

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 MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH LOVE'S EYES

* We have been seeing men through Sense-dominated eyes. Now we see them as the Father sees them.

I am sure He saw them through the eyes of faith. It was Love, seeing men through the eyes of faith.

He believes they will respond to the sacrifice made in Christ. He believes they will want Eternal Life that will give them joy where sorrow has reigned, victory when failure has held carnival.

He believes men will respond to His love and will come over into the love-way. He can see the sinner as a recreated man. He sees the believer as a victor. He sees him walking in love.

We must close our natural Sense-ruled eyes, and through the eyes of our heart see them as the Father sees them.

He sees the poor made rich, the naked clothed, selfishness turned into love.

Our faith must arise to meet His faith. Then we can help them.

But as long as we see them through Sense-governed eyes, we will never be able to take Jesus' place and do the love acts that Jesus did.

The New Creation must become love-conscious. It is love that is going to lead us out of the labyrinth of selfishness in which we have been walking and struggling all these years. It is love that will put us over and make us winners in life's fight.

We have been need-conscious. And as long as we are weakness-conscious and sickness-conscious, faith will have no place in our lives. But when we yield ourselves to the Lordship of Love, cut every shore line that binds us to selfishness, love will put us over, make us conscious of what we are.

You remember that striking sentence in Ephesians 2:10,

“We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus.”

That means we are God’s workmanship, just as Creation was His workmanship.

This New Creation is His workmanship, and just as the first Creation was perfect we believe this New Creation is perfect.

The first Creation pleased Him and we know this one does.

He is the Lover. He created us in love. He has built love into us. He has taken the things of Jesus, the things of love, and built them into us. As we act on the Word, it becomes built into us and forms a part of us.

He did not make us to be slaves of circumstances, or demons. He did not create us in Christ Jesus to be servants of world influences, but He created us in His Son that we might reign with Him now as victors in the realm of life.

He planned that we should walk in love and act in His stead. We actually take His place.

It is beautiful that we can be so united with Him, so utterly one with Him, that His life absorbs and takes us over – He living in us and loving through us both in word and in deed.

The word translated “power,” in Acts 1:8, is “dunamis,” which in a true translation should read “ability.”

Jesus said He wanted the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they received power from on High.

That power was love. Only love could conquer the Roman Empire and the

Jewish Sanhedrin that had crucified Jesus.

When you receive love, you are receiving the ability of God. You are clothed from on High with God's ability.

Something new has come to man. Failure and the sense of inferiority that had become a part of the consciousness of man has been overthrown.

Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Now unto Love that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or even think. It is according to the ability of Love that is functioning in us.

We are going to surrender our weakness to that love. We are going to let love's ability make us a success.

The old curse of inferiority complex that has held men in bondage since Adam sinned in Eden at last has found its master.

Love in us is greater than anything that can oppose us. Love has made us conquerors today.

Love has led us out of the wilderness of doubts and fears into the rose-strewn fields of God's Grace and Omnipotence.

At last we have won! At last we are conquerors!