

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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* The Word is the thing that brings knowledge. The ignorance of the church about the Bible is appalling. It is because of textual preaching. The exposition of the Word makes men spiritual. It makes them hungry for the Word so that they study the Word for themselves. This church "without spot or wrinkle" is the church that has been cleansed through the Word of God. It is not cleansed by prayer only but by the Word. It is the Spirit that uses the Word to build the life of Christ into us.

Colossians 1:21-22 gives us another picture of the church.

"And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unreprouvable before him."

This is a beautiful picture of the recreated body-reconciled, holy, without blemish, without reproof, standing before the Father, not only clothed in the Righteousness of Christ but actually partakers of His Righteousness. This is a photo of our present walk in Christ.

Ephesians 4:23-24, "That ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth."

This New Creation is created out of Righteousness. Righteousness is the nature of the Father God. We have partaken of that Righteousness-that nature of God. We are to put on the conduct of the new man in our daily life. We are no longer to talk like the old man.

The old man lived in failure, in selfishness, in greed, in fear. The new man lives in the fullness of love. He is Jesus-like-dominated by heaven and heaven's sweet spirit.