

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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* "No longer unto self" is shown in vivid object lesson in the life of the apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 6:4-10). His outward circumstances meant afflictions, necessities, distresses, stripes, imprisonments, tumults, labours, watchings, fastings, but the new life was manifested in much patience, pureness, knowledge of God, longsuffering and kindness. A life truly lived "in the Holy Ghost", in genuine love, speaking the word of truth in the manifested power of God.

Protected by the armour of righteousness on every side, Paul had lived this life through glory and dishonour; through evil report and good report. He had been counted as a deceiver, and yet he was true; he was unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and yet behold he lived, by the daily renewed power of the life within him. As chastened with keenest suffering, yet not killed, for the enemy could not "touch" his life; as sorrowful over all the need of the dying world, yet always rejoicing in Him Whom he had learned to "know"; poor in every way, but making many rich with eternal treasure; having nothing in or for himself, yet possessing all things in Christ, in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

There is no room for living unto self in this pattern, child of God, and so far as you are truly united to your Lord, and made conformable to His death, you shall know in that measure, this life which springs from Calvary, and walk even as He walked, to the glory and praise of God.

....*"But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making*

many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things".... 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 KJV