

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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* 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Wherefore we faint not though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day." The physical decays, grows old and feeble; but the inner man can receive continual strength and health, from Eternal Life, the Nature of God, so that it is renewed day by day. This inward man never grows old; and if we learn to take advantage of our rights in Christ there is no doubt that we would live to a great age. 2 Corinthians 5:4, 5 suggests this, "For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of Life."

The physical body is mortal, subject to death. Here is the suggestion that this mortal body be swallowed up of ZOE, the Nature of God. The fifth verse is striking, "Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit."

The earnest of the Spirit is the recreation; and He has given to us this taste, this sample of the life of God in our spirits. Now He said, "I want your bodies swallowed up of this life." Arthur S. Way translates it, "drowned in a sea of life." Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). There is offered to us an abundance of the Nature of God imparted to our spirits so that they will utterly dominate our mortal bodies. That would suggest a perfect physical body with no disease, Satan's power and influence over it eliminated.

What a wonderful thing it would be if there could be groups of believers who would develop this hidden man of the heart until it actually dominated the physical, that mortality would be swallowed up of life, God's Life. We would be spirit-ruled. Then this hidden man of the heart would govern the reasoning faculties. The senses would be under the dominion of the spirit. The New Creation would rule the physical body.

....*"What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [Exod. 25:8; 29:45; Lev. 26:12; Jer. 31:1; Ezek. 37:27.]".... 2 Corinthians 6:16 The Amplified Translation*

....*"make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship".... Romans 12:1 The*

Amplified Translation

...."But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV