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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Vol. I -- Named Accounts

MRS. WHITE
(The Mother of Stephen S. White)

Many of the entirely sanctified have spontaneously identified this experience and the baptism with the Holy Spirit. My mother's testimony is typical of this group. I give it to you as I have heard her relate it. She was reared in North Georgia. Her father-in-law (my grandfather White) was one of the first laymen in that section of Georgia to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. He was an active evangel in the propagation of this truth, both by testimony and by the distribution of literature on the subject. He contacted my mother by both of these methods and she received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Some time after that, Miller Willis, a Methodist evangelist, came through those parts preaching entire sanctification as a second work of grace. My mother attended his meetings, and after preaching one night Willis asked all who wanted this blessing of entire sanctification to kneel just where they were. My mother immediately knelt indicating that she was a candidate for the blessing. This meeting was the first time that she had heard this experience preached as entire sanctification. According to her further testimony, she had no more than knelt when the Holy Spirit revealed to her that she had received this blessing of entire sanctification when she had, some months before, been baptized with the Holy Spirit. This revelation was so clear and definite that she immediately arose from her knees. There was no need for her to continue to seek that which she had already received. She also told that when she reached home that night she found my father and a neighbor discussing entire sanctification and wondering what it was that this man Willis was preaching. Immediately she informed them that she knew because it had been her happy privilege to obtain that blessing some months before. This has often been the experience of those who have obtained this blessing as preached under one of these names and then later have heard it proclaimed under the other title. This, of course, does not happen in many instances today because those who preach the second blessing now use both of the above phrases in describing it. They also point out the relationship which exists between these two aspects of this experience.

Source: "Five Cardinal Elements in the Doctrine of Entire Sanctification" by Stephen Solomon White

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