus Christ is the same today as He was in Bible days, they were as excited as children.

Everyone in that room agreed with the mother when she said: "White man, if you come to our town and let us see Jesus do these miracles, we will destroy all of our Ju-ju gods and follow your teachings about Christ!"

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Around the world I have seen that same attitude where I have talked with non-Christians.

Wood and stone gods will be abandoned, broken into pieces and tossed into bonfires when their worshippers see evidence of the living, resurrected Christ alive in their midst.

People are no different today than they were in Jesus' day when a "great multitude followed Him, because they saw His miracles which He did on them that were diseased" Jn. 6:2.

Must this generation cry in hopeless despair: "Where be all His miracles which our father told us of?"



Judg. 6:13-

What is the answer to the pressing challenge of this age? Nothing short of proclaiming the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit will meet the demands of today. The Bible says: "Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, did great wonders and miracles among the people" Ac. 6:5,8.

This is the PURPOSE OF PENTECOST.

Speaking in tongues Is not enough. If we turn men from non-Christian religions, from modern atheism and agnosticism, we must pro duce miracles which convince men that Christ lives and that He is real today.



'HE HATH showed (us) the power of His works that He may give (us) the heritage of the (unconverted). ' ***What an inheritance!*** *Unregenerated souls . . millions of them . . . waiting to be claimed for Christ and His Church!*

Chapter Twelve

What an Inheritance

OVER A THOUSAND years before Christ, "a man after God's own heart" named David said:

"He hath shewed his people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen" Ps. 111:6.

In other words. David said: "God has empowered His people with His own miracle virtue. to enable them to claim their inheritance of un-regenerate souls."

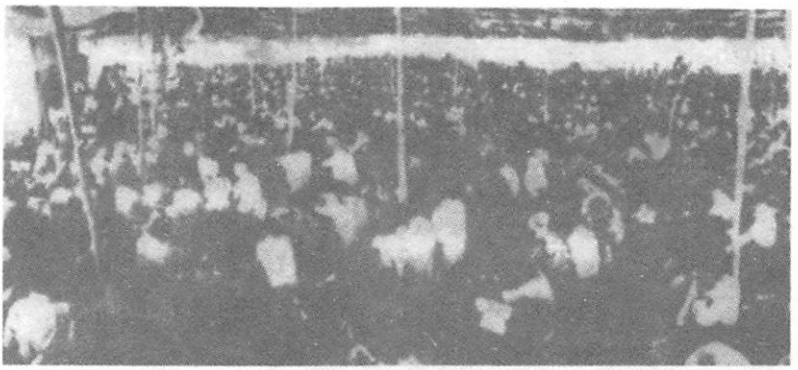
The word "heathen." used by David means "unregenerate. unsaved, or ignorant of God and of His covenant."

A "heathen" is any unregenerate person who is uninformed of the Gospel, whether that person be an illiterate, or a polished intellectual.

"He hath shewed (us) the power of His works that He may give (us) the heritage of the (unconverted)."

What an inheritance! Unregenerate souls . ..millions of them . . . waiting to be claimed for Christ and His Church!

These souls are the "pearl of great price." The





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"treasure hid in the field" for which a man must sell "all that he hath" to go and buy Mt. 13:44-46.

And David said that God has empowered us so that we can possess this treasure of souls as our inheritance.



"BAMBOO CATHEDRAL – The world's Largest "Brush Arbor" was built to accommodate 5,000 gospel preachers from throughout East East Africa who attended T. L. Osborn's Wokers Institute in Kisumu Kenya.



"AROUND the world in over 50 countries, we have watched these unsaved 'multitudes' assemble together who were 'in the valley of decision.' We have seen them attracted and convinced as we have 'testified of the Gospel' Ac. 20:24- The miracle energy of the Holy Spirit was at work 'confirming the Word with signs following-Mk. 16:20."

Chapter Thirteen

Prophet Of Pentecost

JOEL, the prophet of Pentecost, foretold the outpouring of the Holy Spirit "in the last days." With burning passion, he outlined the order of events.

First: He told of the apostasy which would orevail (1:4. 7. 10, 12).

Second: He stated God's remedy for backsliding . . . repentance, fasting and a rededication to God {1:13-14, 2:12-13. 15-16).

Third: He declared the results ... the restoration of God's glory; the pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh (2:25-32).

Fourth: He commanded those on whom the Spirit would be outpoured to "proclaim this among the Gentiles" that is, to preach it, to demonstrate it. to exhibit it among the unconverted, the unregenerate, the lost, the sinners.

