

from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Some people say baptism is not essential to salvation. It is only a form. Yes, it is a form, but by the obedience to "that form of doctrine." They were made "free from sin." In a word it is the obedience to Christ, the taking on of His yoke.

In taking Christ's yoke upon you, you deny yourselves, you are separated from the world by your profession of faith and your repentance. Now you come to the baptismal fount and there you enter the watery grave, evidencing that you desire to die to sin. Now you are dead and buried, and now Jesus says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man is born of water and of the spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3, 5. Now you are dead and buried, but coming from the womb of water into the element of air represents the birth into the new life. If you have been raised from your baptismal grave in the likeness of Christ's resurrection, which shows, as James said, "Show me your faith without your works and I will show you My faith by My works." What did He mean? Why, he had faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He proves it by his works, showing by his works his faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, by dying to sin, being buried with Christ by baptism, that is being immersed, then raising from the watery grave, showing his faith in the death, burying and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Gospel Buried With Christ.

Here, then, is the complete story of the gospel being buried with Christ in baptism unto death, dead to sin, that is, we were given our freedom. Now, He follows in this text: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me." Thus, when we are born from our old life into the new one the truth of God comes to us and we learn the things of God. Our new way of thinking changes our thoughts, our desires. We have reached the stage that God intended us to arrive at, thoughts filled with tenderness, with pity, with love, with kindness, with purity, deeds freighted with goodness to our fellowman and our obedience to our God. I want to know if there is any life that we can live that will bring the freedom that is tended here. "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your soul." Rest! Rest to your soul. Do we need it to-day? "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

When you stop to consider the promise, "He careth for you." Surely that promise is one of value to know that He watches every step you take, and He says the very hairs of your head are numbered, and a sparrow that is only worth perhaps a quarter of a cent. cannot fall to the ground without our father's notice, yet He says ye are more valuable than many sparrows. When you stop to think that in the garden of life that you are walking with God, in the dawning of the morning when your eyes are first opened, commit your ways unto the Lord.

#### Make a Resolution.

Start to-morrow morning by saying "I covenant with Thee oh God, if strength to me Thou wilt impart, no unkind word shall fall from my lips to-day. No cruel, harsh or false deed shall be performed by me toward my fellowman nor any animal that lives. I will seek to-day to be sweet in disposition, truthful in my statements, honest in my dealings, pure and chaste in my actions." Try it to-morrow and see if it will not bring more joy, more peace, more rest, more happiness, than if by figuring dishonestly you made a million dollars. Brethren and friends, we are all tending toward the grave. It is only a matter of a few years when there will not be a soul