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[Speaker 1]: 280 here's a gospel song. And we are now praising god for what he has done in our hearts. As soon as Jesus came into our hearts we can sing

[Musical Introduction]

[Speaker 1]: I love it; it's like a mass choir. I've directed a choir for many years and I just, I like it better every time. And you are a good, a great choir. I think congregational singing is just the part so that latecomers can come in and sit down without interrupting the message. It's a vital part of the service. Its worship. It's us taking part in worship. Now let's, I think you'd like to stand and shake hands again and the family of god. If were all part of the family of god lets sing it that way, shall we? And maybe there's a stranger here would you introduce yourself.

[Music Continues]

[Speaker 2]: Thank you, you may be seated. Shall we bow? Heavenly father were thankful today for this wonderful day that we've had together in spite of the rain. And we thank you for the blessings of the word that we've heard. The songs that we've sung and the blessings of fellowship together and knowledge we wait upon you for this evening service. We pray that you bless the word that goes forward and may it reach into our, every, into every heart and supply the need there. Thank you lord tonight for the privilege that we have now, participating in this time of worship with our offerings and we pray that you bless it to the purpose where it goes. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

[Charles Feinberg]: Continuation of the beautiful concert we had. Oh that's right, you finish it brother. I've learned long since that you must never take anything away from a man that's got the good size that brother Art Weeby has. Sometimes you've got to be satisfied with things as they are. Well we do want to appreciate all those that stepped up into the 3 benches, this is good enough. Here is one brother; he's a real valiant warrior. Well, really he's just between us in the family. Preachers are not anywhere near as vicious as the seating arrangement in churches might indicate. We've never been known to bite anybody. Well it is a joy to be homed in here at cannon beach conference center. And by the way I'm looking forward very eagerly to seeing this to god be the glory. I don't, is it just been done for this year? Was it done, oh its 3 years already oh my. I suppose I had missed it some way or another. Well I suppose I realize why, that was the year we went to Australia and New Zealand and Alaska. Will you turn the word of god to the book of John, the gospel of john. I remember once talking about how wonderfully the gospel of john preaches itself. Practically. I was talking to Doctor McGee. He said yes, dear old apostle john he had us preachers in mind. Well I believe he had all the saints of god in mind. And even a message, of course, for unbelievers. Very wonderful gospel on how one comes out of death into life. This morning we were looking into the word of god concerning the holy spirit as a person, but not only as a person on the human or angelic level, but on the divine level. The holy spirit as a divine person. And then what he does relative to the world. Creation, restraining, he does all of that and he also marvelously convicts of sin because of one thing they believe not only the lord Jesus of righteousness because I go to my father you see me no more his work is at once for all work. Don't expect it to be improved on, once for all. Oh brother believe it. Once for all oh sinner receive it. Cling to the cross, your burdens will fall. Christ has redeemed us once for all.

Ours isn't again and again and again and again. That was in Judaism Hebrews 10. Now we have no consciousness of sin as they had because year by year they had to bring an offering, where we have an offer once for all. He put away sin for the sacrifice of himself. Now this evening, and lord willing, tomorrow evening, because in the morning you remember we have times of refreshing in the word. In Nehemiah 5 messages on the book of Nehemiah. In the evening, tomorrow evening, we shall be concluding this section on what is the holy spirits ministry to the church. This evening, what is the ministry, the holy spirits ministry, to the church in part 1? And since the world in general, I'm talking about the unsaved world, takes little or no notice of the word of god, you can't expect it to know the work of the holy spirit in its behalf. You just try it someday. Pick an unsaved person at random and just go right in the middle of the thing, as they said in Latin, in mediaraice, [sp?] into the very middle of the thing and start talking about the Holy Spirit. He'll look at you and begin veering off. He said this is spooky. Talking about the Holy Spirit. They know nothing about the bible so they can be expected to know nothing about the spirit of god's ministry on behalf of the unsaved. But it's even a sadder fact that so many saved people are willing to remain in ignorance concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit on their behalf. Somehow they just want to remain in spiritual infancy. Brother Weeby, having been in the word of god for many years knows this situation, he's absolutely right. Some folks still want to remain in the pablum stage, in the stage of purees and the like. When will we take leave of the milk and go to the meat of the word? Oh wasn't that a great day when you could sit down with mother and father and start talking about the deep things of the home not just well where am I going to get my 5 cents for a lollipop next time or a popsicle or something like that. That's babyhood, just talking about those things. But where are we going? Who is it that we want to glorify? How can we magnify god while we are still here on earth? Some folk are just willing to

