

# 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*

**April 30th**

## BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED

\* This is the hardest truth it would seem, for the people to learn.

All phases of Christianity where works are prominent are popular. But where we lay aside every human effort and trust the Word, and the Word alone, a storm of protest arises.

Justification or the New Birth must be of Grace, through faith.

Receiving the Holy Spirit must be purely of Grace, by faith.

Luke 11:13, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

It is not trying to buy it by consecration and surrender, but by simple faith in His Word.

It is not trusting in our physical senses, but it is trusting in His simple Word.

Ephesians 2:6-10, "And raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

For by Grace have we been saved.

Read it again, carefully.

He made us alive together with Him. He raised us up with Him. He made us to sit with Him.

All that we did was to accept that as our own, and it was ours.

Verse eight, "For by Grace have you been saved - through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Romans 4:4-5, declares that, "Now to him that works, the reward is not reckoned as of Grace, but as of debt. But to him that works not, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness."

If you work and struggle for your salvation, and pay a price for the Holy Spirit, then you receive the Holy Spirit as a payment on a debt for your work.

But you receive the Holy Spirit as a gift of Grace. You receive the answer to your prayer as a gift of Grace. You receive your healing as a gift.

It is all of Grace.

"Not works, lest any man should boast."

It is given, "To him that works not, but believes on him that justifies the ungodly."

Ephesians 2:9, "Not of works, that no man should glory."

It is not of works, but it is all of Grace through faith.