

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 WE ARE IN CHRIST

* Rom. 3:24, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Our redemption is in Christ. No one can rob us of it.

It was God's own work. He is satisfied with it.

Eph. 1:7, "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the remission of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."

It is according to the riches of His grace.

Not a beggarly Redemption, barely redeemed, but a vast God-sized Redemption.

Col. 1:13-14, "Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have our redemption, the remission of our sins."

It translated us out of Satan's realm into His own Love Kingdom.

In this translation, He made us sons.

1 Cor. 6:20, "For you were bought with a price."

1 Peter 1:18-19, "Knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot,

even the blood of Christ.”

Redeemed with the blood of Christ.

Redeemed from Satan.

Redeemed from the claims of justice.

The price was paid to justice.

1 Cor. 7:23, “You were bought with a price; become not bondservants of men.”

Gal. 5:1, “For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.”

Stand fast in your liberty.

God set you free. You are free.

Satan has no claim on you. Justice has no claim on you. Neither Satan nor Justice can hold you.

You are a New Creation, a child of God.

You have been redeemed from the hand of your enemy.

You are to take this fact seriously.

You are to order your life accordingly.

Rom. 6:14, “For sin shall not have dominion over you.”

Satan was defeated by the Master. That defeat stripped him of his ability to take you captive again, without your cooperation.

You see, there are two sides to Redemption.

One is Jesus paying the price of your redemption, satisfying the claims of

justice.

And the other, is Jesus defeating your enemy and breaking his dominion.

Col. 2:15, “Having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Here we have a picture of Jesus putting off from Himself the hosts of hell, breaking their dominion, and rising from the dead.

Heb. 2:14, “Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nothing him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”