ignore the claims of the Holy Spirit on their life. Regarding his [inaudible] provision. And I think this theme is of tremendous importance to the child of god. it would break your heart as you go up and down the land to see how many churches are at wits end, are at logger heads, at sixes and sevens, because this one is teaching one thing and another one is teaching another thing, and the pupate is teaching something else. And they've never been led into the clear definite unmistakable teaching of the word of god concerning the ministry and person of the Holy Spirit. It's a vast importance to the child of god. I said already, that for a man to be a Christian, he has to be in right relationship to the lord Jesus Christ. For an individual to be a spiritual Christian, he must also be properly and rightedly [sp?] related to the Holy Spirit. That it's possible to be a Christian without being spiritual. I remember there was a fad going around, oh, some 25 or more years ago. There is no such thing as a carnal Christian. You're either Christian or not. As far as salvation is concerned that's true. But there is such a thing as a carnal Christian. What is the point in 1 Corinthians? I couldn't speak unto you as unto spiritual but as unto carnal. There are 3 men spoken of. In the early part of 1 Corinthians. The natural man, man as he's naturally born, not regenerate. He is unregenerate. That's one man. And then, in the area of the saved, there are 2 divisions. One who may be a carnal man, living in the flesh. That certainly put you in the fifth chapter of 1 Corinthians. A man living with his father's wife. Not his mother, it would have stated that. Father's wife or stepmother. And Paul says such such immorality, as is not even named among the gentiles, among the unsaved. Well certainly, that was a brother. And if we understand the second epistle to the Corinthians correctly, that man received the correction of the spirit of god and the word of god that Paul wrote and he was restored, thank god. That man was a Christian, but he was a carnal Christian. You've seen that, haven't you? Surely. Some have seen it in their own family. Folk were going well, and suddenly they decided to go another way. Paul

even writes to Galatians. He says you did run well who hindered you that you should not obey the gospel? Having begun by the spirit by faith alone, why do you want to complete that work? You're trying to ruin it by trying to complement it, to beautify it as it were. By works, no. Grace magnifies god, that's why the devil hates it. Works always magnify our deeds and bring no glory to god. It's possible, friends, to be a Christian without being a spiritual Christian. That's so true its manifest on every side. That's why we talk about reclaiming backslidden Christians. They're living in the world. Were all to live in the world, but were not to live in the world for the world, and in a worldly fashion. God wants us to be world minded, missions to the end of the earth, and the devil wants us to be worldly minded. There's a world of difference. The carnal Christian is living for the here and now. Now are our the specific ministries that the Holy Spirit has accomplished for you and me as believers. Number one, very clear. Clearly set forth, the first one is regeneration. Regeneration. Re means again, and generation, to be born. Being born again. Born again. That's a method where by the natural man becomes a believer. Regeneration in plain English means being born again of the Holy Spirit. Why? Physical birth gives physical life. But it brings spiritual death. We are born in to be dead in trespass of sin. Death hath passed upon all men, for all have sinned, romans 5:12. Apart from the word of god and the fall of Adam in the 3rd chapter of genesis. You and I with all the philosophy, all the theology, all the wisdom of the world could never explain why a precious little one 2 hours old dies. Why? That child has never been able to make a decision, that child has never weighed the issues, it can't. And god didn't expect it to. That child though not guilty of any voluntary act of sin, has in its veins the line of sin coming from Adam. For by one man sin entered into the world, not by one woman, through one man. Why? Because eve was deceived. And it wasn't because she was less intelligent. No experiment that has ever been made in the history of man by scientists or not scientists have ever

