

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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Peace

My heart looks upon this fruit of the New Creation as one of the most valuable.

You remember that Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you: my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful." John 16:44 "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world." What is peace? Why, it is the child of love. When one comes to know his Father and know his place in Christ, and to know that Jesus is what the Word declares Him to be. he can repeat, "Jesus is my Shepherd Lord. I shall not fear what man may attempt to do unto me."

In the quietness of his heart he whispers, "My Father is greater than all. He loves me as He loved Jesus + in His earth wall." Then he whispers that marvelous scripture, John 14:24, "If a man love me he will keep my word and the Father and I will love him and we will come and make our home with him." Can anything equal that promise? When the heart knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Father and Jesus are making their home in your home, you have a feeling of safety that no earthly or demoniacal power can destroy. You have the "peace of God which passeth all understanding." You are anchored in the spirit realm of love now.

Philippians 4:6,7 becomes a reality. "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be

made known unto God. I have been invited to come boldly to the throne of Grace, the throne of love gifts. I know that whatsoever I ask of the Father in Jesus' Name I will receive. Because of this I have no anxiety. I have entered into His rest. Why? The next verse tells us. "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. Your heart is safe-guarded. Your thoughts are safeguarded.

I Peter 5:7 "Casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. Where there is anxiety there is no peace, and where there is no peace, there is no rest. Now we have entered into His protective care, it is the realm of His rest. This belongs to every believer. When, one fails to have peace, quietness, and rest of spirit he has either broken fellowship with the Father, or he does not enjoy the riches of his relationship with Him. He has not taken advantage of the Holy Spirit's ministry.

That ministry is to build the Word into your spirit consciousness until you lose all sin consciousness. He will build into you a Father consciousness and a child consciousness. You will become aware of His protective care and love. Now you can understand what the prophet meant when he said, "Great peace have they who love thy law, and nothing shall offend them." Isa. 26:31 is a beautiful prophecy of this strange thing called peace. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."