

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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IN HIS NAME

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* What does the expression "in His Name" mean? We know that the expression "in Christ" as used about one hundred and thirty times in the New Testament, shows us the believer's position, his Legal Standing, his place in the family and in the purposes or program of God.

When Jesus gave to the Early Church the Right to use His Name that Right meant that they were to represent Him; they were acting in His stead, and when they prayed in Jesus' Name, it was as though Jesus Himself were praying.

I mean that we are taking Christ's place and acting as Christ's representatives.

Christ is at the Right Hand of the Father, we are here as His representatives, not only collectively, but individually.

When we pray in Jesus' Name, we are taking the place of the absent Christ; we are using His name, using His authority to carry out His will on the earth.

When we say, "Father, we ask this in Jesus' Name," we are praying representatively.

We are saying, "Father, Jesus is up there at Thy Right Hand and He gave us the Power of Attorney to carry out your will on earth. So here is this great need. We ask Thee in His Name to meet it."

That need may be for finances; it may be for power in ministry; it may be

for salvation of souls; it may be for the healing of a sick one, but we take Jesus' place and use Jesus' Name just as though Jesus Himself were here. The only difference is that instead of Jesus doing it, we are doing it for Him; we are doing it at His command.