

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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* Man, who was created in God's image, was pure, holy and without sin. His spirit, soul and body were in perfect harmony with God. He was filled with the knowledge and wisdom of God. He possessed the ability to rule over every aspect of his mind; his thoughts, imaginations, emotions and will. He was full of God's love and enjoyed intimate communion and fellowship with God. God came down and walked and talked with "them". Man was a perfect creation of God. He was perfectly whole in every way - spirit, soul and body. He had no physical defects, disabilities or limitations. There was no pain, sickness or death. God intended for man to live forever.

When Adam and Eve yielded their wills to Satan and rebelled against God, they ceased to be a representation of the glorious image of God: Man lost his sinless perfection! Man lost his intimate fellowship and communion with God! Man lost his spiritual position wherein his spirit, soul and body were in perfect harmony with the will of God! Man lost his ability to rule over his mind - to control his thoughts, imaginations, emotions and will! Man lost his position of absolute power and authority in the earth! The ground was "cursed"! Sin, sickness and death came upon the earth! From his exalted position of power, authority and dominion as a representation of God, man became a slave. He no longer had the ability to rule over himself - he was now ruled by Satan! Satan gained power over man's mind, thoughts, imaginations and will. Man's relationship with God was severed. In his sinful condition, he no longer had the freedom or privilege of coming into God's presence.

Jesus, who was and is the express image - the "visible" representation and manifestation of God - defeated Satan! He destroyed the works of Satan! He broke the power of sin, sickness and death! He restored and elevated man to an even greater position than Adam had before the Fall! He has removed our sins from us and has restored us into close fellowship and communion with God. The Father,

and elevated us to the position of "joint-heirs" with Him! He has restored our ability to rule over our spirits and minds - to control our thoughts, imaginations and wills! He has restored us to total wholeness wherein it is possible for every aspect of our beings - spirit, soul and body - to be brought into complete harmony with the will of God! He has restored us to a position of power, authority and dominion over the earth!

...."For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons/daughters of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons/daughters by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]".... Romans 8:14-17 NASB