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Stands for the restoration of the faith once delivered unto the saints—the old time religion, of camp meetings, revivals, missions, street and prison work and Christian Unity everywhere.

Teaching on Repentance—Mark 1:14, 15 Godly Sorrow for Sin, Example—Matt. 9:13. 2 Cor. 7, 9, 11. Acts 3: 19. Acts 17: 30, 31.

Of Confession of Sins—Luke 15:21 and Luke 18:13.

Forsaking Sinful Ways—Isa. 55:7. Jonah 3:8. Prov. 28:13.

Restitution—Ezek. 33:15. Luke 19:8.

And faith in Jesus Christ.

First work.—Justification is that act of God's free grace by which we receive remission of sins. Acts 10:42, 43. Rom. 3:25.

Second Work.—Sanctification is the second work of grace and the last work of grace. Sanctification is that act of God's free grace by which He makes us holy. John 17:15, 17—"Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy work is truth." 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:12; Heb. 2:11, Heb. 12:14.

Sanctification is cleansing to make holy The disciples were sanctified before the Day of Pentecost. By a careful study of Scripture you will find it is so now. "Ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:3; 13:10); and Jesus had breathed on them the Holy Ghost (John 20:21, 22). You know, that they could not receive the Spirit if they were not clean. Jesus cleansed and got all doubt out of His Church before He went back to glory.

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is a gift of power upon the sanctified life; so when we get it we have the same evidence as the Disciples received on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3, 4), in speaking in new tongues. See also Acts 10:44, 46; Acts 19:6; 1 Cor. 14:21. "For I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe though it be told you."—Hab. 1:5.

Seeking Healing—We must believe that God is able to heal—Ex. 15:26: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." James 5:14; Psa. 103:3; 2 Kings 20:5; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 16; 16, 17, 18. "Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there any thing too hard for Me?"—Jer. 32:27.

Too many have confused the grace of Sanctification with the endowment of Power, or the Baptism with the Holy Ghost; others have taken "the anointing that abideth" for the Baptism, and failed to reach the glory and power of a true Pentecost.

The Blood of Jesus will never blot out any sin between man and man they can make right; but if we can't make wrongs right the Blood graciously covers. (Matt. 5:23, 24.)

We are not fighting men or churches, but seeking to displace dead forms and creeds and wild fanaticisms with living, practical Christianity. "Love, Faith, Unity" are our watchwords, and "Victory through the Atoning Blood" our battle cry. God's promises are true. He said: "Be thou faithful over a few things, and I will make thee ruler over many." From the little handful of Christians who stood by the cross when the testings and discouragements came, God has raised a mighty host.

HEALING

Sickness and disease are destroyed through the precious atonement of Jesus. O how we ought to honor the stripes of Jesus, for "with his stripes we are healed." How we ought to honor that precious body which the Father sanctified and sent into the world, not simply set apart, but really sanctified, soul, body and spirit, free from sickness, disease and everything of the devil. A body that knew no sin and disease was given for these imperfect bodies of ours. Not only is the atonement for the sanctification of our souls, but for the sanctification of our bodies from inherited disease. It matters not what has been in the blood. Every drop of blood we received from our mother is impure. Sickness is born in a child just as original sin is born in the child. He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Every sickness is of the devil.

Man in the garden of Eden was pure and happy and knew no sickness till that unholy visitor came into the garden, then his whole system was poisoned and it has been flowing in the blood of all the human family down the ages. Oh God spoke to his people and said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." The children of Israel practiced divine healing. David, after being healed of rheumatism, (perhaps contracted in the caves where he hid himself from his persuers,) testified saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." David knew what it was to be healed. Healing continued with God's people till Solomon's heart was turned away by strange wives, and he brought in the black arts and mediums, and they went whoring after familiar spirits. God had been their healer, but after they lost the Spirit, they turned to the arm of flesh to find something to heal their diseases.

Thank God, we have a living Christ among us to heal our diseases. He will heal every case. The prophet had said, "With his stripes we are healed," and it was fulfilled when Jesus came. Also "He hath borne our grief." (which means sickness, as translators tell us.) Now if Jesus bore our sicknesses, why should we bear them? So we get full salvation through the atonement of Jesus.

THE ORDINANCES TAUGHT BY OUR LORD

We believe in three ordinances in the church, foot washing, the Lord's supper and water baptism.

Foot Washing—(John 13.)

