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FAITH ESTABLISHING THE CHIRST CONSCIOUSNESS.

In our Responsive Service, the lesson is based upon the experiences of the followers of Jesus Christ in that upper room in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. I would say in beginning that this is a lesson on evolution. ^{the} Evolution of man from the natural to the spiritual consciousness. We think that in order to understand evolution we must study

Huxley and Darwin for there they have a *topical practical* evidence of the changes that have gone on in the development of the body, the body of man. Well how about the mind and the soul. ^{is the ultimate} ~~Is there any~~

~~evidence~~ in the study of these evolutionary authorities as to the

development of man's higher principles? No they leave that to religion.

But religion as a rule doesn't recognize that there is really an evolution

of man religiously, but if you study this Bible with the spiritual in-

spiration which belongs to ~~the~~ Holy Spirit consciousness, why you'll see

various
the ~~very~~ steps of the evolution. As I say, Darwin and *Huxley* carry you

along and show you that there has been degrees of unfoldment of body.

They tell you that the fish got out of the water and became a bird. And

the bird developed branches, that those who walked on the ground and some

flew in the air and step by step we have an unfoldment of body conscious-

ness. Now if you want to know what the next step of man's unfoldment is,

study the Bible. Here is spiritual evolution. It doesn't go into the

details of ^{the} material evolution, the physical bringing forth. That is just

a stage of the power of another dimension. We are getting an inkling at

least, of an entirely new dimension in which man is evolving. Now this ^{is}

brought forth in this lesson this morning, ^{the} followers of Jesus Christ

had the ^{word} and the ~~word~~, or the intelligence of the Master teacher

had entered into their consciousness and it had worked there ~~the~~ ^{evolving}

in mind. And that same evolution is going on in every one of us who receive first the word, or the thought in the mind and that brings forth fruit.

Now this day of Pentecost was the first fruits or the celebration of the escape of the children of Israel or bringing to their remembrance that they had escaped from Egypt. What does that mean in the individual? Why you lived up to the present time in a three dimension^l world, merely physical. We didn't know anything beyond the height and the breadth and depth of the material world. *You may* have been taught that material *things* thoughts

weren't always just what they seemed to be but when it comes right down to functioning and working, you always work from a three dimension plane. You have seen the sunrise in the morning and set in the evening and always you were regulated by them. You would go out and notice the progress of the sun. When we read of astronomy we are told that that wasn't really true. out but didn't become a demonstration. You couldn't feel in your thought that that process really was true. It wasn't true to the three dimension man. Well what is *the next step then* out of this ~~three dimensional~~ natural world? Why,

another dimension, another function in man and that function *first through the thought and* ~~in the body~~ then as the word. Now we are told in the lesson today that three thousand people were baptized and converted in that day.

There was not water enough in Jerusalem, *in the whole city to* baptize three thousand

people in one day. They haven't any water like we have ~~here~~. They have

little springs

It would take a long time to let water

enough to baptize three thousand people. Well now this was a baptism of

the Spirit. That's taught plainly. Jesus Christ didn't baptize with

water. He breathed upon them. He said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit."

He was teaching us that we could function on another plane of consciousness, ~~another~~ *the* plane of Spirit. That means that there is an interpenetrating

energy, a life, that is everywhere and working in us and through us and

through that we come to another world. *But it* ~~That~~ doesn't come all at once.

a Its a development. Its step by step unfoldment. And the first evidence

that you'll have of this after you have begun to think about it and work

in it will be this first fruit *or* and you'll get an illumination. That's

the *baptism*. You'll get the illumination and you'll begin to feel

the power of the Spirit and you'll have an understanding of spiritual

things that you can't explain. Now Paul taught about that in one of, I think it was one of the letters to the Corinthians. He said that he knew a certain man and he couldn't tell whether that man was in the Spirit or out of the Spirit. He talked about himself but didn't want to boast, didn't want to tell about the ⁺inferior experiences because he knew, as we know, that when you tell about those things the common race mind doesn't accept it and they ridicule. They say, "that's all moonshine. You're getting dizzy," and all that sort of thing. But he, Paul, *knew this* and he talked *as if it was the* ~~in the mixed~~ revelation of this some other man

that he knew. But all the time you ^{could} ~~can~~ see that he was talking about himself. He said he was lifted up into the third heaven and he saw unutterable things and things which he couldn't explain. ^{And yet he said,} /well now, don't think that I'm boasting, don't think that I'm bragging about this because well, virtually, I don't understand it very well. And yet it seemed to retain in his consciousness. He came into the realization that there was another world. Now that other world is as he recorded, the kingdom of the heavens. In you all, through you all, and about you all. And David had an inkling of that and this lesson today calls our attention to the forces,

principles entering into this consciousness of that higher realm, of that fourth dimension in which this interpenetrating element is active.

