

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

January 12th

.... "Therefore if any person is [*ingrafted*] in Christ (*the Messiah*) he is a new creation (*a new creature altogether*); the old [*previous moral and spiritual condition*] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!".... 2 Corinthians 5:17 *The Amplified Translation*

* If any man/woman is in Christ, they are a New Creation, "the old things are passed away; behold they are become new". Does it say here how much I have changed? Not at all. It simply says if any man/woman is in Christ they are a New Creation. Someone may assert that they had been a weak Christian for a number of years until later during a certain year and a certain month they were revived thus they became a New Creation. Of such a person I would ask this: what is the ground for your assertion that at such and such a time you became a New Creation? The only true ground does not lie in the fact that in a certain hour of revival one became a New Creation, but in what the Word of God has declared; namely, that if anyone is in Christ Jesus they are a New Creation.

Perhaps someone will argue that despite what the scriptures say of their being a New Creation, as they look at themselves, they do not seem to be very new. I would again answer with this: how many sinners and saints are lacking in faith! Let me encourage us all to kneel and pray: "God, I praise and thank You, Your Word says that is any man/woman is in Christ they are a New Creation. I am in Christ, therefore I am a New Creation." Whenever the temptation comes to you which declares you are still the "old man", if you will but answer with the Word of God which says that you are in Christ and therefore you are a New Creation, Satan will beat a hasty retreat. Or if you simply stand on the side of God's Word and pay not attention to such temptation, you will also gain the victory. For victory does not rely on "feeling" but on the Word of God, alone [*as one's final authority*].