

John 16:14-15

the Master. He could handle any topic he chose but he confines himself to the things of Christ. And this is the process of crowning. Therefore, he finds that he is unable and at liberty to a boundless liberty.

Note the wisdom in this. Do you think, friend, that you can be wiser than the Holy Spirit? Is his choice must be a wise one, will yours be a wise one? If you begin to take the things of something or somebody else, then how can you crown him? You will have the Holy Spirit near you when you are receiving of the things of Christ. The Holy Spirit has said never to receive anything else. When you are handling other things on the Sabbath Day, you will be handling them alone. But if the Holy Spirit is there, then in his absolute wisdom, he is going to give guidance to these things that will bless.

The spirit exists, works, and teaches in the church.

Note the test by which we know what people claim to be a revelation is a revelation or not. There is one test. He shall receive of mine. The Holy Spirit will never go farther than the cross and the coming of the Lord. He will go no farther than the which concerns Christ. When anybody therefore comes to you and whispers in your ear this or that or the other and you do not find it in the teachings of Christ, you may be sure that it is not crowning Jesus. For the Holy Spirit has one vocation and that is to deal with the things of Christ. Those who will have

Introduction -

There is no salvation apart from the Trinity. It must be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. All things that the father hath are mine said Christ. And the father hath all things. They were always his, they are still his, they always will be his. And they cannot become ours til they change ownership. Til Christ can say, "All things that the father hath are mine."

It blessed the father that in him should all fullness dwell. And of his fullness hath all we received. It is sorts like a pipe or conduit stretched out to a great fountain. We cannot receive the water until the line is opened. Here is salvation; we are lame, we cannot reach it until the third person in the divine trinity - the Holy Spirit - comes. Then delivers them over to us.

It is difficult for some people to receive conviction along this line. Some are almost as stonewall like the Scotoman who said he was open to conviction but would like to see the man who could convict him.

Spurgeon said in the days of Paul the sum and substance of theology was Jesus Christ. He said I am not ashamed and I do not hesitate to take the name of Baptists. but if you ask what

is my creed, I must answer it is Jesus Christ.

How we like to make a Santa Claus of Jesus seeking only his gifts. Happy are we when we seek the giver rather than the gift and can both sing and pray. Therefore, my message today is simple Jesus. Crowning him. He is the hub and we are the spokes. But some people have their favorite spokes and they are like owls out on different limbs. But the closer we are to the hub, the closer we are to the spokes. We belong to Christ and there should be no such thing as a Paul party, a Cephas party, an Appollos party. But from Christian experience, we should discover that the Holy Spirit crowns him as Lord of Lords.

Ralph Erskin takes this 15th verse and speaks of grace as honey. Honey for the cheering of the saints, for the sweetening of their mouths and hearts. But he says that in the father, the honey is in the flower. Which is such a distance from us that we are never extracted. In the son, the honey is in the comb, prepared for us in our Emmanuel, God, man, Redeemer, the Word that was made flesh saying, "All things that are the father's hath are mine." We have honey in the mouth; the spirit taking all things and making application. Therefore, by showing them unto us and making us to eat and drink with Christ and share these things, we eat the honey from the honeycomb and we benefit from this. This is a beautiful picture. As honey in the flower in God as in mystery really is there. There never will be any

more honey than there is in the flower. But how shall we extract it, how shall we get it? In what wisdom shall we find this sweetness? We are not as the bees that are able to find it out.

But the Holy Spirit comes and we keep this honey and we enjoy it. We have now so long a time enjoyed it. That it is a part of our constitution, our make-up. It is deep in our existence. In fact, we cannot pray without the Trinity. Salvation requires the Trinity. We cannot draw near the father except by the Holy Spirit. As the certainty of this as we look at our text we discover how the Holy Spirit crowns Jesus.

I. The Crowning Process

He shall take of mine and show it unto you. The process is brought about in the way that the Holy Spirit deals with the things of Christ.

Archibald Brown said when he was expounding the chapter he does not sim at any originality, he deals with the things of Christ. All things that Christ had heard from the father he made known to us. He kept to us. And now the spirit takes of the things of Christ and of nothing else. We are instructed not to strain at anything (new). The Holy Spirit could deal with anything in heaven above or in earth beneath. The story of the ages past, the story of the ages to come. The inward secrets of the earth, the evolution of all things. He could do all of this like

the apostles whom he had chosen until the day in which he was taken up. So that in every stage of his career, the Holy Spirit is with him, qualifying him for every work, crowning him alone to tell us what is beyond the veil and what is in the heart of the incarnate son of God.

