

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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A STUDY IN FAITH

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* Hope is the most beautiful child of the senses. The very word is filled with fragrance.

The unthinking have often mistaken it for faith.

Faith is always now.

Hope is always in the future.

Abraham had to change hope into faith.

There is always a battle in the spirit realm to do this.

Hope is so vigorous; it is so full of vibrant enthusiasm.

We thank the Father for it; but it can never be associated with faith, or sit in the seat of faith, or hold dominion over faith.

Faith is the creative element of God.

Hope paints the clouds at the setting of the sun and makes the dying day beautiful.

Faith is a rugged thing, a creative force, a dominating force.

Hope cannot create, and its dominion is oft-times dangerous.

Faith is a builder.

Sense knowledge faith has given us all our great financial structures. It has been the strength of the man of the Senses. It has made him a victor in the war of civilization.

But faith that grows out of the Word, out of the recreated spirit, has given us all that is beautiful and real, all that is holy, all that is actually worthwhile in life.

It has brought us into personal contact with the Creator of the universe.

It has confessed Jesus as Lord.

It has challenged the love heart of the Father resulting in Eternal Life for us: and it has brought man into union with deity.