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THE THIRD STAGE – CHRIST LIVING IN ME Accepting the Discipline of the Holy Spirit

*The discipline of the Holy Spirit is an important lesson to the saints. There are many positive lessons for the saints, but **this is the only negative one**. Although there are other lessons of dealings which have to do with the negative aspects, yet all these require the coordination of the discipline of the Holy Spirit. **The forefathers in the Bible and all the overcomers in the way of life as recorded in church history have had rich and definite experiences along this line.** Although they did not necessarily use this term, the discipline of the Holy Spirit, yet it is abundantly evident that they experienced **various environments confronting them as trials and tests**. The Apostle Paul in Philippians chapter 4 tells us that he knew how to be abased and how to abound; this is because he learned the lessons of the discipline of the Holy Spirit amidst all circumstances. Much more should we who seek the growth of life pay full attention to this lesson, not only to know the points fully, but **to accept the dealings thoroughly**. Then we will allow the hand of the Potter to mold and shape us, the pieces of clay, that we may become a fit vessel, filled with the glorious image of His Son.*

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Scripture References

Romans 8:16	The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
Romans 8:27-28	But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God , to those who are called according to His purpose.
Matthew 10:29-31	Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion [a penny] ? And not one of them will fall to the earth apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Hymn #780 (Tune of #203)

1 Praying always in the spirit, Never in the flesh or mind! If this secret we will practise, God's full presence we will find.	4 Praying always in the spirit, Even groaning from within, Thus we utter God's intention By the Spirit's discipline.
Praying always in the spirit Is the secret we are told! In the spirit, God to contact, Is the secret we must hold!	5 Praying always in the spirit, In the holiest place divine; It is only in the spirit God and we in oneness twine.
2 Praying always in the spirit, Never by our human thought! Fellowship with God the Spirit Only thus to us is brought.	6 Praying always in the spirit, 'Tis the only way of prayer; All the fulness of the Godhead By this secret we may share.
3 Praying always in the spirit, Thus expressing God's desire; Staying with the Lord in spirit, We'll be wholly set afire.	

Hymn #2

1 Every new day's a new start. Lord, again we're coming to You. Lord, could You ever break through within us If, Lord, we gave You a part?	3 Some of my friends are so free. Who could I blame, Lord, but Thee? I cannot do all the things that they do Because You set me apart.
O Lord, we can't do it on our own. O Lord Jesus, how we need You! Win us, woo us, to Thyself, Lord, That we'd ever stay, Lord, with You	4 Lord, I'm realizing that Loving You's a tender trap. Since You have kissed me, my heart has melted; All my resistance has cracked.
2 Lord, before time had begun, We were marked and called out by You. We had no choice, we were trapped by You, Lord; We had no place we could run	