

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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SEEING YOURSELF IN THE WORD

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* Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. (Galatians 2:20)

This is a statement of fact by the apostle Paul. There was a displacement of himself by Christ. Christ took Paul's place so that, when Paul stood before the Father in prayer, it was as though Christ stood there Himself. When Paul stood before life's circumstances and the forces of the world's power, it was Christ standing there. When Paul was buffeted and bruised and beaten, it was Christ who was receiving the blows. It was Christ who whispered through Jesus' lips, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

In the King James Version of the Bible, Philippians 4:11 says, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." A more literal translation, however, would read, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be independent of circumstances." That makes man a victor. Say what you please, this is reality. The world may take your every dollar. The force of circumstances may utterly overwhelm you. Yet, your spirit is triumphant through it all. You say, "I am not dependent upon this or that. My dependence is on the Lord who made heaven and earth."

The omnipotent God is your Father. "I can do all things in Christ, who is my enabling ability!" (See Philippians 4:13.)

You stand in Christ an absolute victor. "My God shall supply all your need" (Philippians 4:19).

You are no longer slaves of need and lack. You are sons and daughters of

the God of plenty, the God of resources, and the God of grace.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

You are blessed, and you know you are blessed. You are healed, and you know you are healed. What He declares you are, you are.

When He declares you are justified, you are justified.

When He declares you are righteous, you are righteous.

When He declares you are strong, you are strong.

When He says through the apostle Paul, “In all these things we are more than conquerors” (Romans 8:37), He means what He says.

Your heart responds to His Word, and you praise Him.