And David said, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand,"

that means the hand of power, "till I make thine enemies a footstool *of*

thy feet." "And the Lord said unto my Lord," now in the original the

word Lord there has, the two Lords have different meanings. "Jehovah said

unto my Messiah," now that's the correct translation. Jehovah, the great

universal said unto my Lord, or my Messiah, sit thou on my right hand.

In other words, get the idea of ^{the Christ} ^{all of} Spirit, then ~~are~~ your enemies. What are

your enemies? People? No. What? Why, this sense consciousness. That's

where you'll find all your enemies. Jesus said, "A man's enemies ^{are they} ~~are~~

of his own household." Now we've thought that that might mean our wife,

or husband or our children or stepmother or something like that. Now that

isn't the real meaning. It means that your household is your own thought

children, your own passion, your appetite, your animal *propensities*

There you'll find your enemies. When you begin to feel spiritual and

higher, these have to be converted, they have to be lifted up. Jesus

said he didn't come to save the righteous but sinners. So this baptism or

this entry into your consciousness of the higher principle, of the Holy Spirit power, Of course this power means something to everyone of us. That is, well, its accompanied with a change of consciousness. Now the records that John the Baptist ^{taught} brought, and Peter in this lesson was, redemption. When these Jews which crucified in the beginning the Christ understand it, the Christ principle, they say, "Well what are we going to do now to be saved from our sins?" Peter said, "Repent, repent." Well what is that word repent? Well what is that word repent? Why doesn't it mean simply a change of mind? In other words, the natural man has been

functioning altogether on a three dimension plane. He's been working from without, in outer things, in the crust of things, in the body consciousness altogether. Now that change of mind means that he must function from within instead of without. In other words, you go to center in consciousness. There's your change of mind. That change takes place in all people who begin to really think spiritually, ^{to} think ~~material~~. We see the evidence of that power ^{everywhere} but we don't stop to reflect about it, we don't think about it. Yet, in certain realms of material evolution, in the scientific world they are testing this power ^{invisible} ~~in principle~~ and they get

wonderful results but they don't enter ^{right} ~~hardly~~ into it. Now scientists

I think in Manhattan College not a great while ago have put ^{bands of} ~~steel~~ around a young ^{pumpkin} and he arranged it so that ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{pumpkin} grew it exerted a pressure on the dial which showed the power of that ^{pressure}. And the first growth that he recorded was sixty pounds. In growth the ^{pumpkin} had exerted the power of ^{sixty pounds} and the next was five hundred pounds. Just think that's how ^{the pumpkin} in ^{each} growth was exerting a lifting power, a standing power of five hundred pounds. And what was the source, Why a little ^{vine} about the size of

your finger. And the next was eleven hundred pounds and the next when it got its growth it had exerted the power of three thousand pounds.

^{Just a pumpkin} Where did all that power come from? Well, from the vine.

What did Jesus say? "I am the vine. I am the vine. Ye are the branches."

We are the ^{pumpkin}. But ~~we~~ don't always confine yourself to your ^{pumpkin} ~~body~~

appearance because its a good deal more than a ^{pumpkin} in the man that gets this idea but you must get the right idea. You must get the spiritual idea and ~~the~~ ^{through} connect yourself to this spiritual man in you with the great

source. Now ~~the~~ ^{feel} that little vine would draw ^{a power that would exert}

three thousand pounds pressure. *And* ~~You see~~ through the I am in man, that God center in everyone of us, we can draw from this universal mind and receive power, power from on high, power from our surroundings, power from within ourselves, in all you can think of. But you must realize that that power is a spiritual power. Then you must become acquainted with its laws. And that law is that you shall overcome *first* ~~the world~~, you shall overcome the disintegrating, dissipating forces of the natural man. The natural man is a good man. He isn't evil only as we make him evil. But *we must get the mastery* ~~the first step in mastering~~ of these enemies of this Jehovah mind in us

and put under our ^{feet}/. That means that we are to put the power of our spiritual control on to the things that are making enmity upon us. Now those old *heathens used to* ~~that~~ put their feet upon *necks* of their enemies. And they did worse than that. Well that is symbolized in this picture that is presented here of this higher principle in man, the Jehovah giving us the power to put ~~it~~ into subjection *to gain* ~~this same~~ control of all these seemingly disintegrating forces, these so-called evils. There is no evil to the man who has the *mastery* over himself. If you conquer yourself you're greater than he that has taken *a city*.

