

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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* The apostle Paul's task was to construct. God entrusted to him in a special way the work of building His Church, or in other words, the task of presenting Christ in His fulness to men, and of bringing those men as one into all that God had in His Mind for them in Christ. Paul had glimpsed that heavenly reality in all its greatness, and his commission was to build together the gathered people of God, according to that reality.

The special ministry of Paul was to build believing souls together according to the heavenly vision which God had given him. God is not satisfied for His people merely to become converts, "going to church", sitting and hearing well-composed sermons, and feeling content that as a result they are "good Christians". He is not even greatly interested in their special experiences of "second blessing", "sanctification", "deliverance" (or whatever terms they use) -as experiences.

There is something more in the Mind of God for His children even than these - something in terms of a "new Man" from Heaven. God has in view, as His goal and object in redemption, the union of Christ the Head and the Church His Body, so that the whole, Christ and His Church, make up together His one new Man - the Christ".

.... *put on the new man [give the recreated spirit a place of prominence], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him".... Colossians 3:10 NASB*