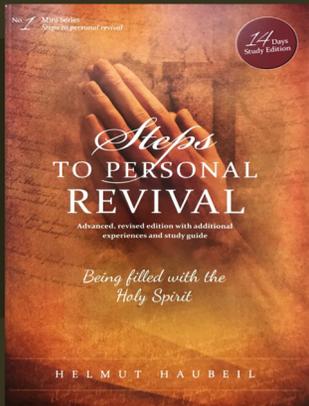


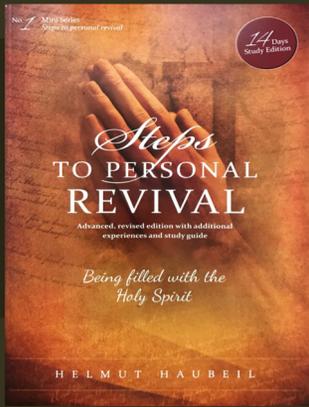
# *Steps to Personal Revival* “Honor the Holy Ghost!”

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Pastor Marcus Bates  
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## John Wilbur Chapman, *The Life and Work of Dwight L. Moody* (1900), pages 403-404

“When I was first converted, I spoke in a Sabbath School, and there seemed to be a great deal of interest . . . but an old man followed me out . . . he caught hold of my hand and gave me a little bit of advice . . . ‘Young man, when you speak again, honor the Holy Ghost.’ . . . The only good work that is going to stand in eternity is the work done by the Holy Ghost, and not by any one of us. We may be used as His instruments, but the work that will stand in eternity is that done by the Holy Ghost.”



Quote attributed to A.W. Tozier, “Classic Contemporary Excerpts,” *Christianity Today* (Dec. 13, 1985), page 46

“If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament Church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”



## **Acts 19:1-7**

**“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether**



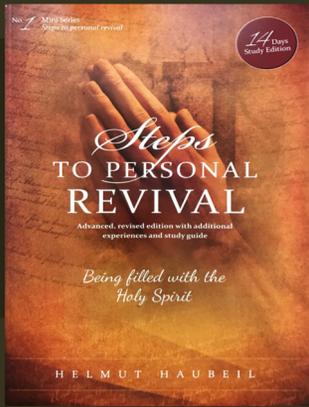
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**there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is,**



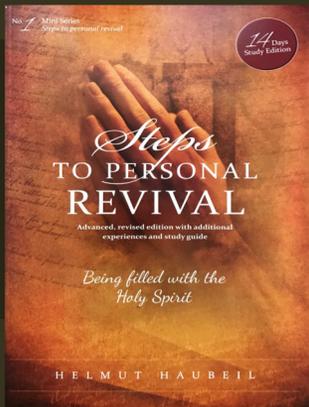
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**on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.”**



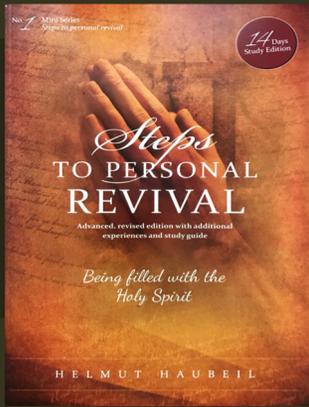
## Ellen G. White, *Sons and Daughters of God*, page 242

“For the joy that was set before Him, Christ endured the cross, despising the shame, and is forever set down at the right hand of God. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for the world, and through this sacrifice comes the greatest blessing that God could bestow, - the gift of the Holy Spirit. This blessing is for all who receive Christ.”



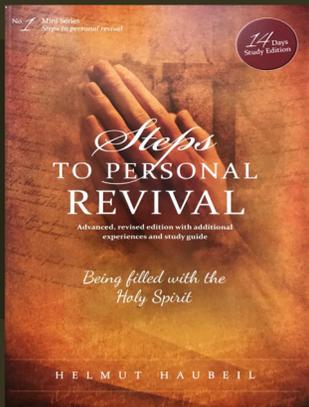
Ellen G. White, *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, page 132

“The Holy Spirit, the representative of Himself [Christ], is the greatest of all gifts. All ‘good things’ are comprised in this. The Creator Himself can give us nothing greater, nothing better.”



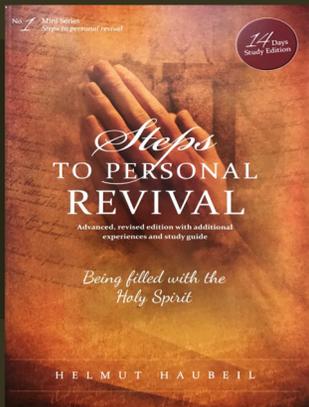
Ellen G. White, *Desire of Ages*, page 671

“The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people . . . It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer.”



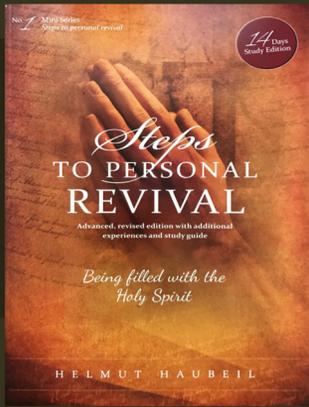
Ellen G. White, *Ye Shall Receive Power*, page 114

“The donation of the Holy Spirit was the greatest gift God could bestow upon finite man. This is free to all and in this gift there could be no computation.”



