

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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WHAT IS THIS NEW THING?

* It is the New Man created in Christ Jesus. II Cor. 5:17: "Wherefore, if any man is in Christ there is a New Creation."

This new man will be like Christ. Eph. 2:10: "We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus."

In his love-life he carries the solution of the human problem. He will bring God to the earth again. He will live and walk as Jesus lived and walked among men.

Here are some striking facts about this New Creation man.

John 8 :32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The 36th verse: "If therefore the son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

You shall know the reality, and that reality shall set you free.

What is this reality? It is the answer to the human heart's craving. It is the thing for which man through the ages has been searching. This heart hunger has given to us all the human religions. This New Man that comes into the full consciousness of his rights will be free.

Col. 1 :9-12 has some startling truths: "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it do not cease to pray and make request for you."

Hear this prayer. It is the prayer that the Spirit has prayed for every one of

us:

"That ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." The Greek word "epiginosko," which is translated "knowledge," is more than simply knowledge. It is "exact knowledge," "perfect knowledge." It is a knowledge in all spiritual wisdom and revelation. Spiritual wisdom is not a product of the senses, for Sense Knowledge cannot fathom it. For instance, the first three chapters in Ephesians are an example of the use of "epiginosko." They let down the curtain so that we may look into the very purpose of the heart of the Father God.

This knowledge, is a knowledge of His will. He never willed that we should be toys in the hand of the enemy. He planned that when the Church came into being, it would be composed of His sons and daughters, -- that they would be demon masters and world rulers.

They were to rule the laws of Nature. They were to dominate the laws of nature as Jesus did in His earth walk. They were to control the winds and the waves.

They were to be masters of the animal creation. They were to have restored to them in the Name of Jesus the lost authority of the Garden of Eden.

But the Church does not know anything about it. We have been taught that we are poor, weak worms of the dust; that we must be ruled by Satan; that we must live lives of poverty and want; and that we are too unworthy to have our prayers answered.

They have cultivated in us a sense of unworthiness that has robbed us of spiritual initiative and kept us in a state of bondage to fear and ignorance and sin.

We did not know the sin problem had been settled.

The object of this knowledge is "to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work."

Jesus said: "I am the vine, and ye are the branches."

We are branches of Christ. We are a part of Christ. We are a shoot out of

Christ, and Christ's fruit is to be borne by us. He cannot bear fruit now. We are the branches, so we are to bear fruit in every good work.

Meanwhile "we are increasing in this exact knowledge of the Father." We are to be "strengthened with all of his ability according to the might of his glory unto all steadfastness and all longsuffering with joy."

That is climactic! That is lifting us above circumstances, above the dominion and power of Satan, and making us absolute masters where we have tremblingly served as slaves.

We have the solution to this in the 12th verse: "Giving thanks unto the Father who has given us the ability to enjoy our share of the inheritance of the saints in light." (Literal translation.)