

Rivers of Living Water

(Phil. 3:4-6). Through human generation Paul was richly endowed. Paul's "flesh" was educated, cultured, moral, even religious flesh, yet it was wholly unacceptable to God. So there is but one attitude which God can possibly have toward the flesh, which is that of condemnation and rejection. God refuses to deal with the flesh on any terms, for it is irretrievably displeasing to Him.

"They that are in the flesh CANNOT please God" (Rom. 8:8).

Regeneration opens the way for the believer to enter the sphere of the Spirit. At the new birth the Holy Spirit quickens the human spirit and then makes it his home.

"That which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6).

The Reign of the Old Man

In each of these spheres is a sovereign who purposes to rule with undivided authority.

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation *the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts*" (Eph. 4:22).

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off *the old man with his deeds*" (Col. 3:9).