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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IDENTIFICATION

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The Pauline Revelation

"Pauline" - of or relating to the apostle Paul or to his doctrines or writings;

* The Pauline Revelation is an unveiling of what happened from the time that Jesus was made sin on the cross, until He sat down at the right hand of God. Nowhere else can we find that knowledge. This is Substitution. This is absolute Identification. This is a part of the great Substitutionary truth in prophecy.

He poured out His life into death. Through that death we were made alive. It was our sin that slew Him. It is His Righteousness that gives us life. He drank the cup of death, that we might drink the cup of life. In that mighty ministry before He arose from the dead, He destroyed death's lordship.

When death slew Him, it slew itself. He conquered sin when He allowed it to overcome Him. He conquered Satan when He let Satan gain the mastery over Him. He conquered disease when He let disease take possession of Him. He became one with Satan in spiritual death, to make us one with God in spiritual life.

"Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21). He became one with us in weakness, in sin, in disease, and in spiritual death, that He might make us one with Himself in Righteousness, in perfect health, and fellowship with the Father.

He became death's prisoner in order to set us free. In the mind of justice, we

died to sin and its dominion when we died with Christ. "He that hath died is justified from sin." (Romans 8:7). He is free from the lordship of spiritual death. There was in God's mind at the Crucifixion, a perfect oneness of Christ with us, and in the Resurrection and New Birth, a perfect oneness of us in Christ.

Just as Jesus conquered death by submitting to it, we in the New Creation conquer Satan by submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. We and our diseases were laid on Him, and became a part of Him when He was made sin with our sin. We are healed by becoming partakers of His divine nature.

Disease and sickness do not belong to the New Creation. It is an abnormal thing in the mind of the Father for a child of God to be sick. We died with Him. We died to the dominion of sin. We died to the dominion of disease. We died to the dominion of circumstances and habits.

1 Peter 2:24 becomes a reality. "Who his own self bare our sins in His body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." This is Identification, our utter oneness with Him in sin and judgment on the cross.

"That we, having died unto sins." His death and our death are identical. This is not His physical death. This is spiritual. He died twice there. He partook of our spiritual death. We were utterly one with Him in that judgment.

"That we might live unto Righteousness." Or, that we might partake of His Righteousness as He partook of our sins, that we might be Righteous as He became sin with our sins.

Then the next marvelous statement: "By whose stripes ye were healed." He not only had our sin nature, but He had our diseases.

He took over our diseases; He put them away when He put sin away. "By His stripes we are healed." This is thrilling. As He put our sin and diseases away by becoming sin and disease for us, so we partake of His Righteousness and healing when we accept His work for us.