He ordered: "Put ye in the sickle," and reap the ripened harvest of "multitudes . . . multitudes in the valley of decision" 3:9, 13-14,

You see how the objective of this outpouring is to reap the multitudes . . . the masses who are untouched by the Gospel.

Joel also gives the reason for proclaiming this to the

lost: "It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be DELIVERED" Jl. 2:32.

But "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Ro. 10:14.

No wonder the last chapter of Joel's prophecy is so urgent and compelling!

No wonder he commanded us: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles" (unregenerate or unsaved).

"Let the heathen be awakened."

"Put ye in the sickle, for 'the harvest is ripe . . . Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision" 3:9-14.

How vividly Joel described this generation!

Over one billion, 500 million people have not heard the Gospel. The harvest is ripe. They want to hear. But "-how shall they hear without a preacher?" Ro. 10:14. They are lingering in the valley of decision" . . . "multitudes" of them.

World population increases by 80 million souls every year.

Each day over 150 thousand people die without Christ.

Every time you breathe, someone without Christ struggles and sinks into darkness, alone without hope and without God.

Every time the pendulum of your clock swings, someone who is ignorant of Christ's salvation gasps in hopeless despair as the dark curtain of death enshrouds another unsaved soul. This is happening right now while you read this.

No wonder Joel wrote with such urgency.

Around the world in- over 50 countries, we have

watched these unsaved "multitudes" assemble together who -were "in the valley of decision." We have seen them attracted and convinced as we have "testified of the Gospel" Ac. 20:24. The miracle energy of the Holy Spirit was at work "confirming the Word with signs following" Mk. 16-20.

Time after time we have seen these "multitudes" surrender their gods, break to pieces their dumb idols and burn their fetishes.

How glorious to watch their lives change "from darkness to light: from the power or Satan unto God!" Ac. 26:18.

What a glorious ministry it is to see men and women literally "destroy their altars and break their images" Ex. 34:13

God promises: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water: and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" Ex. 23:25.



The purpose of a Spirit-filled life is to demonstrate the supernatural power of our living God so that the unsaved multitudes will abandon their dead gods to "call upon the Name of the Lord (and) be delivered" Jl. 2:32.

This will take place wherever messengers go who are filled with the Holy Spirit, when this divine energy demonstrates through them miraculous signs and wonders as evidence of the the Gospel.

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THE GOSPEL will not be 'reproached among the heathen' when it is proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit or, as Jesus said, 'proclaimed with miraculous evidence. 'Miracles will silence the unbeliever and influence him to turn to the living Christ."

Chapter Fourteen

Impotence Of Modern Church

BOTH AT home and abroad, we see the impotence of churches which ignore the miraculous, struggling against the tide of non-Christian religions, striving in vain to avert wholesale conversions of the unchurched to non-Christian orders.

Christless sects are on a worldwide rampage to persuade millions, deluging this generation with thousands of tons of literature.

And while wholesale persuasion to non-Christian religions is taking place, many churches .conceive counter-measures which are .logical, but which do not rely upon the miracle-energy of the Holy Spirit.

In this regard. Joel makes a striking and timely statement. When he foretold the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he said: "I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen" Jl. 2:19.

The Name of Jesus Christ, and the cause of Christianity is often blasphemed and ridiculed by non-Christians where they have not seen evidence that He is alive today!

Jesus said: "This Gospel . . . shall be preached as a

witness" Mt. 24:14. In other words. "This Gospel shall be proclaimed with miraculous evidence!"

A verbal Gospel is not sufficient to effect decisions among the non-Christian masses.

Paul said: "For our Gospel came not ... in word only, but also in power, and the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance" I Th. 1:5.

Paul testified that Christ wrought "mighty signs and wonders, by the. power of the Spirit of. God" through him. "to make the Gentiles obedient (to make the unsaved believe) by word and deed ... so that (he could say) I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ" Ro. 15:18-19.

He claimed that his preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" I Co. 2:4-5.

This great soulwinner believed in .miracles. He believed that it was futile for a person's faith to stand in human genius and reason. He believed that men must have faith in the miracle power of God. He demonstrated..that power wherever he preached. The Gentiles were obedient to the Gospel as a result.

In over 50 countries, we have proven that Paul's method works today!

The Gospel will not be "reproached among the heathen" when it is proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit or as Jesus said, "proclaimed with miraculous

evidence." Miracles will silence the unbeliever and influence him to turn to the living Christ.

God says, "Concerning the work of My hands command ye Me" Is. 45:11. But this calls for the miracle-energy of Christ at work in man.

