

God's Plan of Reconciliation

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As Charismatics or Pentecostals, we must clearly understand our spiritual heritage when we start to talk about an actual supernatural holiness.

Our Initial Salvation brings the Lord Himself to indwell by His Holy Spirit. He pardons all sin up to that moment as His down payment on the soul. We must thoroughly understand what this means. This is no mere gift, this is your God now humbly working within as servant, and in lowliness being part of your every thought and action. You are washed white: as if you had never sinned. These bondages are removed so that you can discern more clearly before the Lord, and make wise spiritual choices as you work out the rest of your salvation.

The Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Spirit pushes aside our blinding earthliness to allow the believer to become much more aware of, and affected by the activity of the already indwelling Spirit. The gift of tongues allows us to continue to push aside this cloying earthliness at will. To be aware of Him is to be changed by Him.

In this transaction, we receive nothing new. His Spirit was already there. Here is an example of this same kind of transaction:

"And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha." 2 Kings 6:15-18

Being spiritually blind, Elisha's servant feared. When the Lord opened the young man's eyes so that he could see the actual spiritual situation, and was filled with faith, while the enemy was blinded and easily deceived.

Now we are discussing matters much more weighty than victory in a battle, but the principle is the same. We must understand is that regardless of all the vast glory we may find through the years in the Holy Spirit, this was all part and parcel of our initial salvation package. We have just become more aware of it than some others: "Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized." Acts 9:18

A basic saved Baptist has the same empowering as you do. You are just able to see and feel what is going on in a better way. Because of this, you are better able to play your role, as the above young man was. Instead of interfering with the Lord's plan to fool the enemy army through Elisha, we can imagine that he was enabled to play his small part with skill and insight!

In summary then, the pre-existing Holy Spirit in the life has just been enabled, since the soul has stopped most of it's interfering.

Entire sanctification is a far greater work than this, but there are close similarities:

Entering His Rest follows the removal of every remaining soulish blockage to the actual activity of the Holy Spirit within and allows the soul to dwell **in Him**. The believer then enters the "normal" Oneness with

Himself that He prayed for in John 17. This supernaturally established Oneness starts small and grows according to the degree of diligence and continuing costly consecration of every moment. This leads to even more advanced positions of grace that are still beyond the horizons of this puny authour.

Salvation pardons sin, while Entire Sanctification removes the Adamic propensity towards sin within. This far larger payment completes His purchase of the soul. It is now in His hand to bless with pruning or outward success as He pleases. The happy soul does not argue nor complain even when life brings real pain and breathtaking loss.

"The whole design of God was to restore man to his image, and raise him from the ruins of his fall; in a word, to make him perfect; to blot out all his sins, purify his soul, and fill him with all holiness, so that no unholy temper, evil desire, or impure affection or passion shall either lodge or have any being within him. This and this only is true religion, or Christian perfection; and a less salvation than this would be dishonourable to the sacrifice of Christ and the operation of the Holy Ghost.... Call it by what name we please, it must imply the pardon of all transgression and the removal of the whole body of sin and death.... This, then, is what I plead for, pray for, and heartily recommend to all true believers, under the name of Christian perfection." Adam Clarke

So, similar to the situation of the Elisha's young man, another barrier to the proper moving of His Spirit in the life has been removed: albeit, this is a much larger removal. Again, nothing new is given. Who can add to God Himself?

Nonetheless, as it is with a soul who receives the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit, new dimensions in the Spirit have been unfolded in our daily world of awareness and action. A soul who has just entered His Rest, also perceives that he has just entered a whole new realm. Actually that realm was implicit within salvation, but was blocked off from view by that big messy ball of earthly mud called "Me."

Before entering His Rest, it is "Him in you" by His Spirit serving as your servant and teacher. Afterwards, it is also "You in Him" as Lord of all. Beforehand, He adapts to you. Afterwards, you just find yourself easily swept along in Him. Before, He is the "ever-becoming One" since He gives only what you ask Him for, if and when you are ready. Afterwards, He is constant. Stores of spiritual strength are just quietly at hand when the situation demands. All your basic asking has been done and is answered. Your anointing is no longer primarily a blessing; it is His immoveable Presence and unshakeable assurance. It is Authority, as distinct from authority. It is given: yet needs to grow and mature much in expression within each particular vessel.

His Rest does not imply the giving of all gifting or discernment; so we will still continue to have certain paradoxical people receive the greater work of entire sanctification without possessing the more elementary Pentecostal blessing!

