

MEDITATION ON THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

One of the sailors who traveled with Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the New World was a man named Juan Ponce de Leon. When Columbus returned to Spain, Ponce de Leon remained in the New World and became governor of Puerto Rico in 1508. It was here that he learned of an ancient legend that told of a natural spring or fountain of miraculous waters that would restore a person's youth. How diligently Ponce de Leon searched for this unique water having restorative properties is subject to debate, but today the search goes on. In fact, hundreds of millions of dollars are spent each year on anti-aging products. The legend of the fountain of youth lives on.

It is unfortunate that these countless numbers of searching people do not know the Word of God. For here we read:

Psalm 36:9

For with thee *is* the **fountain of life**:

The Lord Jesus promises those who believe and trust Him that their bodies will one day experience the greatest anti-aging product of all time. It is called "Resurrection" and the results will be immediate; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. The apostle Paul was a leading proponent of this product and never tired of extolling its virtues. He told the Corinthians that they would all be changed:

1 Cor. 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.

Young people cannot fully grasp the blessedness of this promised immortal body, but those of us who are aged rejoice exceedingly in the prospect of a body without pain, without failure, and most importantly, without sin. You see, the ancient legend survives because of the promise of youth. The hope of a believer survives because of the promise of **life**.