

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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OUR UNION WITH DEITY

It is thrilling to know that man is in the same class of being with God, and that he may become a partaker of His Divine Nature. He may actually become a child of the Creator of the Universe. The Father's Nature imparted to a man brings him into vital union with Deity. Man is a spirit being, he has a soul, and he lives in a physical body. God calls this body His temple. It is His Holy of Holies now on earth. We have never majored the fact of a man becoming a partaker of the Divine Nature. There has been no serious attempt to cultivate this recreated spirit.

We know that the part of man that is recreated and receives the nature of God is his spirit. You remember that Jesus said, "I am the vine and ye are the branches." That statement goes with Eph. 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." We grow out of Christ. 1 John 4:4 "Ye are of God my little children." 1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now are we children of God." These scriptures prove one fact, that we came out of the womb of Omnipotence, and that our spirit, the real man, is born of God. God imparts to this man His own Nature. I believe that this is the genius of Christianity.

You see, when one is recreated it does not mean that his mind is changed. His reasoning faculties may be governed by the same forces as before. You understand that all the knowledge that the brain receives comes through the five senses. If a man is governed by his senses his spirit is held captive. The New Creation should be ruled by the spirit, making it possible for him to have fellowship with the Father. His recreated spirit should rule his reasoning faculties. Here are some facts: it is our spirit that is redeemed; the redemption of our bodies

comes at the return of our Lord; Satan's dominion was broken over the spirit of man. Man has been freed from Satan's thrall. The senses are to be dominated by the recreated spirit.

When the senses are brought into subjection it means that the body is brought into subjection. The term flesh, as used in Paul's Epistles, should almost invariably be translated senses. If this were done it would clear up much that we have failed to understand. The combat mentioned in Gal. 5:16-26 would be a combat between the recreated spirit and the senses. He says, "Walk by the spirit," that means the recreated spirit, "and you will not fulfill the desires of the senses." You see, the recreated spirit and the senses are constantly warring.

"But if you are led by the spirit," that is not the Holy Spirit, that is the recreated spirit, "ye are not under the law." The men under the law were led entirely by their senses. In the New Creation the spirit is made righteous, it finds a new freedom in the presence of God and the Word, The Word no longer condemns, but it comforts. The Holy Spirit no longer convicts, but He leads the recreated spirit into the realities of His Redemption in Christ. This recreated spirit now finds joy in the Word, and in fellowship with the Holy Spirit and the Father. It begins to feed on the Word. Before it was recreated it could not do this. The Word becomes spiritual milk for the New Creation.