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"DABS OF DYNAMITE" ABOUT "WHAT" – ABOUT "WHOM" ?

INTRODUCTION: Think **HONESTLY** with me **a SERIOUS** MOMENT. I've spent a long time on this problem. A lifetime of study, preaching, teaching. Two intense years of study, writing. This is about Believers, Churches, Denominations, Leadership and the Holy Spirit.

"WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?"

I. TO SOME:

1- "The Unknown God" Many do not know the Holy Spirit.

2- "The Invisible God" Many do not see Him. Don't know how to recognize Him.

3- "The Ignored God" This is by those who know who He is.

4- "The Neglected God" This is by those who know they should not neglect the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also God. Or He could not do what He did on Pentecost, in Acts, in the writings of Paul, others, and John.

[We find a lot of this in some Denominations]

II. TO THOSE WHO KNOW THE DOCTRINE

1- Their Knowledge level is right. They can exegete the passages and the texts.

2- Their Experience level is low. Ignoring the Spirit or neglecting the Spirit, or even resisting Him (Acts 7:51) they don't experience Him. Examine the evidence!

111. TO MANY, WE CAN STATE THEIR PROBLEM

1- One problem is Ignorance. They simple don't know about the Holy Spirit. [Give them a test] Low knowledge results in low experience.

(1) Study my Ten Documents will help here. Because I do not know it all...

(2)The sure way is to study the Word exegetically.

(3) Categorize your knowledge under topics i. e. "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit", "The Power of the Holy Spirit", "How To Be Filled With The Spirit", "The Fruit of the Spirit", "Sins Against the Spirit", "Gifts of the Spirit", "The Holy Spirit and the Life of Jesus", Etc. Etc.

2- A common problem is Fear. (Very real among Baptist)

1) Fear of excesses

2) Fear of Pentecostalism

3) Fear of Charismatics

4) Fear of losing control in worship and service

CONCLUSION: I challenge you to honestly evaluate the Baptist Scene. Do we have problems? What are their cures? Are there BETTER cures than God's? DISCUSSION Etc. Frank Dearing, 8 N. Stern Ln. MPR, Belton, TX 76513, Phone 254-780-1173, frankdearing@sbcglobal.net September 9, 2007