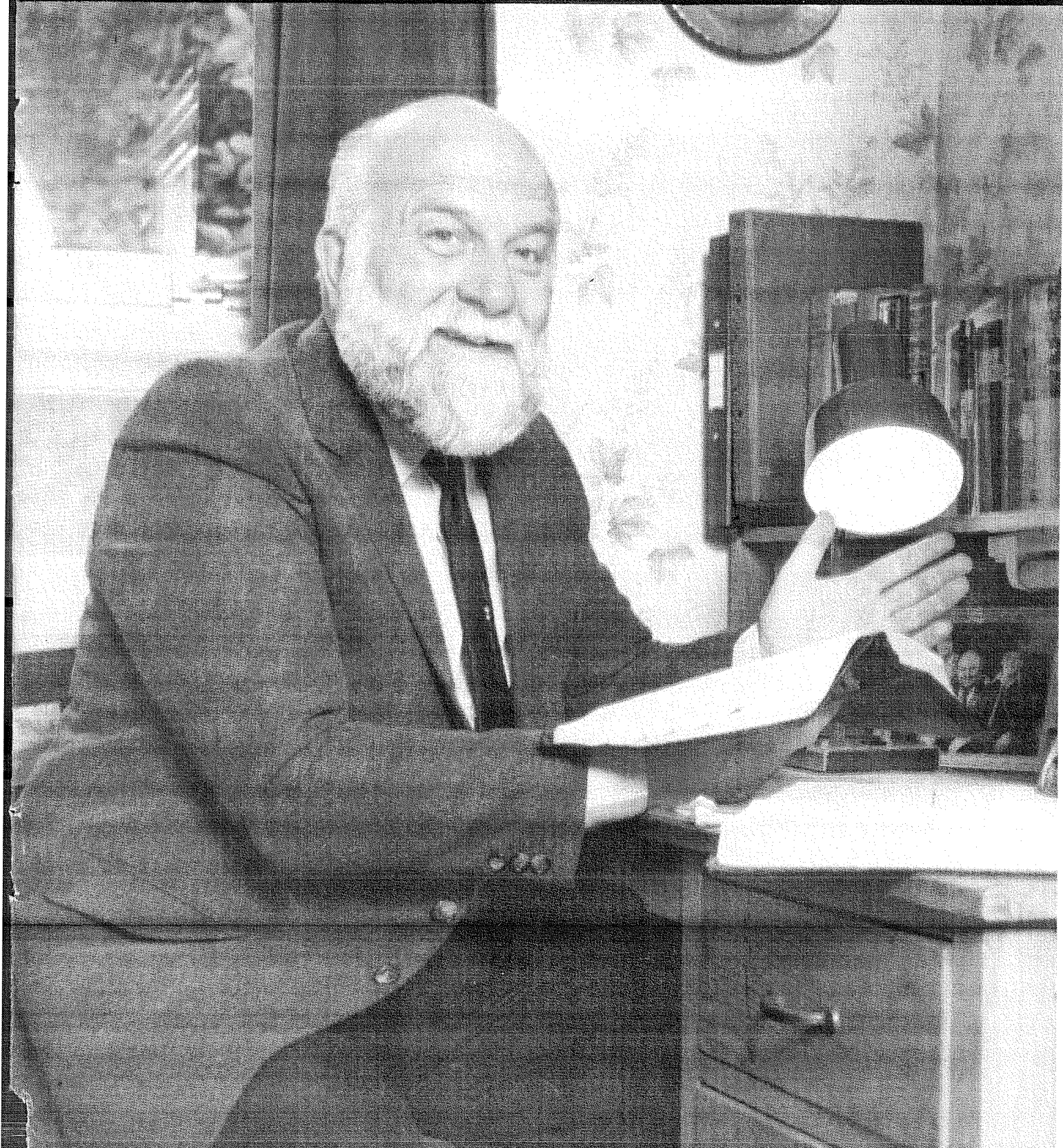


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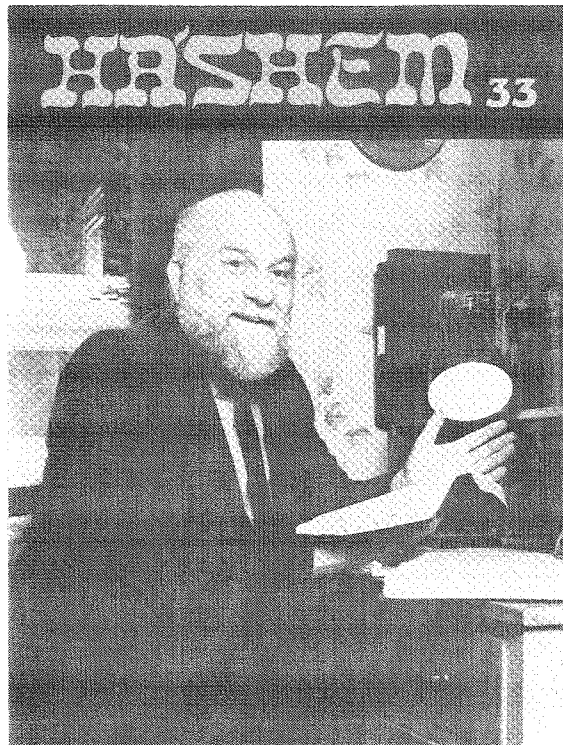
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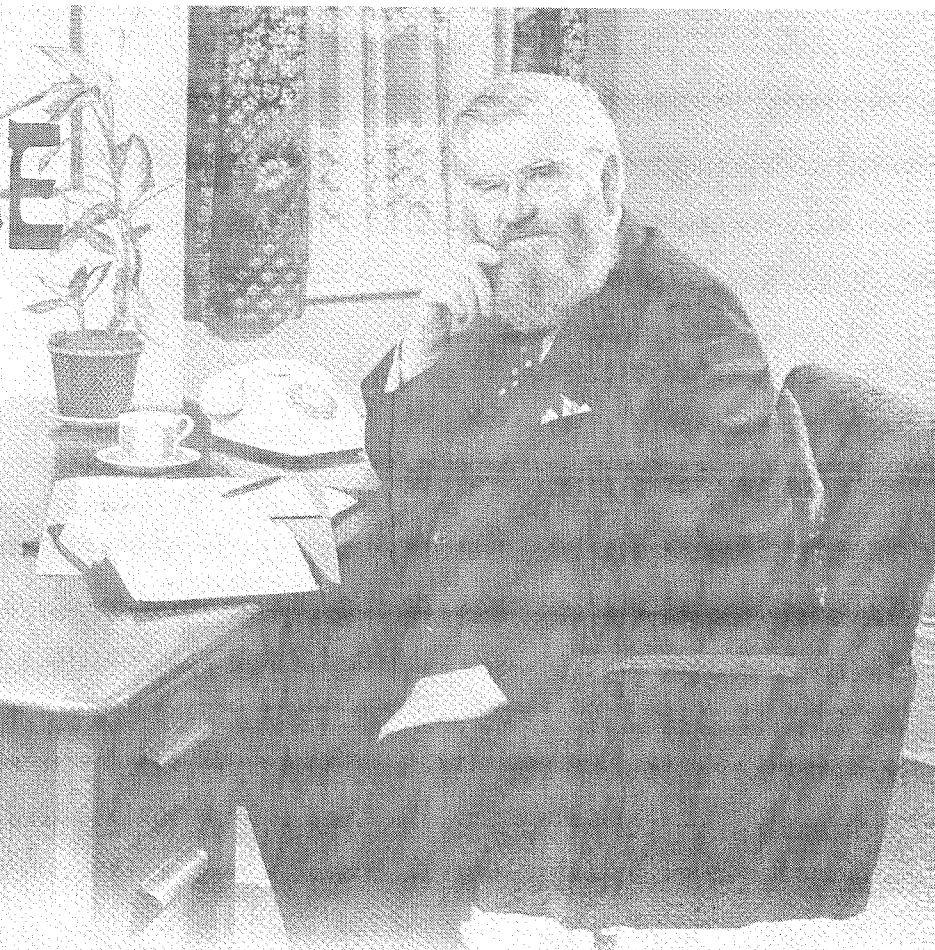


