

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 GOD DEALS WITH THE SIN PROBLEM

* No man can stand right with God simply by having his sins pardoned. It would leave the old nature that produced those sins still master of the situation. But when a man becomes a child of God, he is a New Creation. "The old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. But all these things are of God, who reconciled us unto himself through Christ."

There is a perfect reconciliation. There could not be a perfect reconciliation if there was sin in this New Creation. He has made man a new being. At the same time everything man has ever done in his past life is remitted, wiped out as though he had never committed sin. The word "remission" is never used in connection with the believer. It is always used in connection with the New Birth. A man's sins are remitted only once.

Eight or nine times "aphesis" is translated "forgiveness". Forgiveness is never used in connection with the New Birth.

Take as an illustration 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is not written to the unsaved man. It is written to the believer who has lost fellowship with the Father.

Forgiveness belongs to the believer. Remission belongs to the sinner. Notice carefully that the sin nature is eliminated and a new nature takes its place. All the sins that the Old Creation has ever committed are wiped out as though they had never been. God has no remembrance of them.

When a man tells you that you must confess the sins you committed before you were Born Again, he is ignorant of God's dealing with the sin problem. The

New Creation has no sins and has no sin. If he has sin, he has not been Born Again. If he has sins, his sins were never remitted. Heb. 9:26 says, "Now once at the end of the ages bath he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Here we get God's statement in regard to sin. Man can become a New Creation because his sin nature was laid on Jesus. When He was made sin and put sin away, the sin problem was a closed issue. The most wicked man that ever lived can accept Jesus Christ, and the instant he does he becomes a New Creation. When he becomes a New Creation, the sin nature stops being and a new nature takes its place.