

"My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me according to Thy Word." Psalms 119:25 KJV

As kids, we would dare each other to lick the frozen flag pole. I declined. Those who did, found their tongue "cleaved" to the pole immediately. I thought it was cruel, so I'd warn the newbies not to do it. I didn't care. I was big enough to take care of myself and names didn't bother me. Man is made of dust. *"The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of Life; and man became a LIVING soul."* Man had no Life until God breathed it into Him. Death is the absence of life, not the absence of being. You can "be" a dead soul, without God, or you can "be" a living soul, with Him. We are born lifeless spirits. (Without God) *"I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."* We are born without God. Children do not have to be taught to sin. Our soul is doomed to the dust. *"Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."* The only thing that can liberate us from "the body of this death," is faith in Jesus Christ, the "Word made flesh." God's Word quickens, resurrects the dead! *"But God, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God."* Life and Jesus are one! *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* If you would live eternally, repent of your sin and humbly call on Jesus. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD, shall be saved."* If you would not, do nothing. *"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Upon repentance and confession, Christ quickens your spirit by virtue of His presence (Word) indwelling, breathing into, your soul. Just as you need air in your body to be alive physically, you need God's breath to be alive spiritually. Words are breath. Hold your breath and try to talk. You can't. *"The anointing which ye have received of Him abideth IN you."* Jesus told His disciples, *"I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be IN you."* Christ's sinless death made possible the reconciliation of a Holy God with sinful men!



O quicken me with Holy Word,
That I might heed that, which I've heard,
That in my heart Thy Words might dwell,
To give me Life that naught can quell! ~CGP

Until faith comes, you are *"dead (without God) in trespasses and sins."* The Ten Commandments, like an x-ray, were given to reveal the wickedness of men. X-rays cannot mend broken bones. The Law could not reconcile us to God. Christ fulfilled the Law in His flesh and died a sinless death for *"all who believe,"* to bridge the gulf betwixt God and man! *"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."* Men are doomed to death until God's Word breathes into them eternal Life!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 KJV