

THREE WITNESSES  
(Witnesses Unto God)  
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1. He becomes THE WITNESS UNTO GOD! Of the COMPLETION unto what Israel was saying! How many see he has two WITNESSES now? "Israel is My witness. My Son." Did you ever notice; I didn't know it until the Lord showed it to me. I was working on this, and when He showed it to me, He said, "I want to show you something." I said, "Lord, You're so good to me. Tell me, 'cause I don't know anything, and if You don't tell me, I'll never know it. I can't find things in books like folks do." But He tells me things. He said, "Do you ever notice in the book of Revelation, which is a REVELATION of this marvelous Christ...what is the first name that is given to Jesus in this book of Revelation?" THE FAITHFUL WITNESS. Hallelujah! "Oh," I said, "Lord, that is RICH!" The first name that's ascribed to this glorious Christ, Who is the Redeemer of the world, in the BOOK OF REVELATION, which is a REVELATION OF THE CHRIST; the FIRST NAME He has is THE FAITHFUL WITNESS!!! Hallelujah!! He IS the Saviour! But He's the WITNESS!! I want you to get these things, because I'm not here forever. And I want to shout it, and preach it, and say it, and pray it, and sing it! Christ is, to God, the WITNESS. Isaiah 55:4, Revelation 1:5, that's the one I was just giving. Revelation 3:14. Then in conjunction with that, read John 18:36-37. Here we have God manifests through Israel, and Israel is called, "My WITNESS!" "Israel, My witness among the nations! With your contribution. Christ, My Son is the WITNESS OF THE FULLFILLMENT OF THIS WHOLE REDEMPTION SCHEME. And He is the FAITHFUL WITNESS, and I will name Him that as the first name in His UNVEILING in Revelation." He is the FAITHFUL WITNESS. I had been reading that. And now He says, "Go on with your question of witness." He says, "Do you see, this is God...He has made Israel a witness in the world, and in time, with it's NATIONAL aspect, with it's NATIONAL unfolding, with it's WHOLE WORLD concept of what God is the WORLD. One God. His character. The offerings, and all that." Now He says, "I will make that even more ARTICULATE. I will bring it to pass in the gift of My SON. And HE will come and live and move, and become the WITNESS IN TIME of what God IS in His whole scheme from Israel on to Revelation." Now He says, "We'll go to our scripture verses which we found in Acts." In Acts 1:8, the verse begins with the word, "but." Now always be very careful with such words as, "therefore," "wherefore," conjunction, "but." Be CAREFUL of those words, because you have to have the antithesis of it. You have to have what has proceeded it. Because "BUT" is a substitute for something that has NOT been. He says, "Now look at this sentence. Look at the word." Well, I never had noticed that that sentence started with "BUT."! Now, don't look. How many of you know what has happened just BEFORE this that throws this whole idea of the WITNESS into this "BUT" situation? Well there has been something that DIDN'T happen, and this is the DIVINE SUBSTITUTE for the thing that didn't happen. God always has a DIVINE SUBSTITUTE in your experience and life when He doesn't come and tell you "why" and "how" and "when." So I said, "Lord, tell me about that." Well, He says, "Now, look. When you find this, starting off with this conjunction, "BUT," it means there is a DIVINE SUBSTITUTE for something which has not come, or has taken place."
2. Now, let's go back in the life of Jesus. When Jesus was here, ministering as He did, and the disciples were following Him, how many of you know what kind of an idea of a kingdom the disciples had? The old idea that Jesus was to come as a MESSIAH to establish a kingdom, of course! Because that was the OT word. Well, he said, "Get a piece of paper!" And He says, "Now do this." He says, "Look up the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah." Well, I started. And do you know what I discovered? This was concerning the coming of the Lord as this babe and as the Messiah...are classified in two groups. He said, "Over here put HUMILIATION, and here put EXALTATION." Now when you read and you come to these verses, that prophecy His coming, CLASSIFY it. Do you know something? There isn't a verse in the OT concerning the coming of the Messiah but what it can be classified INSTANTLY in two categories. Either it tells of Him in His HUMILIATION, or it speaks of Him in His EXALTATION. I started, and I said, "I'm converted already, Lord. I don't need to go any farther." I got, I don't how many on each one. I said, "There isn't a prophecy, not a prophecy in that OT but what automatically goes into two categories. It will be a category of Him in His HUMILIATION, how many...Isaiah 53, how

know that? That's terrific. That's Christ in His HUMILIATION. Now, turn over to the Psalms and what do you have? King of kings, and Lord of lords, and full of glory, and His kingdom without end, and reigning with a rod! In humility or in great exaltation.