proved that man is more intelligent than a woman. I thought I was going to have a lot of amens there. That's still true. Well then why did Satan tempt eve and not Adam? Because a woman naturally is less suspecting. She's less suspicious. She's more willing to credit, if you don't believe it you've got to see where your children go if they want something after dad has refused them. Or they may do it even before they go to dad. Yes. So Satan tempted her and Paul tells timothy in his first epistle that eve was deceived and she was in the transgression and Adam went into it with his eyes open. Not because he was defying god, but he loved eve. But he did it voluntarily. And therefore by one man not by one woman, by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin. So the death passed upon all men for that all have sinned. How's that? Well you and I whether you like it or not we have the same bloodline from Adam. All have the same. Sometimes I ask are you related to so and so? Well not that I know of. Well I don't ever say that. You're related to everybody in the world, we both came from Adam and eve. Here we are. You say well I'm glad there was an improvement in my case well alright then but still, we were. Spiritual death. I have some marvelous children and grandchildren they make up. Spiritual life results only from the birth by the spirit of god. John 3, let's read it again. 3 to 5. John Wesley bless his heart, was everlastingly preaching on you must be born again. Father you fellow who heard him preach so often said, please brother Wesley, will you please tell me why you're always preaching on you must be born again? He said surely. Because you must be born again. He was right. John 3:3. Jesus answered and said unto him, this was Nicodemus. This is honestly one of the most remarkable interviews that ever took place on the face of god's earth. Jesus answered and said unto him, verily verily I say unto thee, that means I'm telling you the truth. Except a man if it were not that a man born again, he cannot see the kingdom of god. The kingdom where god rules and the kingdom of redeemed intelligences. Nicodemus says unto him

how can a man be born when he is old? He really understood the situation didn't he, like nothing. can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? Just talking about physical birth. Beloved, to be born once physically, you're alive physically. Dead spiritually but alive physically. For a person to be born a hundred times, a thousand times physically would only give him physical life, that's all. But never spiritual life. He goes on and he says, except a man be born of water, that's the word of god, out of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of god. That which is born of the flesh is flesh. It may be grammar school flesh, it may be high school flesh, it may be university flesh, it may even be seminary flesh. It may even be ministerial flesh, but it's still flesh. Here's a heap of metal out here somewhat to my right there, of the area. Am I facing the right way, somewhere down here near the laundromat. And somebody sees a pile of metal, and he sees something that looks like brass. Brass can be polished to a beautiful beautiful hue. Have some of it in our homes do we not? We have some of these beautiful large circular deals. Sometimes with a sailboat in it or other. Beautiful things to look at. And you polish it to a high degree and it just shines and sparkles almost like a diamond. There's something right near it that's brass too and you say oh I won't bother with that, it's not worth my effort. Well they are still the same metal. Polished brass and unpolished brass are basically the same metal. That's the same way. That which is born of the flesh is flesh it may be polished it may be refined it may be cultured, it might be educated, it may be very differential. It may be very civilized, but it's still flesh. That which is born of the spirit is spirit and you can't switch. Hear it beloved. You can't switch from one to the other just by wishing it to be so. It's got to be an act. Of whom? Of the spirit of god. Marvel that I said it you've got to be born again. Did you remember the early part of this? The spirit of god said he was man. Nicodemus, he was the ruler of the Jews. He was in a high position. He comes to the lord Jesus and he doesn't say you're a Samaritan you have a

demon. As they say in the 8th chapter those who are opposing him. He didn't say that. He was differential. He said rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from god, for no man can do these miracles. Thou doist except god be with him. And our lord Jesus indicates to him that he's a teacher. Art thou a teacher of Israel? And knowist not these things he should have remembered Ezekiel 36. You've got to be born of water into the spirit. I'll put my spirit within you. I will sprinkle clean water upon you and cleanse you. This is not a matter of baptism. But Levitical administration. I'll sprinkle clean water upon you and cleanse you from your all of your filthinesses and your uncleannesses and your idolatries. What's the lord Jesus telling this man who has come so deferentially? We had the great four, we used to have a line they call it the big four. He had the big four, he had morality. The lord doesn't point at some sin in his life as he does in the next chapter, the woman of Samaria. He had morality. He had culture; he knew how to address the lord Jesus. Had religion. He was a Pharisee, separatist. Separator to the separated. And he had education. Why some people would preach a man like that even with 2 out of 4 into heaven and nothing flat. To a man like that, you know what the lord Jesus says? Thanks for being so discerning. You know I am a man come from god. And thanks for treating me in a differential manner, rabbi. He doesn't say that at all. He says, Nicodemus, with all your accomplishments, nothing in the world will do, but for you to be born all over again. Isn't that a great complement? Supposed I came up to me, to you and said you know I think you are one terrific personality. I think you need only one thing, one thing missing. You ought to go back and be born all over again. Something wrong all over, not like the dear Negro preacher preached down south, he prayed and he said lord prop us up in our leaning place. There's no use in propping us in our leaning places, because were leaning all over the place. We need to be born again. You say, really? Yes, and we are using that expression so glibly. Now I've read that, born

