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Duncan Campbell's Testimony, on: 2007/1/6 22:04

Has anyone else listened to Duncan Campbell's amazing testimony? It can be found here:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid380>) His Testimony and Conversion

I highly recommend it to everyone. It has really blessed me to hear of the supernatural victories that this man had. I was also humbled by the faith and maturity of his 16 year old daughter! What a difference between that and our generation!

What is on my heart the most, however, is Campbell's detailed description of his "second blessing" or baptism with the Holy Spirit. I am convinced that this is the experience that I lack and the solution sins I cannot seem to be victorious over, and the hot then cold demeanor of my Christian walk.

Does anyone know of any other testimonies like that, or have any more information about the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

If nothing else, check out his testimony!

-K_DAY

Re: Duncan Campbell's Testimony - posted by kathyclark (), on: 2007/1/7 0:15

Dear -K_DAY,

You can read my testimony about the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the forum under "testimonies".

I am eternally grateful for that great experience. I could have never walked this long with the Lord without it. It revolutionized my life.

Blessing.

Re:, on: 2007/1/7 2:28

Thank you KathyClark. I really enjoyed reading your testimony. I would love to hear more like it.

Does anyone know of any sermons on SI about the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Re: Duncan Campbell's Testimony, on: 2007/1/7 2:38

KDAY,

Dear Duncan is and has always been one of my favorite New Testament preachers!!

I have listened to that particular testimony many times, it never grows old.

God bless you, neil

Re:, on: 2007/1/7 12:29

Quote:

-----Dear Duncan is and has always been one of my favorite New Testament preachers!!

Yes, I know. You were actually the one who turned me on to him. You recommended one of his sermons in a previous forum. Its good stuff!

Re: Duncan Campbell's Testimony - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/1/7 23:08

Thank you K_DAY for sharing this. This is so awesome. It has greatly blessed and convicted me as well. I hope many others will listen to this again and allow the Holy Spirit to re-ignite the fire in their hearts.

God's blessing and peace unto your house

Re: Duncan Campbell's Testimony - posted by Meriwether, on: 2007/1/7 23:34

I've heard the testimony. I really liked it, but I'm not sure that I agree with the concept of a second work of grace, second blessing or a baptism of the holy spirit which is secondary to the baptism of regeneration which occurs when a person is soundly saved.

I used to think that I had experienced this because I was attending a church in which this doctrine was taught. In retrospect, I believe I was actually saved at this time, not experiencing a second work of grace.

In examining this doctrine years later, I had to reject it for lack of scriptural support. I don't know when or where this doctrine began, or what scriptures it claims for support. Does any one have an idea?

Re: a baptism of love - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/1/8 0:01

Hi K_Day. I would like to share some of my experience in this.

My experience happened on January 21, 2001, probably sometime around 9pm. For about two weeks prior to this I had been reading the New Testament and was converted to Christ, deciding that I was going to follow Him and become a Christian. On this night I attended a Pentecostal Church in Maryland that my wife had been invited to earlier. I had attended with her sometime before (I think the week before) and had come under conviction of the Holy Spirit but had resisted.

This night I had already determined I would not resist. An evangelist was preaching and sometime into the message I came under strong conviction of sin. I know that it was not fear but strong conviction of sin, such that I recalled later in telling others about it, that it was as if God Himself was pointing His finger at me. I bowed over, leaning on the pew in front of me, weeping profusely. The evangelist continued to preach, I do not really recall his message, except that it seemed directed right at me, and I continue to weep.

Sometime later some brothers came over and asked me to come up to the altar. Finally I agreed, but I kept weeping. Once there, several brothers were there to pray with me, including I think the Bishop of the Church, and I just kept weeping.

Eventually I cried out in a very loud voice, so that probably all the Church could hear me

"Jesus!"

Still they prayed and I wept but then finally I remember saying in myself

'Ok God, Ok'

And then it happened. My body shook somewhat and as they held me up and I swayed forward and backward I said things, you may call it speaking in tongues, but more than that I remember feeling....love. Poured out love. I was hugging everyone around me and telling them I loved them. I was baptised in water immediately after this and after I came down from the baptismal tank I was still hugging people and telling them I loved them.

