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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THE USE OF THE NAME OF JESUS

[Part 1 of 8]

The Place Of Faith In The Use Of The Name

THE prayerful student of the Word is confronted with this fact, that nowhere does Jesus mention Faith or Belief when He is talking about using His Name except in the Future Tense.

Take Mark 16:17, 18 as an illustration "And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in My Name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

A literal rendering of that is "the believing ones" shall in My Name do these things.

It is taken for granted that only believers have a Right to the use of the Name of Jesus, the Right to use His Name is a conferred blessing to the Church, it is a Right that belongs to every child of God.

We have a four-fold right to use the Name. First, we are born into the family of God and the Name belongs to the family. Second, we are baptized into the Name, and being baptized into the Name, we are baptized into Christ Himself.

Third, it was conferred upon us by Jesus Who gave us the Power of Attorney. Fourth, we are commissioned as Ambassadors to go and herald this Name among the nations. Then if this authority is conferred upon us we act as representatives for Christ.

We do this first, on the ground of our birthright; second, on the ground of having been baptized into this Name; and third, that the legal right to use this Name has been conferred upon us.

Last, on the ground that we have been sent out as ambassadors to herald this Name among the nations.