

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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* There is only one Person in the universe who could condemn, and that is Jesus. He is our Heavenly Attorney. He is the Attorney General, and only He can prefer charges against you. The devil's charges against you do not amount to anything, for they are the charges of a liar and a murderer, and he has no standing in heaven.

"It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Notice the next verse, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Our Advocate Jesus, our own Risen Lord, the One who died for me, the One in whom I was recreated, the One in whom I have become the righteousness of God, who shall separate me from His love?

Then he enumerated all the things that Satan could do to me, and climaxed it with this, "Nay, in all these things I am more than a conqueror through Him that loved me."

No living creature (and that includes the devil) shall be able to separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. I want you to know that when God undertakes a job, He is able to consummate it. He undertook to set man right with Himself, and He did not trust that work to the angels or to any other being save the Godhead. He and Jesus and the Holy Spirit, through the living Word, have made man a New Creation, and the very righteousness of God in Christ.

I want you to notice the next step, John 15:5, "I am the vine and ye are the branches."

Here is the utter oneness of the New Creation with its Head. Col. 1:18 tells us that He is the head of the body, the first born from the dead. He is the Head of the New Creation. Out of the Vine, or His body, has come every one of the New Creation folk. When He prayed, as recorded in John 17, "that we might be one, even as he and the Father are one," notice the language He used. "I in them and thou in me, that they might be perfected into one, that the world may know that thou didst send me and lovest them even as thou lovest me."

Notice the twenty-first verse, "That they may all be one even as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that thou didst send me." The denominations are not one, but the New Creation folk are one. There is no such thing as man's work uniting the Body of Christ. God alone can do that. Man has separated the visible church, but he has not been able to separate the invisible church, the Body of Christ.