3. Now, let's get Israel going through all her terrible times with the nations in her... oh, her awful humiliation, with the nations used to come up and ride her to death, and take her into captivity and everything. Syria came in and just RODE over her. Then Assyria came in. And then, how many of you remember, all the nations? Egypt came up and got all she wanted out of poor Israel. And there she has, that little nation, set up there, with that little kingdom, her little provence. And then, how many remember ROME came in? Yes. They were on when Jesus got there, when Rome was there. What was he doing? Well, the emperor was there. And HE was the king, of course, and ruler! Everyone has come; GREECE had come. But let me tell you something I think is beautiful. I didn't know it till the Lord showed it to me. He said, "Do you see there's always some RESULT of the visitation of these nations, as they come in under the sway and the power of these dominions and powers and nations about them, there's always something lefts as a DEPOSIT, that there was a REASON for it?" And he began to show it to me. Now, for instance in Palestine, where they spoke, of course, Aramaic, and some Hebrew, not too much. Jesus taught and spoke in Aramaic. Hebrew was not too common. Because they had to learn it after their capitivity...two or three of the old prophets had to teach them their Hebrew because it had become so lost to them, that they didn't know even their ceremonies. Had to be put back. So they used Aramaic. Jesus used Aramaic, and when He was teaching, He spoke Aramaic. That was the common language. But GREECE comes in. And GREECE takes over, and leaves a terrific deposit of the Greek culture with the Greek language. Now, I hadn't sensed that. I said, "I see something." What is it? When these epistles we read in our NT were written, they were written to us in Greek. First, some of it in Aramaic, and then it came to us in Greek. Well, WHY Greek? Well, because Greek is the most perfect language, vehicle for expression that we have. They are so terrific in their DETAIL. They have GENDER for everything. Their NAMES are all so significant. It's so PRECISE. It is so EXACT. And God says, "When I give them that NT, I'm going to give it to them in one of the most perfect vehicles. I'll give it to them in the Greek, which is a perfect language for expression." It's the most colorful. It has...it's grammatical structure, synthesis, and syntax is so perfect. And so He says, "Greece. You come up, and you leave a deposit of your Greek culture there, and I will cause it to be picked up, and My Word will be written in Greek."
  
4. So, now we'll come back with this WITNESS business. He says, "I will make you a NATION." "Oh!," the children of Israel said, "That's grand! So what will we do?" Well, they said, "We've been the underdog to these nations so long, that we've lost our national life, we have our religious life left to us, but we have no king, we have no recognition. What CAN we do? Well, let us go to the rabbis, and go to the Bible, old scrolls, and see what we can find there concerning the Messiah that God said would come and be a king!" Now, in your OT reading that those Hebrews, and these old rabbis and scholars were reading, which line of prophecy do you think they chose to exaggerate!? Guess hard! Well, I did too, I said, "I see it Lord!" They went to the Bible, and all the scripture verses and promises and prophecies that showed the Messiah in power and glory, telling the other nations when to get off and when to get on; THAT'S what they wanted! They said, "Goody! Goody! Goody! Goody! When OUR Messiah comes, He's going to tell them what to do, and how to do, and what to do, and He's going to have POWER too! Terrific power! Look at the things He can do! He's going to be wonderful!" Well, where did they GET all of that? Well, they get it from the OT, where they read every prophecy possible, that gives His EXALTA-TION. That is only ONE SIDE OF THE COIN!! The coin has TWO sides! The one side is that He shall FIRST COME as a PASCHAL LAMB in deep HUMILIATION, and will be SLAIN! Do they want a DEAD MESSIAH? Why certainly not! Do they want to look into the scriptures and find such scriptures as that? Absolutely NOT! Now, can you see THIS: Why is it that when Jesus was teaching and working His miracles, and His disciples were with Him, they CONTINUALLY MISINTERPRETED HIM? Well, they could not see, "If He's that great Messiah

then why on earth...and He's going to have the kingdom, and He keeps saying, 'the kingdom, the kingdom,' and He gives us parables, glorious, beautiful parables! And they are tremendous! And then He doesn't get any KINGDOM going!!" Oh, that dissappointed them! They couldn't take it!