As the spirit lighted upon Jesus, there came to him a voice from heaven. This voice was twice heard again - on the Mount of Transfiguration and within the temple. It was the voice of the father. No man since the fall of that first man, Adam, had ever heard that voice before or no man has ever heard it since. The fall sealed the Father's lips in silence. All the divine communications afterwards with man were through the son. It was he who appeared and spoke to the patriarchs. It was he who spoke from the summit of Sinai. And was the giver of the law. But now for the first time, the father's lips are opened. And the long-kept silence is broken that his testimony of the father to the sonship of Jesus and this expression of his own good pleasure was given. These very same words at the Transfiguration, the words indeed on that occasion were spoken not to but of Jesus. And addressed to the disciples. "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him." But at the baptism Mark and Luke agree in stating that the words were spoken not of but directly to Christ himself. For Christ's own sake. The spirit was crowning him in speaking

to do with other things, you may let them be satisfied with those things because they are limited. I think to think of the Holy Spirit handling such things as those that are worthy of Jesus and as he unveils these things of Christ and of Bethlehem and of God the Father. It is worthy of his name; it is a real test.

What would you think of a king who spent his day trying to make a portrait on an inferior piece of canvass; a king who was ruling empires. What would you think of the Holy Spirit who has the power to portray the king of kings and to do it in an inferior way so that precious souls that are dying would misjudge the way that he handles some holy theme.

We wonder why it is that the Holy Spirit deals with such weak creatures as we are. In this way. But he takes the things of Christ and rejoicing therein causes us to marvel in them. And glorifies Christ by coming and showing these things to us. It is among us that Christ is to get his glory. Our eyes must see him. An unseen Christ is little glorious and the things of Christ unknown. The things of Christ untasted; the things of Christ unloved. They have lost their brilliance. They do not offer the salvation for us. But here is a Holy Spirit who comes in a glorious manner and in great condescension on the part of the Holy Spirit he shows us what this miracle is. He reports it unto us. And we soon have eyes to see; we have ears to hear; and

it is a strange things that our blindness disappears. For the Holy Spirit is able to show us the things of Christ and to honor him. He comes from heaven to dwell with us. And we need to honor his blessed name.

Note his condescension. The Holy Spirit in the process of crowning Jesus does so through his incarnation and his indwelling that he would dwell in human nature. But observe the Holy Spirit dwells in human nature in its sinfulness. Not in his perfect human nature but in the imperfect human nature and continues to dwell in that body as in a temple. And this he will do for a multitude of years. He continues still to come into contact with sinful humanity. And to bless.

This crowning process was initiated again at the baptism of Jesus. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and was pleased to assume the form and general motion of a dove guided down from the sky. He came not now as a mighty rushing wind. He set not on Jesus as a cloven tongue of fire. It was right that when he came to do the work of quick and strong conviction necessary in converting the souls of men to bestow those gifts. But how fitly as with eagle wings the dove, the bird of Jesus, to him the spirit came not as it did with the souls of men. But to bring the light of darkness. Order out of confusion and to point out as the Saviour of the world, the meek and lowly, the gentle and the

loving Jesus. But was no ulterior purpose served by the descent of the spirit on this occasion. We touch a mystery here we cannot solve. Well, we need not try to penetrate it. The sinless humanity of Jesus was brought into intimate and everlasting union with divine nature. Of the son of God. We saw that he was fitted for this work. He was born of the Holy Ghost, he was led of the spirit into the wilderness. In the synagogue of Nazareth where he had first opened his lips as a public teacher there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He read the words: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me." And having read the passage out he closed the book and said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears;" John testified of him saying, "He whom God has sent speaketh the words of God for God giveth not the spirit by measure unto him."

Jesus said of himself: "If I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then is the kingdom of God come unto you."

We saw last week how God sent Peter to Cornelius and opened the kingdom to the Gentiles. "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power." It was through the eternal spirit that he offered himself without spot to God. (Heb. 9:14).

He was declared to be the son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:4. It was through the holy Ghost that he gave commandment to

thing without change; without limit, without end. That people simply are moved as to what tongues cannot tell. If you could see one more wonderful sight than the love of Christ, it would be the blood of Christ. It is a climax of God. I do not know of anything more divine or eternal than the cross and the blood of Christ. And as God's spirit crowns Jesus in this way. Paul puts it, "Feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." It was a wonderful sacrifice that could absolutely obliterate, extinguish men and all the traces that could possibly remain of it. He hath finished the transgression, made an end of sin, made reconciliation for iniquity and brought in everlasting righteousness.

When we all get to heaven, we shall then know what that blood means. And with what energy we shall sing, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

May the Holy Spirit show you Gethsemane and Golgotha and then may it please him to give you the sight of what our Lord is now doing. How it would cheer us up at any time when we are depressed only to see him standing and pleading for you and us. As we think of someone who is sick or in need, if we could just turn and see Jesus; he is praying for us. It would comfort us if the Holy Spirit could show us the pleading Christ. And he waits until the last enemy shall lie down there. Now you are not afraid as you think of all the opposition that you have.

of the pleasure of God.

