

LESSON SEVEN

THE ONENESS TRUTH

A. WATER BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME PREACHED:

In 1913 there was a camp meeting held in Los Angeles, which became very important in Pentecostal history. In this camp meeting there were 364 who were baptized with the Holy Ghost. However, this was not the most important thing, which took place in this Camp Meeting.

At a water baptismal service Evangelist R. E. McAlister from eastern Canada was asked to preach. In his message he stated that the titles, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, were never used during the first century, and that the Apostles used the name of Jesus Christ.

This message was like a great explosion being heard. One man ran to the platform and requested that this doctrine would not be preached. Brother McAlister made an attempt to quiet the consternation, but the truth had been spoken and left its mark.

Among those who heard the statement of truth were Frank J. Ewart and G. T. Haywood. These men became leaders in the Oneness Movement.

In this same camp meeting John Scheppe, after a night in prayer, received a revelation of the power of the name of Jesus. Early in the morning he ran through the camp shouting and proclaiming what the Lord had shown him. This left a deep impression upon all.

B. THE TRUTH REVEALED:

After the Camp meeting Frank Ewart, R. E. McAlister, and Glenn A. Cook opened a revival on Main Street. This permitted them to have many discussions on doctrine.

Later they preached for another pastor in Los Angeles. A great revival broke out and continued for many months. Also ministering in this revival was G. T. Haywood of Indianapolis.

Brother Ewart noticed that whenever he exalted the Name of Jesus the Holy Spirit would bless and the power of God would be manifested.

In 1914 he felt that he had received the revelation of the Oneness truth and was ready to step out with the message. He was the editor of a paper, "Meat in Due Season" which helped to promote the Oneness Truth.

C. THE TRUTH IS ESTABLISHED:

Brother Ewart pitched a tent in Belvedere near Los Angeles on East First Street. On April 15, 1914, he preached his first sermon on Acts 2:38. That started a revival and crowds began coming to the tent.

Brother Glenn Cook joined Brother Ewart in this tent revival. They set up a tank in the tent and baptized each other in the Name of Jesus.

In this revival many that were baptized in Jesus Name were baptized with the Holy Ghost in the water. There were many healings and some of them were healed in the water.

From Los Angeles this truth spread like fire across the nation. The city of Indianapolis became a strong center for the Apostolic truth.

G. T. Haywood accepted the truth and was baptized in the Name of Jesus. Many of his people, 465 in number, followed him and were baptized in Jesus Name.

D. OPPOSITION TO THE TRUTH:

As could be expected great opposition arose against the Oneness Revelation. This new revelation was called the "New Issue."

H. A. Goss called a local conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1915, to warn young ministers against this teaching. E. N. Bell called another conference at Little Rock to warn preachers against the message. He attacked the message in his paper the "Word and Witness."

E. THE TRUTH OF JESUS NAME BAPTISM IS VICTORIOUS:

In 1915 there was a camp meeting at Jackson, Tennessee. The Evangelist was a Oneness preacher, L.V. Roberts, whom Glenn Cook had baptized. His first sermon was taken from Acts 2:38 and both E. N. Bell and the host pastor, H. G. Rogers, requested water baptism in Jesus Name. This was the beginning of a tremendous revival and it was estimated that the crowds reached 4,000 in attendance.

During the same summer there was a camp meeting at Little Rock. The Evangelist was L. C. Hall who had recently been baptized in Jesus Name. The minister who did the baptizing was E. N. Bell and one of the most prominent preachers to be baptized was Howard A. Goss.

F. THE TRUTH ESTABLISHED IN CANADA:

The Oneness Truth soon came to Canada. Franklin Small accepted the truth in Winnipeg. In eastern Ontario Brother Clarence Cross and Howard Goss helped to establish the Jesus Name message.

At the first baptismal service at Outlet Camp Meeting when the Name of Jesus was used, there was a great move of the Holy Spirit. Many of the Pentecostal saints witnessed this move of the Holy Spirit and immediately presented themselves for baptism.

COURSE: HISTORY OF PENTECOST

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SELF HELP TEST

A. State briefly the part each of the following took in the Revelation of the Jesus Name Truth:

1. G. T. Haywood -
2. Frank Ewart -
3. R. E. McAlister -
4. Glenn Cook -
5. Howard Goss -
6. E. N. Bell -

B. Who baptized each of the following:

1. Howard Goss _____
2. E. N. Bell _____
3. R. E. McAlister _____
4. Glenn Cook _____
5. Frank Ewart _____

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