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Since *the passage of the spirit* includes every part of our being, we need to deal with *every part* of our being when dealing with the spirit. This kind of dealing is *deeper* and *more delicate* than the various dealings mentioned before. If we compare *dealing with sin* and *dealing with the world* to our washing clothes, *dealing with the conscience* to taking a bath, *dealing with the flesh* to shaving, *dealing with self* to the flaying [stripping], and *dealing with the natural constitution* to cutting, then *dealing with the spirit* is comparable to taking out all the blood cells in order to examine and clean each one. Beginning with dealing with sin, every step of the dealings becomes deeper and finer as we go on. When we come to dealing with the natural constitution, we are being dealt with completely within and without. The only part remaining is the mixture coming forth with the spirit. When we have the spirit dealt with and cleansed from all mixtures, so that not only does the spirit come forth, but it *comes forth as a clean, pure, and upright spirit*, then our whole being is completely and thoroughly dealt with. Therefore, following this, we obtain the filling of the Spirit. When all the elements of our old creation have been *completely dealt* with, then the Holy Spirit can possess and fill our whole being.

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Scripture Reading

- Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, / **And renew a steadfast spirit** within me.
A right spirit is not what we originally have, but is usually the result of God's visiting and dealing with us.
- Galatians 6:1 Brothers, even if a man is overtaken in some offense, you who are spiritual restore such a one in **a spirit of meekness**, looking to yourself lest you also be tempted.
The spirit of gentleness which can restore those overtaken by a fault and which is possessed by the spiritual man must be the result of man having been dealt with by God.
- 1 Peter 3:4 But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of **a meek and quiet spirit**, which is very costly in the sight of God.
This kind of spirit is not only meek, but also quiet, and is therefore a most valuable ornament in the sight of God. This must also be the result of man having been dealt with by God.
- Proverbs 16:19 It is better to be of **a lowly spirit** with the poor, / Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
A lowly spirit, a spirit which is not proud, is obtained through having been afflicted and dealt with.
- Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.
This means that there is neither self-satisfaction nor self-righteousness in the spirit. This kind of spirit is obtained by having passed through severe smiting and discipline.
- 2 Cor 7:1 Therefore since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all **defilement of flesh and of spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
This verse speaks of dealing with the spirit and removing all defilement therein that we may have a clean spirit.

Hymn #737 (Tune of #866)

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| 1 Life eternal brings us
Fellowship of life,
Fellowship in Spirit,
Saving us from strife. | 5 By the outward cleansing,
Fellowship we keep;
Inwardly anointed,
Fellowship we reap. |
| 2 Life eternal gives us
Fellowship divine;
Thus the Lord as Spirit
May with us combine. | 6 Fellowship is deepened
Thru the cross of death;
Fellowship is lifted
By the Spirit's breath. |
| 3 It is life in Spirit
Brings this fellowship;
Fellowship in Spirit
Doth with grace equip. | 7 Fellowship will free us
From our sinful self;
Fellowship will bring us
Into God Himself. |
| 4 We, by life's enabling,
Fellowship aright;
Fellowship in Spirit
Brings us into light. | |

Hymn # 782

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| 1 How mysterious, O Lord,
That Thy Spirit dwells in mine;
O how marvelous it is,
Into one, two spirits twine. | 5 Every time I speak, O Lord,
May my spirit actuate;
And whatever I may do,
Let my spirit motivate. |
| 2 By the spirit I can walk,
Spiritual in spirit be;
By the spirit I can serve,
And in spirit worship Thee. | 6 Every time my spirit acts
Others' spirits opened be,
Every time my spirit moves
Others' lifted unto Thee. |
| 3 Thru Thy Word and by my prayer
In the spirit touching Thee,
Lifted high my spirit is,
Strengthened shall my spirit be. | 7 Lord, have mercy, from above
May Thy Spirit breathe on me;
Then my spirit will be rich,
Strengthened and refreshed by Thee. |
| 4 Make my spirit strong I pray
Others' spirits to revive;
Lift my spirit high and free,
Others' spirits then may thrive. | |