Sometime later I remember talking to one of the Pastors and telling him how much love I felt in the sanctuary that night. I think I had somehow thought it was coming from the people but later I realised it didn't have anything to do with the sanctuary or the congregation, but with God. I just remember feeling like whole place was flooded with love.

In the days that followed the verse which says "therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away"

ssed away; behold, all things are become new" was so real to me. The thought of sinning terrified me and when temptation would come to me I could say with Joseph 'how can I do this thing and sin against God?' Before this I had lived a very very sinful life and now I had new desires and God was always on my mind.

I thank God so much for his mercy to me a sinner. I've made so many mistakes since then and I've never lived up to His blessing but I can not deny it either. And I will yet confess that Jesus Christ has redeemed me and that He shed His blood for me.

Christopher Joel Dandrow

Re: Baptism of the Holy Spirit - posted by kathyclark (), on: 2007/1/8 0:56

Dear Meriwether,

I am sharing my testimony on the baptism of the Holy Spirit for you below. I do believe that the 120 in the upper room already believed in Jesus, therefore were saved but they waited for the promise of the Holy Spirit. In this scripture it says:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

and:

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

It says in v.38 ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and in v. 39 it says this promise is for as many as the Lord our God shall call. That has to be all that are called

I also would encourage you to study the lives of the people who have received this touch. Duncan Campbell, Frank Bartleman, Rees Howells, Andrew Murray, Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, and many, many more. All point to a point where the regular Christian walk became supernatural because of an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

The testimony of the love given before mine is my testimony as well. It was not worked up it was like rivers of loving water flowing without effort. A scuzzy life became clean. I know that for me it was a distinct event. I believe that I did receive the Holy Spirit when I first asked but I received the fullness when I yielded my life fully.

My testimony:

I am sharing this in the hopes that it might set someone else at liberty.

I was saved in 1976 and powerfully baptised in the Holy Spirit while asleep. I know some may see this process differently than I do, but I was totally unschooled in religious matters. Not raised in church, no instruction of any kind. My husband and I had been into the drug party scene and when one of our fellow partyers got thrown in jail for selling cocaine my life took a real turn. He began to write me letters about the Jesus he had recommitted his life to in jail. He was in jail for 2 years and wrote me huge, long letters witnessing to me about my lost state and need of Jesus. The amazing thing about my friend is he was a backslidden preacher's kid and now he is a preacher himself. It took jail to wake him up. God doesn't waste anything!

Finally I submitted my life to Jesus and went to church for the first time since I was 8 years old when the Baptist bus picked me up for a few weeks. My husband and I went forward for salvation and were prayed for and we were asked if we were

anted to receive the Holy Spirit, having no idea what that really was, we said yes, I suppose just because they said we needed it. They prayed over us and encouraged us to open our mouths and let the Lord fill it with a new language and it went on and on. I suppose out of embarrassment we garbled a few sounds and they said we had received it. We both knew we really hadn't received anything. However, I continued to ask God if this was for real and something He wanted me to have to please fill me. Three nights later I was sound asleep and I sat bolt upright in the bed with my arms out cross fashion and what felt like electricity was charging through my body and I was speaking in a unknown language.

I know some might not agree with this and say all kinds of things about this experience, but I have to say that my life was radically changed from that moment on. I had what I can only describe as a big lump on love in my heart. It burned there for months. It oozed out to anyone I came in contact with and most of the people I was in contact with got saved. It truly was the power to witness.

My husband did not go on seeking for the fullness of the Spirit and after a year he backslid, but many years later I am still walking with the Lord. I attribute that to receiving the Holy Spirit. I can look back to that one event as monumental and so real that there is no question in my mind that He is real. It has undergirded me.

I have read numerous books about the baptism of the HS and seen many different testimonies. I believe God meets us where we are. This was what I needed to have and God gave it to me. Someone else may receive differently. All I know is my experience revolutionized my life and I became a loving mother and wife. I learned it isn't all about me, but in losing my life I find it. The more I give the more I receive. That is a far cry from the self-centered brat I was before. Truly all things became new. I don't even recognise the person I was before 1976. She is a dead woman and I'm glad she is.

I thank God for my salvation for a young man converted in jail and for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Re:, on: 2007/1/8 1:08

Chris-

Thanks for sharing. That is really powerful!

