

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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Forgetteth What Manner of Man He Is

* "He goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he is."
(James 1:24)

The New Creation man, unless he has made a careful study of what he is in Christ, in the time of stress or a crisis will forget what "manner of man he is."

We have lived so long in the realm of the senses that it is difficult for us to realize what we are in Christ.

We unconsciously lapse into the old life, seeing ourselves as we were, and not as we are.

Ephesians 1:7-9 is not a workable reality for many: "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 in all wisdom and prudence, making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him."

This Scripture is almost an unknown quantity.

Note the first sentence: "In whom (that is, in Christ) we have our redemption" from Satan's dominion, from Satan's authority, for "we have been translated into the kingdom of the son of his love;" and Jesus has become our new Lord, our love Master, He is our caretaker, the guarantor of our ability to reign

over the forces that once dominated us.

We have (a present-tense fact) our redemption from fear and the cause of fear, and we are now not only delivered, but we have become masters where once we were held in bondage.

There has been a remission of all our past trespasses, and that remission has been according to the riches of His Grace.

That is an unfathomable expression of love.