God's method .was demonstrated in Egypt when Aaron's rod swallowed up the rods of the magicians (Ex. 7:10-13). Seeing, this evidence, these men confessed: "This is. the,;finger of God" Ex. 8:19-

God's order was set forth on MT. Carmel when Elijah called down miraculous fire from heaven; and put the idolatrous, prophet to shame 1 Kg. 18:38). .....

Who bore the "reproach" and shame on that day? Certainly not Elijah!

Hear God's servant mock those prophets of Baal: "Cry aloud . ... either (your god) is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is on a journey, or per-adventure he sleepeth and must be awaked" I K. 18:27.

But then hear Elijah pray to the true and living God: "Let it be known . . . that Thou art the Lord God," and the fire fell (vs. 36-38).

The significance of a Spirit-filled life is that we will "be no longer a reproach among the heathen," i.e. the unsaved.

God has empowered and equipped us so that we shall be able to reap our inheritance of the souls in our

generation.

I know what it is to be "a reproach" among non-Christians.

Before we knew 'about God's will to heal, when we were missionaries in India, I was challenged by a Muhammedan to prove that Jesus Christ is the Son of God -and that He arose from the dead. I could not do it. No Miracles were taking place in our ministry. I preached, but there was no evidence

But later God showed us the power of His Works. What for ? That we might no more be a reproach among the non-Christians neither in India, America, nor in any other country in the world.

Since then we have had the privilege of leading thousands of Hindus and Moslems to Jesus Christ, because the Holy Spirit working in us gave evidence of what we preached.

"'EVANGELIZE THE WHOLE WORLD,' were Christ s marching orders! He did not say ***civilize*** *every creature, nor even to Christianize the worldbut preach, proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.*

Chapter Eleven

A Convincing Soulwinner

ONE DAY Jesus was speaking to His disciples. It was just before "He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight" Ac. 1:9. He wanted to leave freshly impressed upon their minds a vital fact of New Testament ministry.

This is what He said:

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost come upon you: And ye shall be witnesses ,unto Me... unto the uttermost part of the earth" Ac. L:8)

Note three words in particular.

1. POWER: According to one Greek authority this is power in action, as when put forth in performing miracles ability, mighty works or miracle-energy; supernatural force. The Greek word is; dynamis; the English word "dynamite" is 'from it.

2. WITNESS: This word is translated from the Greek word "martyr" which properly means "witness." But so many "witnesses" laid down their lives for their testimony about Christ that the word "martyr" gradually became understood as "one who bears witness by his death" and that was the understanding of the word when it was

adopted into the English language as "martyr." But its original meaning was "witness."

According to Greek authority, "martyr" denotes one who "can or does aver (vouch for guarantee verify prove) what he has seen or heard or knows." ... or says.

The word "witness" is defined: "to give or to be evidence: one who furnishes evidence, proof; one who demonstrates, substantiates or verifies his testimony with an exhibition of evidence."

3. UTTERMOST: This means "inner, hidden. remote, last part or frontier." (Paul called it 'the regions beyond" . . . still further ... yet unreached.)

IN SUBSTANCE, JESUS WAS SAYING: "YOU SHALL RECEIVE VIRTUE, MIRACLE ABILITY, SUPERNATURAL ENERGY AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU, FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE: TO ENABLE YOU TO GIVE ABSOLUTE EVIDENCE, MIRACULOUS PROOF OF MY RESURRECTION (SEE AC. 1:22. 2:32, 3:15. 4:33). I MEAN, THIS POWER WORKING IN YOU WILL ACTUALLY DEMONSTRATE AND EXHIBIT THE PROOF OF YOUR TESTIMONY SO AS TO VERIFY YOUR CLAIMS, AS WITH DOCUMENTED CREDENTIALS. AND YOU ARE TO EXHIBIT THIS SUPERNATURAL EVIDENCE OF MY RESURRECTION IN YOUR OWN CITIES AND COUNTRY AND UNTO THE INNER AND HIDDEN PARTS OF THE EARTH, YES, EVEN TO THE REMOTE AND LAST FRONTIERS OF CIVILIZATION."

When Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power," the purpose was to enable men to produce convincing evidence of His resurrection everywhere . . . even "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

When David said "He hath shewed His people . . . power," the purpose was to "give them the heritage of the heathen."

The purpose of "power" in both cases was to give witness unto "the uttermost part:" to inherit "the heathen," the unsaved. In other words: To reach the lost at home and abroad: to "turn them from darkness to light; from the power of Satan unto God" Ac. 26:18.

The purpose, then, of receiving the power of the Holy Spirit is to evangelize; to win lost souls to Christ, those who are ignorant of the Gospel, wherever they may be.

