

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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"IN WHOM WE HAVE"

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* Shakespeare said, "Sin makes cowards of us all." He struck the tap-root of the sin problem. When a man becomes a New Creation, he receives the same Righteousness that Jesus had. Jesus becomes his Righteousness. (I Corinthians 1 :30). That Righteousness makes him a master of demons; makes him a master of circumstances. He is not afraid of Satan, or anything Satan can do or has done.

The early Church lived the new Creation in Reality. They were the Righteousness of God in actual demonstration. Not only did the early Christians have Righteousness given to them but they were made the Righteousness of God in Christ. When they received the Righteous Nature of the Father, that Nature made them Righteous. When they received the Love Nature of the Father, it made them Sons of Love.

That is the reason they could suffer any kind of persecution and yet love the persecutor.

Jesus loved Judas and the man who drove the nails into His hands and feet. Paul loved the men who beat him and stoned him. Stephen, when he was dying, said,

"Father, forgive them ; they know not what they do."

That was a new kind of Love the world had never known. God is Love. The New Creation has the Love Nature of the Father.

There is another outstanding feature that we must not overlook. We have

known God as a Loving God, a just God, a Holy God, but we have never thought of Him as a Faith God.

That is an outstanding characteristic of God. He created the Universe by Faith. Everything that came into being at Creation, came into being by faith. All He did was to say, "Let there be" and things became. God is a Faith God.