

wherever it wishes: you hear the sound it makes but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is the same way with every one who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

I believe in the Holy Spirit who brought me to Jesus when I was not looking for him, who has kept me alive when the odds were that I should die as a Christian, who consistently reduces me to size, who seems still to work in other lives through me, sovereignly as he chooses for the glory of Jesus.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELIZATION, INDIVIDUALLY AND THROUGH THE CHURCH.

A testimony by Rev. Juan Carlos Ortiz

The Holy Spirit in these last days is doing a new thing among the people of God. He is regrouping his people. Regrouping. Perhaps you ask, "What do you mean by 'regrouping'?" We were grouped, up to now, in different worlds by denominations, by races, by different types of groups. But in these last days the Holy Spirit is doing a new thing in Argentina and in all of Latin America and in many other parts of the world. The Holy Spirit is starting to regroup us into only two groups: those who love one another and those who *do not* love one another. Just two groups. And this is what the Lord Jesus Christ meant when he said, "That by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." No, not by the good philosophical definition of our doctrine but the way we live together, the way we love one another. "By *this* shall all men know that ye have love one to another." And even in the last of time when everything will be finished, there are going to be only two groups, the sheep and the goats.

The sheep are those who love one another, that help each other, that feed the hungered, that dress and clothe those who have nothing; those who love one another. And the goats are those who do not love one another. And it is very easy to know who is in the sheep group and who is in the goat group because the sheep usually go all together, they put head to head and they go in one unit; but the goats, they go butting one another, continually butting. So if you want to know to which group any person belongs, you don't have to have the gift of discernment. If he butts, he is a goat. When we get together, when we love one another, even if you are premillennialist or postmillennialist or anything you have to say about your doctrine, the Holy Spirit today is renewing the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace — all those things are going to be the elements that show the world that we are his people. So God is regrouping his people and this is starting among the leaders. The Lord has not 400 churches in one city, in one locality; he has only one church divided in 400 pieces. All the pastors and leaders of that locality are the elders of the one church God has in that city. We should get together not only for a united campaign. We should get together because Jesus Christ wants us to be together. In every city we have pastors, leaders, Bible school teachers, seminary teachers, theologians. If we could have fellowship in the city we would grow because the knowledge that everybody has would be shared with the others and the whole church would be renewed and strengthened by the joint ministry of all the leaders of a certain location. And this is what is happening in our country.

A group of pastors of Buenos Aires is meeting two or three times a week. Monthly or every two months we go out for retreats. We have started to love one another — Baptists, Methodists, Anglicans, even Roman Catholic priests and Pentecostals — all types of ministers. The only base we have to get together is that we love one another. We have

been enriched by the ministry of the others and the renewal that is taking over our countries. Happening there and going through all Latin America, and other parts of the world, is because a group of ministers are gathering together, loving one another, and sharing the things the Lord is revealing.

Jesus once asked that we be one. To be one. As the Trinity is One — Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are one, so he wants us to be one. To be one. And that means that we should be one not only in the evangelistic efforts, not only in the fellowship meeting, but we should love one another of the family in every city. We are like potatoes. Potatoes when they are planted are grouped by two, three or four in each plant. Then comes the harvest; they take the potatoes and put all of them in one box. But that is not unity yet; that's only regrouping, that's only confraternity, that's only fellowship but not unity. Those potatoes have yet to be peeled. When they are peeled and put together, they say, "Ah, now we are one." Not yet. They must be cut. Because cut ones are mashed potatoes. Hallelujah. Many potatoes but *one* mashed potato. When the potatoes are mashed not one of the potatoes can say, "This is me, ah?" And this is what the Holy Spirit, hallelujah, is starting to do today. The whole world is renewing this love that the same Spirit gives. Let's love one another, let's love with all our hearts. This is the key for evangelization because Jesus said, "That they may be one."

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELISM

A testimony by Larry Christenson

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For more than forty years I have been a Christian. And yet, as recently as twelve months ago, I have been evangelized. I go back to my earliest childhood memories, and there I discover, firmly implanted, a belief in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. And yet, in recent years, I have been evangelized.

The Apostle Paul wrote to believers in Ephesus who had faith in the Lord Jesus, and demonstrated that faith in love toward all the saints (Eph. 1:15). Yet he goes on to pray for them in essentially the same terms that he would use to pray for unbelievers: That the "eyes of their hearts may be enlightened" to see the truth that is in Jesus (Eph. 1:18, 5:8-14).

In Samaria, under the preaching of Philip the evangelist, many believed and were baptized. Yet their eyes were opened to a major new dimension of their life in Christ when Peter and John came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:9-17).

The need to be evangelized, the need to be brought from darkness to light, is not a one-time need, but an ongoing need. If time permitted, we could trace this theme, with its clear evangelistic imagery, through Old Testament types, New Testament Scriptures, and myriad examples in the history of the church.

The Evangel, or Gospel, is the Good News about Jesus. When someone shows me something about Jesus which I have not known or experienced before, and the Holy Spirit awakens in me the expectation that this is going to become real in my own life, then I have been evangelized. I am not evangelized one time only, when I have an initial, saving encounter with Jesus. Nor am I evangelized every moment of every day, so that evangelism, as a term, becomes simply equivalent with the totality of Christian experience, and thereby, for all practical purposes, takes on another meaning. But I am evangelized at those moments when God determines to make known to me some major dimension of the person and work of his Son, which hitherto I have not known or experienced.

The writer to the Hebrews recounts how those to whom he is writing had laid hold on the foundational doctrines of the faith, and demonstrated great "work and love in serving the saints." But then he goes on to say that he "desires each one to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end" (Heb. 6:10-11).

If I live to be twice my forty-six years, I hope to go on being evangelized right up to the end.

Now I have discovered, as I am sure you also have discovered, that you can most readily lead others into those dimensions of the Christian life which the Holy Spirit has made particularly real to you. Hans Nielsen Hauge, the great Norwegian evangelist, had a vivid sense of the urgency of the Gospel message. It is told how he could fall into conversation with