When one is baptized with the Holy Spirit, God energizes that person with Divine power; He equips him with virtue to witness to the un-regenerate with miraculous evidence. He endues him with the same "virtue" that flowed from Jesus Christ into the little woman who touched His garment. Her sickness was instantly cured (Mk. 5:25-34).

The baptism of the Holy Ghost which the disciples received on "the day of Pentecost" is the key to world evangelism. All that followed in the Book of Acts was the outcome of that experience.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in anyone's life is the only authority which will enable him to command the attention and respect of the unsaved, the unregenerate, the unconverted.

An enduement of the Holy Spirit is what enables Christians to win non-Christians to claim them for Christ!

When I speak of receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. I am talking about an enduement of Divine energy, of supernatural power in one's life which makes him master of the situation when it comes to winning souls. I am speaking of the kind of experience the disciples

received on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Ac. 19:2.

Has He. the Holy Spirit, working in you, made you a convincing soulwinner.

Can you say with Paul. Nothing else counts, except "that I might finish . . . the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify (with evidence) the Gospel of the grace of God"? Ac. 20:24.

A young Indonesian preacher who was challenged by our crusades there, set himself to fasting and prayer for three weeks, at the end of which time God spoke to him in an audible, voice, Commanding: "Use the power I have given thee!"

With these words came the realization that the Holy Spirit which was in him, was there to convince the non-Christian millions of his own country about Christ and the Gospel.

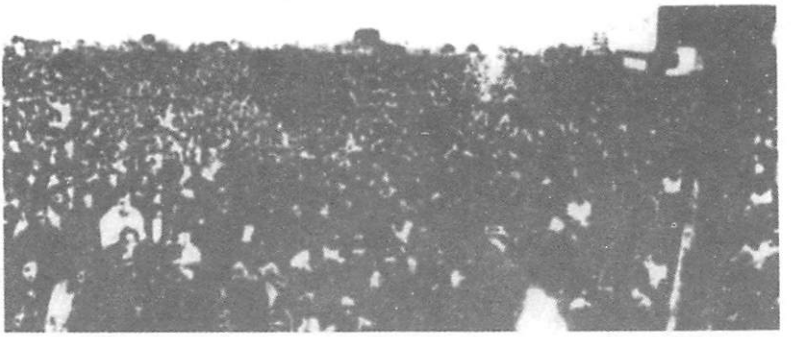
He was soon preaching to five and ten thousand people daily. His next campaign attracted twenty to forty thousand nightly,;. Moving to another great island, as many as "fifty thousand assembled daily to hear this Indonesian preacher who was using **the power God had given him.**

This is the purpose of a Spirit filled life.

In sending His disciples to take the Gospel to every creature, Jesus defined the ministry which would be necessary to convince the people:

"These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" Mk. 16:17,18.

This, therefore, is the ministry which will turn unbelievers to Christ. They will throng to hear the man

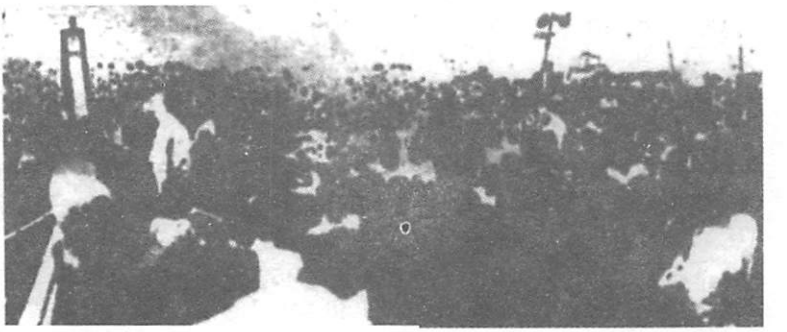


Spirit-empowered believers must pond to the cry of this generation. These masses will not hear spiritual modernists. Medical missions, educational concepts or social developments, no matter how valuable, will not satisfy the craving of humanity.

Only the power of the living Christ, proclaimed in demonstration of the Holy Spirit, can-meet the urgent needs of humanity. People will receive Christ and follow Him when He is proclaimed in power when His message is confirmed by miracles.