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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Family,

When Yahshua interpreted the 7th commandment (Ex. 20:14) by saying, "But I say unto you that whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). He moved the place of responsibility from the action to the thought – He was saying it was no longer possible for a person to live with thoughts of sin and not be brought to judgement. Although at that time Yahshua was speaking clearly about a particular commandment, I believe His statement was the declaration of a divine principle – that my thought-life has to be as acceptable to Yahweh as my outward conduct; for example, it is unacceptable for me to take something belonging to another person and keep it for myself (thou shalt not steal), but it is equally unacceptable for me to harbour THOUGHTS of appropriating something belonging to another. In other words it is a sin to steal and it is equally a sin to harbour thoughts of stealing.

During a period of twenty years or more of my salvation experience I would be deeply troubled by these high standards. There were times, many times, when it seemed wild horses wouldn't have been strong enough to control my thoughts, and no matter how I tried, struggled and fought, nine times out of ten I was overcome by them, and my anguish at these times was acute when reading Rev. 21:27 "And there shall no wise enter into it (the New Jerusalem) anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life." (K.J.V.). Whatever was defeating me, humiliating and constantly destroying my "good" resolutions was not going to take me into the New Jerusalem. When was I going to be free? Some say at death, but I received no comfort there, for after death comes the judgement (Heb. 9:27). Finally I found peace and victory in sanctification. Yahshua did make provision for these things at Calvary. Not only did I find the answer through this experience but I discovered that I have not been alone in my search; Wesley, Finney and countless others walked this same road before me.

If my experience stirs a response in your heart – should you be looking for an answer to this problem, you will be blessed by reading this issue of HA'SHEM, which has been dedicated to the subject SANCTIFICATION: perfect love, a clean heart.

PETER WARSOP
Editor



P erfect P eace

THE MAN

Samuel Logan Brengle, a commissioner in the Salvation Army, never wished to be regarded as a superman, but rather as a lowly man, simply wise enough to utterly believe Yahweh, possess his rightful possessions in Yahshua and lead others to the same experience. He was born during the 19th Century and, like many other Salvationists, suffered his share of persecution for his witness and stand for holiness. However, he refused to be put off, even when struck on the head by a brick, (which nearly ended his life) and he continued to testify and write about the blessings of a clean heart – entire sanctification.

HIS THOUGHTS ON HOLINESS

What it is

Brengle explained holiness as the renewal of the whole man in the image of Yahshua – the utter

Samuel Logan Brengle on HOLINESS *by Edwin Josephs*

destruction of all hatred, envy, anger, malice, blasphemy, hypocrisy, love of ease, selfish desires for human admiration, applause, and love of splendour, shame of the cross, worldliness, deceit, debate, contention, self-will, and any evil desire or tendency in the heart. It is the state in which there is no longer any doubt or fear, and Yahweh is loved and trusted with a perfect heart.

At salvation, the fruit of the Spirit and the works of the flesh are, in a greater or lesser degree, all mixed up together. After conversion our old sinful nature is like a tree that has been cut down, and remains as simply a stump. The tree causes no more bother, but the stump will still bring forth little shoots if not watched. The 'stump' is done away with when we receive a clean heart. Brengle noticed how Saul spoke about "Putting off...the old man" (Eph. 4:22) and James "...laying

aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness" (James 1:21) and concluded that the work of cleansing was not to be a slow, evolutionary process of growth, but rather an instantaneous work, wrought in the heart of the humble believer by the holy Spirit. He maintained that whilst righteousness can be described as conformity to divine law, holiness can best be described as conformity to divine nature.

What it is not

It is not necessarily a state in which there is perpetual, rapturous joy. Yahshua was "...a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Is. 53:3) Joy is the normal state of the holy believer but, Brengle said, it may be mingled with sorrow, grief and heaviness on account of manifold temptations. However, even the low-water mark in a believer's experience will always be 'perfect peace'. Holiness is not a state of freedom from temptations. Indeed satan will try his hardest to attack and tempt the holy believer to cause him to fall. It is not a state of freedom from infirmities: holiness does not produce a perfect health but rather a perfect heart. Brengle declared that we may be faulty in memory or judgement or understanding, but Yahweh looks at the purity of our heart and the loyalty of our affection, and calls us a perfect man!