Entire sanctification expresses completion of the work begun in salvation; as distinct from the myriads of deliverances and revelations given for various purposes. It has to do with the quality of our salvation, and our position before the Father, rather than the completion of our anointing. His Spirit can be said to be already complete, for He is God, it our smaller job to unwrap the great gift of Himself He has given. Our greater trustworthiness influences how He treats us. The level of anointing is directly related more to our diligence in the application to put His completeness into actual operation within our vessel. (before, and also after entering His Rest) Many would like to fantasize entire sanctification as entry into an "angelic" type of state where effort, pain, and sacrifice is no longer required, but vast anointing rules. An escape into La-La land, if you will.

In that sense this is not so, for Sons share the Father's own burdens and persecutions from the outward world. Within the secret recesses of the heart though, that fantasy is remarkably close to reality, for His yoke really is easy!

The coming Kingdom Church will be characterized by a vast and costly blessing for us to faithfully pour out before His throne. Initial salvation will be completed in His Rest and His matchless anointing will Tabernacle upon the firm foundation of a supernaturally established pure heart: this will make commonplace lives of blameless authority and stable great anointing.

Our Heavenly Pilgrimage

Our heavenly pilgrimage starts with the salvation experience:

“Conversion is the first cure. It resurrects the dead soul. It forgives all past transgressions. It imparts to the soul spiritual life, spiritual consciousness, spiritual relationships, spiritual possessions, a spiritual appetite, spiritual discernment, spiritual aversions to all sin, actual and inbred, and spiritual loyalty to Christ, it’s spiritual King. It gives an appetite for spiritual food and thirst for spiritual drink. It checks the inbred sin within and keeps it under. It imparts God's love to the soul. It plants all the graces of the spirit in the soul-garden, and it keeps the weeds of carnality under. That it does not, however, effect a complete cure is clear from the Word, from church creeds, and from the testimony of God's children.”

Denominational Perspectives

“Among the precious gifts of grace provided for, and promised to all God's dear children, is the experience of entire sanctification. This grace is tendered to those, and only to those, who are the children of God. Hence all the promises of His word, relating to this experience, are addressed to the children of God. Each commandment in the New Testament, in any form of words, which necessarily involves the state of entire sanctification, is addressed solely to Christians; and each prayer offered for this grace, is offered on the behalf of those, and only those, who are born of God. Mat. 5:48; **John 17:17-19**; I Thes. 4:3, 7; 5:23, 24; 1 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 3:3; 4:17.” “The Double Cure”, by M.W. Knapp (See the Entry Directions section.)

In salvation, indeed, heaven gains a foothold upon your earth: while the soul gains a beginner’s conditional access to His costly blood-bought power over all sin and perdition.



Entering His Rest Q & A

Q. What is it? A. It is the end of all dominion by the first Adam in favour of the quiet and glorious Dominion of the Second Adam.

Q. What do you mean? A. It totally removes the Adamic propensity to sin.

Q. What will this do for my life? A. Truly everything.

Q. What do you mean? A. You enter an entirely new dimension of fellowship with God where it actually feels as if there is no longer any division between you and Him, although, of course He remains vast beyond comprehension, while I am merely human. Before, He dwelled in your heart. Now, you dwell in His bosom as well. His is **much larger** than mine!!!

Q. Who is eligible for this? A. Any sincere believer willing to pay the price.

Q. What is the price? A. All of your life, all of your hopes, and all of your dreams must be placed into His hand without reserve, to be His eternal possession.

Q. What does that mean? A. The end of a fundamentally sick self-life, and the beginning of real life!

Q. Will this give me a new revelation of Jesus? A. Well, you will know the same Jesus, but He will seem totally different since you are close up now. It is the difference between admiring Him from afar, and having Him as a tenderly cherished spouse. His incomparably beautiful aroma is not apparent from afar!

Q. Will this release new blessing or anointing? A. Yes, but you must understand that your motives for everything will be remarkably different. They will be pure in His sight. You are still prone to human misunderstandings; but at least you are pure. Not always pure in the eyes of men- since men are justifiably suspicious by nature and are unjustly prone to project their base motives upon you.

Q. So what does that mean? A. Now anything you pray for diligently within His will is surely given. Before that was the theory. Now it is the unvarnished reality.

Q. How does it happen? A. After He sees that your ALL is in His Hand and that you completely trust Him to do the saving, He will save you from all that is in His Hand and stay with you.

