

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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* Man is not only a sinner by practice, but by nature. He is more than lust a transgressor, he is an outlaw by nature. The Father must give him a new nature. He made it a possibility for us to become partakers of the Divine Nature. 2 Peter 1:4. Jesus said in John 3:5 (lit. trans.' "Except a man be born from above (that is born of God); he cannot enter the kingdom of God." James 1 : 18 "Of His own will He brought us forth."

We are not only born of God, but we are the will of God. John 1:12-13? 'But as many as received him to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name.' Notice, He gives to the unregenerate man a legal right to become a child of God, It is not because of God's sufferance or pity; every man has a legal right to Eternal Life.

Romans 4.25 literal translation

"Who was delivered up on the account of our trespasses, and was raised again from the dead when we were justified."

That is the best translation that I know. Notice, He was not raised until man was legally justified. Here justification is set to man's account. It is similar to the justification that Abraham had when he was circumcised. This justification gives the sinner a legal right to Eternal Life. He does not have to plead with God to save him. He can come and meet God and tell Him, "I want to take your Son as my Saviour, and I confess Him as my Lord. I know that He died for my sins, and that He was actually made sin on my behalf that I might become the righteousness of God in Him. I am going to act On my legal right and take Him as my Saviour, and

I know that you now give me Eternal Life, and I will become your legal child."

Now notice the thirteenth verse, "Who were born not of blood, not of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Turn back to Ephesians 2: 10; here it is stated just a little more clearly.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them."

You see, it was of His own will that He brought you forth. If you will turn to 1 Peter 1:23 you will see that we are begotten again, not of corruptible seed (as natural man is begotten), but we are begotten through the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

Just as Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, so we are conceived of the living Word. That Word gives us life and the Spirit gives us birth. That is based upon 1 Peter 1:3,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

You see that the New Birth is based upon legal grounds, and the title deed is the open sepulchre and the seated Christ. I want you to note this fact: we have been recreated, born of God, and have become partakers of the Divine Nature. 1 John 5:12 "He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life."

Notice the thirteenth verse, "These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God." We are partakers of His own nature. We are actually born of God. If this is true, then we have become the righteousness of God in Christ. "Him who knew no sin He made to become sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5:21. Read that over and over again until it soaks into your spirit consciousness. Say out loud, "There is therefore now no condemnation to me for I am born of God. God is my actual Father, I am His actual child."

Then you whisper to your own heart, Romans 8:31-37, "What then shall we

say to these things, if God is for us, who can be against us?" That is His challenge. He looks upon us as the perfect work of His hands. Note the next verse, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?"

Notice the two words "with Him." Along with the gift of Eternal Life, all the things that Jesus wrought and did belong to us. Then hear the next message that comes ringing from the heart of the Father. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifieth (or makes righteous), who is he that condemneth?"