

More Fire, Lord!



I continue mulling the message of the fire in the fireplace. As I have come to the Lord in prayer during the past week, some further thoughts have come to my heart.

I began to consider that in addition to preaching repentance, John the Baptist also proclaimed, “I baptize you with water. But **One is coming** after me.....**He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**”

We read in **Gen 2:7** – Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and **breathed** the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being. Every other creature and thing that God made in the beginning was made simply by His speaking. By the word of His mouth. God spoke, “Let there be.....”, and it came into existence. But when He made man, that was a different story.

Here He uses His very own Almighty hands and forms this creature out of a handful of dirt. And once fashioning it with His hands, He literally **blows His own God-breath** into this lump of clay which He has fashioned - - and **that lump of clay springs to life filled with the breath of God!** And we witness the birth of the First Adam, our forefather according to the flesh! Is it any wonder, that God proclaims with what must have been GREAT joy, “I made man in **MY** image;

yes, in **MY** image made I him. This is good!" (RHP – also known as Robin Howard Paraphrase!)

Of course we are all too aware of the response the first Adam made and the consequences of his choices. And we're blessed to know that God took care of the sin problem of Adam and his flesh descendents. In the fullness of time God sent His only Son, Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Second Adam. It is this Second Adam to whom John the Baptist refers.

Throughout the ministry of Jesus on earth, he spoke of His union with the Father, He spoke of Oneness with the Father. He said He came to re-unite us to the Father. He came as the Restorer of the Broken Bridge, as the Repairer of the Breach. How glorious! How wonderful beyond words!

This Second Adam, Jesus, absorbed into His bodily frame every sin, every rebellion, every evil we have ever committed – from Adam to you and me—and He punished as it were, Himself completely, thus nullifying the effects of sin! **In one single act**, He satisfied the justice of God which demands punishment for sin, and through the perfection of His death on the cross, reconnected us with the Father! Awesome is our God, great is His Love, perfect is He in all His ways! Hallelujah!

Listen to Him! Listen to this one who came to join us back to His Father.

John 10:30 "The Father and I are one."

John 17:11 "I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by Your name that You have given Me, so **that they may be one** just as We are.

John 17:21 - **that they may all be one; EVEN as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us**, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:23 I am in them and You are in Me. May they be made completely one, **so that the world may know You sent Me and that You have loved them just as You have loved Me**.

John 15:4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

So His message is

“ I’m fixing your sin problem.

Believe in Me.

Accept Me for who I really am.

Become One with me by coming inside of My heart.

Become one in Me by believing in Me and surrendering yourself to Me.

Then you will be one with each other,

You will be one with Me.

You will be one with the Father.”

WE WILL BE ONE!

What has this got to do with the fire in the fireplace? Everything. The fire in the fireplace we’re considering has a foundation. And that foundation is oneness, unity. Oneness with the Father, oneness with each other. It is only as we are so surrendered on the grate of the fireplace, so yielded to His holy fire that we can be made holy, purified, fused (united) to each other and Him, and usable for His awesome purposes!

For now, let’s dwell on this heart cry of His - to be completely united to His Bride who has made herself ready. Let’s ask Him to speak to our hearts and to draw us deeper into this fiery heart of His love.

There’s more to come on this little meditation on the Fire of His Love, but let’s allow the thought of His desire for communion with us to saturate our hearts. It is the foundation for that which is to come!