

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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RECREATION OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

[part 1 of 5]

THIS phase of teaching has never been majored by our theological thinkers. It is the crux of the whole Pauline Revelation, the ultimate toward which all of God's plans move.

Man, the failure, the sin-ruled, the Satan-dominated, held in bondage by the unseen forces of spiritual darkness, is to be recreated, made a New Creation, taken out of the family of Satan and "translated into the Kingdom of the Son of His love" on legal grounds. This is the solution of the human problem : God giving His Nature, His Love to fallen man. He is no longer a fallen man. He is a New Creation man united with Jesus Christ, the Head of the New Creation. He is the "raised together with Christ" man.

2 Cor. 5:17: "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold they are become new."

His old sin consciousness, his old fallen life, his old sin life, and his old evil habits that grew out of Spiritual Death have passed away. He is a New Creation. He is a New Being. The Father has no memory of his past life He is a new-born babe. His old past life has stopped being in the Mind of Justice and in the Mind of the Father. A New Creation has come into being through grace. 2 Cor. 5:18: "But all these things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation." Way's translation states it beautifully: "And of all this God is the source. He reconciled me to Himself by the mediation of Messiah; and He has assigned to me the office of this reconciliation, the Charter whereof is: 'God was present in the Messiah reconciling to Himself the world, canceling the record of their transgression.' "

This is a marvelous translation. Look at it again.

He has given us through Christ the ministry of reconciliation not a ministry of condemnation which we have had for the last hundred years, but a ministry of reconciliation. We have reckoned unto men their trespasses. We have kept them "trespass-minded." We have kept them conscious of their weaknesses and failings.

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