again. [Inaudible] dear brother. And from all, that's a long book, and from all I could gather, I believe it was an experience that he had. You know. But you see it's been bandied about. bandied about. And it can't be done secularly. Here's another thing, you might say well I can get all these things apart from the church. Are you sure? Have you heard people say, why do I need to go to a church on Sunday, I can worship the lord in nature. I heard that for a long time until I have a question I've never gotten an answer on it. Oh I can worship, I can be in a canoe I can be fishing, and I can worship the lord I can be looking at the stars and the trees and all and be worshiping the lord. I have one question. Do you? As a little boy would say they aint answered yet. Who are they kidding? He says you must be born again. Now a lot of folk think that the new birth, the new birth, being born again, is first of all taught in john 3. It is not. The first mention of the new birth is in john 1. You read in verse 12 of john 1, as many as received him, what does that mean? The end of the verse will tell you. As many as received the lord Jesus Christ to them he gave thee power, the word there literally is authority, exousia. Authority to become the children of god. Who are the ones who receive him? To them that believe on his name. Receiving Christ is believing on his name. How did they get that way? How do they become children of god? Born. There's your new birth. Born, not of blood. That's the way you were from your parents. Nor to the will of the flesh, not for something that somebody did. Either received you into a church. Or what shall we call it, not ordained you, sometimes ordained. Not did some baptismal service for you, or even confirmed you, not of the will of the flesh, what somebody did for you. Nor of the will of man, you say I'll do it myself. I'll go it on my own. But born how? Not of blood, or the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, of but god. Of God. There's the new birth. How were you born again? You are born totally of god. Just as you were totally born physically of your parents. Spiritual life results only from the birth by the Holy Spirit. Now

there's a mystery of course connected with that transaction. But it's real, just the same. Born again. And once were born again it's not like a broken record you must be born again and again and again and again. Oh no no no. In John 13 when our lord Jesus was cleansing the disciples, washing their feet, peter said, now he must have been looking daggers at those other, how in the world are you fellows, I had a respect for you once but how can you ever allow the lord Jesus to get down there and wash your feet, your dirty feet that have come in contact with all the grime and all with your sandals. Oh, he must have been looking daggers at them. If he comes to me, he says, I'm never going to allow the lord to do that. And so when he does peter says, thou shall never wash my feet, never wash my feet. You know that was one thing about peter, he always jumped twice before he looked once. Yes, that's right. And in the mono transfiguration experience, when he says, oh three tabernacles. Like saying let's build 3 churches at one time. What bank is going to give you that kind of loan? 3 in one time. Scripture says this he said no knowing what he said. Oh he has he has had a large family, a large progenie. And you can look all the way through the four gospels and acts wherever you see peter, he's not after that except in these epistles. But I'm talking inactivity in life and in preaching. You look through all the gospels and acts and you'll never find once where peter asks permission to have the floor to speak. You know why? Because he already had it. He was a self-appointed spokesman. And here he says, thou shall never wash my feet. Our lord Jesus answers him very quietly if I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. He didn't say you have no life because peter was already saved. Watch the wording of scripture. He says you have no part with me. An uncleansed believer doesn't know very much about partnership with the lord Jesus Christ. Not of partnership not life. He already has life. Simon peter says oh my my my. He says I'll have to reverse that. Lord not my feet only but also my hands and my head. That's peter, you know. Do it all the way. I want