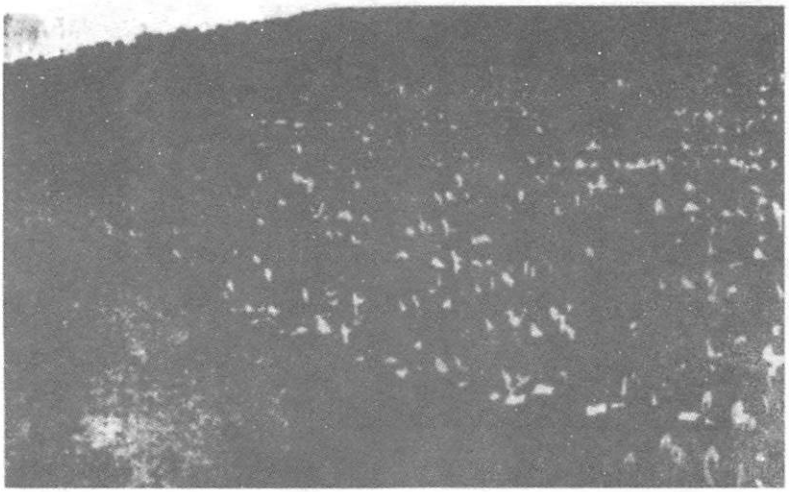
This, therefore, is the; Purpose of Pentecost!

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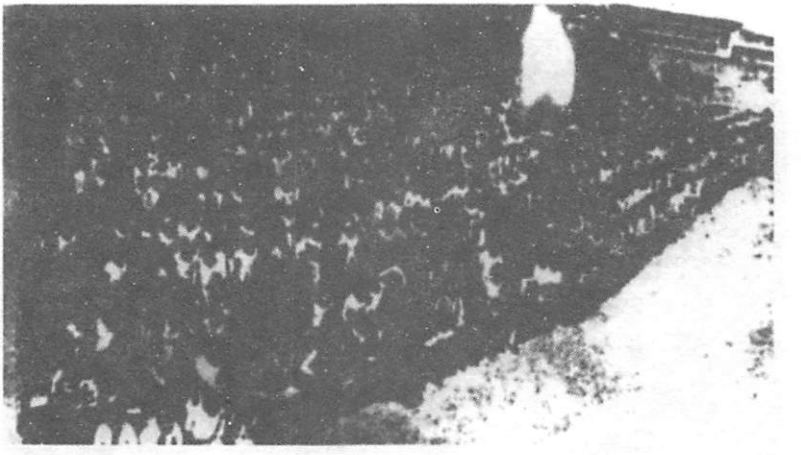


This demands individual decision; it requires individual consecration; it calls for individual action.

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost" Jn. 20:22, then arise to the call of over ONE AND ONE-HALF



BILLION unregenerate souls. They wait for you! They will believe when they hear the Gospel and see the ministry of Christ confirmed by mir acles.



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Chapter
Sixteen

Conquest

AS FIRE EXISTS BY FIRE, so the church exists by evangelizing or winning souls. When she loses the vision of the lost, she dies out. like a fire when it ceases to find a new material to burn.

"Go . . . preach . . . make disciples . . . witness to all nations, to every creature ... in the power of the Holy Spirit, which I send upon you!"

This, to essence, was Christ's last command to His Church, and constitutes the real PURPOSE for which He sent the Holy. Ghost.

"EVANGELIZE THE WHOLE WORLD," were His marching orders! He did not say civilize even- creature, nor even Christianize the world but preach, proclaim the Gospel to the whole, world.

Early Christians might have excused themselves for not reaching the entire world. They lacked the means and equipment that would have speeded up the task. No trains, or planes, or great oceanliners: no radio, or television, or printing press, or tape and cassette player or moving picture of the Holy Ghost, they most of the then known world.

In the wake and spread of early church evangelism.

Christianity spread down through Egypt and out across North Africa until, at one time, fhe'country was dotted with hundreds of Christian churches.

But instead of pressing on into the "regions beyond" for souls still unreached, Christians began to argue over doctrines.

Controversy took the place of Evangelism. As a result, instead of a burning zeal and vision which should have driven the Christians on south across the burning Sahara desert into the jungles of central and south Africa, she became stalemated and began to wither away as the world sank deep into the dark ages.

While the church was bickering about non-essentials, the, non-Christian forces made conquest and won millions.

