

# **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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**"I AM THE WAY"**

**[part 3 of 8]**

\* The Incarnation of Jesus is the master stroke of love.

It was God's intrusion into the sense realm where man began to live, when driven from the Garden.

God unveiled Himself to the senses of the Jewish Nation. They had no spiritual appreciation because they were spiritually dead.

Jesus in His earth walk revealed to the men of the senses who surrounded Him, a strange, a phenomenal thing: He talked with God Almighty, the God of the Jews, with a sense of intimacy that they couldn't understand, and finally He called their God, His Father.

To them, that was blasphemy, and they stoned Him for it; they hounded Him until finally they took Him before Pontius Pilate and accused Him saying, "He makes God His Father; that's blasphemy, and He ought to die."

Jesus paid the price of confessing God as His Father.

But before He did that, one day He said, as recorded in John 14:6: "I am the Way, and the truth and the life."

I remembered that Acts 9:2 is the story of Paul's being sent to Damascus with authority to arrest any that he found who were of "the Way."

And then in Acts 19:9: "But when some were hardened and disobedient,

speaking evil of 'the Way' before the multitude."

Acts 19:23: "And about that time there arose no small stir concerning 'the Way'."

Acts 18:26 tells the story of how Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos, a disciple of John the Baptist, who had not yet heard of Jesus, and they "expounded unto him the Way of God."

The same thought is brought out again in Acts 22:4: "And I persecuted this 'Way' unto the death." Paul here is standing before the People of Jerusalem, telling how he had persecuted "the Way."

Paul is again defending himself in Acts 24:14: "But this I confess unto thee, that after 'the Way' which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our Fathers."

These scriptures were puzzling.

Why did he call it "the Way?"

"The Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing." (Heb. 9:8)

This began to throw light on it as "the Way" into the Holy of Holies.

But Heb. 10:19-20 clears it up. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the Way which he dedicated for us, a New and Living Way, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh."

Now we can understand it.