

*"Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." Matthew 9:17 KJV*

No man can even attempt to retain the presence of Almighty God in His flesh. It would literally rupture. God must resurrect man's dead spirit by virtue of His presence else He could not abide with man. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* God must create a "new bottle" to contain the "newness of life" His Spirit brings when He comes to indwell the penitent. Only a resurrected spirit can commune with the Holy Spirit, God. Our flesh remains "*carnal sold under sin and cannot perceive spiritual things.*" If we are to have a relationship with a Holy God, we must do so "*in spirit and in Truth. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*" The believer sins by yielding to carnal desire instead of the "new" spirit, born of God. *"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."* Satan cannot do anything to the soul and spirit of a believer. His only access is through the flesh. This is what Jesus meant when He said, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."* You must deny the flesh through faith, that is, trusting God's Word no matter the circumstance. "How do we follow Christ? *"If ye love Me, keep my commandments."* Your most important duty to Christ is to, *"Love one another as I have loved you."* If you truly love Christ, you'll love what He loves. If you don't, then you do not love Christ. The second most important duty is to, *"preach the gospel to every creature."* This will be second nature to you if you truly love Jesus. What a person loves, they talk about, *"for out of the heart the mouth speaketh."* What dominates your speech, dominates your heart. Always pour out the "new wine" for others from the "new bottle" God has provided you and refresh their souls from its bounty. Let the "Living Water" spring forth from your heart so the thirsty may avail themselves from its everlasting flow. We have an infinite, self-replicating, Source, The Lord Jesus Christ. He gives freely, so must we. *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."*

Do not attempt with tattered skin,  
To keep Eternal Life within,  
It must be kept with spirit new,  
That's born of God and given you. ~CGP

The body cannot keep pace with a new spirit. All it can to do is hinder you. Your soul is who you are. Once given a new spirit, you decide where to walk; obey the Spirit or obey the flesh.

*"This I say then, 'Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.' Galatians 5:16-17 KJV*

