

BONE OF HIS BONE

So the Cross must cut, dividing asunder soul and spirit. The spirit, once released from the thralldom of the carnal, takes its place with Christ in the Heavenlies. The believer's life should flow in an unremittant stream from the Throne. As to his spirit, he is translated into the Kingdom of Christ, here and now. During His earthly ministry Jesus stood in just such relations; He could say: "No man hath ascended into Heaven, but he that came down from Heaven, even the Son of Man which is in Heaven." As to His spirit, Jesus was in Heaven even while He walked on earth and preached by the shores of Galilee. His life flowed in an unremittant stream from the Throne. The soul and the body were kept under.

RIVERS.

Now when by faith we rise to claim our place in the Heavenlies, our spirits are released from the thralldom of the "flesh-life." They are disentangled from the "soulsh-life." We are no longer in bondage to "self." We are set free. Our life is no longer lived at the circumference. It flows from the center to the circumference. Thus it is that we truly come into our own, not only as sons of God, but as men—the highest realms of manhood (the Manhood of the Master) unfold within us.

Oh! the glory of the Christian life when lived in the fullness of its prerogatives, when we learn to participate in Christ in (all) the wealth of the redemption which He has wrought out for us. Oh! that we might (see) the poverty of our spirits, the barrenness of our life, the death which still envelopes us because we have not incorporated in our being (all) that Christ would have us to receive. John could say: "And of (His fullness) have (all) we received, and grace for grace." How little of (His fullness) have we received. Oh! how many Christians are living on starvation rations, when all the time the King would have them so filled, so charged with the (life of God) so rooted in the Divine fullness that, unable to contain themselves, rivers of living water should burst forth and flow out to a perishing world.

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