5. They thought...now do you remember the occassion when they wanted...it was one I always liked, is when He fed those FIVE THOUSAND, you know. "Oh, my! He could just make bread! Why, bread for three, four thousand people!" What did the disciples and all the rest of the people think? "Goody, goody, goody!! He's going to 'messiah' at last! See what He can DO! Why, He could answer the economic question of Israel in no time if we could get Him to function correctly!" Well, that was what was "eating up" the disciples! And so, you see, that was one thing that the dear Lord had to contend with continually, was that. And He felt it in them. He knew what they were thinking! And behind His back, when they were talking, He corrected them. He said, "What were you talking about?" What were they talking? Who was going to be the "big one" in the kingdom! In psychology, we would call it a "kingdom complex." And so here He is, working this miracle. Listen. Listen. "And when Jesus perceived that they would, by force, make Him a king, He stood up and said, 'Hallelujah! The psycological moment has arrived! I am the Messiah! Everybody 'hurrah!'" He didn't. No, of course He knew better. "And when Jesus perceived that they would by force CHANNEL THIS POWER into a political scheme,..." What did He do? He DEPARTED AND LEFT THEM!! ALONE! And went up into the mountain!...And there they sat, eating a miracle. "Where's the Lord?" "I don't know. But the miracle's terrific, isn't it?!" "Well, where did HE go?" I've been in assemblies where that's going on YET! There's making such a noise, choosing the miracle, but they've lost the Lord, and He'd been out six months. Where is He? ALONE. Up in the mountain. Now, when I read those things; this is as "strange" as I am, then I always CRY. There's something in me that WEEPS for Him. I want to say, "Oh, Lord. I wish I could have been there. If You don't keep away from those people, they'll KILL You yet!" Well, I found several places where just such things as that happened. He is now almost ready for Calvary. And He's alone with His disciples. And He begins to intimate that very thing, that He would go to Calvary and DIE. "Well... well...what'll become of Your Kingdom if You die?? We...don't want any DEAD Messiah!," and Peter SHOOK Him! In Greek, when it says, "He rebuked Him," it means he took Him like that! And Peter says, "We don't want a DEAD Messiah! We it FAR from Thee!!" Death. What does Jesus say? He says, "That's the Devil! You don't savor the things of God at all! You're savoring the things of the FLESH! Your NATURAL concepts! Your OWN IDEAS! Your own WISHES!" And He had REBUKED Peter. Called him "the Devil." Well, didn't He love him? Uh, huh. I'll explain some other time why He called him that, because there's a reason. But that takes an evening.
6. So, we'll come back to this. All the while He's ministering, He feels this UNDERTONE all the time, that they will not accept Him. They want to CHANNEL the thing! Not too long ago, I read an article about our wonderful work, Pentecostal work, and it said, "What we need is someone to really PROMOTE it!" Like they wanted somebody to PROMOTE the Lord. Oh, that always "amuses" me! How many know the Holy Spirit is quite ABLE? If you would only give Him a chance! But if you don't give Him any opportunity, how many know He's very quiet? Then He lets FLESH get up and promote it! Then I always go out the back door in a hurry, and say, "Lord, where are YOU?" He says, "I'm coming too!" And so He says here...they are so possessed to have their interpretation under just one item of the Truth. "It SAYS that He is going to be just so glorious, and glorious, and glorious! And we all got SCRIPTURE for it too! Right THERE!! In the scripture it SAYS SO!! Right THERE!!" I say, "Yes, it does, but turn the page and it says something right THERE, too!" "Well, I don't like that. That's depressing! That's very depressing! That sounds of UNBELIEF!! You must have Him EXALTED!!" I said, "I'm going to have Him exalted, but He has to DIE first." So listen. That thing had WARPED their whole powers of reception. They COULDN'T receive Him. Why? Because they were WARPED in their thinking. There are people today who can't take what God wants for us in Pentecost because they are WARPED. They ARE. They are perfectly WARPED. And there's NO RECEPTION. Now, they aren't going to HELL!! I'm not talking about going to heaven and hell! I'm talking about people whose conceptive powers have been warped, or stunted, or blunted, so that there is no keen,

acute, RECEPTION of the thing that God is doing, and the thing He wants to do, that you can "hook on," INSTANTLY, and move with Him. Because, perhaps, very often it's purely TRADITION.

