

# **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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\* **WE ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, IN CHRIST**

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We were bankrupt, sold out to the Adversary, hopeless. God now lays upon His precious Son the iniquities of us all. He not only pays the penalty of our transgression, but He conquers our Enemy and master, Satan, and strips him of his authority; then makes re-creation a possibility on legal grounds. Now God can give to man eternal life, His own nature. He drives out of man the old nature, the old self; and He gives him a new self, a new nature. Man becomes a "new species" as one translates 2 Corinthians 5:17. The old man that is re-created is the human spirit. Then God renews his mind, bringing it into subjection to this recreated spirit. The new man gains the ascendancy over the senses, or the physical body, and becomes a master of himself in Christ. This new man now has become the righteousness of God in Christ. You see, we become righteous by receiving a new nature. Israel had righteousness reckoned to them, set to their account, but the New Creation has God himself as their righteousness (Romans 3:26). If language means anything, we have a legal right now to stand in the Father's presence just as though sin had never been. This being established in righteousness gives us a foundation on which to stand and the reliance in our outlook on life. You see, man has always been a "servant of the Devil", a cringing slave. This New Creation, with this righteousness, makes him a master. He is no longer a subject of the Adversary. He is now a master. He does not talk of his weaknesses and failures, but rejoices in his new found ability to make the heart of the Father glad. Now he is to act as though he knew he was righteous. He is to take advantage of the fact that he is the righteousness of God in Christ. He has a standing invitation to come into the Throne Room and visit with the Father at any time.