

And the combination of righteousness and peace, coupled with continual obedience, and following the leading of the Holy Ghost, not taking up with the doctrines of men, but believing the words of Jesus, "Howbeit when He the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13), and following with childlike faith, He will lead you into the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that is JOY!!! So the kingdom of God is "Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost."

Men have many doctrines, many plans, many "Ways." And they would endeavor to convert the whole world to their way. But when they would press their doctrines upon us, let us look and see what has been the net result of the preaching of that doctrine. Has it brought forth confusion, strife, divisions, backbitings, envyings, hatreds? Or has it brought forth "Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost?" Those who are followers of that movement or creed or doctrine; are they pretty much of one accord; do they manifest Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Faith, Patience, etc. Or are they divided into several camps, fussing among themselves, devouring each other? Remember that the kingdom of God is not so much what interpretation one has on the Scriptures, as it is "Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost." Those things the devil cannot duplicate. Other things he can imitate so closely that without a great deal of spiritual discernment we cannot tell the difference. But "Righteousness, and Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost," he simply cannot substitute. His very nature is one of unrighteousness and unholiness. And he does not know peace, but is the author of confusion, strife and contention. And as for Joy, he does not know what it is. His followers are continually in distress, and those who are in bondage to him are bowed down with troubles, and cannot see their way out.

Jesus suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane, and endured the pangs of the Cross to deliver us from his clutches; to lift us up above the waves of despair; to take us out of the filthiness of this old wicked and sin-cursed world, and clothe us with his own righteousness and impart to us his very own nature; to deliver us from that spirit of confusion and give us that deep settled PEACE; to take away that hatred, envy and strife, and give us Joy and Gladness in the Holy Ghost.

O, My Brother or Sister! Could I get you to learn and accept this truth, and not have to learn it the hard way as I have had to learn it.

Jesus is so wonderful to me. He saved me from a rank unbeliever and delivered me out of the bondage of Satan; took away my troubles, worries, strife and confusion, and gave me PEACE, and JOY and HAPPINESS that I had never dreamed of before. And He did it in a more or less modern church, too. But He very quickly led me out of it into deeper waters. Without ever hearing anyone preach on "Sanctification as a definite second work of Grace" Jesus led me into the experience and it was wonderful. And then without even contacting anyone of the Pentecostal faith, or ever hearing any one preach on the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, my wife and I found things in the Bible that caused us to pray continually for Him to lead us on in, and He led us into the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and that was precious. And He has on more than one occasion revealed Himself in dreams, in visions, and in various ways, until He is precious to me.

But I never did get married to any of the divisions, the movements, the creeds, the doctrines that men fight and squabble over. Jesus found me in a modernistic church, but I owed it all to HIM, and not to that church. I never did feel that I owed anything to the Holiness Movement, just because I was sanctified, for it happened when I was alone in my bedroom praying, and I had never been inside a holiness church. And I did not feel that I owed much to the Pentecostal Movement, for I was seek-