Holiness is not a state in which there is no further development: if a man has a pure heart it can develop more rapidly than ever before. Neither is holiness a state from which we cannot fall: Brengle warned that we must watch and pray, and daily examine ourselves and keep ourselves in the love of Yahweh, lest we fall from His grace. (1 Cor. 10:12)

How to receive the experience

Brengle taught that holiness is perfect deliverance from sin. Men cannot make themselves holy, and he was very clear that no amount of good works, self-sacrifice, denial, or labour for the salvation of others can cleanse the heart and take out the roots of pride, vanity, temper, impatience, fear, shame of the cross, lust, hatred, strife, and self-indulgence. Holiness is a blessing that must be received by faith: - "Ask and you shall receive..." (Luke 11:9 & 10). By faith the law of Yahweh is written on our hearts. The humble soul expects to receive holiness by faith, sees that it is a gift, believes that Yahweh is as willing to give it to him now as at some future time, and so trusts and receives it at once. The blessing is to be received by faith - now! The man desiring to be entirely sanctified must make an unreserved offering of himself to Yahweh. This

offering must be real, not imaginary, and consists of a literal transfer of self - with all its hopes, plans, prospects, property, powers of body and mind, time, cares, burdens, joys, sorrows, reputation, friends - to Yahweh in a 'perpetual covenant' never to be forgotten. When a man has so given himself to Yahweh - to be anything or nothing, to go or stay anywhere - he must expectantly wait for Yahweh's witness. Brengle suggests that, during this period of waiting, satan may come like a bird of prey seeking to devour the sacrifice before Yahweh has accepted it. "You ought to feel different...your consecration is not complete...you don't have the joy, the deep and powerful emotions that others talk about..." Quit reasoning with the devil - drive him away as Abraham did (Gen. 15:11): reason with Yahweh. The blessing is yours "...though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come..." (Hab. 2:3). Sanctification is offered on the simple conditions of full consecration and childlike faith in Him, and once these are met Brengle advises that a person puts faith into action regardless of feelings, claims the promise, and thanks Him.

WHAT IT DID FOR HIM

The first thing Brengle did after Yahweh had sanctified him was to testify about it - putting it on permanent record that Yahweh had given him a clean heart. This profession of his faith was, for him, like cutting down the bridges behind him, which meant that there was now no way back - only forward. Brengle had longed to be pure - he had hungered and thirsted, and he was satisfied when Yahweh sanctified him. After that blessed time, he knew without a shadow of a doubt if he became perplexed or was tempted, that Yahweh had allowed it for his good. When his heart ached, he was comforted; when his feet nearly slipped, he was upheld; when his faith trembled, Yahshua encouraged him; when he was in some need, Yahshua supplied all his needs and satisfied him. Brengle learnt the lesson that all he had to do was totally depend on Yahshua for his salvation from all sin, and from fear and shame, and to show his love by obeying Him in all things, and by seeking to lead others to obey Him. He often testified of his perfect and unbroken purpose to serve Yahweh with his whole heart, which gave rise to his motto "Holiness Unto Yahweh", expressing the deep desire and longing of his soul. He found that the low-water mark in his experience was 'perfect peace' and the high-water mark was 'being caught up into the third heaven with great ecstasy and joy'.

One of the Scriptures that impressed Brengle was 1 John 2:6, "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." It is possible for us to

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1 John 2:6

walk like Him if we have a heart like His. It was this Scripture that Brengle hung onto when satan came to tempt him. He had graduated from university, spent a couple of years in a leading theological school, had been the pastor of a metropolitan church, and had just left behind a mighty evangelistic work with hundreds seeking the Saviour when he entered one of the Salvation Army training homes. Here he was asked to go down into the cellar and polish half a cartload of dirty boots for a lot of ignorant lads. How satan came and tempted him! Brengle comforted himself in Yahshua's example (*John 13:14-17*) and stood firm, having a heart like His. Brengle was not immediately sanctified the first time he asked, for the inner idol of his soul was a passionate and consuming desire for glory, a desire to be someone who would win the esteem and do something which would compel the applause of thoughtful and educated men. It was not until this desire was firmly rejected from his heart that Yahweh gave him the blessing of a clean heart. How blind he had been, previously, to the word of Scripture – *"no flesh shall glory in His presence."* (*1 Cor. 1:29*) Yahweh commanded Brengle to speak the truth, in love, as He gave it to him, whether the people would hear or not. (*Eph. 4:15*). So he made up his mind to teach holiness even if it banished him, forever, from the pulpit.

WHAT HE OBSERVED IT DO FOR OTHERS

Brengle told of a young man who felt the need for a clean heart. He went home, took his Bible, and

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kneeling down by his bed, read from the second chapter of Acts. This young man then told Yahweh that he would not get up from his knees until he had received a clean heart and was full of the holy Spirit. Yahweh answered – *"and his face did shine and his testimony did burn in people's hearts after that."* One of Brengle's friends doubted whether there was such an experience, but, after observing the lives of those who professed it, concluded that he could not serve Yahweh acceptably without holiness. His difficulty was coming to the point where he could take it by faith. He had expected to receive it 'sometime', and had looked forward to the time when he would be pure, but at last he saw that it must be claimed NOW, and right there began his fight of faith as he fought with satan for victory 'now'. The devil had often got the victory before but this time the man would not cast away his confidence, but came *'boldly unto the throne of grace,'* obtained mercy and found grace to help in time of need (*Heb. 4:16*). The devil was conquered by faith and Brengle's friend walked away with the blessing of a clean heart.

One of the conditions attached to obtaining sanctification is the giving up of the 'evil heart of unbelief'. Another friend gave up everything except this and waited for Yahweh to give him the blessing. "Good" believers don't like to admit that they have any unbelief remaining in them, but until they acknowledge this and take Yahweh's part against themselves, He cannot sanctify them. When Brengle's friend acknowledged and finally gave up his 'evil heart of unbelief' he was ready for battle. Satan came just as before *"You say you are on the altar but you don't feel any different; you don't feel like others feel; you are a hypocrite – you know you can't control your quick temper..."* this time the man was able to answer *"I don't care if I don't feel any different, I am Yahweh's – I don't care if I don't feel like others; I am Yahweh's – whether He chooses to bless me or not: I will trust Yahweh to manage my temper."* The man felt a stillness within him – he became determined to stand on the promises of Yahweh forever, whether Yahweh blessed him or not. It was his place of victory; and Yahweh blessed him.

