

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 ETERNAL LIFE DOES

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Spiritual Death

* THE spiritual swamp land of the human race, the soil out of which all sin has sprung came into man in the Garden when man disobeyed God and made partnership with Satan. Satan imparted to him his own substance and nature so that this thing called death passed into him and has followed down the stream of human life through the ages. Every man has been touched by it. Spiritual death gave to us Satanic dominion. It separated us from God. It made of us criminals and renegades from the will of God.

Spiritual death gave to us mortality with all its diseases and pains that end in the physical dissolution of the human body. Spiritual death is the parent of all sorrow, grief, and tears. It marred not only the human. but the animal and vegetable world. It is the curse that came upon everything at the fall of man. Man is not lost because of what he does, but because of what he is.

You can see now that forgiveness of what a man does would not reach the issue. He must have a new nature. This old nature must be taken away, and a new one must fill its place. That is the reason why Jesus said : "I am come that ye might have life and have it in abundance." That life is the Nature of God. The spiritually dead man is to receive this New Nature-Eternal Life, which will make him a New Creation in Christ Jesus.