

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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* We must take Christ not only as our example and law in the path of perfection, but as the promise and the pledge of what we are to be. All that Christ was and did as Substitute, Representative, Head and Saviour is for us. All He does is in the power of the endless Life. This perfection of His is the perfection of His life, His way of living; this life of His perfected in obedience, is now ours. He gives us His own Spirit to breathe, to work it in us. He is the Vine; we are the branches; the very mind and disposition that was in Him on earth is communicated to us.

The real character, the essential attribute of the life Christ lived on earth, and which He maintains in us, is this: a will perfect with God and ready at any cost to be perfected in all His Will. It is this character He imparts to His own: the perfection with which He was perfected in learning obedience. As those who are perfect in Christ, who are perfect of heart toward God, and are pressing on to be made perfect, let us live in the Will of God, our one desire to be even as He was, to do God's Will, to stand perfect in "all" the Will of God.

....*"Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God".... Colossians 4:12 NASB*