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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HE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET

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* I want you to see that you hold exactly the same position that Paul held, and you have a right to do as is recorded in Colossians 1:28-29: "Admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ." He is speaking here of the New Creation man.

Now notice the 29th verse: "Whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

"For it is God who is at work within you, willing and working his own good pleasure."

You see this combat is not ours. It is His combat. He did it for us.

He is doing a mighty work in us, and a mighty work through us in helping others.

In Ephesians 1:3-7 is a picture of a God-planned, and a God-executed Redemption and New Creation. It is a God-sized work.

"Blessed be the God and Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ."

Now notice: "He chose us in him way back before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish in his presence; having in love foreordained us into the position of sons through Jesus Christ, unto Himself." Go over that again.

Let it soak into your very being that way back; yonder before the foundation of the world God planned to have us. We are the products of that plan.

And when the fulness of time came, He said to the great heathen world: "Whosoever will, may come and become a member of my foreplanned family."

It is "Whosoever will," and you have answered that call; you are a member of that holy body that can stand in His presence without the sense of guilt or condemnation.

You have been blessed with every spiritual blessing—that was purchased in the redemptive work of His Son.

It is all yours.

These riches require no faith to enjoy.

They belong to us as much as the money that was given to us by some loved one.

He tells us in the sixth verse that: "It was freely bestowed upon us in the Beloved."

Not grudgingly, not scantily, but it was according to the riches of His grace.

Notice the seventh verse: "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the remission of our trespasses, and it according to the very riches of His love, the riches of His glory, the fulness of His grace."

How can you be a weakling?

How can you act like the ignorant and untaught?

Can't you see your place now?

You must glorify Him by taking your place in Christ.

Never think of faith again. This all belongs to you.

Never think of your worthiness, for He is your righteousness.

Don't think of your ability, because He is your ability.

Swing free then.

Come out into all the fulness of His marvelous grace.

Enjoy your rights and take your place and fill His heart with joy.