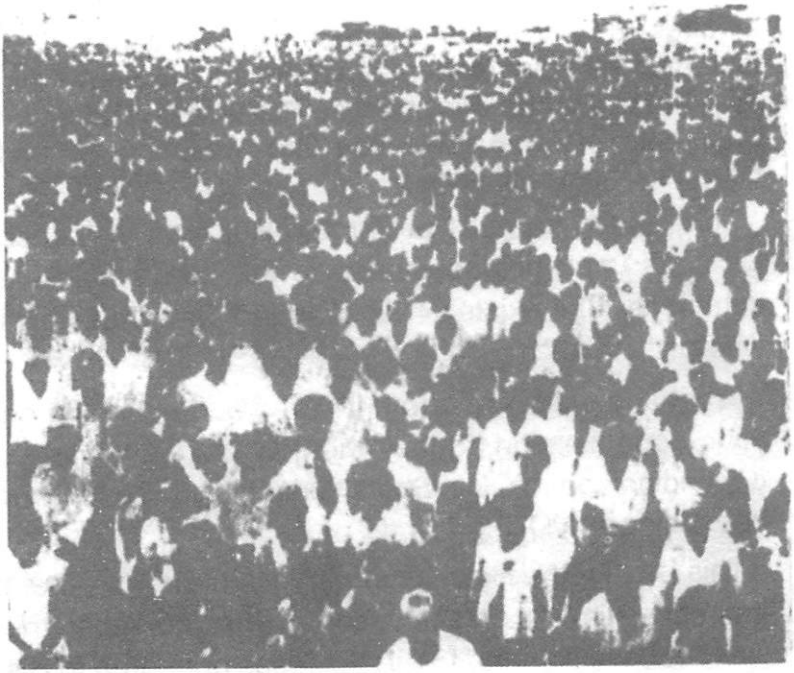
The result: North Africa became Mohammedan and for centuries there has been very little freedom to proclaim the Gospel in these areas.

Think of it! At one time some of the greatest Christian theologians came from North Africa. Today the whole country is blanketed by rigid Islamic devotion.

What if that would happen in today's Christian society? The only thing that will prevent it is to keep the vision of worldwide soulwinning fresh in the heart of every Christian.

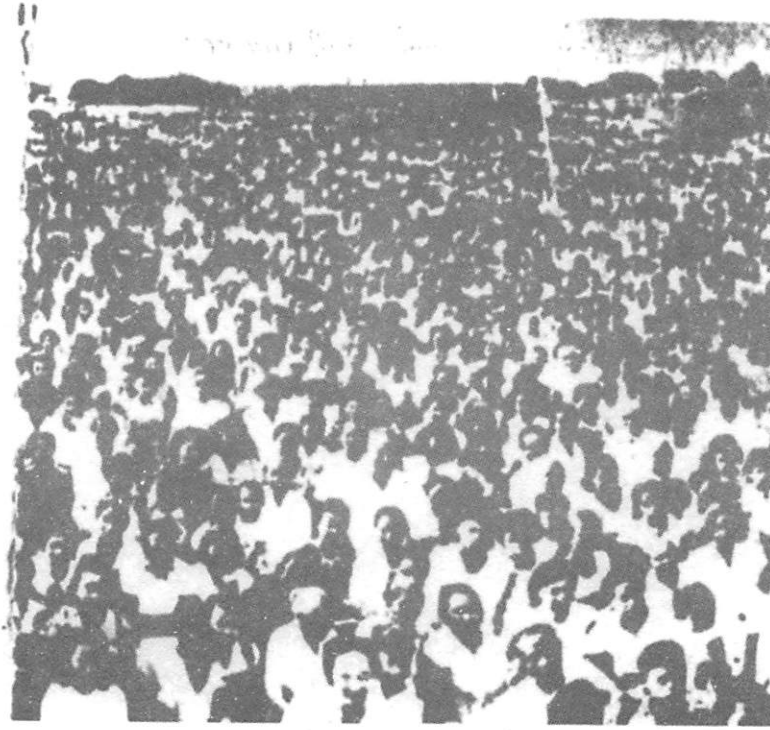
When a Christian ceases to win souls, the fire in his own soul will cease to burn. The power of the Holy Spirit becomes a traditional doctrine instead of a soulwinning force.

One of the most challenging mottos ever composed



May God manifest in each Christian's life this power of the Holy Ghost so that he may carry out the real purpose of a follower of Christ. thus fulfilling His promise in Jn. 14:12. doing the same works that Jesus did which is the Purpose of Pentecost.

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"AND what about you? Will you go? Has God spoken to you? Have you heard the cry of the unreached millions Has the Lord of the Harvest shown you their need? Will you answer, 'Lord, here am I send me?"

Chapter Seventeen

A Winner's Crown

DR. ALEXANDER DUFF was a great veteran missionary to India.

When he was an old man, he returned to his homeland of Scotland to die.

There, during the General. Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Dr. Duff addressed the meeting, and then made a strong appeal for young people to volunteer their lives for India. But no one responded.

Under the strain of the appeal, the aged missionary fainted and sank to the floor and was carried off the platform.

The doctor bent over the old veteran and was examining his heart when suddenly he opened his eyes and asked, "Where am I? Where am I?"

