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The only way we can enter into the mysteries of God is through regeneration. Rebirth comes when I recognize God as God, accept His Son as my Saviour, and faith that God meant for me to be saved and to know Him.

True faith is based on knowledge of what God has revealed to us about Himself in His Word and which I recognize and consider to be true and trustworthy. Faith is also a firm trust that works in my heart through the Holy Spirit, through the gospel, that God also grants me, just like other people, forgiveness of sin, out of grace, only for the sake of the merits of Christ and not earned by myself.

Assurance of faith is the acceptance and receiving of this forgiveness of sin for me as well. Assurance of faith is also a constant surrender to Christ, and a "remain in Jesus." The constant surrender is an act of faith that Jesus will and can deliver us from all sin, as the soul learns to constantly rest in Him and not to struggle in its impotence against sin. This is the victory we achieve. There is a constant struggle and an intense effort needed, because the deeper we dig for Christ, the more I am convicted of and realize my sin. However, it is your rest and not your struggle that will save you.

Faith is like a child in the mother's arms: Delivered from sin by an act of faith and sanctified from sin by a continued act of faith. Then your life is no longer a constant disappointment, but a never-ending victory.

Prayer has a lot of power with God. Prayer is nothing but waiting on God. For that, time and seriousness are needed, and silence and seclusion for the soul to wait on God. Hold on to the Lord and say: "I will not let You go unless You bless me." Give your God no rest until the Holy Spirit has succeeded in bringing about the new life, which is hidden in Christ, in the depth of your existence. Beg the Holy Spirit to show you more deeply and more completely what healing and cleansing there are in the wounds of Christ.

The living Word leads us to a true knowledge of sin, a glorious experience of salvation and a fruitful life of gratitude. It is this faith that will make the Church rise from its spiritual-dead sleep and realize that humanity is in distress and longs for rest and peace of its confused and weary thoughts. A tidal wave of revival in the Church will drive away the turmoil of hatred, envy, racial and brotherly strife and achieve unity around the Cross. This is the only way through which the Church will again be the symbol of light, strength and unity that will glorify our Lord and Master.

PRAYER: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Joh.6:68). Yes, Lord, You alone speak words of life, words that make my soul live. That is why I come to You, to hear Your words. Lord, make it alive in my heart, and let my heart live through the words. Oh Lord Jesus! Your words are words of life. Let my soul also taste this life. Just as Your word raised the little daughter of Jairus, the widow's son and Lazarus in the grave from death, so Your Word can also make me alive. Lord, help me to understand and believe Your Word, because I want to believe what You say. Bless me with Your words, so that my soul may live. I come, O Lord, because "You have the words of eternal life." Amen.