



THE mark of a **life** governed by the Holy Spirit is that such a **life** is **continually** and ever more and more occupied with Christ, that Christ is becoming greater and greater as time goes on. The effect of the Holy Spirit's work in us is to bring us to the shore of a mighty ocean which reaches far, far beyond our range, concerning which we feel—Oh, the depths of the fullness of Christ! If we lived as long as ever man lived, we shall still be only on the fringe of this vast fullness that Christ is... Now, this at once becomes a challenge to us before we go any further. These are not just words. This is not just rhetoric; this is truth. Let us ask our hearts at once: Is this true in our case? Is this the kind of **life** we know? Are we coming to despair on this matter? That is to say, that we are glimpsing so much as signified by Christ that we know we are beaten, that we are out of **our** depth, and will never range all this. It is beyond us, far beyond us, and yet we are drawn ever on and ever on.

Is that true in your experience? That is the mark of a life governed by the Holy Spirit. Christ becomes greater and greater as we go on. If that is true, well, that is **the way of life**. If ever you and I should come to a place where we think we know, we have it all, we have attained, and from that point things become static, we may take it that the Holy Spirit has ceased operations and that **life** has become stultified... And so we apply the challenge immediately, and I ask you: Is the Holy Spirit within you presenting God's fullness in His Son in an ever growing way? Is that the nature of your spiritual life? If not, then you must have some definite exercise before the Lord about it; there is something wrong... To Nathanael the Lord Jesus said, 'Hereafter, ye shall see the heaven opened, and the Son of man.' Hereafter, of course, was immediately hereafter, the days of the Holy Spirit which were coming so soon. With an open heaven you see, and you see God's meaning concerning His Son... **The open heaven means a continually growing revelation of Christ.**" (pg. 9, 10).

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