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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*"In my body I bear about continually the dying of Jesus, that in my body the life also of Jesus might be shown forth. For I in the midst of life am daily given over to death for the sake of Jesus, that in my dying flesh the life whereby Jesus conquered death might show forth its power"... 2 Corinthians 4:10-11

What is the meaning of this? Why the need for "always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus"? Because in the body we are open to the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the Devil, whilst in spirit we are joined to the risen Lord, and sit with Him "enthroned in the heavenly realm"; and so we need continually in ever-deeper measure to be made conformable to His death, for it is only as we are thus willing "to sink ourselves after His likeness" that the true life in spirit in the heavenly sphere, can be maintained in purity, and increased in power.