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**Baptism of Fire - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/10/16 18:27**

O FOR A BAPTISM OF FIRE!!!

Just felt like shouting this one out!!

**Re: Baptism of Fire - posted by INGRACE (), on: 2009/11/6 21:37**

There are many workings of The Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, and I know I certainly need the fire of The Holy Ghost to purify me, so I can be molded into the image of Christ.

**Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/7 19:37**

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**Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2009/11/7 19:58**

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and how I wish it were already kindled!!  
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and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!"

One of the reasons Jesus came was to kindle  
the fire of faith, the baptism of the Spirit;  
a holy passion for the kingdom and the will  
of GOD.

Let us be consumed with a passion for the  
cause of the cross and the kingdom of GOD!!

**Re: - posted by INGRACE (), on: 2009/11/7 21:59**

Certainly Christ cleanseth us when the blood is applied to our life, but we daily need to let our minds be renewed by the washing of the water of the word.

**Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/8 5:36**

Ingrace Wrote: .....daily need to let our minds be renewed by the washing of the water of the word.

That's true.....but its not purification.

Those who have always sought to "Purify the Church" have always been Wolves in Sheep's clothing or misguided at the best.

A quoted scripture does not prove anything unless it has been experienced. I have heard many preachers who preach purification, but upon examining their lives and motives to preach they are far from purified.

I am not suggesting that this is the case with any brother posting on this thread; my aim, as is your, is to stimulate godly debate.

Re: purity - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/11/8 10:05

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Dear Pilgrim,

I'm not a brother but I would like to try to help with this answer, if that is ok. I'd like to possibly cause you to think more about this since your statements caused me to think much more on purity!! (huge grin)

1 Timothy 4.12 Let no man despise thy youth; **but be thou an example of the believers**, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, **in purity**.

I do not believe that anywhere in the Bible supports your statement: "*Does not purification come only after death?*" In 1 Tim 4.12, what Paul is telling Timothy is not for use after death, it is for use in the present.

Paul goes on in 2 Tim 2.22, "*Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*"

In 2 Cor 6.4,5,6 Paul tells us in v4 "*in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God...* v6 *By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost...*" We are to approve ourselves **in this life, not in the next**.

Also in 2 Peter 1:5,6,7,8... Peter says "*giving all diligence, add...* v8 *For if these things be in you and abound...*" If they be in you (now, in this present life) and abound "*they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*"

All these things help us to purify ourselves. In Numbers 8.7 *And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.*"

I find it curious that they used the word "**shave all their flesh**" and then it ends with **and so make themselves clean**. Everything in the New Testament is about our getting rid of our flesh to become like Christ! I know it's subjective but that is how I see it! Like you, I don't wish to argue!

God bless you brother, I will try to tackle your last question in another post.

Re: cleanse and purify - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/11/8 10:24

Quote:

-----ThePilgrim wrote:

Did Christ not both cleanse and purify you when you believed?

Is there anything that we have to do or need to do after we first believed? Or are we always clean and pure from the first time we believed, never having to put forth any upkeep? Like maintenance? If you don't perform upkeep on your car or house, it will eventually fall down around you!

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1Jo 1:7

Key words here: "but if we walk in the light..."

Paul said in 1 Cor 9.27, "27 *Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.*"

He didn't say he'd go to hell and all would be lost but he did say that he would be disqualified (or KJV castaway). I guess he would be considered legalistic by our standards today, eh?

I'm just trying to point out that although he was an born again apostle of Jesus Christ, he didn't consider everything (cleansed and purified), done and sealed when he became a believer; no, he continually disciplined himself and his flesh and did not let it get out of control.

God bless you Pilgrim!!

**Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/8 12:58**

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Purification means to be pure, holy, undefiled, without sin.

When does this happen and how?

Does it happen because a person tries hard?  
Or is it when we see Him? For then and only then shall we be like Him?

Very interesting and thanks for you provocative and well researched posts.

**Re: When does this happen and how? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/11/8 13:57**

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Very interesting and thanks for you provocative and well researched posts.

I don't know the answers that you have asked! I'm just going to work on doing what I know to do today and tomorrow!

God bless you!

**Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/8 14:30**

Lysa wrote:

I don't know the answers that you have asked!

Ah!.....Words of Wisdom!

God bless you Lysa

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/11/8 19:11**

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1. Does not purification come only after death?

No purification does not come after death. Death can never and never will be our be saviour.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

2. I hear lots of people speak of purification and usually they are legalists or cultic.

Yes there are a lot of people who get into error when they try and deal with the remainder of sin after conversion.

3. Did Christ not both cleanse an purify you when you believed?

Believed was does it mean for us to believe, what happens.

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. So when you believed in Jesus it was counted unto us as righteousness.

We have our sins forgiven and we have been given the right to become the sons of God.