Q. How long does this take? A. As it is in Salvation, or Baptism in the Spirit, the preparation is often long and painful, while His work is accomplished in a moment of time.

Q. Who has had this blessing? A. Multitudes since the time of the fathers of Israel, but always a minority. Read the website!!!

Entering His Rest is not an impartation, but a departure. We enter, not through exaltation, but through humiliation. In the past you welcomed the Holy Spirit into your life; now you welcome His cleansing Holy Fire that comes to replace the Adamic propensity to sin with His supernatural Holy propensity towards His righteousness. His Fire does this work in a moment of time. Really. You wait!!!

This leaves more room to fill with the precious gold, jewels, and diadems of righteousness, peace and joy that endure forevermore within His fire!

Life in His Spirit

Built upon Salvation	Built upon Salvation and completed by a glorious Sanctification
"Old Man" and "New Man" propensities war tooth and nail for dominion within	The New Man rules alone in a peace that passeth all understanding
Blessing and sorrow	Constant blessing
Anointing and dryness	Constant reliable anointing.
Effort to remain in fellowship with Him	Constant effortless Oneness
He is sometimes afar off.	Constant effortless Intimacy
Temptation sometimes lures us astray from within	Temptation has lost it's power to allure
Revelation comes and goes	Revelation is at the fingertips as needed
Self-consciousness is a trouble at times	Undivided consciousness
Faith and doubt often compete	A vast supernatural assurance quietly rules
Worry is often a problem	Worry doesn't work in the solid land of assurance
Heaven is our hope	Heaven in Him is our everyday reality on earth
Spiritual wounds are sometimes sanctified in Him	The whole life dwells in the Holy of Holies
Spiritual growth is sometimes difficult	Spiritual growth is unopposed and exponential
Worship and prayer sometimes require struggle	Worship and prayer are instantly anointed
Often a sense of being part of the lost world	Constant unutterable separation unto Him
Power, conviction and shame take turns	A constant sense of quiet authority
Others are offended by us at times	Still offended by us, and by His obvious Presence
Illness and age take their toll	Illness and age take their toll but the joy...
The Lord may prune for greater fruitfulness	The Lord may prune for even greater fruitfulness
Our love is perfected within experience	Our even greater love is perfected within experience
Spiritual sonship	Spiritual Sonship, "A Son indeed"
Life in the Holy place	Life in the Holy of Holies
Pardon	The better hope of a completed enablement
Glories of the deeper life are unknowable	Glories of an even deeper life remain unknowable
Growth of grace within pardon	Unhindered rapid growth within purity
He forgives our mistakes	We give thanks! He still forgives our mistakes!

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TOKENS OF THIS REALITY

The Lord has given to us "tokens" of this reality through individuals who have crossed over as spies and returned with the fruit of this land and shared it with the body of Christ. These individuals have been "prototypes" of an entire company of people who are to function in this governmental role equipped with the "keys of the Kingdom" tasting the good word of God and the power of the age to come. Some have already lived their life of victory and entered their reward, such as John G. Lake. (We have other articles addressing the life and example of Bro. Lake) Others are presently emerging having tasted of this reality.

Even while we were in a prophetic conference in Kelowna Canada (2002), a precious sister who is a missionary to Mozambique, participated in the conference with us. As she shared her heart with us and the

experiences she has had with the Lord in recent days as He pruned and prepared her, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and revealed that she was likened to one of the spies who ventured over into the promise and returned with portions of the fruit of the land. As she shared her report, it remained up to the people to choose to believe or reject the report.

Her message was likewise one of preparation as she disclosed how the Lord "glued" her to the floor for seven days and seven nights, moving upon and through her with waves of His Spirit revealing areas and issues that were contrary to His nature. Much took place during this season, but *the end result was the death to self and selfish motives and agendas and the embracing of His Spirit as a dwelling place [allowing total Dominion](#) in her Spirit, soul, and body according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23*. Tremendous miracles, signs and wonders began to emerge in her ministry with countless reports of healings and even creative miracles as sight was restored, lame limbs given strength and cancers healed.

CROSSING OVER TO THE PROMISE

This is our promise and this is our destiny as the dawning of a new day continues to ascend to the spiritual heights from which the Priests and Kings will become apparent. From this sacred place these anointed vessels will begin to function in their governmental role and appropriate the Lord's great victory. Let us give ear to the Spirit of Counsel preceding the release of the Spirit of Might and Power.

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(please note that this transformation did not occur via "progressive sanctification", but by the hand of the Lord- Edit.)