Now this day of Pentecost is a day that comes to everyone of us, ^{and it} which comes as a result of *study, endeavor* and especially that effort ^{is} directed ~~to~~ *ad* in the way of the development of the God in us.

We should recognize that this Holy Spirit which exerts such tremendous power in the world about us and really within us, which works in such wonderful ways to restore our bodies after we in our ignorance have partially destroyed them, we call it the healing power of nature but its wholly Spirit, its the whole Spirit of God restoring man to the ideal kingdom or the ideal relation which man bears to the *oversoul*, the great God of the world.

Now are we co-operating with that God mind? Are we praying and meditating and thinking about it? A man who aspired to be a minister heard a great sermon once and he was anxious to know from the one who delivered it ^{where} ~~how~~

he attained the ability and power. And he went to him and asked him, he

said, "Where did you get such a wonderful sermon?" And the man took him

to his *humble* home, took him to an upper room *apart where he worked*

and showed him over in one corner by the table a rug. And the rug had a

hole worn in it. He said, that's where I got the inspiration for that

sermon, by praying on my knees on that hole there. *I made that hole*

there from bring down on my knees

praying to God there for ~~strength and~~ ^{the spirit of} understanding

and power for guidance ^{or protection for} everything that man are seeking

and praying to God for I prayed often on my knees

My prayers have been daily prayers.

That's where ~~we get~~ ^{I got} the inspiration for that. So we all find that we

have to work with these spiritual powers if inspiration ^{comes} ~~goes~~ through prayer

just pray, pray without ceasing, said Paul.

So we find that we must pray. First we must pray with the understanding

And that understanding comes through meditation. Meditation in the

silence. And we must meditate without ~~completely~~ ^{collecting} antagonizing ~~our~~ ^{thoughts}

coming in.

within. Go to the inner closet. Now there's ~~there~~ ¹²⁰

followers of Jesus had been taught by ~~passed by~~ him.

They had depended upon his personality and he told them that he must go

away but the Holy Spirit ^{would come} ~~was on them~~. That Spirit is within everyone of

us. And if we're depending upon some personality for our truth

we'll be disappointed; it will have to be withdrawn before we can ^{awaken} ~~quicken~~

in ourselves the same Spirit that is in the one we have been watching

So these followers of Jesus were told to go to that upper room. It means

merely the high state of consciousness in the mind, ^{if you locate it} ~~physically~~

its in your top brain and there gather your people together, all your

thought people, all the thoughts that you know about God ^{good} and be of mind in one place and you'll draw to you a shower of spiritual ideas. You'll be a good deal like one of these focusing glasses, that draw the rays of the sunshine, focus it upon a piece of paper and set it afire. Well exactly the same process goes on in the mind when you get a lot of true ideas together. Hold them in your mind; affirm them as really yours in Spirit. You'll set afire the very cells of your organism. Your brain goes through a transformation and you'll find that there is an omnipresent Spirit working in everyone of us. But, to what extent are we letting it

work? Now this is the gift of the Holy Spirit. There is only one Spirit. One universal holy mother principle and it is the Holy Mother. And if we are not functioning in that holy mother consciousness, we have left out one of the large ^{elements} of a human being, especially a spiritually developed human being. We have probably intellectual consciousness but we ^{have} left out that great principle of the mother, the consciousness, well, the universal building and constructive power in man. That's the reason that so many men well, go physically into disease because they don't realize there is a ^{mother} principle in God mind. God ^{through} the holy mother has provided

a restoring, provided a rebuilding of the body. You know your attention has been called again and again to the discoveries of physical science, physiology, that the functions, you take the stomach of man rebuilds itself as it ^{is} used. That it would never wear out if it were rightly used. Well what is it that reconstructs, restores every part of man's organism?

It is the Holy Spirit. The whole spirit of God. Did you ever think of it in that connection? It is the whole spirit of God ~~working~~ ^{that} in man's consciousness when he will let it. But you must repent, you must change your point of view from the outer world to the inner world. But when ~~when~~ you

pray, go into that inner closet, close the door, pray to the Father in secret because God is Spirit. Now we may all have this holy Spirit baptism, we can have it every day and every moment of the day if we all go through the right attitude of the mind. If we take these steps from the ideas and try to get that idea in the mind or the *soul* of our minds, then letting it work there and then watching for the first fruit, then we change our ideas. Now some people when they get this change they think that its something along the line of sense consciousness. The people looked on the outer on this day of Pentecost and thought

that these followers of Jesus were intoxicated, had been drinking. That's the verdict of the worldly man, the man who lives on that outer plane. He attributes everything to some physical cause. Well now things don't all come from the physical. The fact is that everything has its spiritual side and as we recognize that spiritual side it begins to work but it doesn't work in our minds nor our bodies till we recognize it. We must recognize it and work with this restoring principle. We must recognize

as divine intelligence. And as we work with it it is raised ~~to~~ from the physical and mental to a spiritual action. You begin

to see things entirely different. It isn't work that we are doing all

by ourselves.