Dear loved ones, it is so sweet to think of that wonderful love that our Christ has for His dear people. O beloved, just think of our Almighty Christ becoming a servant, washing the disciples' feet. This is the first place in the scriptures where we see Jesus using water, a very type of regeneration, washing the disciples' feet. Regeneration is spoken of as the washing of water by the Word. So this ordinance is a type of regeneration. Jesus is the Word "Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. John 15: 3.

Jesus washed the disciples' feet, and exhorted them to humility and charity. Bless His holy Name. We read in the Word of God, "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end. (Bless God! Praise His holy name!) And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper and laid aside His garments; and took a towel and girded Himself. After that he poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded." John 13: 1-4.

We read where Jesus cometh to Simon Peter and Peter said unto Him, "Lord, dost Thou wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." We can see that this was something new to Peter. He was not used to the Master's washing his feet. But the Lord Jesus told him he should know hereafter. What Jesus means was that when the blessed Holy Spirit should be poured out after the resurrection and ascension unto heaven, that this blessed Holy Spirit would lead Peter into all the doctrines of Jesus, and they would be practiced just as Jesus said in the 16th chapter of John and 12th verse, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now, howbeit when He the Spirit of truth is come He will guide you into all truth, for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear that shall He speak and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine and shall show it unto you."

Peter said unto Him, "Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no fellowship with Me."

Dear beloved, none of us should reject the command of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, or these different ordinances that He has instituted. What right have we to dictate to our blessed Master? He said so tenderly, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me. And this was a rebuke also to any man or any woman that thinks they are independent of the teachings of Jesus. So when Peter heard this rebuke, he said to the Lord, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head." How these disciples loved Jesus after that. Jesus said to Him, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet but is clean every whit, and ye are clean but not all."

So after He had washed their feet and had taken His garments and was set down again, He said unto them, "Know ye what I have done unto you?" Ye call me Master and Lord and ye say well for so I am. If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet." Why? Well we only have to read the next verse for ourselves, "For I have given you example."

Dear beloved, we can see this is humility towards each other in real love. While it does mean that, suppose we all practice it literally, for Jesus is our example. He said, "I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done unto you." Some may say that the manner and customs have changed from that day, as we no longer wear sandals, but, dear ones, are our manners and customs good to change the Word of God? "Verily, Verily I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord, neither he that is sent greater than He that sent Him. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. Now this is to His true believers, because they are worthy. Verse 18 explains just who should not do it. He says, "I speak not of you all, for I know whom I have chosen." Dear beloved, if the Lord has chosen us, He has chosen us to walk in the light, as He is in the light, that we might have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Amen.

Jesus Himself instituted foot washing in the New Testament, not as in the Old Testament when the priest would wash his own feet at the laver in the temple, which represented regeneration, but Jesus Him self washed the disciples' feet and wiped them with the towel. So, dear loved ones we believe that foot washing is one of the ordinances of the church of God. We find that it is a service much blest of God to our souls. It is for the disciples, not for sinners. In this service the sisters will assemble by themselves apart and wash each other's feet and the brothers will wash the brothers' feet. This is also a service of testimony, song and praise. After that comes the Lord's supper.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples, which was Moses' law. It was now finished forever, as He showed that table aside, and after washing the disciples' feet, instituted the Lord's supper, the Christian Passover, the bread and the wine. The Passover was the very type of Jesus It had a three-fold meaning, the sprinkled blood for redemption; the body of the lamb eaten for health and healing; and the passing over the Red Sea, which was a type of the Blood of Jesus Christ that gives us victory over all the powers of the enemy

"The Lord Jesus in the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, Take, eat, this is My body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying This is the new testament in My Blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." 1 Cor. 11 23-26. Praise His holy name. So we see that this ordinance points us to the coming of the Lord, our great deliverance, as the Passover was the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt.

The Passover supper always reminded the Jews of God's great love for them in delivering them out of Egyptian bondage But it was by blood which pointed them to the Lamb of Calvary. So the Lord's supper is to us a memorial of the death of our Lord and also points us to His coming to catch us away in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

They ate the Passover, the body of the lamb, which gave them strength and healing, so the body of the lamb stood for healing and health, just as Christ's body is health to us, "for with His stripes ye are healed." We find as we partake of this ordinance, it brings healing to our bodies if we discern the Lord's body by faith (1 Cor. 10-30.) It also teaches us salvation and sanctification through the Blood. Our souls are built up, for we eat His flesh and drink His Blood. The Lord Jesus promised, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. May Christ's children everywhere live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God

Water Baptism

We believe in water baptism, because Jesus commanded it after His resurrection. Mark 16. 16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." We believe in water by immersion, single. Matt. 3. 16 "And Jesus when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water." Acts 8 38-39. "And He commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

It sets forth the believer with Christ in death, burial, and resurrection. Rom. 6 3-5. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." Gal. 3. 27. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Baptism is not a saving ordinance, but it is essential because it is a command of our Lord. Mark 16. 16. and Acts 2. 38 "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." It is "Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God." 1 Pet. 3. 21. It is obedience to the command of Jesus, following saving faith. We believe every true believer will practice it.

