

The Prerequisite to Fullness: Cleansing

To grieve or to quench the Spirit is sin. He dwells within us to purify and cleanse us. In a darkened room there would be much of dirt which would pass unnoticed but, when the doors and windows are opened and the sun shines in, even the dust is revealed. The Holy Spirit brings out into the light the sin in our lives, and the more completely He fills us the more perfect will be the revelation and recognition of sin. The nearer God comes to us the more sensitive to sin are we made. Some things which a year ago or even a month ago you would not have called sin you now acknowledge to be sin.

The Means of Cleansing

For sinner and saint alike nothing but the blood of Jesus suffices to cleanse from sin.

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

The Christian is in constant contact with sin and the very tense of the verb shows that he never gets beyond the need of the cleansing blood of Christ.

The Method of Cleansing

The grieved Holy Spirit will tell us what grieves Him, will point us to I John 1:9 and then our responsibility begins. God requires but one thing of us—a frank, full confession prompted by a true heart repentance.