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From "The Lord My Portion"

It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life. John 6.63.

As we view the work of the Lord Jesus in the Holy Spirit we find that all His works are living to us. If we look at His work outside the Holy Spirit, all will be mere letters, and letters are dead. If we treat these matters as simply doctrines, they are dead. Some people say that they do believe in the facts recorded in the Bible, but why are these facts not effective in their lives? Others say that they have heard the doctrine, yet they do not find the power. Still others may say that they have found in the Bible God's word, but why does it not work? All these failures are because they do not touch the fact of God in the Holy Spirit. For all the things in Christ, if treated as letters or doctrines, become things of the past; if they are approached in the Holy Spirit, however, they never become something past but are always present living realities.