I actually have a similar story that I am unable to really make sense of. About a month after I had started following Christ, a friend of mine asked me if I wanted to go back to his house and pray. It was a strange thought, but I accepted. We went up into his room and started to pray. The next thing I knew, I was on the ground begging God to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I didn't know what this meant, or why I was praying it - I had only heard it mentioned a few times in passing.

My friend, John, came over and put his hand on my back and started praying in what I thought was Hebrew, but was probably actually tongues. Suddenly, all at once, I felt what was like a surge of electricity flow through my body and stay there. I was weeping uncontrollably. I was literally feeling the same love of God that you described. I was like this for probably 20 minutes. Looking back, this experience has been foundational in my growth as a Christian. It eliminated any doubt that I may have had regarding Christ, and if I wanted to follow him with my entire life.

My confusion is that I never really experienced the strong conviction of my sins before it happened. I was changed, but my prayer life still struggles, I still haven't had victory over certain sins that I still deal with. All these things seem to be staples of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, as I understand it from the Bible and other's testimonies.

Is there a difference between the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Again, thanks to all who have shared.

-K_DAY

Re: - posted by Parautika (), on: 2007/1/8 5:17

Hi K_Day,

I'm sending this in hoping I don't spark any controversies in other areas here, and that it will help with your questions and some you may not have asked yet.

I would say by your testimony that you were filled with the Holy Spirit at your friend's house when you asked God to do so. And yes, in 'most' terminology, being filled with the Holy Spirit is the same as being baptized in the Holy Spirit, however, I prefer personally the term 'being filled with the Holy Spirit', but I will address this below.

Please be aware of the following:

1. As a Christian, you received the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of your salvation the moment you were born again as a child of God. Without Him, there is no transformation. At that time you were baptized into the body of Christ through His presence in you. It was the Holy Spirit that brought you to the place where you cried out Abba – Father. In other words, through the inner witness of the Holy Spirit, you came to a place of realization that God was your Father; that you were now in a relationship with Him where you felt comfortable to call God your Father. Romans 8:15-16
2. The initial filling of the Holy Spirit, which some would call 'the baptism of the Holy Spirit', is an event which is separate from salvation, although it can happen so close after conversion for some that it is almost simultaneous, yet for others, years may pass. It is more an enduing of power which is usually accompanied by boldness and a gift or gifts; which as many testimonies attest to, can revolutionize your walk in the Lord. The disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem until they had received it, as it would and did directly impact their ability to spread the Gospel in a powerful way. A simple reading of the book of Acts will give many examples.
3. Many people believe that when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, that the initial evidence of this is speaking in tongues, but I would partially disagree with this by saying it 'can' be evidence of being filled. For many this is the case, as tongues is a rather common gift. But there are a number of different gifts which you could receive other than this, so do not let a lack of the gift of tongues confuse you if you did not receive that gift. For many, a new power and boldness in Christ is their evidence. In Acts you can see that while often tongues did accompany the filling of the Holy Spirit, so also did prophecy. I Corinthians 12:4-11 explains that the gifts, which are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit through us, are given to us individually as He sees fit. Later Paul compares the gifts to the parts of a human body, and shows that not all can be an eye or an ear, and that some gifts are quite hidden from common sight. For any local church body to grow, it is of great assistance if there is a well-balanced distribution of gifts. (Used in an orderly fashion – some maturity is required here)
4. The filling of the Holy Spirit also empowers us to serve God within the body of Christ, and to witness more effectively to those around us. While the gifts function to edify other Christians around us, a boldness in Christ also comes from being filled that enables us to step out and witness in the power of the Holy Spirit to those around us. Every evangelist from Wesley to Moody, and Finney to Billy Graham, will attest to the need of the filling of the Holy Spirit to be effective in bringing the lost to Christ.
5. The fruit of the Holy Spirit, as detailed in Galatians 5:22-23, is produced in a Christian's life as a result of submission to the Holy Spirit's working in our life, and begins to appear in a true Christian's life regardless of whether they have been filled with the Holy Spirit or not. As many Christians who have experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit can attest, the grace of God worked in their lives to bring about many changes before they may have experienced their first filling of the Holy Spirit. However, I would also be the first to say that the filling of the Holy Spirit intensifies many aspects of the grace and love of Christ in our lives, including the fruit that appears in us. To be filled, we must be first emptied of many things of self, so we come, as you did, to a place where we desire more of what God has already given us and we cry out for Him to fill us. The soul that comes to that place of brokenness is no longer satisfied and drawn by self-will, is apt to be given new power and strength when he asks for it. Like the father that will not give his child a stone when he asks for bread, how much more will our Father in heaven give His Holy Spirit to those who ask.
6. In answer to your confusion over why some things were not overcome in your life when you received this filling, and why your prayer life has not improved significantly, I would say the following, take Paul's advice in Eph. 5:18, where he says 'be filled with the Spirit', which as many will tell you, can also say, 'be being filled with the Spirit'. Simply said, we leak. We need to get up each morning with the intention of surrendering ourselves to the Lord anew. Being filled with the Holy Spirit comes with the requirement to be obedient to Him. He immediately convicted you in a stronger way ab