Rom 4:24-25 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification

Justified made righteous

Rom 4:7 Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

When you believed you were forgiven, saved from wrath, justified made righteous and been given the power to become the sons of God. Notice how it says **been given the power to become the sons of God** It does not say we are the the sons of God but we have been given the power to become. So clearly there is a work to be done after we first believed.

What is this further work that we have been given the power to that brings into sonship?

Roms 5:12-14 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world) but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

What I am trying to establish here is that there is sins that you have committed and there is sin you have because of Adam. So when you believed you were forgiven, saved from wrath, justified made righteous and been **given the power to become the sons of God** but not purified of the Sin that entered this earth through Adam.

Malachi 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Why do we need to be purified because of the nature that is in us because of Adam. That why Israel always went far away from God's ordinances because of this inbred sin.

Malachi 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them.

God in Hosea says his people are bent on backsliding.

Hos 11:7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me:

The Cure for the bent that causes us to not to follow God's laws.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

So if what happens when we are baptized into Jesus Christ. By the way this not baptism in water.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The Old man the one we inherited from Adam the body of sin as Paul called it, is destroyed so we no longer serve sin.

If we no longer serve sin we have another master.

Roms 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness.

In Hebrew tradition a child cannot become a son until he has given up his own rights has fully submitted to his Father's will so it son/servant relationship. Exodus 4:23 Let my son go, that he may serve me. Here we see the relation of being son and servant of the Father.

Don't you see it wohoo wohooo wohoooo. You were given the power to become sons of God, know you have become the servants of God through the Baptism of Christ because you are no longer slaves to sin but servants of God and so become sons of God so you can serve him and his will and have fruits unto Holiness.

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2009/11/8 20:54**

hi, we are saved by faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross... we are sanctified by faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross... why do christians start in the spirit and end up in the flesh??? the Knowledge of good and evil... it is not by works of righteousness which we have done ...it is Mercy Jesus...jimp

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2009/11/9 0:21**

Sojourner7:

"I have come to send fire upon the earth,  
and how I wish it were already kindled!!  
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I believe the baptism with fire is an identification with Jesus at his sufferings in gethsemane and the cross. Its an identification in Christ sufferings and in his agony of soul.

Dear brothers if we really want the baptism of fire i hope that God will make us aware that its not an easy road to tread on, but its a great blessing and privilege to go thru agonies of soul and identification with his suffering.Its the secret of having a fruitful ministry and sharing in the future glory with Christ.

May we long and desire to be like Christ and follow Christ wherever he leads us without complain.

Shalom,  
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**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/11/9 8:52**

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"sanctified by faith in the finished work of Jesus"

Before we go to our knees to receive the Baptism of Fire, let me beg of you to see to it that your souls are in harmony with the will and purpose of the Holy Spirit whom you seek. -

William Booth

PURIFYING FAITH by William Booth

Ephesians 3:17-19 -- That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

My Dear Comrades,

You will remember that when I closed my last Letter, I was considering a very interesting part of our subject; namely, that particular act of Faith which purifies the heart. I said something to you then on this question; but I must have another word, because I fancy that it is here that many of my dear people stumble and fail in seeking the Blessing of Purity. They come to the door of full deliverance from Sin; they look inside the Temple of Holiness; they long to be there; but they hesitate

ate to take the step which alone can carry them in.

They cannot, or do not, or will not exercise the Faith that purifies, and so turn away and go back to the unsatisfactory state of sinning and repenting in which they have lived so long. Now,

I feel quite sure that this is often caused by ignorance or mistaken notions; and I would, therefore, very much like to explain a little further what that wonderful Faith is by which the soul enters into the enjoyment of a Full Salvation.

I may have again to pass over some of the ground we have already traveled together. But that cannot be helped. I had better repeat myself a thousand times and be understood, than leave you in doubt as to my meaning.

1. I remark that Purifying Faith is the Faith that has some definite knowledge of the nature of the Blessing desired, and the means by which it is attained. That knowledge may be very imperfect, but it is enough to apprehend the nature of the Purity sought for. This Faith sees that Purity is not merely a passing wave of feeling or a deliverance from temptation. It perceives that it is not a condition of uninterrupted happiness, but a state of Holiness in which the servant of God ceases to grieve the Holy Spirit, obeys the call of duty, and loves Him with all the power he possesses.

Purifying Faith fixes its eye on the Blessing, and says "I want a Pure Heart, I need it; it is the Will of God that I should have it. Christ bought it for me when He died on the Cross. O God, let it be mine."

Has your Faith got as far as that, my Comrades? Do you see what Purity means? If so that is a gratifying attainment. Hold it fast until God bestows the great treasure upon you.

