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

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* I have come to believe that Love, this Jesus kind of Love, is better than reason, better than force, better than philosophy of man, better than anything that man can devise.

Man's knowledge can't equal it. I have come to believe that Love's way is the best way, and that the way of Love is the way to walk. When I know that God is Love, then the way of God is best.

If I believe in Love, I believe in the Author of Love. I do believe in Love.

I believe that His Love way is best for me; is best for you.

It is the end of strife for ourselves, the end of bitterness and hatred and jealousy.

It is the beginning of Christ dominating our lives in our earth walk. To be rooted and grounded in love is the choicest experience that can ever come to the human heart.

"And then we will be strong to grasp with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of His grace and of His Love."

We will come to know the love of Christ personally, so we will say as Paul did, "He loved me and He gave Himself up for me." His Redemption will be a personal thing. He did it for me. It will be as though no other person lived; that I was the one for whom He died.

But you know the next sentence says, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fullness of God."

That was His prayer for me. That was his prayer for you. That prayer can't go unanswered.

You remember how he groaned in Col. 1:28, "that I may present every man perfect in Christ." That was the Spirit's passion in Paul. God help me to have the same passion.

That eliminates selfishness utterly, doesn't it That is a new self, a self born of God, a self that has no dream but God's dream, no ambition but His ambition.

But hear the closing of that prayer: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." You see, we swing out of the orbit of sense knowledge, out of the limitations of sense reason, into the realm of the supernatural. We are living now in the realm of Grace, the realm of God. He says that "it is above all that we can ask or think, according to the ability that worketh in us." We have been slow to grasp this, but this is a picture of His Grace.

This is an illustration of the Father's dream for us. This illustrates the prayer life of Paul.

It is better than any rules or regulations that man can make in regard to a prayer life.

When you and I realize this prayer was for us, we become anxious that it be answered in us. That lets Him loose in us to work His own will and His own pleasure in and through us for His glory.