

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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SHARING WITH HIM

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* IN Way's Translation we get one of the richest views of Christ's ministry for us that we have in any of our translations. Galatians. 2:20, "Yes, I have shared Messiah's crucifixion. I am living indeed, but it is not I that live; it is Messiah whose life is in me." The heart can hardly take in the reality that is unveiled to us. "Yes, I have shared in His crucifixion." This is the legal side of our Identification with Christ.

You see, He shared with us in His Incarnation. He became one with us. He gave us His kingly glory and became one with suffering, lost humanity. He was one with us in His Substitution. He shares with us; He shares our sins, our infirmities, our diseases. He took them upon Himself.

The sharing was so real that "He who knew no sin, became sin" in order to become Identified with us, to come to our level. He not only had sin reckoned to Him, sin laid upon Him as the High Priest laid the sin of Israel upon the goat, but He actually became sin.

We can hardly grasp the fact that Deity could become sin, but He did. He died spiritually.

"The Righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God."

In the New Creation we shared with Him. He is the Head; we are the body. He has imparted Himself to us, and when He imparted Himself to us, He gave to us a new self in the place of our old self. That old, fallen, sin-ruled self was displaced and the new Jesus self, the New Creation self, the Godlike self, the self

that is made in the image of Christ, became our new self.

You see how utterly He shared with us ; how much He became one with us. But in Colossians 3:1 he says,

"If, then, you have shared in Messiah's resurrection, aspire ever to the things on high, where Messiah is, throned at the right hand of God. "Let your thoughts dwell on things above, not grovel on the earth. You have died to things of earth, and your real life now has been hidden, by its union with Messiah, in the being of God." (Way's Trans.)

Here we catch a glimpse of our utter oneness with Him, of the completeness of this union.