

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 CREATIVE ABILITY OF THE RECREATED SPIRIT

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* The outstanding characteristics of this life are love, peace, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, forbearing one another, forgiving one another, holding no grudge against each other. That is what Eternal Life gives to men and women. They become Jesus-like. When the Master arose from the dead, one of the first things He wanted to do was to see Peter. He wanted to put His arms around him. Peter had betrayed and denied Him at His trial. If Judas had been alive, He would have met him. We are sure He spoke to the men who drove the nails into His hands and feet, and the soldier who pierced His side with the spear, and the men who placed the crown of thorns upon His brow.

He had said those strange words, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Now He came to them and told them He had died for their sins and could offer them Eternal Life, and sonship, with the wiping out of every sin they had ever committed.

When Stephen was dying, he whispered, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." When they lighted the fagots around the sainted Polycarp, his last words were these, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." How did these saintly men conquer hate with love? God's nature had come into them and taken them over.

Now we can understand the creative ability of God. It is the most magnificent thing the world has ever known. It is the secret of Christianity. If there could come a new type of evangel, one who would tell men and women the truth

about Eternal Life, what it has done and what it will do for humanity, ninety percent of the leaders of this country would swing into line and say, "I want this Eternal Life." Every college man and woman would say, "I must have Eternal Life so that my children will have the benefit of this creative ability."