

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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**"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".... Ephesians 1:7-9*

Who knows what "the riches of His Grace" means to us! And He made this abound toward us in all wisdom, for Christ has been made wisdom unto us.

That is a strange expression. We have the wisdom to face life's problems with prudence, and this wisdom and prudence and ability of God is His will toward us.

At first I couldn't take it in. Then I saw it.

I am His son. I must act the part of a son. I must take the place of a son. I must do the work of a son.

Then I'll need prudence. I'll need wisdom. I'll need His ability to face every contingency.

This is something I possess. I need no faith to obtain it. Prayer is not necessary, for it is mine.

How often since this possession came to me I have forgotten what manner of man I was.

For the moment I have acted like a "mere man" as Weymouth puts it; a very

babe.

Sense knowledge throws her dark mantle over my spirit, and I forget Him and His ability.

I forget the Name and its authority.

I forget that "greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world."

And I question for a moment.

Then He brings back to me what I am in Christ, and I joyously take my place.

Of-times we forget our righteousness. "He has made us to be his righteousness in Christ."

The Adversary would make us forget this, and sense knowledge would cause us to doubt our worthiness and our ability to stand in His presence.

It would make us say, "Oh, if I only had faith," when faith is not needed, for "He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

We are rich with His riches.

We are strong with His strength in the inward man.

We should make it a business to affirm constantly what we are in Christ. Every believer should make out a list on a little card or in a notebook of what he is in Christ. Then read it over and over.

Start with the fact that: In Him I have my redemption.

In Him I am a New Creation, and Satan has no dominion over me.

Jesus alone is my Lord.

I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

I have as much a right in Jesus' presence, or as much a right in the Father's

presence as Jesus has in His presence.

And I have a standing invitation to the throne room to come boldly and take my place as a son. I need to remember this so that I will never disgrace Him by acting like a "mere man" or by forgetting what manner of man I am.

I should remind myself that I have fellowship with Him; that I am a sharer in the burdens He has, as He is a sharer in mine.

I should remind myself that I am a member of the fruit-bearing body of Christ.

I should never allow myself to forget what manner of man He made me.

I should remember that "It is God who is at work within me, willing and working His own good pleasure."

That takes me out of the old life. I may be in the old surroundings. There may be everything about me as it was before, but this inward man of the heart has been recreated.

The real man has been made in the image of my Father God; and I have the use of the Name of Jesus; and I have my Father's ability to meet life's problems as they are.