7. Now, they have wearied Jesus about this "kingdom." "Kingdom, kingdom, kingdom." They have developed, psychologically, a "kingdom complex." Now, in dealing with that, it takes a very strong, strange power to overcome that thing. So, He never stops to explain it. You can't explain something to most people. They have a WARP. And there it is, it's a FIXATION, and you can't fix it. You can't do a thing with it. It's a mental fixation, a Spiritual fixation. And all the kings horses and all the king's men can't do a thing with it. I know it; God knows it too. So He lets them alone. I know some people that the Lord has left completely alone. Lovely, precious souls, He's left alone, because they won't GO ON WITH HIM. The JUST WILL NOT go on with Him. And He leaves them alone! They won't go to hell, but they're coming FAR SHORT, they've lost the whole vision! Lost the glory and the wonder of the thing. And they NEED TO GO ON. So now, this is the last little episode that we have of Jesus with His disciples. They have watched Him LIVE. They have watched His miracles. They've heard His teaching. They have gone through this wonderfully well, with what blindness of heart they had. And poor judgment to interpret Him. They could not. Finally it came through toward the end. He'd come back from His trip up in the country. And He's talking to His disciples alone. And He said, "Say... who do people think I am anyway? You're out; you see them all. Who do they say?" "Well, some of them think You're one of the prophets returned. You might be Isaiah, or one of the prophets. They think You're one of these prophets who have come back again in the flesh to teach in the Word. We know that You're a might man. You're a great prophet." Do you know what happened? PETER becomes the spokesman. What's happened? You see, up to this time they all wore BLINDERS. I was born and brought up in the country, and we had horses, and we had blinders on the harness. And Dave was our plowman, and he plowed, and to keep the horses from seeing too much to distract them and everything, we had blinders on them like this. And what they could see was right in front of them, right there. They couldn't see anything past it. And it was a good protection. Well, how many know all the disciples had blinders on them? What did they see? "The kingdom, the kingdom, the kingdom, the kingdom's now, maybe it's the kingdom, the kingdom." They couldn't see a blessed thing the Lord was doing! Because they had BLINDERS on them! They were stupid, they were BLIND! And He KNEW it! But Peter, you see, HEARS the Lord, and he sees things, and alot of those things get kind of strange to him, and his blinders get all "shakey," funny. And he sees something and he shuts his eyes and says, "Oh, I mustn't look at that! Oh no, no, no, no." So, he goes plowing along. Sees something else. He goes on. Sees something else. The other ones are all going along, plodily, plod. They're awful good people! Just as "good" as they could be! They're all going to heaven, too! Wear "crowns," play on harps, and everything. But Peter has SENSED something. His BLINDERS GOT LOOSE. These hinderances. And he turns to the Lord and He says, "Who do YOU say that I am?" He says, "Thou art the CHRIST, the Son of the LIVING GOD!" Instantly! Fire took right in Jesus, and what does He say? "Peter. FLESH AND BLOOD never told you that. You didn't get that out of that category! But God has REVEALED it to you!!" Oh, I think that's one of the sweetest things! Must have THRILLED the heart of Jesus to find that there could be a sense of REVELATION! I like that. He said, "Flesh and blood didn't tell you that. But God has REVEALED it to you."
8. Now, here they are at the very close. The last time that they gather together. And they're up on the side of the mountain. He has DIED. He has risen from the dead. He has had all these wonderful visitations. They've had the priviledge of asking Him ten thousand questions if they had wanted to. That was their priviledge! And they had walked for forty days with Him AFTER this RESURRECTION. And this is the last hour that they sit together. And the LAST time they can ask Him anything about these tremendous, tragic things that have happened. What is FILLING THEIR VISION? KINGDOM COMPLEX! They couldn't think of that tragedy of Calvary, or the RESURRECTION; that was completely out of the picture. "Lord...", this is the LAST question they ever asked Him, and they could have asked Him a thousand. The LAST question registered that a disciple ever asked the

