

LESSON TEN

PENTECOSTAL PIONEERS (Continued)

In this lesson we continue the study of the lives of a few Pentecostal pioneers.

A. **E. N. BELL:**

E. N. Bell was born in 1866 and surrendered his life to God early in life. He became a Baptist minister for seventeen years. He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1907 in the North Avenue Mission in Chicago.

Along with Howard Goss he called a gathering of ministers in Arkansas where the Assemblies of God was organized. He became the first chairman of the Assemblies of God.

He published a magazine called the "Word and Witness." He founded and for a short time edited the "Pentecostal Evangel."

In 1915, at a camp meeting at Jackson, Tennessee, L. V. Roberts who in turn had been baptized by Cook baptized Bell. A great revival broke out and eleven preachers were baptized in Jesus Name.

E. N. Bell died in 1923.

B. **OLIVER F. FAUSS:**

Oliver Fauss was born in 1898 in Oklahoma. While he was still young his family moved to Texas where he was converted. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1911. He was baptized in Jesus Name in 1915 and entered the ministry.

He spent the early years of his life on the evangelistic field. In 1929 he founded Bethel Gospel Tabernacle in Houston which he pastored for forty years. He served as chairman of the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ for two years, and was elected Assistant General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church in 1947, a position he held until 1971.

C. **WILLIAM T. WITHERSPOON:**

W. T. Witherspoon was born in Pennsylvania in 1880. He died in 1947.

He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1912. In 1915 he was baptized in Jesus Name and received the Oneness Truth. In 1917 he established the Apostolic Gospel Church in Columbus, Ohio, which grew to be one of the largest Oneness churches in the world.

He was chairman of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ from 1938 - 1945. He was elected Assistant General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church in 1945, a position he held until his death.

D. **ANDREW URSHAN:**

Andrew D. Urshan was born in Iran in 1884. In 1900 he was converted and came to the United States in 1902. He began preaching the gospel in 1904.

In Chicago he had won some Assyrian converts and held services with them in a room in the Moody Church. There the Holy Spirit fell upon these Assyrian Christians. Bro. Urshan received the Holy Ghost on July 4, 1908. They were obliged to leave the Moody Church and worship elsewhere.

William Durham ordained him in 1910.

In 1917 he began the publication of a paper called the "Witness of God" which he continued until his death. He wrote many songs and books. He evangelized throughout the world and spent many years as a conference speaker. He was a strong Oneness and Holiness preacher. He died in 1967.

E. L. C. HALL:

L. C. Hall was a prominent Pentecostal preacher who became well known because of his extensive contribution to Pentecostal hymnology. He was a very talented pastor and evangelist.

He published a number of fine hymnbooks and wrote many songs including "Jesus, Jesus" and "Deeper in Thy Love O Jesus."

He believed and preached the Oneness Truth. He was the first chairman of the Pentecostal Ministerial Alliance in 1925.

F. SAMUEL McCLAIN:

Samuel McClain was born in Georgia in 1889. When he was fourteen years of age his family moved to Arkansas where he was converted and began teaching a Bible class at sixteen.

He became a schoolteacher and received the Holy Ghost in 1912 in the same school building where Pentecostal services were conducted.

He was ordained in 1914 and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ in 1916. He became a pioneer preacher and established many Pentecostal churches. For a few years he was the editor of the "Apostolic Herald." He died in 1969.

G. A. H. ARGUE:

A. H. Argue was born in Ontario, the son of a Methodist preacher.

He became a successful businessman in Winnipeg. In 1907 he went to Chicago and received the Holy Spirit in the North Avenue Mission. When he returned home he conducted tarrying services in his own home and a great revival broke out.

He devoted his life to an active evangelistic ministry and thousands were converted under his ministry. For some years he published a paper "The Apostolic Messenger." He died in 1959 during his 91st year.

H. A. G. WARD:

A. G. Ward was one of the pioneer preachers in Canada in the Trinity Pentecostal organization. He began his ministry as a Methodist minister on the Canadian prairies. He received the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg and for a number of years was secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. He died at the age of 78 in 1960.

I. FRANKLIN SMALL:

Franklin Small was one of the Pentecostal pioneers in Canada. He was one of the first to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg in 1907. He became the Assistant Pastor to A. H. Argue in the first Pentecostal Assembly in Winnipeg. He led in the formation of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada.

He was a strong preacher of the Oneness Truth and Water Baptism in Jesus Name. Unfortunately he accepted the Calvinistic theory and promoted this doctrine throughout his fellowship. He pastored Zion Apostolic Church in Winnipeg for 29 years.

J. CLARENCE L. CROSS:

One of the earliest pioneer Pentecostal preachers in Canada was Clarence Cross. He began his ministry as a young Holiness preacher with his uncle, Alexander McCready. In 1907 he attended a convention in Watertown, New York where he heard about the Pentecostal experience. In 1908 he attended his first Pentecostal service in a home in Athens. Later that same year many from the area received the Holy Ghost.

In 1911 a division came in the work over the "Finished Work of Calvary." The responsibility of pastoring those who stood for this truth was laid upon Brother Cross, then 22 years of age. He founded the Outlet Camp meeting at Lansdowne, Ontario, for over fifty years. The Outlet Camp Meeting is the oldest Pentecostal Camp in North America.

The writer of these Bible notes was converted under the ministry of Clarence Cross.

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SELF HELP TEST

A. Without referring to your notes write a brief biography of each of these:

1. Oliver Fauss:

2. William T. Witherspoon:

3. L. C. Hall:

4. Andrew Urshan:

5. Franklin Small:

B. Who was the pastor of the following churches?

1. Zion Apostolic Church, Winnepeg _____
2. Apostolic Gospel Church, Columbia _____
3. Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, Houston _____

C. Who founded the Outlet Camp Meeting, Lansdowne, Canada?