out sin in your life, your part is to surrender and to learn obedience. Open your bible and become thoroughly acquainted with what scripture says concerning your particular weak areas of sin. The Holy Spirit will open up the word to you, and show you great promises which you can lay hold of. I promise you, if you allow Him to, He will lead you to the cross of Jesus, and enable you to die to the fleshly life which produces the fruit of sin, and take upon you instead the life in the Spirit which will enable you to produce the heavenly fruit which you so desire. As to prayer, He comes also to teach us how to pray. Prayer is one of the hardest things to learn in the Christian life, but is also one of the most powerful. Not many walk that path effectively. The gift of tongues may help if sought after and received, or is initially received, but it is not a replacement for the normal pattern of prayer but rather an accompaniment to it for those that receive it. Most who pray in tongues never have an understanding of what they pray unless they have also received the gift of interpretation. To pray in the Spirit is not always to pray in tongues, but it is to be assisted and be led of Him. He desires to accomplish the work of Christ in you, and if you afford Him the time, your prayer life will increase.

7. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not instant maturity, but rather a stronger and bolder walk at whatever level of maturity we have attained to. Neither is He a replacement for becoming familiar with and obedient to the word of God. He loves the word, and comes to us to illuminate it, as by it we grow and become strong. One of the quickest ways to lose what we have gained in being filled with the Holy Spirit, is to neglect reading the word and prayer. He is not too enthralled with empowering the self-willed who chose to rely on themselves rather than what scripture says. While scripture says that the gifts of God are without repentance, it does show that we can be filled again and again. Many testify to deeper experiences that followed. If Finney noticed a loss in power in converting the lost, he immediately stopped and went back to a season of personal prayer until he was filled anew, and then resumed his activities in evangelizing.

8. In scripture, you will see the Holy Spirit represented as a dove at times, and I believe it was Leonard Ravenhill that said a dove has nine main feathers on each wing for flying. He said that you will find nine fruits represented in Galatians 5: 16-17 which come through the Holy Spirit, and nine gifts represented from Him in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. For the Church to soar the way God intends it to, it needs both wings with all 9 feathers intact on each. Some tend to emphasize the fruits, some the gifts, but the Holy Spirit emphasizes them all.

Hope this helps, sorry if it is long. May God bless you in your walk and the desires of your heart.

Re: the ear, the thumb, and the great toe!? - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/1/8 9:11

Dear brother K_DAY, I know what you mean here (please read through this if you can)...

Quote:

-----I actually have a similar story that I am unable to really make sense of.

Much, much, changed in my life, yet there was sin. There is sin. In all truth, my life and mind became a battleground and sometimes to my utter bewilderment! I would be buffeted by all sorts of terrible thoughts, perhaps coming from the nature of my actions in the past. And there were also times of victory and the supernatural.

Brother, there is a message here at sermonindex given by Paris Reidhead that really made sense to me. I think it might speak to you also given what you described.

The message is titled ***The Baptism with the Holy Spirit*** and is

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3091&commentViewItemComments>) Here

Scroll down most of the page to find it.

Now, he is unfolding something here and I think it is necessary that you follow along carefully in this message. He is taking some time to lay something out. I think it makes some sense of my own experience. You may even want to open the Bible to Exodus chapter 29 to follow along ahead of time and even read over it yourself to just be familiar with it afresh.

