

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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THE FRUIT OF THE RECREATED SPIRIT

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

There is a fact that must be clearly apprehended, and that is Righteousness. Man remains a prisoner of sin consciousness until the Righteousness fact becomes a living reality in his spirit. There can be no development of faith as long as sin consciousness dominates the human spirit. We will not be able to exercise God's wisdom in our daily walk if sin consciousness dominates our spirit. It is an unhappy fact that the church, instead of destroying sin consciousness with the truth, has developed sin consciousness by preaching sin. If they had preached the cure of sin consciousness, if they had made clear the fact that man received Eternal Life, and that Eternal Life was the nature of God, and that the nature of God is Righteousness, man would begin to depend upon that new kind of Righteousness that has been imparted to him. He would say this: "If I am a New Creation, created in Christ Jesus, I must be a Righteous creation. If I am a new man, I must be free from the bondage of the old man. What He says about Righteousness of the New Creation is true. Then my spirit is Righteous. If it is Righteous, then I can stand in the Father's presence without fear of judgment or condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to me, because I am in Christ Testis, ii New Creation, created in Righteousness and holiness and truth."

That very fact solves the whole problem of our enjoying the riches of the fulness of our Redemptive rights in Christ. I am not afraid to act. because I know that all that Christ wrought, He wrought for me. His entire substitutionary work, from the time He was made sin until He sat down at the right hand of the Father, was all for me. He did nothing for himself. If the New Creation is a result of the work that Christ wrought, the New Creation must be satisfactory to the Father. If

God is able, on the grounds of the Substitutionary work of Christ, to impart to man His nature, His very substance and being, and do it on legal grounds, then this man, who has received the substance and nature of God can stand in God's presence just as though sin had never been.

Now we can see the vast possibilities of this recreated spirit. It actually enters into a limitless life. The human mind and body begin to lose their place of dominance in our consciousness, and the spirit comes to the front and actually begins to take over the rest of the man. It has been held a prisoner through all the ages, now it is set free,

Its blind eyes at last are opened. Its paralyzed limbs are at last filled with life. Its voice now becomes the voice of God. Just as soon as you realize the reality of your Righteousness in Christ, you are emancipated, for Righteousness is the emancipator.

Righteousness is your Redemption in Christ. Satan has no dominion over the man who knows he is the Righteousness of God in Christ.

How masterful this makes Christianity! There can be no perfect coordination between your spirit and your reasoning faculties until you recognize the reality of your spirit Redemption, your spirit Righteousness, and your spirit union with God