



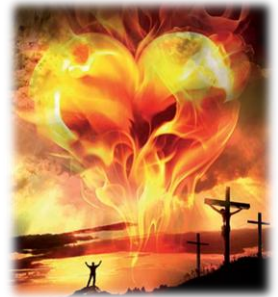
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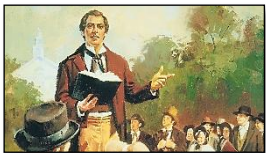
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The other force is the spirit of love. It too, increases as it is gratified and becomes bigger and better upon the deeds of kindness and mercy. The apostle John most fully entered upon this spirit. He wrote these words: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God: and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." (I John 4:7)



The Spirit of God, which bridges time, and to whom yesterday is as today, brings that injunction also to us. And it is laid upon this people: **"Yea, saith the Lord, I desire many evangelists of love to preach the gospel of love, not only in word but also in deed. If there is any here who has not been baptized with the spirit of love, he has not been baptized of Me, saith the Lord."** (To Be Continued)

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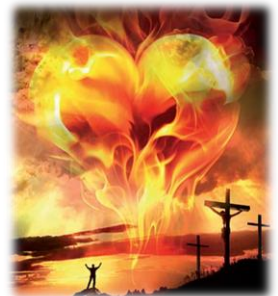
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