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 BLOOD COVENANT

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"FORGIVENESS"

* Forgiveness is a relationship word.

I am speaking now from a New Covenant point of view.

When the sinner accepts Christ as Savior, his spirit is re-created, his sins are remitted, but being ignorant, he will always be conscious of sin.

On the ground of his relationship as a child of God, and Jesus' ministry at the right hand of the Father, there is ground for forgiveness for any sin that he commits.

I John 1 and 2 deals with this great issue of forgiveness.

When a child of God commits sin, he breaks his fellowship with the Father.

He does not break his relationship. He merely breaks the fellowship, just as a husband and wife do when they say an unkind word. It destroys the fellowship of the home, but that can be restored by asking forgiveness.

We are so constituted that we can forgive.

The same holds true between a Christian and the Father.

The moment that we sin and fellowship with the Father is broken, if we

confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 2:1-2, "My little children, these things I write unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

That remarkable expression "the righteous" holds wrapped within it marvelous Grace.