

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 FOUR GOSPELS IN CONTRAST WITH THE PAULINE EPISTLES

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Forgiveness is something we get when we sin as believers. Remission is something that the sinner gets when he comes into the Family. The Greek word "aphesis" is used in Colossians 1:14 (and Ephesians 1:7) "In whom we have our redemption, the remission of our trespasses."

Rotherham's translation will clear it up for anyone who wishes to study the subject.

Not only have we a perfect Redemption in the Pauline Revelation, but now we can go back and stand by the side of the cross with the disciples and we can say, "Peter, do you know what Jesus is doing on the cross?"

"He is being made sin now. Watch Him, and when He cries that last bitter cry and yields up His spirit, He is going to the place of suffering as your Substitute and mine. He is going to stay there until the demands of justice are met; until Satan is conquered; until the New Birth becomes a possibility; until man can be justified, receive the Nature and Life of Deity, and become the very Righteousness of God in Christ."

Peter looks mystified. John draws near and says, "Pardon me, but what are you talking about?" You see, they knew nothing about what Christ was doing for us. Jesus had broken into the realm of sense knowledge, had been manifest among them as the Son of God for three and a half years, and they didn't know Him.

They didn't know what He did on the cross and what He did during the three days and three nights. They didn't know what His resurrection meant, nor what He

meant when he said to Mary to touch Him not for he had not yet ascended to the Father. All this was unknown to them. It is deeply important that we understand the difference between the Pauline Revelation and the ministry of Jesus and its teachings as recorded in the four Gospels.