Something else...

One morning I woke up with the thought of Judges chapter 3 on my mind. I remember I had been seeking God about the difficulties and struggles I was still going through in my walk before Him. I went downstairs and opened the Bible to this chapter. The first four verses really spoke to me, especially where it says

*...these are the nations which **the Lord left***

...to teach them war...such as before knew nothing thereof

and

...they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord

I thought this was definitely me, and even though I had served in the *Army, I don't think I had ever known anything of this sort of internal war or of this sort of discipline. In fact when I was in the Army, even though my life was outwardly disciplined in terms of Army structure, inwardly and secretly I was a total wreck and it showed in the vices I indulged in.

Outwardly I may have appeared strong, but inwardly I was conquered ground.

I wish you all the fullness of God's grace, both for you and for me.

Chris

EDIT: *I thought I should mention here that my time in the Army was years before my conversion to Christ.

What manners now - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/1/8 9:53

Chris, Kathy ... Tremendous testimonies and great examples of a great truth ... The Lord's ways are indeed mysterious and often quite different than our expectations.

Quote:
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K_DAY,

This confusion you speak of may be just the same expectation, that a certain sequence must follow and be in order and I do not see that as evidential, even Chris and Kathy's showing as much. My own, being something closer to Kathy's (It's linked under my profile) even more peculiar because it had the same sort of ... 'effect' that Chris described as well and came about from a recognition of the very depravity I was swimming in ... A tremendous moment, a great change in one respect, a great repentance and struggle to give up and yet on the other hand it was just the very first inception in a long drawn out process. It would still be a year or so off before I even started plying into God's word. I heard no preacher, no testimony, wasn't in a church, had no Christian accomplices, not that there was no witness prior to all this, but the only way I can put it and with a great backward looking is that it was a sovereign thing that God did. Have always loved the old bit about the *The Hound of Heaven* because in my case, it was perfectly applicable and evidential, something I can say with all earnestness, yes, the Lord hunted me down. And for the life of me it is still an amazement, at the time it brought forth that almost demonic like expression of "What do I have to do with Thee?" (Luke 4:34)

Maybe all I am trying to forward here is that there need not be a running order of things, a form or formula to follow. In due time, in the Lord's time and desire and will, these things will come, conviction of sin is something ongoing and internal, personal, different I would say for each of us individually. Even in my case where there was such a strong overwhelming sense of the cesspool like thing I had allowed and even desired, that thing I loved to hate and hated to love at the onset and this would be all that is expressed in that testimony. And as bad as that was, in debauchery and lust and mind altering drug use and on and on and on, it was hardly but the tip of the iceberg of what I would later come to find buried deeper within; Bitterness and pride, pretense and hypocrisy, self-love, dishonesty, vain imagination, evil imagination, the over

erlooked aspects of judging others by climbing into their heads so to speak ... presumption.

K_DAY, I wouldn't be too bothered about that order, that you express it now in *strong conviction* is telling enough of a concern yet it could be and may well be that the very avenue to this is bypassed or addressed quite differently than you ever anticipate. Leave even that expectation in the Lords hands. I am more than convinced this is the trust He would have us give Him, to do as He sees fit.

Quote:

-----I was changed, but my prayer life still struggles, I still havn't had victory over certain sins that I still deal with.

Thank God for it! I mean, that your prayer life is a struggle, if it wasn't it wouldn't be much of a prayer life at all. You will not have victory over your sins alone and you well may recognize that ... victory will come as you give way to the Lord.

K_DAY what matters is now. Where you are now, where the Lord is leading now. What He is concerned with now. Expect the unexpected, expect to be surprised, expect to be changed, expect that what you may wish to happen may be delayed by something entirely out of your perspective.

Anticipate wonder and awe and paradox, the Lords ways *are* mysterious and I can tell you they are blessed above anything I could articulate and full of thanksgiving and praise and worship and sheer astonishment.

There is just a great relief in trusting Him completely even with what we suffer, even in conviction and brokenness and contrition and being humbled.

It is the endurance of the saints to just keep on keeping on and a great joy to never know what the Lord has in store for those who love Him.

