

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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**"And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly: and may your spirit (pneuma) and soul (psuche) and body (soma) be preserved entire without blame"....(1 Thessalonians 5:23)*

The being "preserved blameless", or "entire" follows the being "sanctified wholly".

One, as regards the spirit: the Triune God, who is spirit, taking up His abode in the shrine of the spirit of the man, who is first quickened in spirit by the Holy Spirit through the redemptive work of the Son.

Two, as regards the soul: the Triune God dwelling in the spirit manifesting Himself through the vessel of the soul or personality of the man, in

(a) a will wholly one with the Will of God;

(b) an intellect renewed and illuminated by the Holy Spirit;

(c) emotions under the complete control and usage of the man guided by that same Spirit.

Three, as regards the body: the Triune God abiding in the spirit, manifesting Himself through the avenues of the soul, keeping the body under complete mastery, with every member yielding quick obedience as a "weapon of righteousness", thus making the outer man - the body - verily a sanctuary of the Holy Ghost. This is the "spiritual" believer, grown to the ripeness of maturity; sanctified wholly in spirit, soul, and body and needing to be preserved "entire" and "blameless" - not faultless - by the God of peace dwelling in the central shrine of his being.

.... "But we have the mind of Christ [the Messiah] and do hold the thoughts [feelings and purposes] of His heart".... 1 Corinthians 2:16b The Amplified Translation

.... "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you".... Romans 8:11 KJV