2. Purifying Faith sets the soul longing after the possession of this Treasure. Looking at a thing which you consider valuable and possible, will certainly awaken the desire for its possession. If I am informed of some site of land, or some piece of property, which I could see would be of great service to The Army, the more I think about it, the longer I look at it, the more strongly shall I desire its possession.

It is so with Holiness, my Comrades. If you believe it to be the precious thing it really is, you will consider it, keep it before your mind, turn it round and round, and the more you do so the more you will desire it. Does your Faith compel your attention? Does it make you think? "O Lord, increase our Faith." If you will only keep on looking at it you will come to long after it with earnest desire.

3. Purifying Faith is the Faith that leads the soul to choose the Blessing. It says, "I'll have it if it is for me," and sings:

"Give me the Faith that Jesus had,  
The Faith that can great mountains move,  
That makes the mournful spirit glad,  
The saving Faith that works by Love;  
The Faith for which the saints have striven,  
The Faith that pulls the fire from Heaven."

Purifying Faith goes further than merely admiring and talking, and longing and praying: it elects to make the experience its own. It says, "Now, Lord, this great deliverance shall be mine. I choose it. If it is to be attained, I'll have it!" We all know how the sinners around us pain our hearts by the way they trifle with Salvation. They say, "Oh, yes, it is good, and it's very kind of Jesus Christ to make it possible for us to be saved. We must have Salvation. We must not be lost. But we won't seek it now." Even so, I am afraid many Soldiers trifle with holiness. They say, "I ought to be holy; I wish I were holy. O Lord, make me holy --but not now." But Purifying Faith chooses the Blessing desired. It says, "I'll begin to seek now with all my heart -- and I'll seek until I find."

4. Purifying Faith compels the surrender of everything that stands in the way of the possession of Holiness. It is willing to pay the price. Oh, how cheerfully people give up pleasant things in order to gain those which they believe to be still more desirable. So here, when men really do see and believe in the worth of Purity, they will be ready to abandon everything which seems likely to hinder them obtaining it.

Oh, my Comrades, have you got thus far? Does your Faith duly value the treasure we are talking about? If not, it cannot be said to be Purifying Faith. If it does, it will cry out.

"Is there a thing beneath the sun,  
That strives with Thee my heart to share?"

Oh, tear it thence, and reign alone,  
Then shall my heart from earth be free  
When it has found repose in Thee."

5. Purifying Faith leads the soul to the consecration of all it possesses to the service of its Saviour.

Now, my dear Comrades, has your Faith got as far as this? I am afraid many come close up to this point, and then grow afraid. They shrink from the full consecration, and give up the holy strife. They will say "If I place myself in the hands of God, for Him to do just as He likes with me, who can tell where He may send me, or what He may want me to do?"

For instance, I fancy some of my Soldiers hang back from the fear that God should say to them: You will have to put on the Uniform; or you will have to speak to your relatives about their souls; or you will have to plead with strangers; or you will have to be Officers, or do something else from which their unsanctified hearts turn back; and so they go no further in the search for Purity. But Purifying Faith sees Jesus Christ to be the altogether lovely, His service to be infinitely desirable, and the privilege of joining with Him in the work of saving and blessing men so honorable and desirable that the soul controlled by it leaps forward to lay itself at the Master's feet, willing to be used in any way He thinks best, and so gladly offers a consecration which knows no hesitation, has no reservation, the limits of which being only bounded by its ability.

6. But Purifying Faith goes further than this: it realizes that Holiness has been bought by the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and is promised in the unchanging word of God. Do you see that this Treasure of treasures is yours, my Comrades, and that at God, having provided and promised it, is now waiting and willing to give it you?

Faith hears God say, "From all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you."

Faith replies, "True, Lord, and I am waiting and longing for it to be done. It shall be mine."

Faith hears Him say, "I will take away the heart of stone -- the hardness from your heart -- and give you a heart of flesh -- a tender heart," and answers. "Lord, I am sure you will. I trust you to do it now.

The hour of my sanctification is at hand, The Cleansing Spirit is coming to dwell within me. He will make and keep me clean."

7. But Purifying Faith goes further still. it believes that it actually receives the Purity which it seeks. It says not only "God is willing and waiting to save," but "Jesus does sanctify me now."

My Comrades, I want to ask you the question, When shall this Purity come into your hearts? Do you say tomorrow? I answer, "Perhaps it may be tomorrow. I do not know whether it may." Do you say, "When I am dying"? I answer, "Perhaps it may be when you are dying, but I do not know whether it will be possible then." Do you say NOW? I answer "YES, IT CAN BE NOW," for "Now is the accepted time, and Now is the day of Salvation."

Yours affectionately,  
William Booth

**Re: - posted by ThePilgrim, on: 2009/11/10 13:40**

I am quite surprised that a simple post degenerated in to this farcical jockeying for the pulpit.

What a pile of sanctimonious twaddle!



**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/11/10 15:19**

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness.