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 REALITY OF REDEMPTION

[part 1 of 6]

* REDEMPTION has been a theological word in the minds of most believers. We knew the Greek word. We knew its literal meaning, but we did not know the new meaning that the Father has put into it. So many of the Greek words used in the classical Greek have now a new and richer meaning in the Pauline Revelation, and so we are going to study Redemption from perhaps a new angle. We will begin with Romans 3:21. You remember that the key word for Romans is Righteousness, or the ability to stand in the Father's presence without a sense of guilt or inferiority-stand there without condemnation or the sense of sin consciousness.

The Reason

That could not be as long as we were under the dominion of an enemy. It could not be as long as that enemy's nature was in our spirits; so there must come a Redemption from the nature of Satan and a redemption from the fear of Satan and of his works.

So the Spirit through the Apostle, tells us a Righteousness of God has been discovered, has come to light and that Righteousness comes to man through faith in Jesus Christ, and belongs to all those who acknowledge Christ as Saviour and confess Him as their Lord. They are justified freely on the grounds of grace, through the Redemption that God wrought in Christ. That Redemption is based upon the fact that God laid our sins and diseases upon Jesus, that "Him who knew no sin, God made to become sin that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him."