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On May 17, 2000, Jeff Walling, preacher for the Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, North Carolina, appeared on the denominational program "Praise The Lord" which airs on Trinity Broadcast Network. Walling was the guest of Gary Oliver of Gary Oliver Ministries in Fort Worth, Texas. Other guests included a lady "pastor," a "Reverend" Tommy Tenney, and Jentezen Franklin ("pastor" for the Church of God). Instrumental music was used during the program.

The Bible clearly warns that we are not to have fellowship with those who teach error: "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds." (II John 9-11). Contrary to what these verses teach, "Pastor Walling" (as he was called a number of times on the program) has demonstrated on several occasions his love for the fellowship of those who are in error.

Walling's appearance on this program should not surprise us, but it should cause us to speak out in righteous indignation because of the shame and reproach he brought on the precious body of Christ. He did this by fellowshipping those who teach and practice error and division. What is even worse is that parents and congregational leaders in the church all over the country will send their youth to hear Walling at Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN or some other location. Church leaders, don't be surprised when later in life your young people join themselves to denominations. Don't mourn over such when it happens — *because you encouraged them to go hear such men as Jeff Walling who support denominationalism!* Preachers and elders who encourage their young people to go hear such false teachers will have the Lord Jesus Christ to answer to on the day of judgment (2 Cor. 5:10).

False teachers constitute a threat to the purity and unity of the Lord's church. They must be refuted and exposed — ***not supported and encouraged!*** P. O. Box 147, Ooltewah, TN 37363

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THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Whenever the indwelling of the Spirit of God in a Christian (Rom. 8:11) is explained to a new convert or anyone else for that matter, it should not be so complicated as to render the matter unintelligible or impractical to him or her. The scriptures maintain that God (2 Cor. 6:16), Christ (2 Cor. 13:5) and the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11) live in His people. Yet, the crux of the matter boils down to this practical question, how does the Godhead *work* in those who have been sanctified? Now the scriptures plainly say that He *does so work*, as Paul said to the saints in Philippi, "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).

Is it by an illumination on the subconscious that comes directly from the Spirit? Is it an inner feeling that is better felt than told? Or is it by an internal nudge through some unknown divine operation? It is not! Because we are plainly told that the man of God is made "complete" or perfect through the scriptures and that they "thoroughly" equip him "for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Again we are told, that God by "His divine power has given to us *all things* that pertain to life and godliness through the *knowledge* of Him who called us to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3). Seven times in the book of Revelation the Lord Jesus says one should use his ears to hear the Holy Spirit (Rev. 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22; cf. 13:9). And the scriptures are very clear as to the manner in which God works in His children. As it is written, "the word of God, which also effectively *works* in you who believe" (I Thess. 2:13). The Greek word in this reference for "works" comes from the same word from which we get the word "energy." In other words God energizes in His people by means of His divine word. *Not* in conjunction with, but *by means of*. The "living and powerful" (Heb. 4: 12) word of God in a believing active Christian is like uranium energizing in a nuclear reactor.

Note: the above is an excerpt from a 14 page tract by the author. You or other members of your congregation may have a free copy for the cost of postage by requesting the "Gift Of The Holy Spirit" tract. Please enclose a stamped (33 cents) self-addressed envelope (ordinary business size). Or you may have twenty copies by sending 4 (four) 33 cent stamps in an envelope with your return address.