There was another man, a negro by the name of George, who was over six feet tall with a broad chest and brawny arms. One day he was put off a bus in a most brutal and indecent manner. Someone who knew of his past fighting record asked, *"Why didn't you fight him, George?"*

"I couldn't. Yahweh has taken all the fight out of me!" was the reply.

Blessed be the Sanctifier who exchanges our old nature for HIS! †



**John Wesley
on
SANCTIFICATION**
by Lee Yoong Pin

John Wesley lived in a period of gross darkness in England, the period prior to the French Revolution when moral decay had set in on both sides of the English Channel. Together with George Whitefield, John Wesley and his preachers effected a tremendous influence on the lifestyle of the people; the salt of the Evangel of Yahshua the Messiah helped to successfully defuse the time bomb of anarchy and bloodshed which had been set to explode in England the same way as it had in France.

An ordained minister of the Church of England, John Wesley caused no small stir when he began to preach justification and sanctification through faith; as a reward the pulpits in London were closed to him! Riding on horseback, he took to the 'fields of sin' after the example of Whitefield and preached in village and city. Yahweh was with him, lifting up many from a life of degradation and sin to a life of blessed peace. The converts, and sometimes Wesley himself, suffered persecution, but they met this without flinching. Serving the One Who had saved him, Wesley was a wandering preacher for half a century; he travelled about 250,000 miles and preached on 40,000 occasions. The basis of Wesley's work for his Master can be traced to the experience he had at his conversion. He testified to an assurance that Yahshua had taken his sins away, and warmed his heart in a wonderful way one night in May 1738. When he was sanctified by faith in Yahshua, Wesley was given an explanation of this experience, and the "Full Assurance of Faith" was described to him in these words, "*Repose in the blood of Yahshua; a firm*

Full Assurance of



confidence in Yahweh, and persuasion of His favour; the highest tranquility, and peace of mind; with deliverance from every fleshly desire, and a cessation of all, even inward sins." the word "repose" means "to rest oneself, to be lying on and be supported (as in sleep)." (Concise Oxford Dictionary) What a descriptive word for the completeness of trust a believer should have in Yahshua's blood!

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Wesley saw that it was possible, in this life, to be perfect in the way that the Bible views perfection. Perfection is another word for entire sanctification or holiness. That the Elohim of the Scriptures should repeat again and again the command, "*Be perfect, be holy,*" showed him that Yahweh requires this of His children; and that it is possible to obtain it, because His word also promises it. Sanctification begins the moment a person is justified, yet the root of sin remains in him until entire sanctification, at which time he is sanctified throughout. Thus to be entirely sanctified is to be free from sin, including the inbred sin of the heart and the thought-life. (Yahshua listed the manifestations of the condition of the human heart; evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. *Mark 7:21-22 N.A.S.V.*) A pure heart, free from every such manifestation, is the wonder of entire sanctification.

Because sin is the transgression of the law (*1 John 3:4*)

a person really is free from sin only if there is no law, or if the existence of such a law is unknown to him. Perfection is the state in which a person will do no *voluntary* sin. Wesley appreciated the fact, however, that involuntary transgressions do occur; they occur when the existence of a divine law is unknown to us, or when a transgression occurs without our will co-operating in it. Such involuntary transgressions, (called sins by some, but improperly so), yet need the cleansing blood of Yahshua as much as the properly designated sins. This brings to mind that wonderful Scripture in 1 John 1:7, which says, *"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahshua the Messiah His Son cleanseth us from all sin."* We see here that the believers spoken of are sanctified, because (1) the Scripture represents them as walking in the light (contrasted with darkness, sin); and (2) the blood of Yahshua, Yahweh's son cleanses them from all sin (note: not just some, but *all* sin). We could justly infer that the 'all sin' mentioned here includes involuntary transgressions. In divine law Yahweh is uncompromisingly just, and every transgression, voluntary or involuntary, needs a satisfactory conclusion – propitiation in Yahshua's blood – even though, in the believer's account, the status of involuntary transgression still remains unchanged. Let me give you an illustration. For some years, a group of believers of my acquaintance, who loved Yahweh and sought to please Him by walking in all His ways, had not been keeping Yahweh's Sabbath day; the light of this truth had not been revealed to their hearts by the holy Spirit (therefore it was an unknown law to them). They were walking, nevertheless, in all the light which they had received up till then, and were very much blessed of Yahweh. But they were transgressing the fourth commandment week in and week out. How could Yahweh bless them so? The answer to that is simple yet profound. Each week, in Yahweh's mercy, the blood of Yahshua covered and cleansed them from this involuntary transgression! When the light came to them, however, they could no longer be 'involuntary' about this law, since it had become a known law. They would be expected to walk in the fulness of that light and revelation! For this reason it is quite Scriptural for the entirely sanctified to pray for the cleansing of involuntary transgressions. Perfection, therefore, is not a state where we are free from involuntary transgression or from making mistakes. Neither is the person whom Yahweh considers perfect

necessarily perfect in knowledge, secular or Spiritual; humans, albeit redeemed, are still in 'earthen vessels' which are prone to physical decay with corresponding results in the faculties. The perfect are not freed from temptation, but the grace of sanctification has the power to overcome temptations.

