

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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RIGHT AND WRONG CONFESSIONS

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* Here are several confessions every believer should make:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9–10)

We confess the absolute Lordship of Jesus and the absolute righteousness that is imparted to us in our redemption. We dare to confess before the world and before the throne of God that Jesus is now our Lord and that we have received salvation and become the righteousness of God in Him. We confess that we are new creations of which Jesus is the Head and the Lord. The Word has taken Jesus' place in our lives. We are to obey the Word as we would obey Jesus if He stood in our presence.

A second confession is found in 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." We confess that we no longer have cares, anxieties, and burdens. We can never have prostration. We can never be unnerved and unfit for life's work. Our minds are complete and clear. Our spirits are free. Our testimony has the anointing of the Spirit upon it because He bears every burden, carries every load, and meets every need.

A third confession is, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). I do not want for money. I do not want for health or rest. I do not want for strength. I do not want for anything. He is all that I need. This is a living reality. What a life is mine! What a sense of security, of power, and of victory! You are

not afraid to take your stand on Philippians 4:19: “My God shall supply all [my] need.”

You loudly make your fourth confession, that Isaiah 53:3–5 is true. Every disease, every weakness, and every infirmity was laid on Jesus Christ, and you are free of them. Just as He bore your sin, He bore your disease. You stand complete in Him. Free from the burden, the power, the pain, and the effect of disease. This confession gives you a healthy body, a clear mind, and a conquering spirit.

Your fifth confession is that 1 Corinthians 1:30 is absolutely true: “But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” Christ has been made all these things unto you. You do not need to pray for wisdom, as James told the babes in Christ to do (James 1:5), because He is your wisdom. You do not have to ask for righteousness because you have become the righteousness of God in Him. You don’t have to ask Him to sanctify you because He is your sanctification. You do not have to pray for redemption because you are redeemed. He is your redemption. What a confession to make before the world!

Hebrews 4:14 says, “Let us hold fast our confession” (nkjv). We have found in a measure what our confession is, but there is a great deal more to it than you find in this book. Your success and usefulness in the world are going to be measured by your confession and by the tenacity with which you hold fast to that confession under all circumstances or the opinions of men. You will never yield to fear or listen to the voice of the senses. You stand by your confession, knowing that God cannot fail you.

There is grave danger of a dual confession. You confess His faithfulness, the absolute faithfulness of His Word, yet at the same time you confess your sickness. You confess your weakness, your lack of money, your lack of ability. You have confessed that He was your supply, that He was your Healer. You have confessed that you were healed by His stripes. Now you talk about your lack of ability to do this or that because of your sickness. You cannot do the housework or go about your business because you are not able to do it. Yet you have made your confession that He was the strength of your life and that with His stripes you were healed. Your confession of sickness and disease destroys what you are in Christ or what He is to you. This is one of the most dangerous of all confessions. You will find that you have been so carefully trained in the confession of wrong, of failure, of weakness, of sin, of sickness, and of want that it will take a great deal of

discipline through the Word to cure you of the habit.

Now you make your confession and stand by it.