the whole thing, lord. Give me the whole treatment. I want a package deal. That's peter for sure. Jesus says to him, no you're wrong, you're just wrong twice. He that is washed, that's the washing of regeneration in Titus 3:5. The bath. Neetith not except to wash his feet. He's entirely clean. And you're clean but not all of you. Meaning that vicious traitor Judas Iscariot. Yes, there's a mystery connected with this transaction we know but it's just as real as that you're alive today. The moral man and a believer, never forget it, they are not the same type of humanity. If the bible teaches anything it teaches that. A moral man oh you say I admire him. Oh yes, There may be, he may have qualities through the restraining power of the spirit of god and what we call common grace in theology. Causes the sun to shine upon the just and the unjust. The rain to fall upon the just and the unjust. Yes. The moral man may have some wonderful attractive qualities. And a believer may have many things that we don't like. But don't you think that they are the same type of humanity just in different degrees. Not at all. The difference is holy entirely one of kind. Two people may be seated together. You could scarcely draw husband or wife. You can scarcely, and I think of it often when I'm preaching. You can scarcely draw a [inaudible] breath between them. And yet the one who is believing is going straight and absolutely to heaven. Absolutely saved. The other, not having received Christ is going straight and absolutely and irrevocably and eternally to [inaudible]. Not because they don't live in the same house, eat at the same table, go to the same marketplace, do many things together. No my dear friends. It's because they are two totally different persons. One is a child of god, the other is a rebel. The others disobedient. No one in the history of the world, no matter by whatever extraneous means has ever been saved outside of the power of the Holy Spirit. Never. Whether we realize it or not. You say, well I didn't feel it. Not a matter of feeling friends. You'll get the fact you'll get the feeling later on. Moody, dear dear moody met a man in inquiry once. He was in an inquiry room.

He asked him a question. He said my dear friend, are you a Christian? He said I'm a practical Christian. Oh, he says a practical Christian. He said when were you converted? He said I never was converted I don't believe in that stuff. Moody says but the bible says you must be born again. He says I don't know anything about that I don't believe in the bible. You don't believe in the bible and yet you call yourself a practical Christian? He said yes. He says do you believe websters dictionary? Yes I believe in websters dictionary. Well he says for your information webster says that a man who doesn't believe in the bible is an infidel, you better call yourself by the right name. He goes right, right. There's some people that have more confidence in Webster than they do in the bible. Some people act as if they love to read the dictionary all the time. They said they'd like to do it except they change the subject so often. First of all, the ministry of the holy spirit to the believer, regeneration. Bless god. The reason we can sing as brother weeby leads us and is biblical, we do belong to the family of god. I remember too the first time I heard that chorus. It was right here at cannon beach. Don Ricks taught us to us that year. We do belong to the family of god. We've been born into it. The reason we can call ourselves Christians, Christ ones, Christ children. I am the children of the lord my god hath given to me Hebrews 2. The reason we can do that is that we are related. Why can we call ourselves children of god? Because we are born into gods family. The reason I have the last name that I have is because I was born into the Feinberg family. The reason this dear brother has his last name is because he was born into the Weeby family and the Schmitz and Schmidt family and this one into this family and that one. And goodenough into the goodenough family. You have a right to you your father's name because you were born of him. Right. Of your father and mother. Now there's another ministry the Holy Spirit has. And folk, beloved, the best way to be kept from error is to cleave to the truth. The reason gods blessed this conference along with certain other, is they're not in the business of

emphasizing the negative. Too many people major in the minors and minor in the majors. Let's be positive. And once were positive on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, believe me friends, I wouldn't lead you astray. By one breath, the minute you have the truth on the Holy Spirit, then you have the yard stick. Check everything by that. From the Holy Spirit we receive regeneration. From the Holy Spirit we receive baptism. Now I know how it has been misused and we'll talk about it in all kindness. Now the baptism of the Holy Spirit is as much a fact as regeneration by the Holy Spirit. There is no feeling attached to either one. You mean you didn't have any feeling in regeneration when you were born again? Sometimes you don't, you don't have to. I was born into this world physically and to save my neck, might not be worth saving, but to save my neck I can't tell you how I felt. I'm sure my mother wasn't [inaudible]. No mother usually is. Except when she saw the child, I don't know what she saw in him but anyhow. I went on. There's no feeling attached to it. How do you know you were born again, I was there when it happened. The baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at the moment of regeneration. The lord doesn't say, now that you're born again, would you like to be baptized by the spirit into the body of Christ? No. No more than when your parents looked at you and said, now that you're born into this world, would you like to be reckoned with a human family? Whether you like it or not you are, right away. Right away. You're reckoned in the human family in the human race. We become an integral part of the body of Christ. Now why, why are believers in the bible in Christ of the bible, why are they often under the figure of a body? Are they a literal body? No. they're a spiritual body. And why body? Because it includes in his self-more of the things that are true of us in Christ than any other symbol. You will not have gone far in a study of the word of god in depth before you realize that there isn't one single figure in the bible but what conveys the proper message. Why do you have the word walk for our life in the New Testament more often than the