A NEW HEART

To be sanctified is to be renewed in the image of Yahweh, in righteousness and true holiness. Wesley firmly believed in the law and commandments of Yahweh. The scriptures say that love is the fulfilling of the law (*Rom. 13:10*). The first commandment is to love Yahweh with all our heart, mind, soul and strength; the second is to love our neighbour as ourselves. In order to be able to do this a change of heart is needed. Yahweh says He will take out the heart of stone and exchange it for a heart of flesh – in other words a circumcision of the heart. Into this new and soft heart Yahweh can pour His divine love to capacity, and no room can be found for sin. (*1 John 4:17*) The love of Yahweh is a very practical affair. It originates from Himself and works inside us to produce all the qualities which the apostle Saul says are demonstrative of love (*1 Corinthians 13*). It goes out from us to our neighbour with all its divine attributes; and it returns in adoration and devotion to Yahweh who gave it. Love never fails! Sanctification is a free gift of grace. Just as a person is justified in an instant of time, so also is he sanctified instantaneously. Wesley did allow that a gradual work should precede, as well as follow, the experience of entire sanctification, although the experience itself is wrought in an instant. He reasoned that a person may be dying to sin for some time, yet is he not dead to sin till sin is separated from his soul; and then he lives the full life of love. Only a simple act of faith is required. Believe that Yahshua suffered and died for you, and that His blood has the power to cleanse you of both the guilt and the power of sin. The seeker of sanctification should have a disgust of the sinful nature that remains in him and a vehement desire to be delivered from it. He will have the witness of the Spirit when the gift is given and the work done. Entire sanctification is not *obtained* by 'growing into it', but we *can* 'grow in it'! Entire sanctification is not a state from which we cannot fall, but it is a state of deep, settled peace and joy, even in the midst of dire trials.

"Repose in the blood of Yahshua; a firm confidence in Yahweh, and persuasion of His favour; the highest tranquility, and peace of mind; with deliverance from every fleshly desire, and a cessation of all, even inward sins."

THE SONGS OF THE NEW HEART

The beautiful hymnody of Charles Wesley was a powerful carrier of the truth of entire sanctification which his brother upheld and proclaimed. It set to music the

praise and worship of many a sanctified heart, resounding far and wide. The hymns exalt the Man of Calvary and magnify His office as Sanctifier. Here are the words to one of the most sublime and well-loved of Charles' hymns as he originally wrote it! May Yahshua be exalted in our generation also, and men and women be filled with praise through knowing His perfect love in their hearts.

LOVE DIVINE

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth
come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies
crown.
Yahshua, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded
love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling
heart.*

*Breathe, oh breathe Thy loving Spirit into every
troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that second rest;
Take away our power of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive!
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples
leave;
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy
hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in Thy
perfect love.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation, pure and sinless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take
our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love,
and praise.*

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*El Yahweh bless you continually.
Halleluyah. Shalom."
J.O. (Nigeria)*

"Greetings in the wonderful name of our Saviour. I have known the Saviour since 1970. Since then He has never left me, nor let me down. I would rather die than forsake such a wonderful Friend and Saviour, my determination is to know Him more and more, dig deeper into His word and power, and serve Him better. I am very grateful for the booklet 'Ministry of Yahshua by John', which you sent to me. Though I have read the book of John a couple of times, I find this copy very interesting with the new Names in it. The tract 'What is His Son's Name?' is also very interesting. I love the contents. I also appreciate Reality 37. I have gone through the first article 'The Coming World Crisis' by Peter Warsop. The article has awakened me to watch and pray every minute, for the Master must return. I am persuaded Yahweh will not allow this wonderful Ministry to fail, for my life and that of others is being enriched, Spiritually, through the fruits of your ministry. May the Great One Who laid this burden on your heart, to show His precious Son to the world, give you the grace to carry on your great task till He comes back. Yours in His love."

P.E.N. (Nigeria)

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K.W.M. (Kenya)



At Work In The Valley

by Daniel J. Smith

Thirty-two years ago I received a dramatic, life-changing experience. When I was twenty-one the Saviour met me, saved me and delivered me from a life of base sin. On that unforgettable night I made a promise that I would serve Him for the remainder of my life, and there began the most exhilarating and joyful experience a person can know. Although life was not without its problems, every day was a new adventure as I exulted in my new-found experience. How was it, then, that twenty years later I found myself, seemingly a broken man, a dismal failure, with no power to serve the One I loved and had promised, so sincerely, to serve?

MY HUNGER FOR PURITY

This deep, valley experience began for me shortly after our congregation had been moved by the holy Spirit

in this present world. But the holy Spirit did not agree! The more I excused myself the more He convicted me, and the more unhappy I became. My ministry became dry, meaningless, empty and ineffective. As the teaching continued in our

some areas of my life, its awesome power was not broken. The words of an old hymn came to my mind.

*Rock of ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

(2 Chron. 7:14)

to begin to pray for revival. We longed to see revival in our land and were much exercised by the promise, *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* (2 Chron. 7:14)

We took this word to our hearts and earnestly began to fast and pray that the holy Spirit would begin to move on our land. Instead, something else happened, something we least expected. Before the longed-for revival could begin, our heavenly Father had first to do a work in us. Then began a sequence of events which were to lead to a transformation in my life and to fit me for the service of Him I loved.

First the holy Spirit began to convict of sin, reminding us about holiness, *"...without which no man shall see Yahweh."* (Heb. 12:14). What a shock it was to me as He began to pin-point certain areas in my life that were not pleasing. For years I had excused the 'little sins' which continually beset me, assured that 'Yahweh understood'. After all, He knew that I was 'only human'. Really, what I was saying in my heart, if not with my lips, was that it was not possible to live above sin

meetings, I began to hear about such things as 'the root of sin', 'entire sanctification' and the 'new-heart experience', and as the holy Spirit worked among us, I found a growing hatred in my heart for the sin which bound me, and an increasing hunger for a clean heart. I resolved to seek for this, whatever the cost.

MY SEARCH FOR PURITY

First I turned to the Word, and no matter where I turned in the Book I could find *no excuse* for sin, and I knew that all sin must be judged. I discovered, afresh, people in the Bible who had been 'perfect' before Yahweh. I read of men and women who had not only found forgiveness and deliverance from the guilt of sin, but had also found deliverance from its awful power. This highlighted the root cause of my own problem. I had known the joy of sins forgiven, yet still, in

I began to seek Yahweh with a great agony. I prayed more earnestly and spent time in fasting. There were times when I found some relief from the misery of my condition, but no lasting change. I sought help from other ministers who advised, counselled and prayed with me faithfully during this terrible time. Still I found no real change, and consequently was filled with frustration and despair. I felt disappointed and defeated, not knowing what to do, or which way to turn. I had no desire to read the Word, yet was desperately unhappy. Death, it seemed, would be a glorious release, but I was afraid to die. What I didn't realise until later was that during this traumatic time Yahshua never deserted me, but, instead, was engineering circumstances to bring me to that which I most earnestly desired.