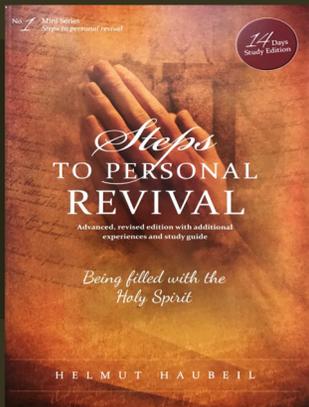
Ellen G. White, “The Promise of the Spirit,”  
*Review & Herald* (June 10, 1902), page 8

“Christ had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose in His teaching, but the one upon which He dwelt most largely was the endowment of His Holy Spirit. What great things He predicted for the church because of this endowment! Yet what subject is less dwelt upon today? What promise is less fulfilled?”



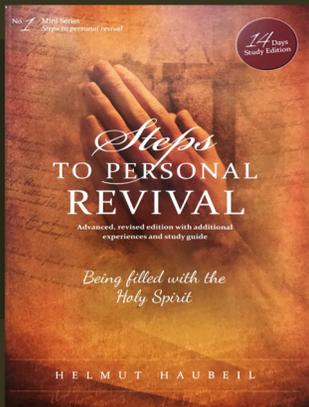
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“Prophecies are dwelt upon, doctrines are expounded, but the promise of the Spirit, the fulfillment of which is necessary for the success of God’s work, is incidentally touched upon, and that is all. Other blessings and privileges have been set before the church, but the thought entertained regarding the promise of the Spirit is that it is not for the church now, that at some time in the future the church will receive this gift. But this promise belongs to us now as surely as it belonged to the disciples.”



## Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, page 701

“The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and Heaven is waiting to bestow it.”



## Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, 1:180

“When the Third Angel’s Message shall go forth with a loud voice, the whole earth shall be lightened with His glory, [and] the Holy Spirit is poured out upon His people. The revenue of glory has been accumulating for this closing work of the Third Angel’s Message. The prayers that have been ascending for the fulfillment of the promise, the descent of the Holy Spirit, not one has been lost. Each prayer has been accumulating, ready to overflow and pour forth a healing flood of heavenly influence and accumulated light all over the world.”



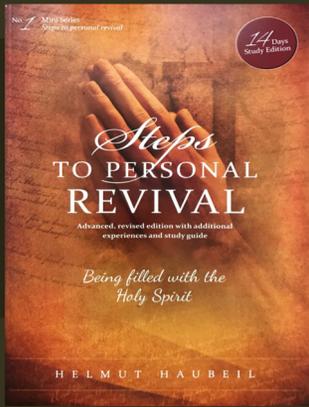
## **John 7:37-39**

**“In the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit,**



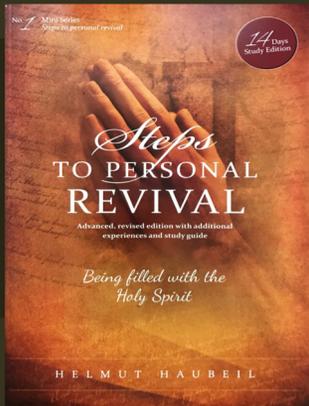
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**which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”**



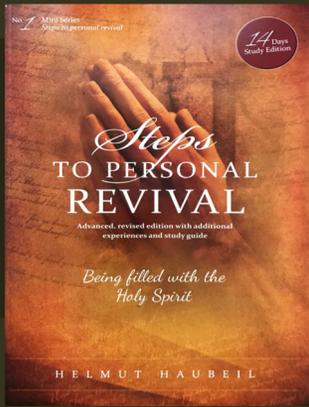
## E.G. White, *Desires of Ages*, page 672

“Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions. There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord’s promise; they talk *about* Christ and *about* the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies. We cannot use the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to use us . . . But many will not submit to this. They want to manage themselves. This is why they do not receive the heavenly gift.”



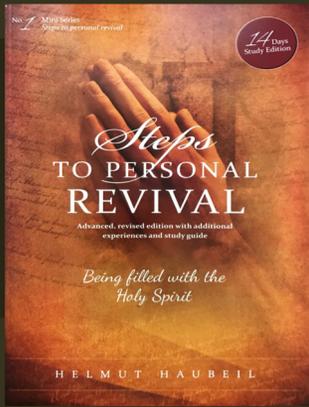
## E.G. White, *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 507

“Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own



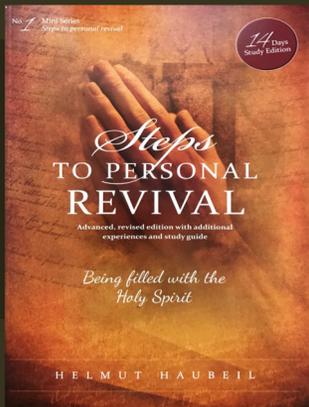
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necessity. The heart must be emptied of every defilement and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now. Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work,



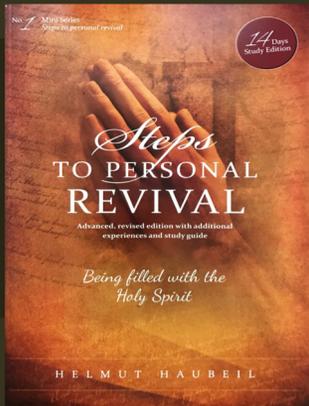
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and He will finish the work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light. Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it.”



## E.G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, 1:187

“God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart . . . At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer . . . Some are willing to receive one point; but when God brings them to another testing point, they shrink from it and stand back, because they find that it strikes directly at some cherished idol . . . Individuals are tested and proved a length of time to see if they will sacrifice their idols and heed the counsel of the True Witness . . .



## E.G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, 1:187 (cont'd)

Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.”