Lord was, "Lord, will You at this time, restore unto us the kingdom?" Can you ever imagine anything like that? Well, I didn't either till the Lord showed it to me. I'd read that a thousand times, and the Lord said to me, "Look at it, dear." And I did, and I said, "Oh, Lord. I don't know how You ever took it!" How did He answer it? "And they therefore, when they came together, they asked of Him saying, 'Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?' And He said unto them, 'It is NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW the times or the seasons which the Father has put in His own power.'" "They'll be enough signs and things, but the things that are in God--that's NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! But wouldn't it be nice for people to crawl over on God's side and find out a few things! You don't know enough of what HE HAS revealed, what do you want to find out about things He DIDN'T reveal? That always AMUSES me. He's given a REVELATION!! Have you EXHAUSTED THAT!!?" "No, but I'm inquisitive to know something He didn't tell me!" Well...He said, "That's not for you. That's God's business, and those are times and seasons in HIS hands, which HE WILL HANDLE very well." BUT---there's where you get your explosive word right away. "THIS is not for you. It is not for me to sit down and give you a correct analysis of the signs of the times and the last nation that is to be brought in, and the last earthquake to be sounded, and the last Jew to be converted, and the last...all this business!" He says, "That isn't it. That isn't it at all. God has HIS seasons and times which He does not reveal. He will reveal THESE, down here, for you. Follow these. This is all right. Have those. BUT--THIS is not. IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW!" If it is NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW, there is a DIVINE ALTERNATIVE, a SUBSTITUTE. "It is not for you to know, BUT YE SHALL..." shall what? "Ye SHALL receive power, after that, the Holy Ghost is come upon you. And ye shall be MY WITNESS, all WITNESS UNTO ME, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, uttermost parts of the earth."

9. Now, I want you to see something. Where it is not for us to KNOW, where it is not for us to BE, where it is not for us to HAVE, and there is a specific DENIAL in our hearts and lives, and we'll have to have plenty of them. Don't be scared of them. There will be plenty of them if you ever walk with God. Many times He will not GIVE YOU THE EXPLANATION of the "wherefore," or the "whatness." He says, "IT IS NOT FOR YOU." This is what I call the DIVINE SUBSTITUTE. BUT--alternative. "THAT is not for you, BUT THIS is. Ye shall BE MY WITNESSES to the ends of the earth." Now listen. Listen. Did you notice that there wasn't a verb of ACTION in there? He didn't tell them a thing they were going to DO? No, you haven't! I know you haven't! You wouldn't be doing the things you're doing today if you'd read that! He does not tell them a thing they are TO DO! But He tells them something they are to BECOME! How many see a difference between DOING a thing and BECOMING a thing? He says, "BUT, under the impact and power of this visitation of the Spirit, ye shall BECOME UNTO ME, MY WITNESS, as Jehovah God had a WITNESS in Israel, He had a WITNESS in this CHRIST, so this CHURCH is to BE MY WITNESS in the earth!" THREE WITNESSES! Israel, the Christ, and the Church! And He says, "You are to become unto Me MY WITNESS in the world!" I said, "I see that Lord, but it's so contrary to this...the baptism is for SERVICE." He said, "Stop." Now He said, "Let me give you some scriptures." I'll give them to YOU. There in the Holy Bible, and I want you to read them. These are all beautiful scriptures in the Holy Bible. I didn't know until He thrashed it out with me, and He got me straightened out on Pentecost at least. BEFORE Pentecost comes at all, how many of you remember that He called His disciples together and BREATHED upon them the SPIRIT, and said, "RECEIVE ye the Spirit!" How many remember that? Well, then do you go and get the baptism so you can RECEIVE the Spirit? No, you ALREADY have the Spirit of SONSHIP in you! Or you wouldn't be SEEKING it. They had ALREADY received the Spirit, and He said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." That is the Spirit of SONSHIP which He breathed into the heart because He had brought them into a new relationship with Him, and they were now sons and daughters of God in the FAMILY of God. You have the Spirit IN YOU, as SONSHIP. He is dwelling in everyone of you if you're a child of God; He is dwelling in your heart in the capacity of SONSHIP. And the Holy Spirit bears witness with YOUR Spirit that you are BORN OF GOD and you are a CHILD OF GOD. You SHOULD know Him by this time! Now don't get that all confused! Keep that by itself! He had GIVEN them the Holy Spirit and BREATHED upon them and they RECEIVED IT! Now let me give you two more scripture verses that I want you to read in connection with this. They're pretty

