

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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PRAYER AND THE CHURCH

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* Here are a few things that every believer should know.

First, that we are actually New Creations, created in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Wherefore, if any man is in Christ there 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 to himself through Christ."

Notice these facts, that "if any man is in Christ." One is in Christ once for all. He doesn't enter Christ and then leave Him. If he leaves Him, it is final.

The second fact: He is a New Creation, a new species.

He has received into his spirit the life and nature of God.

The old things are passed away.

These old things are Spiritual Death, his union with Satan, and his old sins—the sins committed while he was spiritually in union with the Adversary. These are remitted.

A new self is given to him.

The old self, or the old man stops being; for the old self, or the old man as it is called, cannot live in Christ.

Notice again: "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature, a new creation, and the old things are passed away."

That New Creation is the product of God.

It is created in Christ Jesus.

It is born from above.

It is born of the Holy Spirit, through the Word.

And that new thing stands uncondemned and reconciled before the Father.

2 Corinthians 5:21 states it clearly: "Him who knew no sin he (God) made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

The moment that we become New Creations, we become the righteousness of God.

The righteousness of God means the ability to stand in the Father's presence without the sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority.

We are that moment Sons and Daughters of God.

It would be an abnormal thing if He should recreate us, impart to us His own nature, and leave us under the blighting curse of condemnation, unable to stand in His presence without the sense of guilt and inferiority.

Then we know we have the ability to stand in God's Presence free from all sense of unworthiness.