

Rivers of Living Water

define yielding. Yielding is the definite, voluntary transference of the undivided possession, control and use of the whole being, spirit, soul and body, from Self to Christ, to whom it rightfully belongs by creation and by purchase.

It is not in order to be His, but because we are His, that we yield our lives to Him. Purchase gives title to property, but it is only delivery that gives possession. In Peking there was a girls' school which grew in numbers so that additional buildings were needed. These were purchased from a Chinese family whose property adjoined the school. After much bargaining a sale was effected. The papers were drawn up and the purchase price paid. But in the fall the school was unable to occupy and use the buildings. Why not? *The Chinese family had not moved out.* Purchase gives title, but only delivery gives possession.

On the cross through His shed blood Christ paid the price for the possession of your life. It is His by right of purchase. But have you delivered unto Him that which is His? Have you moved out so that He may move in?

Christ has the right to exempt you from His property, for He is Lord. But His way is to constrain by love rather than conquer by force. So He appeals to us thus, "I beseech you by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." What response have you made to this appeal?