other one. A body walks. Some things you can do, you know. Sit here and think about a trip you had to the holy land. But you can't walk by just thinking about it. Someone said the dear Scotsman, they're not fair to the scotch folk. I love the scotch folk. One fellow says the way the Scotsman takes a vacation, he stays at home and lets his mind wander. I don't believe that. But as one sure thing you can't walk by staying at home and making no motions. And then walk. You know what happens when you walk? I never realized that until my theology professor showed it. Here you are in equilibrium, in balance. The minute you begin walking you know what you do? You throw yourself out of balance. If that kept on your nose they'd hit right there. Beautiful red carpet. Yes. So what do you do? You throw yourself out of balance and then you balance it. Throw yourself in dependence upon, walk by means of the spirit. You shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh we read in Galatians. Yes. You will not perform the works of the flesh. Oh yes, the body. Do you know of anything that's more beautiful to illustrate two wonderful things, one the same life and one cooperation? Here's this left ear. It's different than this. You see here's this nice inspiring hymns by our friend alpher [sp?] smith. He has a new one out too incidentally. My he's a real hymnologist. Here's another one, here is this water, here is this Casio that my wife got me. And, but you know, thank the lord, this chapel would have no material damage, brought to it if I put these into. That's what we call arrangement. That's what we call order. I can do that, no harm. But don't you go putting this left ear on that organ. Ouch. That's not just an arrangement, that's part of me. The same life. That's way with a body. Do you think if a 500 pound weight fell on my right foot the rest of me would throw a banquet? I hurt all over. That's the concept of a body. The same way, it's not an organization. This is organization, putting this here there and the other. This body is an organism. Yes. And then cooperation. My, you know how you did it ever since mother quit doing it for you? She washed you first. Told you how to

wash behind the ears and all. But when you got to doing it your right hand washed the left, the left washed the right they both washed the face. No capital labor trouble there. That's cooperation. Suppose the right hand would say well you go on and roll your own hoop. And he says same back to you. After a while, folk wouldn't want to be around that individual. They'd both be thrown for a loss to say nothing about the face. Yes, cooperation. What does that? So many. Paul writes to Corinthians does any one of you stumble? And do not I burn with shame? Don't I blush? If we hear something that has transpired with a fellow believer do we get on the phone and just telegraph it all over creation? No, it hurts all of us. Hurts all of us. Why give somebody a stick to hit you on the head. You're talking about family affairs. You go out and tell everybody how you fight as to who is going to wash the dishes? I don't mean to do it but not to do it. Oh my friend. We are cemented forever to Christ and in him, thank god. 1 Corinthians 12:13. Read that whole chapter. We are baptized. We both. The we means believers. Both means saved Jew and gentile. We both are baptized by one spirit into one body. By the Holy Spirit. That's it. In Galatians 3:27, Ephesians, Colossians, all tell us the same. If you're baptized into Christ. yee have put on Christ. We are clothed with him. Were said now to be in Christ. Why? How? Because we have had the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It's ours now. You say do you feel like it? Whether you feel like it or not. I have been married, thank god, for 45 years. Sometimes when I'm tired and ready to go to bed I don't thinking about well are you really married? Well you just ask me about my wife, I'll tell you. I didn't get engaged to her 15 days for nothing. I married her 3 years later. Why? Well, when you, when you ask her to be your wife you ask for her hand. Then you find out that you got, you've got to support her entirely and that takes money. In Christ, baptized by the spirit of god. That's the portion of every believer regardless of any opinion or will in the matter. The lord doesn't say, would you like to be, no. no. when I was

