

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 old creation and the new are as far apart as God and Satan.

Hebrews 13:20-21, "Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight."

It is the purpose of the risen Christ to "make us perfect in every good thing to do His will."

It is His business to work in us His own good pleasure, making us beautiful in the sight of the Father.

Philippians 1:6 carries us a step farther in this. "Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ."

He has begun His good work. He started it at the New Birth. Now He is taking the things of Jesus and building them into us. The very life of Christ is being built into us. This is done by our living in the Word and the Word dominating our daily walk.

The love nature must gain the ascendancy in us until our words are soaked in love, until our whole spirit is held in a solution as it were of the love nature of the Father.

Philippians 2:13 becomes a glorious reality. "For it is God who is at work

within you, willing and working his own good pleasure." It is God reproducing Himself in us. We are to live and walk and talk in love.

1 Peter 5:10 has another sweet message for our hearts. "And the God of all Grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you."