

# **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*

**September 1st**

## **THE LIVING WORD**

**[part 5 of 5]**

### **Afflicted In Spirit**

\* Jesus was made sick with our sicknesses. He was made sin with our sin. This was God's method of dealing with the sin problem.

He settled the sin problem.

There is no sin problem. Christ put sin away, and satisfied the claims of justice for man.

The real problem is the "sinner problem."

There is no sickness problem. There is simply a problem of the believer's coming to know his inheritance in Christ.

When John the Baptist said, John 1:29, "Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world!" he was giving public notice that this Man whom he had baptized was the Sin-Substitute, the Sickness-Substitute for the human race.

Sin and sickness come from the same source.

Satan is the author of both. I am sure that it is God's order that the believer should be as free from sickness as he is from sin. He should be as free from the fear of disease as he is from the condemnation of sin.

God cannot see sin in the New Creation. Neither can He see sickness in the New Creation.

James wrote, “Is any sick among you?” There should not be any sick among you, but if there is anyone sick, this tells what he should do [*James 5:14-16*].

It was the plan of the Father that every believer should know what Peter tells us in 1 Peter 2:24, “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.”

He wants us to know that when He laid our sins and sicknesses on Jesus and Jesus bore them away, it was to the end that sin and disease should no longer have dominion over us.

He wants us to know in the second place, that sickness and disease do not belong in the Family of God.

If there should be any sickness among us, it is because of a low state of knowledge of our rights and privileges in our Redemption. It is due to a lack of knowledge of the fact that God, by laying our diseases on Christ, has settled the disease problem in Redemption.

We should be as free from the fear of sickness as we are free from the condemnation of sin. Both are of the adversary.

At the New Birth, sins are all remitted. The sin nature is displaced by the nature of God.

Disease leaves with the sins.

So the Father can see no sickness in the New Creation. He put it all on Christ.

When we recognize the fact that our sickness was laid on Christ, and that He bore our diseases in His body on the tree, and that by His stripes we are healed, it will be the end of the dominion of disease in our lives.

But this knowledge is of no value until your heart says, “Surely He bore my

diseases and my pains, and by His stripes I am healed” just as though you were the only sick person in the world.

The Word is like God—eternal. It cannot be destroyed. He watches over it to make it good.

His Word brought man into being. Now He is building Himself into man through the Word.

The Word is part of Himself, and it is this Self that is changing the conduct of believers and bringing them into harmony with Himself.

He shares Himself with us; He gives us His nature in the New Creation. He makes Himself one with us.

We are united with Him in the New Birth.

We are to take advantage of this union. His Nature gives us new ability, new wisdom and we must take advantage of it.

His strength is ours. His life is ours.

His health is ours; His ability is ours.

Disease is Satan’s work. When you tell anyone of it, you glorify him. You ignore the fact that God laid that disease upon Jesus and that He put it away. The Word says that you are healed. Get used to acting on the Word.