

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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* Until the Word prevails, John 13:34, 35 will never be known in the world.

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Love was the prevailing power, that unseen something that governed the early church.

1 John 4:7, 8, "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

Love here is proof of the New Birth. Only the lovers have evidence that they have passed out of death into life, because they love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. He has never received Eternal Life, the nature of God. Only as the Word prevails in the heart do we actually know the reality of these Divine things. The Word makes us love.

1 John 2:10-11. "He that loveth his brother abideth in light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him." The Word of love prevailing in the heart takes a man out of the realm of weakness and failure, where his words will cause offense, and his actions will lead others to do wrong.

If he hates his brother, he is living in darkness. The Word has not prevailed in his life. He is walking as a common man. 1 Corinthians 3:3,

"For ye art yet carnal (ruled by the senses): for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of (common) men?"

How many believers, because the Word does not prevail in them, live as common men? Disease and sickness prevail over them because they do not walk in the light of the Word. John 8:12, Jesus said,

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."

As long as sickness prevails over you, you are walking in darkness. You mentally assent to the Word, but you do not act upon it. As long as you walk in poverty, and your testimony is of your needs and your lack, the Word has not prevailed in your life.

Philippians 4:19 has no place in the life that is not dominated by the Word:

"And my God shall supply every need of yours' according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

When the Word prevails, you have plenty for yourself and for others.