"tough" if you haven't already read them. Acts 1:4, Luke 24:49, John 14:16, John 15:26. John 14:7, John 16:7,8,13,14. BEFORE Pentecost. Put that right down and underline it. Now read these: Luke 9:1-2, Matt. 10:1, Mark 3:13-15, Mark 6:7,12-13, John 20:22. And what are these? Well, when you open your Bible and start reading, you'll find this, "Then He takes them apart up on the mountain, and gave them POWER to minister. And they went out and ministered." BEFORE Pentecost comes at all, these disciples were Sons of God, with the Holy Spirit dwelling in them, and He gave them power to go out and do signs and wonders and healings and miracles! And they demonstrated and came back and told Him about it! I'm SO glad that's recorded! You can't find that slogan, "The Baptism of the Spirit is for SERVICE," in the Bible. It isn't! The baptism of the Spirit was to MAKE THEM WITNESSES. "Ye shall BECOME..." not a verb of ACTION. A verb of BEING.

10. So here it says they had all these and they came back and told Him about it. Do you remember one occasion? They came back and they were so disturbed because those people wouldn't take their message and all? And Jesus stood there and John...one of these sons of thunder; I'd like to bring that son of thunder out some night. I have an awful good time with him. He's full of thunder, and I like him. I like him when HE thunders and I like him when GOD thunders. There's such a DIFFERENCE between John's thunder and God's thunder. And when God got ready, He put him over on the island and took all the thunder out of him! Wasn't that nice? Then, how many remember what He did? He put some of the most terrific thunder you ever wanted in the Book of Revelation. And, I tell you, when you read the Book of Revelation, how many know, you're reading thunder that will reverberate through every atom of your being? Where did you get it? Out of that John? No, you got it out of John, a PRISONER, who let the Holy Ghost THUNDER THROUGH HIM. Well, what did God want him for anyway when He said, "You're a son of thunder, and I want you."? Because God didn't have any thunder, and He said, "John's full of it! I'll get John! He's just a son of thunder! I can use him terribly!" He did NOT! God didn't want HIS thunder! Do you know God listening to a lot of thunder going around the world? Yes. And He doesn't get very much thunder until He can put the thunder OUT of some of them! When He gets the thunder knocked out of some of them, then He says, "Now, I'll thunder." He didn't want John's thunder! He wanted John's CAPACITY for thunder! And so, when John exhausted HIS, and says, "Do you want me to bring down FIRE and defend You, Lord? They were awful talking the way they did! They wouldn't even let us into the city! Now Lord, you know You've given me the POWER! I've got it, the POWER, THE POWER, THE PENTECOSTAL POWER! I've got...do You want me to bring the power right down and I'll CONSUME them!" He YIELDED TO GOD in that terrific TRIAL of Patmos, and God thundered till...He thunders now when we read the Book of Revelation!
11. Now, they've had all of this BEFORE Pentecost. Well then why do people continually say they needed the baptism of the Spirit to go OUT and DO THINGS? They HAD the power and DEMONSTRATED it!! Well, why then DID He give them the power? Why? He TELLS them. Now LISTEN. He says, "Ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and you shall BECOME--He did not say a thing they would DO! Ye shall BECOME unto me under the power of this Spirit MY WITNESS IN THE WORLD..." as this has been the witness, Israel is a witness, God is Trinity. There is a three-fold WITNESS, through all time from Israel in the OT, Christ in His dispensation; in THIS dispensation He is CALLING OUT OF THE WORLD a group of people called "His mystical BODY," and that body of Christians, He is seeking to TRANSFORM and CHANGE and CORRECT and BUILD into an INSTRUMENT which in the ages to come, He may USE FOR HIS GLORY. Not the thing you will DO! But what you BECOME! How? Because the visitation of the HOLY SPIRIT in you is for a power of TRANSFORMING, changing, correcting, building, making you a WITNESS, a WITNESS OF CHRIST! Now, people get that all mixed up with TESTIMONY. He's not talking about testimony. GIVE your testimony! You ought to give that before you're even baptised! How many know, you should know enough to give a testimony when you're saved? I met one woman, she was seeking the baptism, and I said, "Why?" "I'm seeking the baptism of the Spirit so I can give my testimony and witness." Well, I said, "How old are you?" Well...I guess she was a hundred and two or so, anyway she was quite aged. I said, "If you haven't learned to give your testimony before THIS! My goodness, don't wait for the Holy Ghost to give your

