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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HOW DOES THE BELIEVER SIN?

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God's Cure For Sin Consciousness

* GOD planned our Redemption. His Son and the Holy Spirit executed it. This Redemption demonstrated the eternal defeat of Satan. Jesus stripped him of his authority and dominion after He had paid the penalty of man's transgression.

Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the remission of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he made to abound toward us (or came bounding toward us) in all wisdom and prudence."

Our Redemption was not a beggarly thing, for it was with the riches of His Grace and the abundance of His power. He unveiled Himself in our Redemption. It was a legal Redemption. It required Deity to suffer for humanity and pay the penalty of man's transgression.

It was a demonstration of God's wisdom. Man could not have planned it. It was an unveiling of God's prudence and sagacity, His perfect planning, and of the Trinity's cooperation. It was a demonstration of love . . . that new kind of love that Jesus unveiled to the world. He revealed His ability to meet man's need and satisfy the claims of justice on the basis of love.

He was enabled, on legal grounds, to impart to man His own nature. Redemption was a demonstration of the ability of God to take care of His own creation. The first thing that He must do after He had redeemed man Out of the dominion of the adversary was to recreate man on legal grounds, making him an absolute New Creation. Forgiving man's sins and leaving him in his natural condition would be of no value.