The Baptism of Blood

[Sanctification-Holiness]

"(v1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (v2) Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (v3) And this will we do, if God permit (Hebrews 6:1-3)."²

Let's us establish This Baptism with the word itself, 'sanctification'. The definition comes from the Latin root words, 'sanctus [holy]' and 'facere [to make]' or when put together, 'to make holy; purify'.³ Sanctification is the process of making oneself holy or purified; however, this process can only occur through the blood of Jesus, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:14)." The Greek New Testament reads that they are 'being sanctified'.

John 17 is known as The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6 is The Disciples' Praver). Jesus praved for His disciples in John 17:15-20 that the disciples (those who believed on Him) shouldn't be taken out of the world, but that His Father would keep them from the evil in the world because they were not of the world even as He was not of the world, "(v15) I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. (v16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world, (v17) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (v18) As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world, (v19) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. (v20) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;" He continues praying that His disciples be sanctified just as He was being sanctified—through the truth! And not only did He pray for those disciples there around Him, but He prayed for us who were to believe on

Him. This prayer is witnessed in II Thessalonians 2:13, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:"

There are two phases to The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness]. The first phase is the initial blood sanctification of the heart (soul-spirit) or spiritual sanctification. Jesus gave Himself for the redemption and sanctification of the Church to bring it into His image through 'revelation' knowledge beginning with this first phase; in other words, He 'purchased' the Church, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood (Acts 20:28)." This initial application of Blood empowers one with the anointing of the Spirit of Holiness which provides power over the Adamic nature (old man) and equips the child of God to sanctify [crucify] his/her body (flesh) and prepares a sanctified vessel for the fourth baptism, The Baptism of The Holv Ghost.

The second phase of The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] works simultaneously with the second baptism, The Baptism of Suffering. In the sequence of events where God is restoring 'all things'4, to the Church, we find the first baptism, The Baptism of Repentance, when Martin Luther revealed the doctrine of justification by faith through grace and the 'born-again' experience resulted. We find the restoration of the third baptism, The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] through John Wesley's doctrine of holiness as revealed to him as a second definite work of grace. These two baptisms, The Baptism of Suffering, and The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] work in conjunction one with the other, and The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] becomes a progressive work throughout our Christian walk following us all the way to the seventh or last baptism, The Baptism of Death [Change].

Romans 6:6-7, 12-14 gives an accurate account of what we are to do, "(v6) 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. (v7) For he that is dead is freed from sin. (v12) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. (v13) Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God. (v14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

The Bible states that we are to sanctify ourselves and be holy for God is holy (Leviticus 20:7)5, so how does one achieve sanctification? First, you have to get 'into Christ' through baptism, "(v11) In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: (v12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead, (v13) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (Colossians 2:11-13)" Secondly, you have to draw near to God, "(v19) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (v20) By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (v21) And [having] an high priest over the house of God: (v22) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:19-22)."

We have witnessed many people seeking for The Baptism of The Holy Ghost and when we see 'stammering lips', we believe they have been filled with the Holy Ghost; however, stammering lips is the application of the Blood to the cleansing of the soul and is evidenced by the Spirit when your mortal body is quickened, "(v11) But if the Spirit of

² All Scripture References are quoted from the King James Version.

³ Reference from: www.blueletterbible.org

⁴ Acts 3:20-21 [Restoration of all things]

⁵ Witnessing Scripture, Leviticus 11:44.

him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (v12) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (v13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Romans 8:11-13)." A witnessing Scripture is found in Isaiah 28:11, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people." It is important that a child of God continue seeking God until they are fully filled with The Baptism of The Holy Ghost by the sign (witness) that they would speak in other tongues.

The yoke is the power of sin which is manifested by the uprising of the Adamic nature (old man). The anointing breaks this power of sin and leads us to the state of perfection through The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] and The Baptism of Suffering, "And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing (Isaiah 10:27)."

Jesus is our sanctification, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption (I Corinthians 1:30)." He accomplished this through the offering of Himself in the blood and bread of the communion as our Passover (I Corinthians 11:23-32).

Paul prayed for our sanctification, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Thessalonians 5:23)."1

We are to be sanctified (holy) if we are stand in God's holy place, "(v3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? (v4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart,; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully (Psalm 24:3-4)." Hebrews 12:14 reiterates this fact, "Follow peace with all

men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Following in The Baptism of Blood [Sanctification-Holiness] will work God's will in your life, "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:21)" Peter confirmed that we are included in this baptism, "(v1) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, (v2) Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied (I Peter 1:1-2)."

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¹ Witnessing Scripture, Jude 1:1.