

# **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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## **RIGHTEOUSNESS RESTORED**

**[part 6 of 8]**

### **A Perfect Redemption**

\* These are conclusive, absolute statements, and we are confronted with this fact: if God is not able to produce a redemption that will make righteous the man who accepts Christ as his Savior, God's redemption in Christ is not as far-reaching as Satan's power.

Or, in other words, Satan has done something to man greater than God is able to do for man.

We believe that God's redemption absolutely redeems man from Satan's dominion. On the grounds of that redemption, God is able to make man an absolutely new creation, created in Christ Jesus. This new creation is without spot or wrinkle, without condemnation, and without sin. It is the righteousness of God in Christ.

We face this tremendous truth in the presence of the inadequate teachings of our churches in regard to the plan of redemption. Instead of preaching righteousness, too many ministers have been preaching sin. If the man who stands in the pulpit is sin-conscious, he is himself continually asking God to have mercy on him and forgive his sins. He is never free from sin-consciousness.

Consequently, when he preaches, it stands out vividly in all he says. He is ever urging his congregation to get right with God. Such ministers are never righteousness-conscious because they do not understand it. They are a great deal

better than their preaching. Their preaching is a product of a philosophical theology rather than the simple Bible.

You will pardon me for this. I have been a theologian. I spent a year studying theology. I am one of the few men who have written a complete theology independent of the old theologies, but I have given it all up and come back to the simple Word of God. I see the danger of philosophical conceptions of Jesus Christ, of what He did, and of the Father's mighty work of redemption in Christ. The moment you mix human philosophy with redemption, you poison the whole thing.

Let us believe what God says without diluting it with our own reasoning.