

My personal experience of salvation commenced the instant I received the risen Lord Jesus Christ, by the infusion of the Holy Spirit, into my life and I was born again from above! Just as a caterpillar has the potential to become a butterfly, so by the enabling power of the indwelling Christ, the new believer is equipped to defy the gravitational pull of the world, the flesh, and the devil! Would you prefer to be a crawly, earthbound caterpillar or a beautiful fluttering butterfly? *“For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; **much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ**”* Romans 5:17.

A caterpillar becomes a butterfly when breaking through its shell, the old life is discarded for the new. Our earthbound existence and interests are broken by the expulsive power of a new life. *“**Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new**”* 2 Corinthians 5:17.

When at the Cross, I was baptized into Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit, in effect God declared He had no further purpose for anything I had inherited from Adam. The Lord Jesus further clarified this: *“**Without Me ye can do nothing**”* John 15:5. The glorious antidote of this is that: *“**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me ... My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus**”* Philippians 4:13,19.