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DRAWING STRENGTH FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small” (Proverbs 24: 10)

We do well to wait upon the Lord's mercy. After all, the Lord has waited a lot longer than we have waited upon Him! ***“I waited patiently for the Lord;”*** David said, ***“He turned to me and heard my cry.”*** (Psalm 40: 1 NIV) And the best help in patient waiting is an understanding well-informed and enlightened.

Alas! How many poor souls are there in the world, who, because they are not well-informed in their understanding, are often ready to give up all for lost because of the tricks and temptations of Satan!

The Lord pity them!

The Lord help them to pray with the spirit and with the understanding also. This is true to much of my own experiences.

When I have been in my fits of agony of spirit. I have been strongly persuaded to quit and to ask the Lord no longer to answer my request.

But then I remember and understand what great sinners the Lord has had mercy upon, and how large His promises are still to sinners.

And I remember that it was not whole and healthy, but the sick; not the righteous, but the sinners; not

the full, but the empty that He intended to give His grace and mercy. When I remember these things my patience is renewed and I preserve in prayer until I receive the blessing.

Remembering and understanding the teachings of the Scriptures has made me, through the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to cleave to Him, hang upon Him, and continue to cry, though for the present He made no answer - and He has helped me!

May the Lord help all of the poor, tempted, and afflicted people do the same and to continue, though it be long, according to the saying of the prophet: ***“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and not delay.”*** (Habakkuk 2: 3)

May the Lord help those who pray to the end, not by the inventions of men and their rituals, but with the spirit and the understanding also.

(John Bunyan, In PILGRIM'S PRAYER BOOK, inserted by P. Mundy.)

The Spirit of Love

The fruit of the Spirit is love. (Galatians 5: 22)

I beseech you....for the love of the Spirit (Romans 15: 30)

Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit (Colossians 1:8)

These verses leads us up into the very centre of the inner sanctuary. We will learn that love is not only one of the fruits of the Spirit, but it is also the most important of all. The Spirit is nothing less than divine love, come down to dwell in us. We have only as much of the Spirit as we have of love.

God is *Spirit*. All life is owing to the Spirit of God. This is so because God is also *love*. He is love as seen in the Father giving all He has to the Son (Jesus) seeking all He has in the Father. In this life of love between the Father and the Son, the Spirit is the bond of fellowship.

The Father is the loving One, the fountain. The Son is the beloved One, the great reservoir of love, always receiving and giving back. The Spirit is the living love that makes them one. In Him the divine life of love has its ceaseless flow and overflowing.

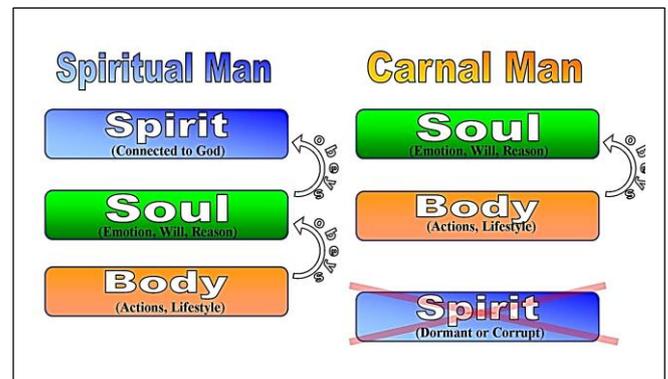
The outpouring of the Spirit is the inpouring of love. This love now possesses the heart. That same love with which God loves Jesus, ourselves, and all His children overflows from us to all the world.

If we trust and yield to this love, it will also be power for us to live. The Spirit is the life of the love of God. The Spirit in us is the love of God taking up abode within us.

Live in the love of Jesus, and you will be a messenger of His love to everyone you meet. The more intimate your relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit, the more accurate your translation of that life will be into the relationship of daily life.

The compensation for our not being able to see God is that **we have one another to love!** 1 John 3: 14 – 24.)

If we do this, God lives in us! We do not have to ask if our brother or our sister is worthy: God's love for us and for Him is love for the unworthy. It is with this divine love that the Holy Spirit fills us and teaches us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ



Are You Spiritual or Carnal?

