

First of all, do we desire the filling of the Spirit? if we wish to serve Christ acceptably, the answer must be "Yes!" The Holy Spirit must take possession and control of our thoughts, our feelings, our senses, our will, so that we can do the will of God in His power, for His purposes, and for His glory. If we wish to avoid attempting to do God's work in our own strength, by means of our own natural abilities, to accomplish our own purposes, and to secure our own glory; then we must be filled with the Spirit! The filling of the Spirit to enable us to do God's work is not a luxury but a necessity!

"O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
Revive thy church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit Thy Church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Thy tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive Thy Church in every part.

O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'Tis there we find our strength and rest
Our broken contrite hearts now solace,
And let Thy waiting Church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting.
Equip Thy Church to spread the light.

Amen."

(Bessie P. Head)

Second, do we desire the fullness of the Spirit in our lives? if we wish to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the answer must be "Yes!" The Holy Spirit must take possession of the development of my character and of its expression, internal and external, in my conduct and behavior, so that my life will become less and less inclined toward sin and more and more disposed toward righteousness. If I wish to live a life which is at one and the same time pleasing to God, beneficial to other human beings, and filled with meaning and significance for myself, then I must be full of the Holy Spirit. Again, this is not a luxury, but a necessity if I am to live a holy life!

REVIEW

In this study of the Spirit of God and His work, we have learned that the Holy Spirit is a real, living person, capable of personal relationships with us. We have also learned that He is a divine Person, and as such is present everywhere at all times. For those who have eyes to see Him, the Spirit of God is always here and now.