THE LIGHT COMES

Towards the end of my desperate search, I resolved to go on a fast of indeterminate length, until I found the answer to my miserable existence. At this time I was reading my Bible only spasmodically and it had become dry and meaningless. On the third day of my fast I opened a book and

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(Heb. 12:14)

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

(Ez. 36:25-26)

"I will also save you from all your uncleanness..."

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my eye caught a reference to the Scriptures, *"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."* (Ez. 36:25-26) and, *"I will also save you from all your uncleanness..."* (v.29). As I read there came a faint glimmer in the darkness of my heart, and, somehow, a ray of hope.

The next morning I gathered with other ministers from the various departments of the college, as was our practice. The normal routine during these gatherings was a short discussion to decide on matters for prayer, a time of prayer, and then dispersal to our various places of responsibility. None of us was really prepared for what was to happen that day. Our discussion time had ended and we knelt to pray. As the prayer time drew to a close I became aware that others were rising to their feet. When I tried to rise I couldn't, an unseen power held me in its grip, and I remained in a kneeling position. The holy Spirit began to work and I found myself groaning and travailing. In desperation I began to call on Yahweh. Then I found myself prostrate on the floor, conscious only of a great wrestling within and a helplessness to do anything about it. As

the battle became more intense, two of my fellow ministers, aware that something dramatic was taking place, drew near and began to pray with me. Almost immediately there was a manifestation of the presence of evil spirits. As prayer was made two spirits were cast out, naming themselves as they did so. The first was idolatry, the second was a spirit of uncleanness. Significantly Yahweh had said He would cleanse me *"...from all your filthiness, and from all your idols..."* as I had read the word

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in Ezekiel. After the deliverance came a beautiful prophecy, which I have carried around in my Bible ever since. It reads as follows: *"I have chosen you, My son, that you might walk with Me in purity, in holiness and truth, and you shall be free. You shall know the joy of an unfettered soul, of a soul unencumbered with sin; for I have chosen you. You shall walk before Me in peace and I shall be with you, and the power of the enemy shall no longer bind you, for I have chosen to free you; for whom I set free is free indeed; for whom I set free is free indeed."* The minister instrumental in bringing the prophecy had no

knowledge of my problem nor of the darkness and misery in my soul; but that day my heart was set rejoicing, and I knew that Yahweh had begun a great work in me.

THE WORK COMPLETED

Some weeks passed during which the holy Spirit was preparing me for the completion of the work He had begun. There was more prayer, more counselling and deliverance. My hungry heart devoured the ministered word and, daily, my faith increased. Then one day, in the quietness of a Sabbath meeting, the work was done. Yahweh removed my stony heart and gave me a heart of flesh; a heart with which to love Him, a heart that enables me to serve Him in newness of spirit; a heart that is free from both the guilt, and power of sin; a heart that enables me to walk as a free son of Yahweh. Now I can truly say that sin no longer has dominion over me – halleluyah!

This experience happened around 1976, and from that time to the present I have known the joy of a soul unencumbered by sin. My life and ministry have taken on a new dimension, and, year by year, I am aware of a growth and maturity taking place in my inner man that, before, I had never thought would be possible. Truly those who have entered into the glorious experience of sanctification can join with Saul in saying, *"...thanks be unto Yahweh, which always causeth us to triumph in Yahshua..."* (2 Cor. 2:14) Halleluyah!! ¶

The work of RIGHTEOUSNESS

In the grossly immoral and evil world in which we live, is it possible for a person to live a pure and holy life, one that is above the power of sin? Some would say not, but men have written, even in this century, of an experience that has enabled them to walk in holiness—the experience is that of sanctification. What is sanctification? In simple terms it is the destruction of sin and its power in a person's life; an experience which produces the qualities of holiness. The Scriptures testify to the glorious end of a life lived in holiness — *"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see Yahweh."* (Matt. 5:8)

From the fall of Adam, every person born has inherited a sinful nature which produces acts of sin. All through the ages man has struggled with the power of sin within him but has been unable to free himself. Yahweh, because of His love for us, at first made a way by which man's sins could be covered — through the sacrificial offering of certain animals. Through ensuing generations, countless animals were slaughtered on altars because of man's sin, but man continued to commit sin, for the nature he inherited worked in him to produce acts of sin. Onto this scene of human crisis, Yahshua came with a message of forgiveness through repentance.



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This message He preached in anticipation of His own death as the 'Lamb of Yahweh', for there could be no forgiveness without the shedding of blood (*Heb. 9:22*). The shed blood of Yahshua was effective in the cleansing of our consciences from the acts of our sinful nature. How wonderful it was when our sins were completely forgotten, and as, forgiven, we stood before the Creator, justified.

At our conversion there is joy in knowing forgiveness, but we know little of the fountain of corruption that dwells within us. Jeremiah says *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..."* (*Jer. 17:9*). Before we came to Yahshua for cleansing, sin dominated our hearts, and this was, to us, normality. However, after being cleansed of our sinful deeds our carnal mind seemed, for a time, to be dead, and all was glorious and new! Later we found that it was by no means dead. Buried deep in our hearts was the root that inclined our hearts to sin.

