

# 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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\* Acts 8:15, 16, "Under Phillip's preaching, many had turned to the Lord in Samaria and had been baptized. "Then the disciples came down from Jerusalem that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had fallen on none of them, only they had been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus." They had received Eternal Life. Then the disciples laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Paul came to Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7), he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" The implication is simple, that all believers do not have the Holy Spirit. If they did, they would be different kind of believers, for when a man receives the Holy Spirit, he has a Teacher in him that can unfold the Word and build into him a Godlike spirituality that will make him a blessing to those around him.

Come back to Rom. 8:10, "And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin : but the spirit is life because of righteousness." Notice now, that after Christ is in you, the senses have lost their dominion over you, because when you are made a New Creation, the senses cease to be your master. Your spirit has received Eternal Life and has become the Righteousness of God. Sin now can no longer govern your senses.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, dwelleth in you, (this is the Holy Spirit of whom He is speaking) he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead, shall give life (that word life is Zoe, the Nature of God) also to your mortal body through his Spirit that dwelleth in you." He has given to that person's spirit Eternal Life and made him a New Creation. Now the promise that Jesus

made, "I came that ye might have life, and have it abundantly," is being realized.

The Holy Spirit has come into man's body and is pouring an abundance of Life into his mortal body, bringing health and strength and vigor into it. Now notice this fact: The New Law cannot rule spiritually dead men any more than the Ten Commandments can rule the spiritually alive man. The First Law belonged to the old creation. The New Law belongs to the New Creation. This New Law of Love is to rule our daily life, our business, our homes.

It is to rule the Church.

It is to rule our social life.