

## *Tuesday's Touch ...#19*

*...from Pastor Ed ...June 2, 2009*

### *The Letter and the Spirit*

*Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

*2 Corinthians 3:3*

*...Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

*2 Corinthians 3:6*

*I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. Galatians 2:21*

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*I almost lost the wonder  
Of Your love in the delusion  
That stoning men with rocks of truth  
Was really pleasing You.  
I traded new-born innocence  
For the pride of being right;  
A warrior on the holy road  
To wield the sword with might,  
Though every word I spoke was true,  
Your Spirit gave no life;  
The letter kills completely,  
Even when completely right.*

*We've captured Living Water  
In a box all painted gold,  
Convincing men that they might live  
If our box they will behold.  
The Altogether-Lovely-One's  
Been traded for a price-  
A piece or two of silver*

*To make our box look nice.  
We've traded wings of eagles  
For a tombstone in the light;  
The letter kills completely  
Even when it's purest white.*

*O Holy One, let it be done,  
Destroy this box that's dead,  
And pour it's costly ointment out  
Upon Your own sweet head.  
May You, alone, be all our joy,  
Our wisdom and our strength;  
Restore that innocence for which  
You died and rose again.  
O now may torn and broken ones  
Find refuge in Your sight-  
Your Spirit heals completely  
In the presence of Your light...*

*And the letter breathed upon by You  
Becomes... the Word of Life.*

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*Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:21-22*

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