Re: What manners now - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/1/8 10:56

such a good word Mike. Thanks

Re: - posted by Meriwether, on: 2007/1/8 16:42

Hey kathyclark,

I appreciate your input, but I didn't see any scriptural evidence in your post for the emotional ecstasism you and several others went on to describe. I know that it will seem as if I am attacking your experience. I'm sorry.

I can only evaluate your experience or even Duncan Campbell's by what the scriptures clearly demonstrate.

I belonged to a charismatic church in the 1980s. They placed a great significance on these emotional experiences and used some of the same scriptural proofs you listed. I've come out of that movement for reasons too numerous to bore you with here.

I don't apply those scriptures the way you apparently do. Please don't take offence, I just have to reject it based on my understanding at this time.

Cathy Meriwether

Re: - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/1/8 19:36

God is good all the time

Re: Baptism of the Holy Spirit - posted by kathyclark (), on: 2007/1/9 10:19

Dear Meriwether,

It seems to me it is a matter of opinion that what I and others experience is as you put it

Quote " appreciate your input, but I didn't see any scriptural evidence in your post for the emotional ecstaticism you and several others went on to describe. I know that it will seem as if I am attacking your experience. I'm sorry."

In the new testament account of the day of Pentecost the people receiving were thought drunk.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is the third hour of the day.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

I tried to look up the word you used "ecstaticism" in Mirriam Websters dictionary and could find no definition for it.

This is one sites definition for Ecstasy:
Ecstatic (Ec*stat"ic) (?), a.

1. Pertaining to, or caused by, ecstasy or excessive emotion; of the nature, or in a state, of ecstasy; as, ecstatic gaze; ecstatic trance. "This ecstatic fit of love and jealousy." Hammond.
2. Delightful beyond measure; rapturous; ravishing; as, ecstatic bliss or joy.

another:

Meaning of ecstatic (adjective)
enraptured

I am quite sure that every person who has experienced this infilling or overwhelming or whatever title you want to call it would have a different story, however, I have read numerous accounts and they all say that the love they experience in their hearts was a major factor in changing their lives.

If the Holy Spirit overwhelms you and fills you with His love it seems wrong to me to attribute this to emotionalism. If it is a gift of the Holy Spirit that would seem to demean the gift and therefore the Giver. If however what was birthed in us is a gift from the Holy Spirit we should count it as a treasure.

The way these words " emotional ecstaticism " makes it sound, it would appear we became a bunch of brainless babblers, who are right up there with the mentally off. Nothing could be further from the truth. It caused my understanding and delight in the scriptures to excel. I'm not saying that I immediately understood everything I read, but I knew that I knew that I knew it was all real. There was no longer any question in my mind that this was a way of life worth living.

I think if you call our experience emotionalism then you would have to say the same of the believers on the day of Pentecost, however as Peter pointed out, it was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.

I know some would say that it was poured out once and for all on that day, but each of us needs power for service and testimony. After you receive power you shall be witnesses.

If you are really in love with someone you can't wait to tell how beautiful he is and share with folks just what he means to you. This is what the baptism means to me. At that moment He became altogether lovely to me and that hasn't changed in all these years.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I can not help but feel if the love of a human being causes us to experience ecstasy and joy, how much more should the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost do so. This certainly doesn't make us brainless, just powerful to effect the world around us.

I am not offended by your comments. I just wanted to clarify, that emotional ecstasism is an opinion about what happened and I don't find scriptural references in your post to back that up.

God's blessing and peace unto your house.

Re: - posted by Meriwether, on: 2007/1/9 22:44

KathyClark,

I deny saying you were brainless, a babbler, or mentally off.

I affirm that I believe that Pentecost was a unique event. I affirm that I believe that every soundly saved person is also indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the Joel passage alluded to in Acts is a foretaste of a condition in the millinium kingdom when everyone will be saved and filled with the Spirit. Thousands were saved on Pentecost, but the Spirit wasn't poured out on everyone, only those who believed. The same can be said of today; so, the "all flesh" is still a future event. (One I am really looking forward to.)

My scriptural support for not trusting any emotional experience which can not be affirmed by a sound understanding of scripture is

Jer 17:9, "The heart deceitful above all, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

We may have to respectfully disagree on this issue.

Yours in Christ,
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