Next note the words of Jesus. The Holy Spirit takes his words; those words that he spoke personally and the words by his disciples. Let us never allow anybody to divide up his words. For he said I pray for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through the word. I wish that somehow we might be able to recollect all the words of our Lord. That those before his death and those after his death. For Jesus said I have yet many things to say unto you but you cannot bear them now. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were prepared to receive that which Christ spoke by his servants Paul and James and John. It is after he has gone up to glory and has prepared a people by his spirit to understand the truth more fully that he sends his apostles and says go forth and open up to those whom I have chosen out of the world meaning all I have said.

The words of the Lord Jesus are expounded to us by the Holy Spirit and in this way he crowns the Lord. We will never get at the center of the teachings without the spirit. The words are not inspired, some people say. Here is a man in a witness box, he is sworn to speak the truth. And he perhaps says he has done so. But now on cross-examination he says "Now I have spoken the truth but I do not understand by my words." The cross-examining lawyer got hold of a certain statement of his. The witness says Ch, I do not swear to the words you know. The question is asked

What then do you swear to? There is nothing else. We do not know anything about your meaning. All that you have sworn to must be your words. But what is this fellow? Is he a liar? Can he not tell the truth? So common sense would tell us that a man sitting in the court here this way. If he did not stick to this word there is no inspiration to his word. It is not true; it is disputed word.

The Holy Spirit will receive of mine, that is of the father, and the spirit will show these things of Christ. Christ speaks as if he had not anything just then which was especially his own for he had not died yet. And he had not come forth from the grave yet. But now he is an intercessor in heaven and all of these things have come to pass.

The spirit crowns him as being divine. And how surely can he bless this congregation today. He must subdue all things unto himself seeing that he is very god of very god. And we must distinctly recognize that he is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. One who is touching with the feeling of our infirmities. Having been tempted in all points like as we are. This way we get a full view of Christ. And his divine human nature.

He crowns Christ again in his office. Especially in the office of Saviour. You must save my people. It is no business of mine; I have never set up in that line or put up a door and said I'm a Saviour. And I'm just an apprentice at this. But

the Holy Spirit comes. He does not say that of any man but he says that of Jesus.

He says that Jesus is a physician. And we do not make any apology for saying this. Because you are ill; he proves his skill. So Christ is a Saviour. You need not apologize for him. Because there is no one else who can save you.

The Holy Spirit in the process of crowning Jesus points out his covenant. That is as the sheep pass under his hand and go under the rod, they are his because they are blood-marked. This may be a drek, dreary, wet, foggy day. And yet, the Holy Spirit may come and there point his covenant out and somebody be saved. Guided by the blessed Holy Spirit.

Once again he crowns Jesus by pointing to his love. The Holy Spirit concentrates upon the love of Christ. And our eyesight is enlarged and our capacity is certainly blessed. Our vision of heaven is excelled beyond imagination. When we discover the great love as the Holy Spirit crowns Jesus, as Paul such a man caught up into the third heaven to see the love of Christ in the love of the Holy Spirit should cause a man to shout. When it is so revealed to us it is not merely the surface that we see; but the love of Christ itself. You know that you never saw anything yet strictly speaking. You only see the appearance of the thing. The light reflection. But when the Holy Spirit shows you this truth, it seems that there is some-

power in heaven and on earth is his. That even from the humblest peasant to the great lump of coal. We read that he gives power to the faint. The Holy Spirit through Christ makes this power possible unto us. And he gives it unto men. The gold standard of heaven, somebody has said, is perfection. And without holiness, no man shall see the Lord. We are saved, not by good works, or ordinances or penance. (But by Jesus.) Through faith in him. Therefore, in a result of crowning Jesus by the Holy Spirit gives us power to begin the Christian life. I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the father but by me. (John 14:6).

We find that the Holy Spirit, in crowning Jesus, gives us power to maintain the Christian life. Being confident of this very thing that he which hath begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6). The Holy Spirit who came to abide with him when he was born again comes his holy guest. And seals him as a divine owner. He takes the things of Jesus and shows them unto us. He brings them into the inner man. He warms our faith. He secures us in the time of danger. We are rewarded for our work by being given more work to do. And as the Holy Spirit crowns Jesus, it results in power to maintain the Christian life. For example a drunkard was told that he would be in an asylum or in his grave within 30 days. He sought Christ in a rescue mission in Louisville. And was

For the Holy Spirit does something else. He crowns Jesus concerning his coming again. He gives us a clear view. This is the most brilliant hope: "Lo, he cometh." And the Lord said so. What will his enemies say when he comes? Will they behold the nail-prints of the glorified son of man, son of God. When they look at the thorn-crown and when they see him really come. They have despised his word. They have been against his blood. They have injured his love. But this is what the Holy Ghost shows us and this is what we behold literally. We thank God for the fore-sight which is given us.

