

to them of this power. On the day of Pentecost they were all together, with one accord, in one place, and the Spirit and power of God, the Holy Ghost, by which the prophets spoke, and which was not given by measure to our Lord Jesus Christ, was poured out upon them. It came in visible form, in the sign of cloven tongues of fire upon their head. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The great congregation gathered there to hear their words were astounded. At first they thought these men were affected with wine; but learning from Peter that this was the Holy Ghost, the Spirit promised by the Almighty through the Prophet Joel to be poured out in the latter days, they listened to the apostles. Peter arose in their midst, as the man standing at the head of the apostles, and holding the keys, and preached the Gospel—the first Gospel sermon after the resurrection. He preached by the power of God, by the Holy Ghost he preached the very word of Almighty God to the people. What was it? Read for yourselves. In the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth verses of the second chapter of Acts, it is recorded:

Now, when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Here is the great cry that has been raised in various Christian countries by people convicted of sin. They want to know what they are to do. "Tell me what I can do to be saved." Did Peter tell them to come to the anxious seat and he would pray for them? Did Peter tell them they only needed to believe and they should be saved? No; here is what he said:

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.

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

And three thousand of them went forth that same day and were baptized by the apostles.

Now, here are the first simple principles of the Gospel, taught by the inspired apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, sent out by Him to preach in all the world. This is what they preached everywhere; and when they baptized believers, you will find, if you search the Acts of the Apostles, that they always baptized them by taking them down in the water, and burying them by baptism, and raising them up in the likeness of the resurrection of Christ. That is Christ's baptism. That is how He was baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, as you will read in the third chapter of Matthew. The apostles went out and preached that simple doctrine. Believe in Christ? Yes, certainly; that is the beginning. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Why? Because everyone who believes in Christ will hearken to His sayings, will keep His commandments, will do what He declares must be done, And He told Nicodemus:

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John iii: 5.

That is Christ's Gospel; not man's gospel. The apostles went out and preached that. And wherever they bap-

tized people, you will find also that they laid their hands upon them and the people received the Holy Ghost. Remission of sins came in baptism. Here is an essential point to understand. Remission of sins comes through the atonement wrought out by Christ; but it is given in baptism to the repentant believer. That is God's way. That is Christ's way. That was the apostles' way. If the people were baptized and received the remission of sins, became cleansed and purified and like a newborn babe, because their sins were blotted out, then the apostles laid their hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came upon them, and they spake with tongues, and they prophesied, and they had the gift of healing, and the gift of miracles, and the gifts of visions and discerning of spirits, and all the spiritual gifts that we read about in the New Testament. These were part and parcel of the plan of salvation; and the Church into which these people were initiated was directed by apostles and prophets and inspired men filled with the Holy Ghost, able to declare the word of the Lord.

Now, my friends, you know that a great change has come upon the world since that day in regard to religion. The great church arose that was typified to John in the vision, and all nations were led astray. Men came out from that church and tried to reform existing abuses, and they did a great and good work, and God blessed them in their labors; but they were not called of God to be apostles, or prophets, nor were they inspired of God in the sense that those holy men were. After a time, other reformers arose, because they discovered errors in the previous reforms; and so sect has multiplied upon sect, denomination upon denomination, party upon party, all containing good people, all having good endeavors and good intentions—at least, a great many of them, having good intentions, and good men preaching what they believe to be right. We have nothing to say against them. We have nothing to say against anybody's religion. But we want to testify tonight that in these last days, the old Gospel has been restored. This was necessary, because men had gone astray; and while people have been boasting of the glorious light of the nineteenth century—and it has been great in science, and in art, and in the development of a great many inventions by the power of the Spirit of God upon the mind of man—yet the world has not advanced in religion. The same confusion exists today that existed in the beginning of the century, and we have numerous sects and denominations, all taking their own ground, differing from each other.

I am pleased to see the amount of unity in the endeavors that are made to do good. That is good so far as it goes, and will be blessed of the Lord. But here is the fact that I want to impress upon your minds because I know it is true. I bear testimony to you tonight before God, and Christ, and the holy angels in eternity, and those that are watching over the children of men, that in these last days the Father and the Son have ministered on earth. Angels have come down from the courts of glory, and brought back the old Gospel, with its gifts and blessings and ordinances, and all things that were in the early Christian Church. This is what we offer to the world. We do not want to take away

from you anything that is true which you may have. We want to give you a little more light, a little more power, that you may be brought into a closer walk with God, that you may know for yourselves, and have your feet planted on the rock, that you may have the way opened up for communication between you individually and the heavens, that you may communicate with your Father above, and by the power and gift of the Holy Ghost, may learn all things that are necessary for salvation; "for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God," and they are only made known by that power. If you had the gift of the Holy Ghost as the apostle and prophets and servants of God of old had, the heavens would be open to your view; you would comprehend your origin, you would know where you came from, what you are here for, what your destiny is, what God has marked out for you; you would know the object of your existence on the earth, and be able to comprehend things that never before entered into your conception.

I bear testimony to you that I know this is true. I received the Gospel as preached by the servants of God sent out in these days—men clothed with the power of the Almighty, holding the same authority that the men of God had in the early Christian church, because it has been brought back again and conferred upon them on earth. I received that Gospel and obeyed it. I received the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, and God has revealed to me that He has commenced the great latter day work on the earth. "The dispensation of the fulness of times" is ushered in; the work of the gathering of Israel is beginning to be accomplished; the kingdom of God will be set up; Zion will be established in the midst of the mountains; and th's people, gathered here from all nations in the heights of these Rocky Mountains have come here because they have received a similar testimony to that which I bear. They obeyed the Gospel in their native countries, and they received the testimony from God, and they know it is true. The sick are healed by the power of God, the lame made to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the eyes of men's souls are opened, by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, that they discern and comprehend the things of God. God hears their prayers and answers them. Our Elders go out without purse and scrip to all nations, to proclaim this Gospel, without fee or reward; and God backs up their testimony, and everybody who believes and is baptized receives a testimony that his sins are remitted. Everybody upon whom the Elders lay their hands testifies that he received the Holy Ghost, and men cannot give that blessing and gift. God alone can do that, and He has blessed His servants in their labors among all the nations of the earth, and the people gathered in these mountain valleys are the result of their labors.

Now, I bear this testimony to you in all meekness and sincerity, and with the sole desire that you may be blessed, that you may have this glorious gift. I would not part with it for the riches of a thousand worlds like this. It has come into my soul like the light that streams down from the glorious sun. It has given me a divine witness. It has thrilled my whole being with delight and pleasure. My entire interests are in this work. I know it is the work of God. I