Read 1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 3 and **“if we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.”** (Galatians 5: 25)

In 1 Corinthians chapter 2, Paul contrasted the believer as spiritual with unregenerate (not born again) as the natural (or physical) man. He supplemented that teaching by telling the Corinthians that though they had the Spirit, he could not call them spiritual.

The word *spiritual* belongs to those who have not received the Spirit, but have also yielded themselves to Him to possess and rule their whole life. Those who have not done this, in whom power of the flesh is still more manifest than that of the Spirit, must not be called spiritual, but fleshy and carnal. (Cont'd to page 3)

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There are thus three states in which a person may be found. The unregenerate is still the natural man, not having the Spirit of God, The regenerate (born again), who is still a babe in Christ, is the carnal man, giving way to the power of the flesh.

The believer in whom the Spirit has obtained full supremacy is the spiritual man. This whole passage from Corinthians is suggestive of rich instruction in regard to the life of the Spirit within us.

All that is carnal and sinful, the works of the flesh, must be cast out. Also, all that is carnal (however religious it appears), all confidence in the flesh, and all self-effort must be rooted out. The soul must be brought into the subjection of Jesus Christ. In daily dependence on God, the Holy Spirit must be accepted, waited for, and followed.

By walking by faith and obedience, we may count on the Holy Spirit to do divine work within us. ***“If we live in the Spirit”*** - this is the faith that is needed. If we believe that God's Spirit dwells in us, ***“let us also walk in the Spirit.”*** This is the obedience that God requires. By faith in the Holy Spirit within us, we have sufficient strength to walk by the Spirit and yield ourselves to His mighty power. Then He can work in us to will and to do all that is pleasing in God's sight.

(By Andrew Murray the author, inserted by P. Mundy)

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The First Presbyterian/Reformed Deaf Missions Conference 2014

Peter Mundy attended this conference representing DCF of Australia which was held in Seoul, South Korea between 4th and 7th August 2014.

He reckoned that the Deaf pastors organised this wonderful conference in much God's blessings with much support and prayer by the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of South Korea. In fact, there are fifty-one ordained Deaf pastors ministering their churches in all regions of that country.

There were twenty-two representatives from other nations attending to share the fellowship together during that time and they gave their presentations of their ministries including Peter's part of speaking about Australia which needed much prayers.

The conference was well-attendance with 400 people and the decoration with flags of nations were shown at the stage, Korean colourful choir teams which were really beautiful, several sermons preached especially the theme as ***“Arise, shine for the light has come.”*** (Isaiah 60: 1) A lecture was given about the historical Reformation in 16th century with the photo slides of 'reformed fathers'. There was a business meeting of the representatives for the setting up of ***“World Alliance of Deaf Presbyterian / Reformed Churches”*** which made resolution that the next conference would be held either Frankfurt, Germany or Cape Town, South Africa in 2017, if God's willing. Peter joined the group excursion trip after the conference was over for the sightseeing of persecuted and perished Korean pastors and families in past history, folk ancient village, World Tabernacle Gospel museum and De-Militarized Zone which were much interesting. He attended the Deaf Department of Myungsung Presbyterian Church to explore this building of office, several chapels, school and boarding accommodation, etc

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There was a prayer meeting for one hour from 6am on Saturday morning held at large Myungsung Presbyterian Church which was well filled over 5,000 congregations which was very much inspiring. This church showed their support on 500 missionaries into the parts of the world for many decades. Our group attended the church service at Deaf Department chapel on Sunday morning with the preaching about the story of Jonah as the theme of "God is desperate for you to go quickly." Peter reflected of his new experience as challenging and inspiring of the world Deaf conference and Korean Deaf churches. Pray for the work and power of the Holy Spirit upon Australian Deaf community of their great need of understanding of God's sure Word by faith leading into repentance and obedience on spiritual reformation for the glory of God through the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ, the Lordship of all things.

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World Deaf Presbyterian /Reformed Conference



Peter gave souvenirs to small kids in crèche



with a hearing professor theology/church history



World Deaf representation business meeting



Beautiful Korean ladies performed concert



Myungsung Presbyterian Church, Seoul



Deaf Department