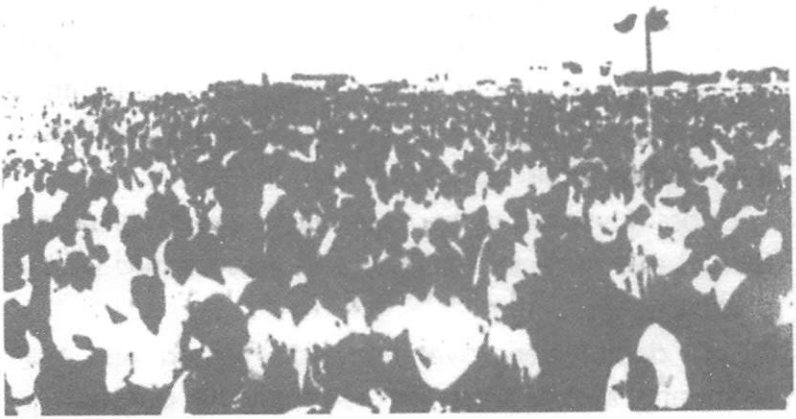
"Lie still," urged the physician. "Your heart is very weak."

The old warrior interrupted: "But I must finish my appeal. Take me back. Take me back. I haven't finished my appeal yet."

Again the doctor cautioned: "Lie still. You are too weak to *go* back."

But the missionary would not be stopped, Gathering his strength he got back on his feet: and with the doctor on one side and the Assembly Chairman on the other, the old white-haired warrior was led back to the rostrum, while they congregation rose in honor of his courage. Then he resumed his appeal.

"When Queen Victoria calls for volunteers for India," he continued, "hundreds of voting men respond: but when King Jesus calls, No one goes.



" Then he paused. And once more he continued:

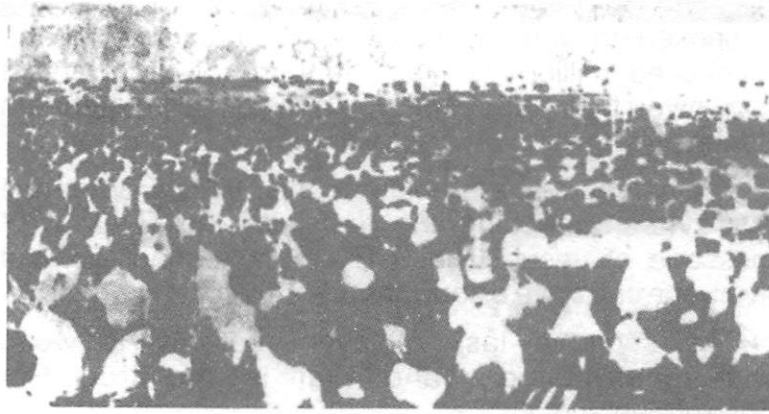
"Is it true that Scotland has no more sons to give for India?"

Again he waited, and still no one responded. There was silence.

The old man then made a major decision and under the heavy burden of India's unreached millions he concluded his call:

"Very well, if Scotland has no more young men to send to India, then, old and decrepit though I am, I will go back; and even though I cannot preach, I can lie down .on the shores of the Ganges river and die, in order to let the peoples of India know that there is at least one man in Scotland who cares enough for their souls to give his life for them."

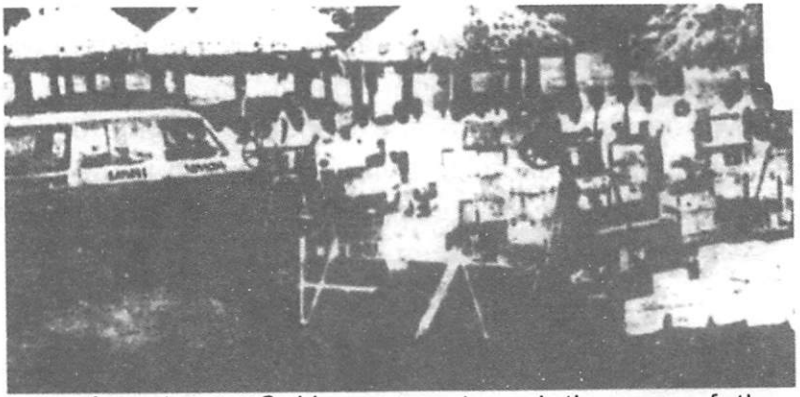
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As the old veteran turned to leave the pulpit. the silence was broken at last. All over the congregation young men were getting to their feet, crying out. "I'll go! I'll go! I'll go!"