It should be administered by a disciple who is baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt 28. 19-20. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." But we find that they were first to tarry for the promise of the Father which would qualify them. Acts 1. 4, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father."

We believe that we should teach God's people to observe all things whatsoever He has commanded us, practicing every command and living by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This is a full Gospel.

Bible salvation will take you into heaven but if you have not got Bible salvation you will have a great deal of trouble around the gate. Your name will not be found.

We are not called by this country to preach the Gospel, but we are called from heaven—and heaven is not bankrupt, neither is God gone out of business. He does not send us out to preach this Gospel and pay our bills. Do business for Christ and He will take care of you.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." O today if you have the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart, you have everlasting life. This salvation is real, it is not an influence.

Out of His side flowed Blood and water. The Blood represents cleansing and the water the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The rivers of living water which Jesus promised flowed out of His side. We get all of this by living in Christ.

The Lord has provided the Word as a looking glass for us to see ourselves whether there are any spots on us. And the Word is a washer. "Ye are clean through the Word which I (Christ) have spoken unto you."

When you are sanctified, the old Ishmael of your soul is put out of your house. You are free from the old man. Old Ishmael will not pinch little Isaac any more to make him cry. Jesus Christ is enthroned in that house.

O it is so precious to have the Lord Jesus crowned in your heart. How wonderfully and sweetly the Spirit unfolds the scriptures to you. You receive the Holy Ghost and He unravels everything from Genesis to Revelation. He starts and unfolds and all you do is to follow on.

The Jews were the very fig tree that the Lord planted. He planted it that the scepter might not depart from Judah. Herod was the first foreign king that swayed the scepter over God's people. And right at that time Christ was born and the government was upon His shoulder. This fulfilled Gen. 49. 10.

Freeloveism and everything of that kind is from the pit of hell. It is a dragon to devour those who get out of the Word, but praise God, He has given to His children to know these spirits. Such spirits will not be allowed, any more than magicians, soothsayers, and sorcerers were allowed to be among God's children in the early days.

If you have carnality in your heart and do not get it out, you do not know where it will lead you. As soon as you get the light of sanctification, you must seek at once the cleansing Blood or you will lose all your salvation.

We believe in a real salvation that gives you the witness by the Spirit. Calvin taught a salvation that if you said you had it you did not have it if you had it you did not know it; and if you lost it, you could not get it again. Wesley taught that if you lost it you would know it, and if you lost it, you could get it again. Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath the witness in himself." We teach that if a man is ensnared by the devil, and has not trampled the Blood of Jesus Christ under his feet and counted the Blood wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, he can get back to Jesus Christ by restitution and faith and doing his first works over.

If your heart is open to the Blood of Christ He will save you. All He wants is a repentant heart that has Godly sorrow for sin, and He will wash you. Though your sins be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. O the promises of God are sure and stedfast, and though the heaven and earth pass away, the promises of Jesus will never pass away. As long as there is breath and life in your body, you can look up to Jesus and He will save you, but if there is no repentance in your heart you would have no desire to be saved. But, beloved, if there is one particle of desire in your heart to look to God, you have not sinned away your day of grace. They that have sinned away their day of grace, cannot be stirred any more than a chair. No appeal will move them. Christ has a desire to save every man and woman on the face of the earth.

We do not read anything in the Word about writing in unknown languages, so we do not encourage that in our meetings. Let us measure everything by the Word, that all fanaticism may be kept out of the work. We have found it questionable whether any real good has come out of such writing.

A sister who was baptized in the stream at the camp ground says that when she came to change her clothing, she attempted to put on her jewelry again but the Spirit would not let her, so she left it off. While one sister was under the power, her hands went up and took the fancy pins out of her hat and threw them away and she never put them on again. So the Spirit has been working in harmony with the Word, teaching His people how to dress according to the Bible. Gold watches, rings, etc., have disappeared, and gone into sending the Gospel.

From missionaries in Macao, China, we received word that some of the Chinese Christians have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and are speaking in new tongues.