When the Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and shows them to us, he has a purpose in so doing. We will not find these things to mock at as people mock at things. Do you see these things? If you can see them, you may have them. Did not Christ himself say look unto me all and be saved all the ends of the earth. Looking gives you a claim. And if you can see him, he is yours. The spirit shows these things to you as he showed them to Jacob. As he laid down to sleep and the Lord said to him the land whereon thou lies to thee will I give it. Now whatever you go throughout the whole of Scriptures you find a promise you can claim that promise.

The Spirit said to Abraham, Look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, westward. All the land which you see I will give you.

II. How Is This Accomplished?

When we think of Christ being crowned by the Holy Spirit, how is it to be accomplished? Simple the Holy Spirit, he shall glorify me. We think of how he comes and in one accord he glorified Jesus. It is the one distinctive aim of the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus. How then does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus?

By showing Christ's things. If you wanted to do honor to a man, you would perhaps take him and present to him a decorated house or show him the things that were to be his. But here if you want to glorify Christ, you must go and take the things out of Christ's house. The things of Christ wherein we have to praise God. What do we do? We simple take the things that are his. We cannot get things from anywhere else to praise God. And if we went to praise the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit will tell us about the things that are his.

Note the things of Christ as Christ. Yes, it seems to me that the things of Christ; the peace, the peace in the blood through the cross. These things are magnified through the Holy Spirit.

Note next unto you he shall show these things. The Holy Spirit shows Christ to us. How often I wish that I might be able to show these things to an unconverted man. But you just

can't do it. And how often we wish there were more men like Milton who could tell us about the love of Christ. Why is this not so? The Holy Spirit does not seem to think that that would be the way to glorify Christ supremely. He prefers to do it in a better way. The common place things of Jesus and show them to us. He does glorify Christ; he blesses his name. Before us.

Let me illustrate this. Here is a boy who goes to school. His mother doesn't think he is a very smart boy. Perhaps some of his fellow classmen do not think very much of him. They say well he doesn't have a great deal of brains. But the school (teacher) may get hold of him and may put something into his mind. He may know that he has capability and somehow he leads that individual into great depths of learning and of scholarship. So the Holy spirit comes. We are ignorant and shows unto us the things of Christ. He honors Christ in this way. That we might in turn show these things to other people.

III. The Results of This Crowning.

As I think of the results of the Holy Spirit crowning Jesus, in our lives, that he produces power for us to live by. In every realm power is much used and needed. Horsepower, steampower, electric power, social power, political power, world power, intellectual power, moral power, spiritual power. The true scientist feels that he can almost touch God and the Christian experiences divine power in his heart. And in his life. All

changed so changed that his wife said, "Tom is the best Christian I know." A young girl was behind jail bars when a motherly woman found her on a Christmas day. Offering the young woman a white flower which she carried in her hand, the visitor to the jail said to the girl, my child, what are you doing in here? The (personal) message concerning Jesus the Saviour was given and the young girl was won and was restored to her home and to her loved ones.

Another result of the crowning of Jesus will enable us to win others. To make us fishers of men as the father hath sent me, even so send I you. Our idea is to be like Jesus. We are laborers together with God. A man who moved from Louisiana to Texas came in contact with a (Chinese) family. Invited them to Sunday School and church. They appreciated the invitation and accepted it. Later they became earnest Christians. And one daughter after her graduation at the university went to China as a (missionary). So beautiful was her testimony and life and character that among others she won a proud young Chinese woman to Christian service. This highly educated and winsome young woman came to the U. S. and attended the Baptist Bible Institute. Or what is not New Orleans Seminary. And there while studying did with others most effective work among the Chinese of New Orleans.

One of the older Chinese girls whom she taught announced her decision for college training in order that she might in time go

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as a missionary to China. Therefore, around the world and back again goes the life of power in Christ. When the Holy Spirit organs Jesus, the life opens his doors to him. We see there is power to witness. This regenerating power.

Another result of this crowning is that there is real comfort. There is no comfort in the world like the sight of Christ. The Holy Spirit shows us the things of Christ. How poor we are and how poor we would be without this wonderful vision of Christ. If you are made to see the things of Christ, each thing will change in proportion.

Another result is it will cure every sorrow of your heart. To crown Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is to produce the greatest comfort this world knows. More than a friend or more than anybody else, him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Saviour. And when we discover that we are just common soldiers and he is the King to be honored and the victory needed to be won, we shall feel like the French soldiers of old. Who loved the emperor. And you know how when they were lying if he rode by the wounded man would raise himself on his elbows and cry. The emperor is graven on my heart. And if our Lord and king is exalted, then let other things go which way they like. But let us be willing to crown him as the Lord of Lords and put him on the throne and bless his name.

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