

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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* This man that is in Christ is a New Creation, a new species. He has received into his spirit the nature and life of God. When He did, the old nature that had dominated him passed away and a New Nature took its place. "And all these things are of God who has reconciled us unto Himself through Christ and given unto us this ministry of reconciliation to a lost world" (2 Corinthians 5:18). But note carefully now that this man is in Christ. He has accepted Christ as his Saviour and confessed Him as his Lord. (Romans 10:9-10.) 2 Peter 1:4 says that he made us "partakers of the Divine Nature."

1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that ye may know that ye have Eternal Life, even unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God."

You can see that the New Creation is brought into being by the Life and Nature of God, and this New Creation is awaiting every unsaved man. The work is accepted, finished by Jesus when He sat down at the Right Hand of the Father. It was not finished on the Cross. It was begun on the Cross, but it was consummated when the blood was accepted and Christ was seated.

It is necessary that we notice Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, and not of works lest any man should glory." The New Creation does not come through our repentance or the surrendering of ourselves or the confessing of our sins, but it comes by grace pure and simple. All we do is to accept it. It is ours, a gift based upon legal grounds.

What is grace? It is love unveiled in our Redemption. It is the hungry heart

of God assuming man's sins; yes, assuming the responsibility of man's creation, acting as though He were guilty of every sin that man committed. Now we understand Galatians 6:15, "For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a New Creature."

No works that man could do would have any value. Why? Because every man was spiritually dead and the good things that he would do to redeem himself would be the works of a spiritually dead man.

But God comes into the Sense Realm in the person of His Son, and that Son becomes sin on our behalf, assumes all that man had ever done and ever was and meets the claims of justice, satisfies the need of fallen man. Then He sits down at the Right Hand of the Father, and sends the Holy Spirit Who convicts men through the Word, and recreates them.