

FOOTLIGHTS



THE WORD OF GOD, PART 4

“Regeneration by the Word of God”*

1. What change must take place before one can enter the kingdom of God? (John 3:3)

“Except a man be _____ again, he cannot see the _____ of _____.”

2. How is this accomplished? (1 Peter 1:23, 25)

“By the _____ of God, which _____ and _____ forever. . . . which by the _____ is preached unto you.”

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"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE."



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NOTE: The secret of the gospel's power lies in the all-powerful, ever-living word of God. To preach the gospel is to preach the word of God, which teaches us the gospel. It is by the power of this ever-living word that the change is wrought in man spoken of as the new birth.

3. What part of man undergoes this immediate change spoken of as the "new birth"? (Romans 12:2)

"Be ye transformed by the _____ of your _____."

4. In whose image is this new man created? (Colossians 3:10)

"And put on the new _____, which is renewed in _____ after the _____ of him that _____ him."

5. Why is it necessary that this change be wrought in every man before he can enter the kingdom of God? (Romans 8:7)

"Because the _____ _____ is enmity against God, for it is not _____ to the _____ of God, neither indeed can be."

6. Whose mind are we to have? (Philippians 2:5)

"Let this _____ be in you, which was also in _____ _____."

"PREACH THE WORD."



7. What was Christ's attitude to the will of God? (Psalm 40:8)

"I _____ to do thy will, O my _____, yea thy _____ is within my _____."

8. Will the same law be written in the hearts of God's people? (Hebrews 8:10)

"I will put my _____ into their _____, and write them in their _____."

9. What expression of David reveals the attitude of God's people toward his law? (Psalm 119:97)

"O how I _____ thy _____! It is my meditation all the _____."

NOTE: God's people are given a new mind, one of righteousness and true holiness. Has this change taken place in you? Or do you harbor any rebellious feeling toward God? Be honest and examine yourself carefully, for you cannot afford to be deceived in this matter. Do not substitute good works, church relationships, or church ceremonies. This change comes only from the ever-living, all-powerful word of God. Do not rest until you know this change has happened in you.

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SAVED FROM THE SEA, CONCLUDED*

“By the time our boat reached the top of the mast, it (the mast) sank out of sight, and thus the way was clear for our boat to pass over it and on.

“But here a heavy sea caught us, and we were carried beyond the danger of the sinking ship. I looked around to take the last view of her, but she was gone. It was just twenty-two minutes from the time the first torpedo was fired at us, until our faithful ship was out of sight. That twenty-two minutes seemed like hours to us.

“Mrs. Babcock sat down in the bottom of the boat, and our boys, who were a little farther forward, were under the watch care of the stewardess. The boat was so filled with water that Mrs. Babcock was compelled to sit in it up to her waist. We were all this winter night without anything on our feet or heads. We were now in a boisterous sea.

“Our little boy Arlington, four and one-half years old, called out to his mother to teach him to thank God for our deliverance. As he offered his prayer of thanksgiving, every one in the boat was quiet. His little prayer evidently had an effect on rough sailors and others.

“We had not gone far until we began passing wreckage, and many dead bodies. Seventy-seven lives were lost. We heard the cries of ‘Help!’ ‘Help!’ and no cry was disregarded. By the time all were helped into our boat, we had about all it could carry.”

After about three hours of tossing on a stormy sea, they were picked up by a

patrol boat, and found kindness and clothing and food in the port of Holyhead. Missionary Babcock says of their welcome on shore:

“Never had we witnessed such a scene. Although we suffered severely from our experience, yet the blessings received in the kindness and sympathy shown us largely over-balanced the affliction.

“It was a great day for us. We had witnessed the hand of God to deliver, when humanity was powerless. Never were the promises of God so precious to us. We knew that God had sent His holy angels to keep us in all our ways, and by them deliverance was assured. We thought of Paul’s shipwrecks, of the tortures and afflictions of our Father’s children. We are not able to solve God’s great purpose in these afflictions, but we can remember that ‘all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.’ Some have ended the service amidst perils, and other may be called to lay down a life spared. But we can always say, ‘Not my will, but Thine, be done.’”

*From W. A. Spicer, *Providences of the Great War*

Jesus,
Saviour,
pilot me.



Nuno Cardoso