THE ROOT OF SIN

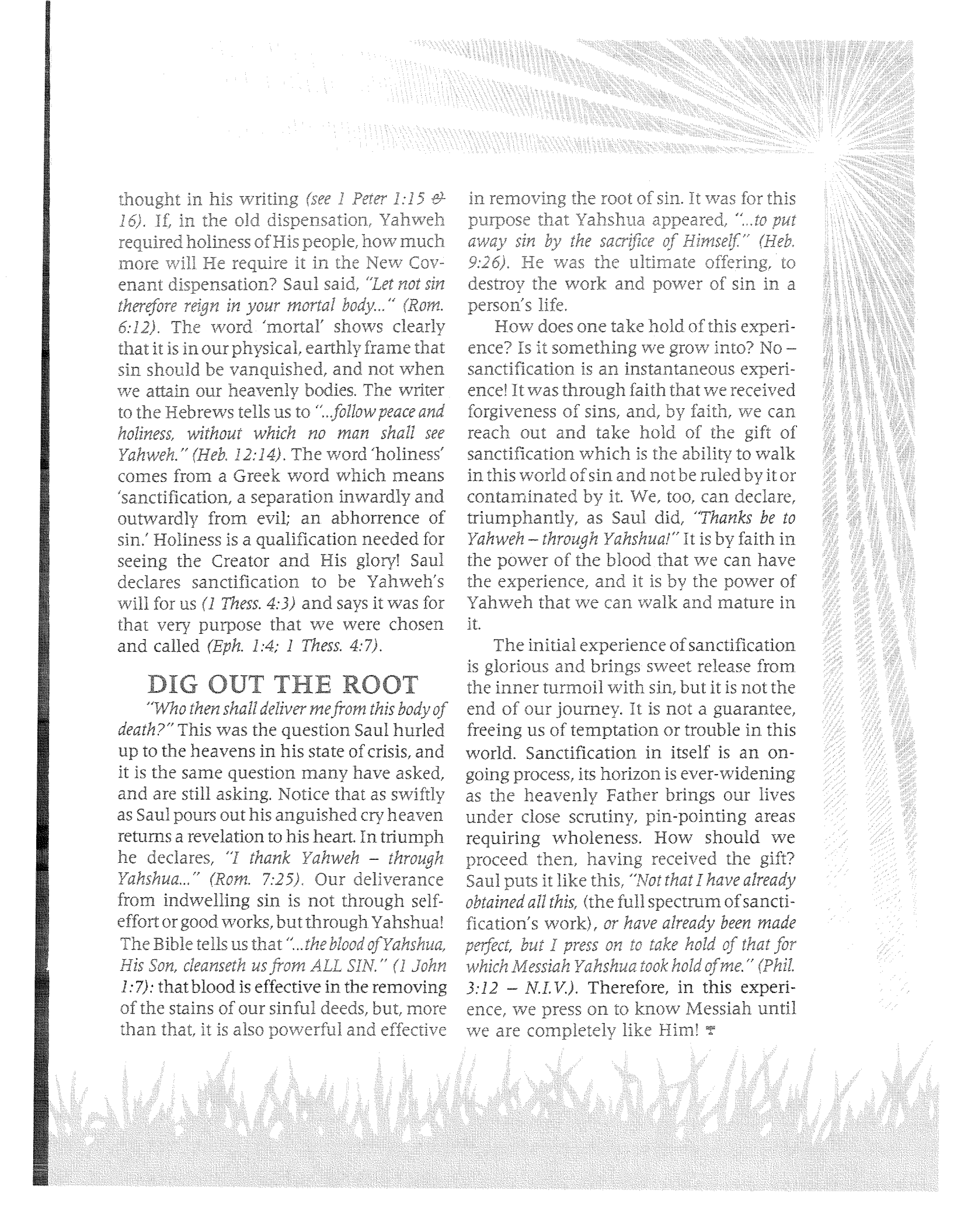
David was a man who had served faithfully for many years, but he, too, had trouble with sin. After committing adultery with Bathsheba and then murdering her husband, Uriah, David saw his own wretchedness, and, acknowledging his sin, pleaded with the Almighty, *"Create in me a clean heart, O Yahweh..."* (*Psalms 51:10*) What was David saying? He was expressing his need for an experience that would rid him of his old heart, the one that was inclined to do wrong, a heart that was defiled by sin. He was requesting a new heart, one that was different from the old, a heart in

which every inclination would be towards Yahweh. David's plea was *"Create in me..."* It's not recorded that he said *"Evolve in me..."* No! When Yahweh was creating our world He spoke the word and it was so; the experience of sanctification for which David pleaded comes by that same creative power.

Many people have experienced more inner conflict after their conversion than when they first became aware of their wretchedness and need for a Saviour. The apostle Saul was no exception. He said *"...in my inner being I delight in Yahweh's law..."* (*Rom. 7:22 N.I.V.*) but he found, also, that another force was at work in him – waging war against the Spiritual man. Saul is seen here – and this is some time after his conversion – in agony of soul because he loves the law of Yahweh and longs to fulfil it, but is forced, by a stronger power than himself, to do that which is contrary to the law. That power is the power of sin. Saul's inner struggle rushes to a climax and he cries out in desperation, *"Oh wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?"* (*Cited from Rom. 7:24*). This, I believe, has been the cry of many believers down through the ages. Many, desiring a closer relationship with Yahweh, experience this inner grappling with sin; it is a conflict so fierce that some have concluded that it is impossible to be free, yet the Bible clearly teaches the need for sanctification.

Even during the dispensation of animal sacrifice Yahweh is seen to be exhorting the children of Israel, *"...ye shall be holy; for I am holy..."* (*Lev. 11:44 & 45*), and Peter considered it necessary to echo the same





thought in his writing (see *1 Peter 1:15 & 16*). If, in the old dispensation, Yahweh required holiness of His people, how much more will He require it in the New Covenant dispensation? Saul said, *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body..."* (*Rom. 6:12*). The word 'mortal' shows clearly that it is in our physical, earthly frame that sin should be vanquished, and not when we attain our heavenly bodies. The writer to the Hebrews tells us to *"...follow peace and holiness, without which no man shall see Yahweh."* (*Heb. 12:14*). The word 'holiness' comes from a Greek word which means 'sanctification, a separation inwardly and outwardly from evil; an abhorrence of sin.' Holiness is a qualification needed for seeing the Creator and His glory! Saul declares sanctification to be Yahweh's will for us (*1 Thess. 4:3*) and says it was for that very purpose that we were chosen and called (*Eph. 1:4; 1 Thess. 4:7*).

DIG OUT THE ROOT

"Who then shall deliver me from this body of death?" This was the question Saul hurled up to the heavens in his state of crisis, and it is the same question many have asked, and are still asking. Notice that as swiftly as Saul pours out his anguished cry heaven returns a revelation to his heart. In triumph he declares, *"I thank Yahweh – through Yahshua..."* (*Rom. 7:25*). Our deliverance from indwelling sin is not through self-effort or good works, but through Yahshua! The Bible tells us that *"...the blood of Yahshua, His Son, cleanseth us from ALL SIN."* (*1 John 1:7*): that blood is effective in the removing of the stains of our sinful deeds, but, more than that, it is also powerful and effective

in removing the root of sin. It was for this purpose that Yahshua appeared, *"...to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."* (*Heb. 9:26*). He was the ultimate offering, to destroy the work and power of sin in a person's life.

