

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:23-24 KJV

Adam's sin precipitated his separation from the Life force that sustained his spirit, because God could not be a part of the unholiness of lust. God withdrew His Spirit from man and the "living soul" of man became a "dead soul," that is, separated from Life. From the moment we are born, the flesh begins its lustful control of our minds. It is the only source of information the mind has. The flesh interprets everything to its advantage. If it pleases the flesh, it is allowed. Try feeding green beans to an infant that has never tasted them and you'll get an instant demonstration of this fact. The flesh mesmerizes us until the bright light of Truth flashes upon our understanding, and once again we feel the Breath of God upon our souls through faith in His Word. Think back to when you can first remember instruction. Did you debate the fact that mom was your mom? Did you require proof or did you just know it was true the moment you heard it? It is the same with the Truth of God's Word. When you hear Truth you know it is so, immediately. The only debate is; whether or not you accept it. All know Truth! *"The gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed. The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the Truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."* Those who through faith believe and cling trustingly to God's Word have their spirits revived and there is immediate conflict between the mind of the flesh and the mind of the spirit. The sinful flesh, used to being in total control, is now usurped and replaced by the Holiness of God. It battles fiercely to maintain its old authority. We must constantly re-subjugate it by our obedience to God's Word. Before spiritual rebirth, there is no conflict. Everything seems harmonious, because we are under the dictatorship of the flesh and are unaware that we were born shackled. Our faithful obedience to God's Word is the key that unlocks and frees the soul to soar into the Son-light of God's Love. We can choose light and Life or darkness and death. Daylight initially hurts the eyes when we first awaken, and we must not close our mind's eye to the discomfort of Truth's Light and retreat back into the comfortable darkness from which we came. We must rejoice in the Light of our new, everlasting, Day. We are children of the night no longer. Obedience to God's Word is a continuing choice that is constantly impeded by the Sanballat and Tobiah of our flesh. Build the walls of your faith with your armor on and your Sword ready!



Mind the Spirit and free the mind,
Unlock the chains of sin that bind,
The Word of God through faith obey,
Escape into the Light of Day. ~CGP

Meditation on and obedience to God's Word shackles the flesh and secures our newfound freedom in Christ. The only shackle God places on us is His everlasting Love.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." Romans 6:16-17 KJV