

# **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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## **PAUL TEACHES US ABOUT PRAYER BY HIS PRAYERS**

**[part 3 of 4]**

\* Some day we will make a discovery of how He has insured us. Notice farther in the prayer.

He wants us to know "the exceeding greatness of his ability on our behalf who believe."

He said, "it is according to the working of the strength of his might which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead."

My heart has been slow to grasp this. When I knew in reality that the same ability that wrought in the dead body of Christ was at work within me, in my spirit, in my soul, in my body, then I knew that I was fortified. I couldn't fail because I had become the instrument through which that Mighty One was working. Then Rom. 8:11 cleared up: "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

The same power that wrought in Christ is in you and me. That resurrection ability is in our bodies. That means healing and strength and vitality for our present necessities in our daily walk. But notice another thing he said: "And he made him to sit on his right hand in the heavenlies, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."

In Eph. 2:6 he says, "And raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him at his right hand," and we are sitting now far above all rule and authority. That was

Paul's prayer for us, or rather, it was the Spirit's prayer through Paul. And now the Spirit goes farther and says, "He put all things in subjection under our feet." We are the earth part of the Body of Christ.

The Executive is in the Heavens. The office force is here on the earth ; we are a part of that. We must know that the ability God wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead is ours. Here is another tremendous fact that we have almost utterly forgotten, "That He put all things in subjection under His feet and He gave Christ to be head over all things for the benefit of the Church."

We must not forget that Satan is defeated; that we were with Christ in that great Substitution of which we became a part; that we conquered the adversary with Him; when He arose from the dead, we were raised together with Him ; and when He was enthroned at the right hand of the Father, we were enthroned with Him.

He is praying that we may know this, that we may enter into the fullness of it. That prayer must be answered. I am asking now that this prayer should be answered for each one of you who read this book. "He has given Jesus to be head over all things for the benefit of the Church." Then the "over all things" includes everything that can touch your life and mine. They are all subject to the Head-Christ; and they are subject to us-the Body of Christ.

For in that next verse He says, "Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all things."

The Body is the fullness of Him. The Body is the completeness of Him, and the Ability of the Body should dominate all things around it. Our feeble intellects can't grasp this, but our spirits can revel in it. For our spirits are filled with His fullness, the fullness of His Love, the fullness of His Grace, the fullness of His Wisdom, the fullness of His Ability to bless and help men.

His next prayer is in Eph. 3:14-21: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." Now notice the prayer: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with ability through his Spirit in the inward man." Strengthened with God's Ability.

It doesn't seem to me that we can ever be weak or failures again. I don't know

what all that means, nor do I know the limits of it but I do know that it makes us more than conquerors in the midst of every perplexing condition. It puts our heel upon the neck of our enemies, whether they be spiritual enemies or material ; it makes us masters.

It strips us of our weakness and inability and clothes us with the Ability from on High. He says, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts"-in my heart and in yours-"on the ground of faith; to the end that we may be rooted and grounded in love." That is the Jesus kind of love - Agapa.

We are not only to be influenced by it, but we are to be rooted and grounded in it; established in Love. I John 4:16, "And we know and have believed the love which God bath in our case. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him." I think a better rendering is this: "We have come to believe in the love that God has in our case."