

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 CHURCH HIS BODY POSSESSING RIGHTEOUSNESS

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* Ephesians 1:4,

"Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him: in love having marked us out for the position of sons." (Literal Translation).

This is God's declaration that, in this present life, He planned we should be holy and without blemish before Him. This is not after we die, but today. That holiness and beauty of life is all of grace, not of ourselves. The only thing we do is receive it, accept it with joy.

Ephesians 5:25 speaking of Christ and the church, and using marriage as an illustration says,

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

He does not say that the church is going to be a conqueror after it gets to heaven, but that it is a conqueror now.

It is not going to be sanctified after it gets to heaven but now.

It is not going to be cleansed by the washing of the Word after it gets to heaven but now.