

# **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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\* He has given to us the same authority He had when He was here, and the believer's position in Christ gives him the same Standing with the Father that Christ had when He was here.

This unlimited use of the Name of Jesus reveals to us the implicit confidence that the Father has in the Church. This in itself is a challenge. The simplicity of Peter's use of the Name of Jesus in the Book of Acts compels us to believe that Peter knew he was acting in Jesus' stead, with the same authority that Jesus had.

You will notice he does not stop even to pray for a sick one all he does is to say, "In Jesus' Name, rise and walk." There is no hint that he attempted to exercise what we call "faith" in any manner; it reduced itself to a simple business proposition with the Early Church, they remembered what the Master said and what He said, was true, to them.

He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, I will give it you."

They did not argue about it; they did not worry about it; they did not stop to analyze what it meant, all they did was to act on the Words of Jesus. They did not understand all that Paul afterwards revealed to us in Romans, Galatians, and Ephesians, but they did know that Jesus had given them a Right to use that Name and they entered into that Right with the simplicity of a child.

It seems to me that this is what we need to do today. "In My Name ye shall

cast out demons; in My Name ye shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." This was given to believers, and we are believers.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you," is a declaration that is simple enough for any one to understand. We have been baptized into that Name publicly; and spiritually, we have been put into Christ by the New Birth so that we now are in the Vine as one of the branches, and the Vine is Christ.

We are in Christ, and being in Christ, we have a right to use His Name! and so in that Name we act representatively, legally This glorifies the Father; this magnifies Jesus; this answers the need of humanity. Here is supernatural power that is available to every believer.

It is not a question of education or ordination but merely a question of my apprehending my own true position in Christ, and there using the power that has been legally given to me and to every believer. Oh, the wonder and Grace of God!