NECESSITY OF INSPIRATION TO A SPEAKER.

cept, "Believe in Christ and you shall be
saved." Accept it, try it, and see if it will
purchase those gifts and blessings men-
tioned, or any of them. Failing in this it
would not be genuine though the form, in
every particular, corresponded with the
authoritative plan. Hence none need be
deceived.

Brother Leishman indicated by his
remarks that salvation predicated alone
on belief was nowhere taught in the
Scriptures. This needs qualification for
it is written:

"For God so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son, that whoso-
ever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life."

This being in the same chapter and
in connection with the same subject, it
is clearly seen that the belief spoken of
contemplated works. Now what is faith
or belief? It is a principle of power by
the exercise of which worlds were made.
Christ Himself declared that he that said
he believed in Him and kept not His com-
mandments had not the truth in him.
True faith, then, merges into, and is in-
separably connected with works. The
Apostle James testifies that faith with-
out works is dead. In the sense that
true faith leads to true works, we un-
derstand the sayings above quoted. And
that, I presume, is what Brother Leish-
man meant. Now I believed that I would
come to this Tabernacle today. In this re-
spect I had a living faith and it prompted
to the work necessary to bring me here,
hence I am in your presence. Had my
faith been dead, how long do you suppose
I would have remained absent?

If you believe in Jesus you will keep His commandments, and the as-
sertions of man or any number of
men can never change this divine
decree. Again He said: "Verily, verily
I say unto you (speaking to Nicodemus)
except a man be born again he cannot
see the kingdom of heaven." How forcibly
can thousands realize this truth among
this people. How true, how potent, and
yet how little comprehended is that say-
ing Christ further declared to Nicodemus
that, except a man be born of the water
and of the Spirit he could not enter the
kingdom of heaven.

It would seem that not only man, but
other creations of God respond to this
law. The earth upon which we dwell had
its birth out of the waters. And, when the
debasing, corrupting sins of man defiled
the face thereof, they were remitted—
swept away by immersion. The win-
dows of heaven being opened and the
fountains of the deep broken up, the
earth was literally baptized in water,
as hereafter, abiding the law of its cre-
ation it will be literally baptized in fire
and the Holy Ghost. Thus, though men
may lightly consider the foundation upon
which rests the plan of human redemp-
tion, heaven and earth testify of it.

God dwells in eternal fire, and no
human being who has not been bap-
tized in water and Spirit can abide that
which will come, when the earth is im-
mersed in flames, mountains melt with
fervent heat and run down like wax.
To prepare humanity for the great day
of the Lord Almighty, He placed in his
Church Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists,
Teachers; that they might do the work
of the ministry and bring us to a one-
ess of faith in Christ Jesus. Any
church with less than these should show
the command authorizing the change.
If the Savior has made such change,
or any change, it is important for us
to know it. But if He has made no