And after old Dr. Duff passed on, many of those young men did go to India, investing their lives as missionaries as a result of an old Gospel warrior's burden and vision for the unevange-lized.

And what about you? Will you go? Has God



spoken to you? Have you heard the cry of the unreached millions?1 Has the Lord of the Harvest shown you their need? Will you answer, "Lord, here am I, send me?"

You can be a share-holder in the ONE JOB nearest God's heart reaching the lost with the ONE WAY message of Jesus Christ. Everyone cannot go. but everyone can have a soulwinner's crown

The supreme task of every believer is world wide soulwinning and that is the true Pur pose of Pentecost.

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About The Author

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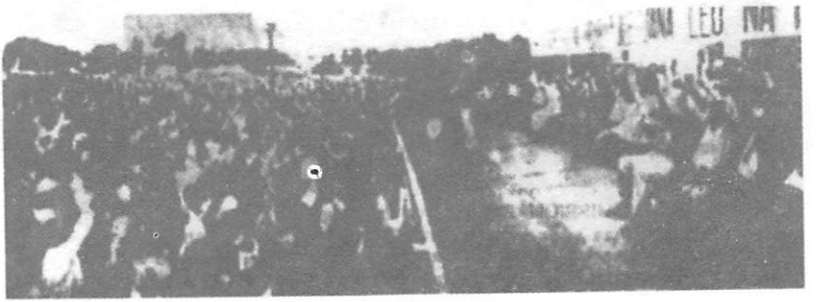
T. L. Osborn seeks no greater recommendation for this book than that its readers grasp the true PURPOSE OF PENTECOST-to do what the, Holy Spirit empowers them to do, to be Christ's witnesses to the ends_ of the earth.



The most convincing preacher is he who practices what he preaches. And Mr. Osborn is a "doer of the work" Ja. 1:25. His life and ministry are motivated by one single -'"theme: "OUR SUPREME TASK IS WORLD EVANGELISM." The motto of his worldwide ministry is. ONE WAY-ONE JOB. The One Way is Jesus; the One Job is Soulwinning. Today, MILLIONS are being reached through the many outreaches of the Osborn Foundation (OS/FO), of which he is Founder.

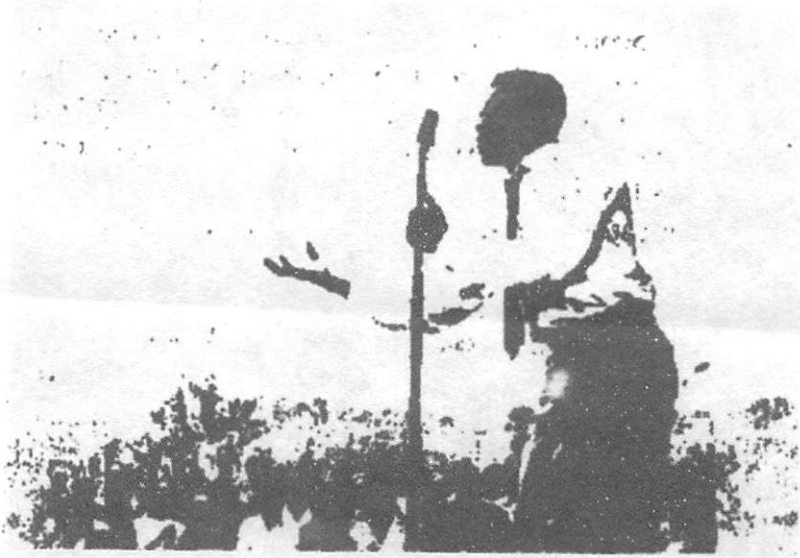
Scores of nations from Ireland to Indonesia, from Trinidad to Taiwan, from Nigeria to New Guinea have felt the impact of Mr. Osborn's personal ministry. Entire nations have been stirred, as his mass evangelism crusades have spearheaded great soulwinning invasions from the Unchurched.

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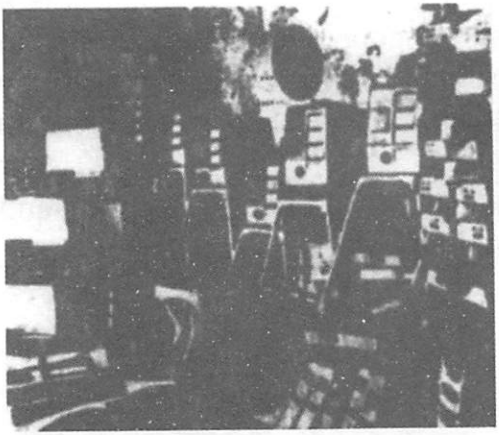
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