

## THE HOLY SPIRIT



*He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine,  
and shall show it unto you.*

—John 16:14

Our Lord, on the last night that He was with His disciples, promised to send the Holy Spirit as a Comforter. Although His bodily presence was removed, they would realize His presence in them and with them in a wonderful way. The Holy Spirit would so reveal Christ in their hearts, that they would experience His presence with them continually. The Spirit would glorify Christ and would reveal the glorified Christ in heavenly love and power.

How little do Christians understand, believe, and experience this glorious truth! Ministers would fail in their duties if, in a book like this or in their preaching, they encouraged Christians to love the Lord Jesus without at the same time warning them that it is not a duty they can perform in their own strength. No, that is impossible; it is God, the Holy Spirit alone, who will pour out His love in our hearts (see Romans 5:5) and will teach us to love Him fervently. Through the Holy Spirit we may experience the love and abiding presence of the Lord Jesus throughout the day.

But let us remember that the Spirit of God must have entire possession of us. He claims our hearts and our entire lives. He will strengthen us with might in the inner man (see Ephesians 3:16), so that we may have fellowship with Christ, keep His commandments, and abide in His love.

Once we have grasped this truth, we will begin to feel our deep dependence on the Holy Spirit and will ask the Father to send Him in power into our hearts. The Spirit will teach us to love the Word, to meditate on it, and to keep it. He will reveal the love of Christ to us, so that we may love Him "*with a pure heart fervently*" (1 Pet. 1:22). Then we will begin to see that having the love of Christ in the midst of our daily lives and distractions is a glorious possibility and a blessed reality.