

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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A NEW TYPE OF CHRISTIANITY

* Discerning men and women have been asking for a new type of Christianity.

They do not want a new philosophy or a new metaphysical concept of Christ, but an unveiling of the reality that was seen in Jesus in His earth walk. We have looked back for it, but it is not in the past. The early Church did not have the thing for which hearts are craving.

You understand that the early Church did not have the Pauline Revelation of Christ, of His Substitution, of the body of Christ, or of His ministry at the right hand of the Father for us.

They had the contact of the three years of Christ's earth walk.

They were New Creations; they had experienced all that God reveals to us through Paul, but they did not understand. They knew of His death on the cross.

They had seen it. They knew of His resurrection as a reality. They had eaten with Him, walked with Him, and fellowshiped with Him after His resurrection.

They had seen Him ascend. They were present on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to the earth, when the Church was born.

They did not know that they were New Creations, however. They had first-hand Sense Knowledge evidence of everything that took place. They did not know that they were the righteousness of God in Christ. They had marvelous experiences but did not know what caused it.

They were not walking by faith then. They were walking by sight, by

hearing, and by feeling.

John says: "That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life." (I John 1:1).

The early Church walked in the realm of the senses. God permitted it because the fuller Revelation had not been given. The Pauline Revelation did not get into the hands of the Church until after the beginning of the second century.