

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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SIN-CONSCIOUSNESS

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There are two kinds of Sin Consciousness. One is the man who has never been Born Again. The other is the undeveloped believer-one who has never grown beyond the state of babyhood, doesn't know his rights and privileges in Christ. Where is the difficulty? It is this. The natural man is a sinner, but he is more than that. In 2 Cor. 6:14 he is called "iniquity." In other places he is called "sin". He is more than a transgressor.

He is more than a violator of the law.

He is by nature a child of wrath. He is spiritually dead. He is united with Satan as the believer is united with God. The believer has become a partaker of God's nature, the natural man is a partaker of Satan's nature. The problem is: How can God legally deal with the sin problem and the sins problem ? How can He deal with this Satanic nature that is in man?

GOD'S CURE

God has wrought a Redemption that covers every phase of man's need, perfectly restores his fellowship with the Father so that there is no sense of guilt or sin, no memory of past wrong-doing. The believer stands complete in Christ. He has partaken of the fullness of God in Christ. John 1:16 "For of his fullness have we all received, and grace upon grace." If you read Hebrews 10:1-19 carefully, you will see that under the First Covenant there was a remembrance made of sins year by year, but in the New Covenant a man who has accepted Jesus Christ loses the sense of sin and in its place receives a sense of his oneness and fellowship with the Father.

Col. 1:13-14, "Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have our redemption, the remission of our sins." Notice in this Scripture that He "delivered us out of the authority of darkness"- that is Satan's dominion-and at the same time "translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his, love."

There are four facts here. First, we are delivered out of Satan's dominion. Second, we are born into the kingdom of the Son of His love. The third is, "In whom we have our redemption." That is a Redemption from Satan's dominion. Satan has no legal right to reign over the man who has accepted Christ as his Saviour. That man has been delivered out of Satan's dominion, Satan's family, Satan's authority. He has been born into the family of God, the kingdom of the Son of His love.

When this was done the Redemptive work that Christ wrought became a reality. Fourth, He not only redeems us out of Satan's dominion, there is also a remission of our sins.

He redeems us.

He recreates us.

He delivers us out of Satan's authority.

He remits all that we have ever done.