

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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SPIRITUAL DEATH

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THE CONTRAST

Here Again Death and Life are contrasted.

In Romans 8:1-14 Paul contrasts the Flesh and the Spirit, Life and Death.

In verse two, "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death."

The law of sin and of death is that law that is at work today in the realm of Spiritual Death, mentioned in the 5th Chapter, and since Paul has been born again he is free from the dominion of this former ruler.

The term Flesh as he uses it indicates Man's Condition before he is made alive, or Born Again.

The Greek word "sarx" in this connection has reference to Man when he is spiritually dead.

The 6th verse, "For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace."

The mind of the flesh is the mind of the natural Man in the realm of Spiritual death, and this mind, he says in the 7th verse, is "enmity against God. It is not subject to the Law of God; neither indeed can it be."

The Man who lives in the realm of Spiritual Death is enmity against God.

He may be a college professor. He may hold the highest place in the educational world. However, if he has never been born from above, he is God's enemy by nature, and he cannot be a subject of God's Law. However, Paul says of the believer, "Ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so he that the Spirit dwelleth in you."

In other words if you have been Born Again, passed out of the realm of Death and Satanic Dominion into the realm of Life and the Spirit's Dominion, "ye are no longer in the flesh," and should not be Ruled by the senses.

You remember Paul's pathetic cry in the closing of the 7th chapter of Romans, "Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death?" Then he cries, "but I thank God through Jesus Christ I have found my deliverance."

Paul was speaking of the time when he was spiritually dead, a child of the Devil, but awakened by the Spirit to his bondage and also to the privilege of deliverance.