

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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JESUS IS HEALER

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* Romans, 6:14, "Sin shall not have dominion over you."

If Redemption does not deliver us from sin-consciousness, it is no better than Judaism. If it cannot free us now from condemnation, God and Christ have failed; Satan has become the master.

If sin-consciousness rules, acting on the Word is impossible. Faith is a withered flower where sin-consciousness rules.

The problem of faith, then, is to get rid of sin-consciousness. The Word is the only cure. It declares that we are Redeemed.

Ephesians 1:7, "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the remission of our sins."

If we have been Redeemed, Satan's dominion is broken, and we are free.

Not only has a perfect Redemption been accomplished, but provision for a perfect recreation has been made.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation."

There is a complete recreation and a complete reconciliation.

If God has recreated us, we are not under bondage to the things of the old creation.

If a man has been recreated, it is God's own work. He did it through the Holy Spirit and His own Word.

That New Creation is effected by the impartation of God's own nature.

2 Peter 1:4, we become partakers of the divine nature. We are actually born from above. The old sin nature has gone, and a new nature, which is free from condemnation, has taken its place.

Romans 8:1, 33, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."

We have been made free from the law of sin and of death. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? Who is he that condemneth?" God has justified, or declared us Righteous.

The word "Justify" means "to make Righteous." Righteousness is the ability to stand in the Father's presence without the sense of guilt, sin, or inferiority.

We stand there as though sin had never been.

If Redemption does not mean that, if the New Creation does not give that, God has failed.

The New Creation must be as free from sin as Adam was before he committed sin, or God has failed in His Redemptive work.