

## 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 the Old Testament times the Holy Spirit's work as indicated in the Scriptures was in Creation, renewing the face of the earth, inspiring men to write the holy oracles of God, and coming upon men and women for special operations and special works of might and leadership. His permanent home then was in the Tabernacle, afterward, the Temple. The Holy Spirit did not make His permanent in the body of man then, because man was spiritually dead, a child of the Devil, though he lived under a blood Covenant and was sheltered by the Atonement blood as he walked in obedience to God. The Holy Spirit could not make His home in the human body until man had been recreated. This could not take place until Christ had come and paid the penalty of sin, taken His seat as Mediator, and sent Eternal Life to the men who would take Him as Saviour.

The Holy Spirit's work today is: first, that of a convicter of the world. He does this through the preached Word, through the Living Word in the lives of believers, through the written Word, the Scriptures, or anointed literature pertaining to them. His work in the individual members of the family of God is that of a Teacher, Guide, Comforter, Overcomer, and Sanctifier.

The Holy Spirit's real home is in the heart of God's children, but He does not come into every believer, in His fulness, at the New Birth. The New Birth is receiving the life, the nature of God. This makes him a child of God and a human temple of the Holy Spirit to indwell. After they are born-again, they have a legal right to ask the Holy Spirit to come into their body to take possession of it.

....*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?".... Luke 11:13 NASB*

....*"be filled with the [Holy] Spirit".... Ephesians 5:18 NASB*