It is something that requires co-operation and

these Jews and *all the nation* that were interested in the Hebrew

religion gathered every year at Jerusalem for this *Pentecostal* feast.

They recognized almost intuitively or through the inspiration of

the Spirit, where a whole lot of minds are gathered together with one

idea that great power is exerted.

Now the Mohammedans gather every year to *Mecca* that same idea and

nearly all of our conventions have *back of them* this idea that we can all

get together and agree upon certain propositions it will be fulfilled.

Jesus Christ recognized that law when he said, "if two or three of you gather together in my name, there am I in the midst of you." Here is a great lesson in evolution of man from the physical to the spiritual. We must gather our thoughts together. And that begins with the individual. Get all of your true thoughts together and hold to what you know to be true and then exclude the negative. Put out of your mind everything that has to do with an *object*. People say, "well, I don't want to be one sided. I must be logical at least. I must use common sense." Be careful of that old boy common sense. He'll get you into more trouble than any other thing

in the universe, what we call common sense. Common sense is a good thing I presume but I'd rather have spiritual ideas, rather have one spiritual idea rather than all the common sense I ever had because common sense always got me into trouble and I never was *gotten* into trouble with a real spiritual idea. So when you gather your spiritual ideas together just eliminate for the time at least common sense. He'll come in all right. You'll find that when you get back to earth after one of these high idealistic experiences that you'll be hungry or you'll be cold or the sense man will appeal to you right away. Well don't be too alert in respond-

ing to this appeal of the natural man. Remember all the time that I am a spiritual man. I'm living in the spirit. I'm raising the natural to the spiritual plane. Keep your ideas ^{of spiritual truths} ~~spiritually~~ together. And in healing *now* we find that we must hold to these propositions in spite of appearance and finally the whole consciousness *comes to that step, begins* ~~a change~~ to take on the power of the Holy Spirit. Now these disciples of Jesus Christ, after this experience went out and sowed the holy spirit power broadcast everywhere. And Peter became a great healer. And *Philip* ~~John~~ became a baptizer and John became a healer. They all exercised this

power of the Holy Spirit. How did they do it? By holding to that. By believing it. By working in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the way we are developing today. What was true in the time of Jesus is true today. We are going to lift not only ourselves ^{AS} but the whole world out of material bondage. *Lift the material world out of bondage through* getting together ~~and holding~~ in holy Spirit consciousness. And so we're here this morning. If we have a unity of spiritual consciousness, based upon the truth that we are changing our minds, we're beginning to think in idea instead of *luck* ~~lack~~. And *whereas* ~~whatever~~ you think you get results, remember

that. If you concentrate your I am in your muscles why you'll get muscular development. If you concentrate your mind in your brain cells why you'll get brain cell results, *product* and if you concentrate your mind in spiritual ideas you'll get spiritual results. Now what do you want? Ask for what you want and pay for it and you'll get it. And you have to pay by attention, give attention to the wonderful lesson which Jesus and his disciples have forcibly set out here in this gospel. Study it with the idea of Spirit, not only study it but apply it. Get yourself together. Believe in the power of the Spirit in

you, and that belief will raise you to a new world, a world that is coming into expression on every side today. And it will cause a lot of disturbance in the old world. We claim that the earthquakes and cyclones and the floods are all a result of the *impact* of the mind of the race upon the earth. Some people say, "How could the mind of the people effect these physical things in that way, *well,* and how did the mind of nature through the pumpkins produce the expression for a three thousand *power*? How was that accounted for? Through the mind, the impact of ~~the~~ mind on matter. And the race thought I tell you is being poured out upon

the body and material things but it can be poured out in a specific way, in a harmonious way, a constructive way instead of destructive. It depends upon the mental attitude of the people. How are we thinking about each other? How are we thinking about God? Are we thinking war and destruction? If so, war and destruction will be made manifest. ^{If} We have been thinking ^{Peace} love and harmony, ^{peace} love and harmony will be made manifest in our bodies and in our minds. Lets think the Christ. Lets think according to the Christ thoughts. Lets radiate that love, that truth, that ^{peace} principle, that gentleness, that kindness, and that health and harmony ^{which} ~~that~~ belongs

to us under divine law, and is manifest to us this day through the power of the Holy Spirit.