

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

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He Put Sin Away

* Not only did He become the Sin-bearer, but God accepted His substitutionary sacrifice on our behalf. He was delivered up on account of our trespasses, for God made Him sin with our sins. He was raised from the dead because He had put sin away; He had satisfied the claims of Justice. After that He was made alive in spirit, that is, recreated. He was the firstborn out of death. After that, He was declared Righteous and made a New Creation by the Life God imparted to Him. Then He met the Adversary in his own kingdom and stripped him of his authority, and took from him the dominion that he had over the world. When Jesus arose from the dead, He arose, not only because He had put sin away, but also because He had, as a substitute, conquered Satan.

It was as though we, individually, had been the conquerors, just as though we had been there in that dark region and had conquered Satan, stripped him of his authority and risen from the dead. Then Christ rose from the dead (read our book, "Identification") and Redemption became a settled fact, a closed issue.

Now you can understand Ephesians 1:7, "In Whom we have our Redemption through His blood, the remission of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence." "In Whom We Have" Note carefully, "In Whom we have."

That means in Christ we have (present tense) our Redemption out of the hand of the enemy, so that Satan no longer has dominion over us. We have our Redemption from sin and its judgment. "Sin shall not lord it over us because now

we have entered the realm of grace through the New Birth" (Romans 6:14, Twentieth Century Translation).

Colossians 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."

Note carefully that we have been delivered out of the authority of Satan. He has no dominion over us. Don't let the opinions of theologians take away the reality of this fact. You are Redeemed. Satan has no more right to reign over you than the Pharaoh of Egypt had to reign over delivered Israel in Palestine. We have been delivered out of Satan's authority, and we have been translated over into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Our all is now in Christ, the Son of His love, in Whom we have our Redemption. It is ours just as the money you have in your pocketbook that you earned honestly is yours. Now this Redemption from Satan is a present-tense fact, for you have this Redemption now.