

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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* We may be going through hard places. We may be suffering. There may not be much happiness for us in this life, but there can be joy. Happiness comes from our surroundings; joy comes from our recreated hearts. We have Him in our hearts. He will strengthen us, establish us, until our lives become like Jesus' life. Eph. 5:1-2, "Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children (or children of love)." What would we do if we imitated God: We would love "And walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for you."

We are to give ourselves up as an odor, a sweet, fragrant offering of love to the world.

They may criticize and hate us, but we love them. We walk in love toward them. Until we love as He loves, we do not represent Him. He never answered back. He never said unkind things. He never criticized. He never peddled scandal. He spoke love words. He helped men and women. He said beautiful things. This walking in love is the most beautiful thing in the world. God is love. We are born of love. Love is the rule and law of our life. Love is the strength of our life. Love is the very beauty of our life. We are walking as He walked.

This is the Righteousness of God in us. It is in reality our life in Christ. 1 John 4:17,

"Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. We are here as He is up there. 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear." There is no fear in love.

We are living in love. We have come to believe in love. We know that He is love. We know that we are abiding in love. We know that love is abiding in us. This is the secret of faith. This Revelation to Paul and John is a series of pictures of us that our Father has put in His album.

We are finding ourselves complete in Him. Col. 2:9-10, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power." That is how we appear to our Father. That is the way love sees us, even as it saw Him. It sees us as New Love Creations, ruled by love, living in love, and letting love live in us. All this is possible. All this is ours.