salvation testimony! You ought to be able to do THAT!" How many know you ought to be able to give a testimony and have a marvelous time just merely on the ground of salvation, let alone the BAPTISM? You should have that! He's not talking about "giving your testimony." That's INCLUDED. But that's an infinitesimal part of it! The great part is the TRANSFORMATION. The CHANGING. The BUILDING. Taking the personality and RECASTING that whole thing under the dynamic of the Holy Spirit until He can MAKE us into the IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF HIS SON. And so He says, "And when He, the Holy Spirit has come, He will TRANSFORM you, and CHANGE you, and MAKE YOU A WITNESS IN THE WORLD of WHO I am, and WHAT I am." How many get this tonite? Well, I feel these things so in me sometimes that I can hardly contain myself! I feel the power of that thing that I could just...I want to take off and FLY with it! Because I believe it's the TRUTH! But I didn't get this in a MINUTE. How many know, this is not a THEORY? How many know, this is TRUTH? But you have to go way back to your OT to get it. I like what I call an overall pattern and perspective in my thinking. I think...I have some brain power, and I like to think. But I like PERSPECTIVE in my thinking. Like..."hand!" "What about it?" "I don't know! It's a HAND!! Hallelujah!!" I can't get anywhere with a thing like that! That's TERRIFYING! No, no. "Ye shall become unto Me MY WITNESS in the world." How? By the POWER OF THE SPIRIT. Not a thing you DO. But what you BECOME. WHICH is easier in the world? To DO something for the Lord, or to BECOME something? I know people who could DO a thousand things for the Lord, and won't take half an hour to BECOME anything. Why? BECOMING IS A PROCESS. It's not attained in a minute. Now, why is all of this? This is what He says we are to BECOME. To BECOME is so much more difficult than to DO something. I know people who would be willing to hang by their THUMBS rather than to BECOME something! That's right. That's right. Well, that's the way it is. But He didn't say a thing you were going to DO. It is not a verb of ACTION. It is a verb of BEING. "Ye shall BECOME!" Not, DO. "Well, isn't there any DOING in it?" How many know there's plenty of DOING? But how many know that DOING is in God? In the power of His SPIRIT.

12. So, when He says here, "The baptism of the Spirit,.. " is what? IS TO MAKE US SOMETHING FOR GOD. Why? Well, because we're in a SCHOOL OF TRAINING NOW. I'm in my SCHOOL. I hope to live for ages yet to come. If I didn't live under the impact and thought of the ages to come, I couldn't live here. I couldn't take up with it. It is so SHALLOW. It is so LIMITED. It is so VULGAR. It is so COMMON; it's so COURSE. I couldn't live under the impact of what you call your kind of civilization. I couldn't take it. But I don't live under it! I live under the power and light of something that lifts me from TIME into the eternities. And I expect, after He gets through working in us, working in us, and working in us, we shall be lifted OUT of time, into the eternal ages, and there will be a MINISTRY, a marvelous MINISTRY for SPIRITS! For SPIRITS! Terrific MINISTRY! For those who WILL QUALIFY FOR IT. And I want to be one who has qualified HERE, that God will give me vision that's ONE WITH HIM, and INTERESTS that's ONE WITH HIM. The BURDEN on my heart; I have the same burden He has. Why? Because we're ONE. How many know in intercession you get HIS burden? Yes, you do. You get HIS burden. It will overrun you. Well, why is that? CONFORMING US TO THE IMAGE OF THE SON, that someday we'll be lifted from time into the ETERNAL. What's going to GOVERN THAT? THE HERE AND THE NOW. DEATH doesn't change it! DEATH merely gives us a RELEASE from this body, but it never changes our CHARACTER. Your CHARACTER is what He is making IN YOU. Your CHARACTER is what He is building every day. DEATH never changes that. When I go, all I'll take is not just this body. This body will be glorified. But the ACCUMINE, the gathering together of Spiritual vitality and Spiritual REALITY....

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