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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THE INTEGRITY OF THE WORD

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We Are Built Up with the Word

Acts 20:32, "And now I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

He commends us to the Word of His grace. This Word builds the Christ nature and the love nature of the Father into the individual. In other words, God is building Himself into us, making Himself a part of us as the Word dominates, rules and satisfies our spirit nature. You cannot build one up spiritually on philosophies or theories about the Word, or on the history of the Word. We are only made spiritual by living in the Word and by the Word living in us.

We Are Healed by the Word

Psalm 107:20, "He sent His Word and healed them." How few of us have realized that it is the Word that heals us. We talk about faith in the Word, nothing wrong in that, but it is when Isaiah 53:4 becomes a reality in our spirit, "Surely He hath borne our sicknesses and carried our diseases (marginal rendering) and we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted," that it operates in our physical bodies.

He was stricken and smitten with our diseases and sins. And then the Word declares in the fifth verse, "By His stripes we are healed." We read it and meditate upon it, and we know that it is true. Jeremiah 1: 12 (American Standard Version), "I watch over My Word to perform it." We know that the Father watches over His Word and that He will make that Word good in us. He said, "Surely He hath borne

our sicknesses and carried our diseases." Then we do not need to carry them. They cannot be a part of us because He put our diseases and sins on Jesus-"made Him to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The righteousness of God cannot be sick then and cannot be ruled by sin. Satan has no dominion over the Righteousness of God unless we give it to Him. It is the Word that has made us know this. It is the Word that has saved us, recreated us, and it is the Word that heals us now. It is the Word that makes us masters of Satan. Mark 16:17, "In my name ye shall cast out demons." It is the Word that has taught us the value of the Name, the authority of the Name, and our legal right to the use of the Name. So it is the Word in reality that has healed us.

We Know the Father Through the Word

John 16:27, 28, "For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father." And John 17:23 says, "That the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them, even as Thou lovedst Me."

John 14:23, "If a man love Me, he will keep My Word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

These three scriptures prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Father loves His children, these New Creation folks, as much as He loved Jesus, and that it is a joy to make His home with them.

What would it mean to have the Father and Jesus both living in your home? It would insure the rent, the taxes, and all the bills, because the Father would pay His way and enable you to meet every obligation. How intimate He wishes to become with us. (Matthew 6:31-33.)