

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17no3 KJV



A butterfly doesn't eat leaves and crawl around. It is free to soar the breezes; flitting from flower to flower sipping readily available nectar. A caterpillar must completely isolate itself from the surrounding world for the transformation to take place; no longer crawling, eating leaves, on twigs, and branches; blending in to avoid being eaten. Nothing is even remotely similar in its rebirth to its former self. Its transformation completely eradicates all vestiges of its former self and all that remains is a dried dead shell attached to an earthbound branch which soon disintegrates and turns to dust. Butterflies sit for a few moments after rebirth on the branch, and then suddenly flit away never to return! Such is the experience of the new believer in Christ. Their body becomes a dead husk of their former self while their spirit is reborn to soar on the wings of faith carried by the gossamer breezes of Truth to the nectar of sustenance found in God's Word! *“Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* Have you submitted to the transforming cleansing power of God's Word? Or do you still crawl around with the other caterpillars, living in fear? Do you feast on the nectar of God's Word; listening to the Voice of the Spirit of Truth as He *“guides you into all Truth?”* Or do you still plod along munching on worldly wisdom? Do you *“pray without ceasing?”* Or do you still cling to the leaves of pride and branches of self; having all the ability to transform, but paralyzed with fear; afraid to let go? *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”* Caterpillars will never know the dimension of flight until transformed! Has your love of Christ constrained you to wholly trust Him in spite of all you trusted before? The butterfly doesn't know it can fly until it lets go. Yes it may come to earth from time to time, but only to enjoy the providence of its heavenly Father. Have you ever tried to catch a butterfly? I used to lure them to a spot on a log with a shallow white bowl of sugar water. I wouldn't net the first or even the second, but would wait until the bowl was covered with them before dropping the net. Some escaped, some died, but I always got several good specimens for my collection. If they had kept to nectar instead of the counterfeit, white bowl of sugar water, they would still be free to fly! Be ever wary of Satan's "sugar water." Depend solely upon the nectar of Truth for sustenance. What appears popular and harmless may just be Satan's deadly counterfeit to collect souls for destruction!

Release the branch of selfish pride,
And let your faith in Truth reside,
And let its breezes lift you up,
To sip sweet nectar from its cup. ~CGP

Many believers are still clinging to their old husk; too afraid to trust God; receiving no sustenance for their new creature in Christ! Many cling until they perish, when they could trust the unseen breezes of Truth to carry them to new heights of liberty! *“Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a PECULIAR people. Wherefore come out from among them, and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord.”* A butterfly's and a caterpillar's food, abilities, relationships, and character are completely different!

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:18 KJV