

# BITS & PIECES

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#### A WICKED HERESY

C. H. Spurgeon said: “As for that sandy gospel which lets you fall away and then come back again (i.e. lose your salvation and then have to get saved again), it is the wickedest falsehood on earth...Take the Bible as it stands, and if you do not see everlasting love there, there is some fault in your eyes, and it is a case rather for the ophthalmic hospital than for me. If you cannot see eternal security, blood-bought righteousness there, I am hopeless altogether of your conversion to the truth, while you read it with your present prejudices.” I was saved reading the Bible with no background whatever in the Bible and yet I clearly saw when I read John 10:28: **“I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,”** Jesus was saying the salvation He gave me was eternal and I would never perish! If that is not eternal security, what is it? When He said, “It is finished!” What was he speaking of?

#### EARLY CHURCH VERSUS TODAY

Someone has said that two of the distinguishing marks of the early Church were POVERTY and POWER. Today it is PLENTY and POWERLESS as per Revelation 3:17: **“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:”** The next verse gives God’s counsel: **“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.”** We hear talk of revival but wonder if any of God’s people really want it. There is a price to be paid! It is called Repentance!

#### WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

William Booth once had an audience with King Henry VII of England. His Majesty highly commended the salvationist for his unflagging zeal and work among the poor. Booth said, “Some men’s passion is for gold. Some is for fame. But my passion, Your Majesty, is for souls.” What is your passion? I cannot conceive of anyone having a passion for souls who does not witness regularly. **“The love of Christ constraineth; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.”** ~II Corinthians 5:14.

#### WHY GOD SAVED YOU!

“God didn’t save you to make you happy. That’s a by-product. He died to make you holy. You were predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son.” - Vance Havner. **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.”** ~I Peter 1:15. Holiness (sanctification) is a lost doctrine in most Fundamental churches!