born into the family I was born into, you too, after you've gotten to a certain knowledgeable age where you could be talked to and you could understand what they were saying, did your parents ever say would you like to remain in this family or would you like to go into another one. Oh, maybe when they were angry they'd say that just to. They never really meant that, no. you're in that family. Of course. Someone wrote concerning the reverend Archibald brown what a man of god he was. They talked about his devoted successful work for Christ. And they asked what's the secret of your life and work? And very quietly he said the answer is very simple. Fifty years ago, Archibald brown was joined up to the main. That's with the baptism of the spirit. Being put in Christ in the body. He said fifty years ago Archibald brown was joined up to the main, and the tap has been running ever since. Amen. So the spirit of god regenerates us. He baptizes us. He is the baptizer into the body of Christ. And he is the blessed indweller; he dwells in us from the moment of regeneration the spirit never leaves the believer. John 14:16 and 17, what do we read there? We read that when that blessed one comes, notice here, I will pray the father he will give you; he shall give you another comforter. That he may abide for you forever. Now I know our hymnologists do a wonderful work and I think it's one of our glories. I think I must have learned hundreds of hymns the first year I was saved, 1930. It was so new. Did you know that all the songs in the synagogue are in the minor key? If you don't have salvation what have you got to sing about? The first real song is exodus 15, they were redeemed out of Egypt. Redemption brings a song. That's why in revelation 15 you have the song of Moses and of the lamb. Revelation 15. Why? Because just as Moses redeemed them physically, Christ redeems us eternally, spiritually. And then you have something to sing about. He puts a song. He may abide with you forever. There he is. He abides with us forever. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was with them. Certain ones like Samson. He would clothe himself with a man. Now clothing

himself with a man means he was inside the man. The man was on the outside. The holy spirit in just as is with us. But there was no indication that he even made with them. Because Samson went out and shook himself as another time and didn't know, the poor fellow, that the spirit had departed from him. That could be such a thing as the departing of the spirit. And that's what the psalmist David prayed for. He says take not thy holy spirit, didn't mean that the spirit of god was taken from him. But he knew that if he continued without confession, as in the 32nd psalm, my moisture was made as the drought of summer. My natural powers were just dried up. I was like a squeezed out citrus fruit. Yes. Take not thy holy spirit from me. Nobody needs to say that today. He is with us, he was with us. Christ said he has with you, among you, and he will be in you. He's going to abide with you forever. Even the spirit of truth from the world cannot receive because it sees him not, neither knows him. But you know him. And he, here it is, he dwells with you right now and shall be, and has been since Pentecost, in you. In you. You know why all these ecumenical movements and the ecumenical movement in the large is so far off key? You know why? They're trying to accomplish something that was already accomplished at Pentecost. That's where all believers were put into the greatest unity that could ever be affected on earth. Namely the body of Christ. Yes. Its already done. Christ's prayer that they may all be one. John 17 was answered. He wasn't waiting for us to do it. He wasn't praying in that prayer to anybody, or the church yet to come. Father, that they may be one. Even as we are one. And do you notice that, that's supernatural. Any kind of a union on earth isn't one made of god it's made of man. Even as I am in you, and you are in me, and we are in them. That's supernatural; it's got to be done of god. Yes. Now, no Christian ever asks for the spirit. Don't ask for the spirit of god. Lord, may thy spirit indwell me, no. and don't ask, I've known some folk on the basis of john 20:22, where our lord Jesus breathed on them and they received the spirit, they say do you see, god

wants, and then Pentecost. My dear friends, in those 40 days between the resurrection and the ascension of Christ, there was a need for them to be encouraged again and again and again. And they were being taught acts 1 tells us, concerning the things of this age. They had to learn a lot. Because when Christ talked about going to the cross peter said no. then how could Christ teach them anything on the basis of the death, burial, and resurrection when he didn't even believe in the first truth? You see how much he could? I have many things to say unto you know. Takes a lot more you better take a PG course, postgraduate. I've taught you have a lot to learn yet. So, how the lord Jesus says he is going to be in you. And you don't need, you're not, you're not on the other side of Pentecost. Needing that encouragement, needing that empowerment, needing that comfort that the Holy Spirit could do. And he just told them, greater things that I have done you're going to do. They needed that bridging over, that temporary arrangement. If it had sufficed, why if they had all of the spirit they needed did they need the spirit of god in acts 2?