

## A Spiritual Heritage

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,  
Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory”, Ephesians 1:13-14.

Do we try to ‘PRESERVE’ or ‘CHERISH’ our spiritual heritage? Friend, it cannot be one or the other, it has to be BOTH.

Many years ago at a clergy meeting, a Christian medical doctor was speaking to the meeting, and used the following example

A middle-aged wife was getting more frustrated with her husband’s alleged inability to help around the house. Finally, she made an appointment for him with the local doctor.

After his examination, he asked the doctor to tell him in simple English what was wrong.

The doctor’s reply was short, and in simple English, “You are simply lazy”.

“Ok”, the husband answered, “but what is the medical term?”

Today, many Christians put more into preserving their Godly slackness, than non christians put into preserving their laziness!

God has sealed us with the ‘Spirit of promise’. God also gave the disciples the same Spirit of promise. Why? Because Jesus was the personification of the Holy Spirit, as much as He was the personification of the Father.

Jesus had no desire to sever the direct link He had established between His People and the Godhead.

Jesus sent His Disciples out to minister, “And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give”, Matthew 10:7-8.

They were to preach, heal the sick, restore the lepers, restore life to the dead, they were to do all these things freely.

Jesus promised the disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be with them at all times.

In the Book of Acts the Holy Spirit descended, “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”, Acts 2:1-4.

The Holy Spirit descended SUDDENLY, He would be with God’s People immediately He was needed.

He appeared as a cloven tongue of fire. He would not hurt God’s People, but was there to burn the dross and purify those who were seeking a cleansing from the Lord.

He gave the disciples the Word to use, in a language understood by those present.

Those who claim their Spiritual Heritage, as Christians, are

Baptised - immersed - with the Spirit, 1:5 and 11:15-17.

Filled - as a vessel - with the Spirit, 2:4; 4:31 and 6:5.

Receiving the Spirit - as a gift, 2:38; 8:15-17 and 10:47.

He falls upon them - as being poured out, 8:15-19; 10:44-45 and 11:15;

He comes upon God's People - as an enveloping cloud, 19:6.

The Holy Spirit given - laden with gifts - 2:38; 8:18-19 and 11:16-17,

Have YOU, my friend, claimed your Spiritual Heritage?