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

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* Colossians 1:13 says, "Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love." You see, we have been taken out of the realm of darkness where men walk by the senses. We have been translated into the kingdom of the Son of His Love, or in other words, into the very Family of God. We have become partakers of His Divine Nature. The same Life that was in the Son of God is in us. The same Light that He had is in us. Now we can understand 2 Cor. 6:14: "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness?"

In Philippians 2:15 Paul tells us, "We are seen as lights in the world." We are holding forth as a lamp, the Word of Life. We are the light of the world. We have taken Jesus' place. His Life in us is the source of Light, Light means Wisdom and ability to do things, and the Greater One has not only imparted to us His own Nature, but He has actually come into us and lives in us-has become a part of us.

So when Jesus said, "I am the light of the world," it placed tremendous responsibility upon those who follow in His steps. If we are partakers of His Life, then we have that Light and John 1:4 must ever challenge us: "In him was life; and the Life was the light of men."

We have that Life. With that Life has come the Light, and we must walk in the light as He is in the light. To step out of that Light means to step into darkness, which means broken fellowship. It means to step out of the realm of Love, for that light is really Love shining out through us, in our conduct, in our words.

The new kind of Love and the new kind of Light which Jesus brought are the very Nature of the Father. When we step out of Love we step out of Light, out of fellowship with Heaven. If we walk in the Light as He is in the light, we have fellowship not only with the Father, but with one another. But when we are drawn aside for a moment by the adversary, we step into darkness.

I John 2:9-11. "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now. "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. "But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes." His spirit is in darkness. Sense knowledge cannot light the path now.