

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." John 3:6-8 KJV

Ah! That we might feel the refreshing breeze of the Blessed Spirit on our hearts again as in the days of yore! The unseen Witness that assures us we are the KING'S children. The Comforter who soothes broken spirits and guides into "all truth." The power which can be seen moving the hearts of kings and common men alike. Like leaves yielding and turning in the wind, His power can destroy and refresh. "Ye must be born again!" The new birth is not visible to men, only its consequences. "Thou hearest the sound thereof." Just as the newborn is baptized, immersed into the



atmosphere, we are baptized into the Holy Spirit. We cannot survive without Him. His Life and Presence should be as natural to us as breathing is for an infant. We should be in a panic without Him. Somehow we think we can fully function as Christians without Him. Impossible! We wander around in a spiritual coma because we've started to breathe the toxic gases of world's dead and dying. We are oblivious to the true power and vitality we could possess. We need long walks in the "fresh air" of the Spirit to clear our hearts and minds of the toxic air of this world. The Spirit is the invisible God Himself. When we immerse our minds in God's Word, we immerse ourselves in God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Therein shalt thou meditate day and night. Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God...and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." We need to put on the "gas mask" of meditation to filter out the "dead" air of this world system. We need the pure "oxygen" of God's Word to revive us again and again lest we become complacent and listless in our fellowship with the Saviour. We should "pray without ceasing." We are in a contrary environment, and as a scuba diver needs his breathing apparatus to stay alive, we need God's Word in our thoughts continually to function! *Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.* What is it that precedes your words and deeds? Is it not your thoughts? "As he thinketh in his heart so is he." You are what you think. What are the thought of Jesus? His Word. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." With God the Holy Spirit leading us into All the Truth of God's Word, "we have the mind of Christ."

Our flesh will always crave the mortal,
Our soul must breathe the Life that's vital,
For those without 'twill be most fatal,
God's Word revives and makes immortal. -CGP

Most Christians are like sleep-walkers when it comes to faith. They think they're in a dream and have no idea of the danger that surrounds them and their fellows. We need to "wake up" and get busy waking up others from the stupor that has so long enshrouded believers so we may light the darkness around us for those seeking the "Light of the world! The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light."

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the Armour of Light." Romans 13:11-12 KJV