

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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THE LAW OF LIFE

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* You see, "the law of the Spirit of Life" in Christ Jesus made the New Creation Jew free from "the law of sin and of death." Galatians 3:21 "Is the law then given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law." This is a striking sentence. If there had been a law given that could give men Eternal Life, then Righteousness would have been of the law.

"But the Scripture shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." Now notice this next Scripture, "But before faith came, we (the Jews) were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. So that the law is become our (Jews) tutor until Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

The old version reading, "A tutor to bring us to Christ" is not correct. The Law never brought anyone to Christ.

The Law was a "law of sin and of death."

The Holy Spirit is the only one that can bring a man to Christ.

Notice the 25th verse: "But now that faith is come, we are no longer (as Jews) under a tutor, for ye are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." I want you to notice carefully the next sentence : "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.

There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye are one man in Christ Jesus."

Now you can understand I Corinthians 9:19, 20 where Paul said, speaking of his ministry as a soul-winner, "For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. "To the Jews I became as a Jew (when he became a New Creation he had stopped being a Jew) ; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law."

(This was written before the Temple and the whole Jewish heirarchy had been destroyed by Titus). We must understand clearly that the moment a Gentile becomes a New Creation he stops being a Gentile. In 1 Corinthians 10:32 we have the three ethnical divisions of the human race : "Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Gentiles, or to the church of God."

There are no Jews or Gentiles in the Church of God. We are all one man in Christ.