

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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CHRIST IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAULINE REVELATION

[part 1 of 13]

* THIS is an unveiling of what we are before the Father, and how the Father looks upon us in Christ. John 16:28: "I came out from the Father, and am come into the world : again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father."

You remember Jesus said in John 3:3-5,

"Except one be born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The believer is born of God. He comes out of the very womb of God.

"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world." "For in one Spirit were we all immersed into one body, and were all made to drink of one Spirit." (I Cor. 12:13).

Just as truly as Jesus came out from the Father, so we have come out from God through the energy of the Spirit. We are born of God.

In I John 4:4 we read, "Ye are of God my little children." We are a part of the very Life of God. God's very Nature has been poured into our spirits, for we are of God. Now we can understand Jesus' confession. It staggered the Jews. It startled the disciples. "I came out from the Father ; I came into the world: again, I leave the world and go back to my Father."

Just as truly as we came out from the Father in our New Birth, when we leave our bodies, we go back to our Father.

In John 8:23 Jesus said, "Ye are from beneath ; I am from above." Jesus was

ever conscious of His heavenly origin and of His heavenly relationship. Nothing would help us so much as to be aware that we do not belong to the earth. We are on the earth but we are not of it. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are no longer a part of this Satan-ruled world.

We are born from above.