How does one take hold of this experience? Is it something we grow into? No – sanctification is an instantaneous experience! It was through faith that we received forgiveness of sins, and, by faith, we can reach out and take hold of the gift of sanctification which is the ability to walk in this world of sin and not be ruled by it or contaminated by it. We, too, can declare, triumphantly, as Saul did, *"Thanks be to Yahweh – through Yahshua!"* It is by faith in the power of the blood that we can have the experience, and it is by the power of Yahweh that we can walk and mature in it.

The initial experience of sanctification is glorious and brings sweet release from the inner turmoil with sin, but it is not the end of our journey. It is not a guarantee, freeing us of temptation or trouble in this world. Sanctification in itself is an ongoing process, its horizon is ever-widening as the heavenly Father brings our lives under close scrutiny, pin-pointing areas requiring wholeness. How should we proceed then, having received the gift? Saul puts it like this, *"Not that I have already obtained all this, (the full spectrum of sanctification's work), or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Messiah Yahshua took hold of me."* (*Phil. 3:12 – N.I.V.*). Therefore, in this experience, we press on to know Messiah until we are completely like Him! †

by faith alone



Charles Grandison Finney
on
SANCTIFICATION
by Nathan Prince

Charles Grandison Finney was one of the greatest evangelists the world has ever known. Born the seventh child of a Connecticut farmer on 29th August 1792, he was well educated and began to study law at the age of 26. During this period of his life he became very conscious of his sinfulness and in 1812, through faith in Yahshua, he entered into peace with Yahweh and received a mighty baptism of the holy Spirit.

Finney knew, from the day of his salvation, that he was called, by Yahweh, to be a soul-winner. As an evangelist he witnessed many thousands turning from sin to salvation. His experiences with his converts taught him that a deeper work of the Spirit was needed to enable believers to live continually above sin. This started him searching for the truth concerning sanctification. He came to the conclusion that a state of entire sanctification was never to be attained by:-

1. ...an indifferent waiting for Yahweh's time.
2. ...works performed by and in one's own strength.
3. ...attempting to copy the experience of others.
4. ...a long introduction of preparatory exercises.
5. ...any particular manner, or at any time or place upon which the mind may determine;

for, invariably, one will be deceived or disappointed in the result. The Bible says that the wisdom of man is foolishness to Yahweh – our ways are not His ways nor our thoughts His thoughts.

"But", says Finney, "*this state is to be attained by faith alone!*" Both justification and sanctification are by faith alone. Finney wanted people to understand that his teaching on sanctification by faith was in no way distinct from, or opposed to, the work of the holy spirit, or an experience of Yahshua, our Sanctifier, living and reigning in our hearts, for faith is the instrument appropriating the Messiah in His different offices, to each particular need of the soul. He believed that the state of entire sanctification can be attained in this life, and that the process is a progressive one.

When first converted, if we could know enough of ourselves and of the Messiah to develop and correct the actions of the sensibility (i.e. one's own awareness) and so confirm our will in a state of entire sanctification, we would not fall. In most, if not all instances, however, the convert is too ignorant of himself and, of course, knows too little about the Messiah to be established in permanent obedience. He needs

renewed conviction of sin, he needs a revelation of himself, and he needs to have Yahshua formed and revealed in him, before he will be steadfast in Yahweh.

THE PROGRESSIVE PROCESS

Temptation, Finney suggested, can be a means of revealing one's need, and the holy Spirit is always ready to reveal Yahshua in relation to a newly-recognized need. Perception and appropriation of Him at such a time is only possible as one remains in a state of entire sanctification. "Sanctification," he says, in his book "SANCTIFICATION", "is simply the ability of the Messiah to meet all my needs," and he goes on to discuss fifty-four facets in our relationship with the Messiah in which he can be apprehended by the believer as the Satisfier of the soul. In an article of this size I could not do justice to each one but would like simply to mention four.

1. AS KING
2. AS MADE SIN FOR US.
3. AS OUR ALL IN ALL
4. AS OUR STRENGTH

1. **AS KING:** to set up His government and work His laws in our hearts. To establish His kingdom within us; to sway His sceptre over our whole being. As King He must be Spiritually revealed and apprehended. That means to seize, arrest, take hold of the Messiah by experience, and let Him rule in us.

2. **AS MADE SIN FOR US:** We need to apprehend Him as the embodiment of sin for us. He was made as such, and is available to the believer through the atonement and indwelling of the Spirit.

3. **AS OUR ALL IN ALL:** In Colossians we read "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew...bond nor free...but Messiah is all, and in all." Sin has so becrazed and befooled man that when Yahshua tells him "...without Me you can do nothing..." (John 15:5) he neither apprehends what nor how much he means, until one trial after another fully develops the appalling (or wonderful?) fact that he is nothing, so far as Spiritual good is concerned, and Messiah is ALL and in ALL! The psalmist

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could say, "All my springs are in thee.." (Ps. 87:7). He is the fountain of life. Whatever life is in us flows directly from Him, as the sap flows from the vine to the branches. Our activity, though properly our own, is nevertheless stimulated and directed by His Presence within us.

4. **AS OUR STRENGTH:** We must know Yahshua as 'our strength', and this is a condition of entire sanctification. We are commanded, said Finney, to be strong in Yahweh, that is, to appropriate His strength by faith. Those who hold this as an opinion, a tenet, a say-so, but continue to live in sin neither understand, nor believe that Yahweh is their strength. If the real meaning of this...our strength...were Spiritually apprehended and embraced from the heart, one would no more live in sin. We need therefore:-

- a) The Spiritual apprehension of our own weakness, its nature and degree.
- b) The revelation of Messiah to us, as our strength by the holy Spirit.

When we have attained to this understanding, and as we apprehend Yahshua more and more, we die more and more to self and He lives more and more in us, until we no longer live but He lives, rules and reigns in our hearts. Even so, come Yahshua!