

The Depth of a Puddle

By faith in Jesus Christ as my personal savior: I Douglas Kessner, became a Christian by accepting Jesus Christ, as my personal savior in September 1975. This by reading a booklet by Campus Crusade, entitled, "The Four Spiritual Laws." It took me three months of reading the little booklet before going to bed each night until I finally discovered the reality of the depth of my puddle of sin. I submit the following as my commitment in faith to Jesus Christ.

*I must remember upon emerging from the infamous puddle, that anger is a choice, and that hatred corrodes the container it is carried in, and it is the *soulical choice regarding what temperature my soul ultimately will dwell in for eternity. So then while in eternity now to eternity, my soul filled joy is found in the blue print of living, (His Word)*

Father when I ponder the depth of your righteousness, it is as if I cannot swim in the depths of an ocean that is as deep as eternity with the consistency of mercy. When I consider the depth of my puddle of sin that my soul once swam in, "yes," in my carnal ignorance not knowing that the life preserver of grace was an option. This ominous puddle of life is defining the parameters of my unsure turbulent world, this before I understood the faith that gave buoyancy to the shallow drowning of my will.

The puddle of turbulent waters became a sea of stagnate, dissatisfaction, no longer capable of supporting life. Then just as my *soulical was to succumb to the temporal, "repentance," once submerged, "emerged," the puddle disappeared, enveloped now, with deep crystal-clear spring water. Its water was a cleansing of my body, "NO," is a cleansing of my soul. Was it all new? Was I a new man? But where was the puddle, of which once was my existence? "Yes" I was new; as I looked, there was no reference of the puddle. I was now supported by a life-giving buoyancy in the depths of not only mercy, but also grace, and the best of all was love. God, now filled with my new joy through the atonement of your Son, and the Holy Spirit to my spirit brings understanding of why Your love feels so good all over, more than any place else.

My son your emersion is in the depths of my righteousness, the new parameter, is My will that "IS," Christ, a union to everlasting, a buoyancy that requires only the justification of my righteousness. Just as your faith of conversion, is evidence to His incarnation that is yours.

You see it is the undesirable shape of the puddle of life in your *Soulical / secular world, that was your carnal personality! Then to the declaration of independence from its parameters, then the interdependence and your total submission to My Truth, that "IS," Jesus, which determines the depth of your joy in our Spiritual journey to eternity.

*Soulical *temporal

SOUICAL: The word "soulical" pertains to all non-Christians, and the words "spiritual" and "carnal" pertain to two classes of Christians.

1 Cor. 2.14 The unspiritual man (natural man) does not receive the gifts of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The Greek word translated “*natural*” in 1 Corinthians 2:14 is *psuchikos*, a form of the word *psuche*. *Psuchikos* is the “natural” or “soulical” life (self-life) that man has in common with the animal kingdom.

The soulical man is dominated or ruled by his soul, which includes all the experiences, desires, emotions, sensations, likes, and dislikes within the personal, natural life of the individual. Such likes, dislikes, etc. will vary from individual to individual, but all emanate from the soul-life of man. The soulical man is alienated from God and, thus, possesses no way to grasp spiritual truth. A man must be *born from above* — *made alive spiritually* — before he can possess spiritual discernment.

TEMPORAL: a, of or relating to time as opposed to eternity b, of or relating to earthly life c: Lay or secular rather than clerical or sacred