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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DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRIT LIFE

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1 Cor. 1:30 "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. just as He was made Righteousness unto us, just as He was made Redemption unto us, just as He was made Sanctification unto us, He has been made Wisdom unto us. Just as He was made health and healing to us, so He is made unto us Wisdom. That wisdom is from God. James tells us if any man lacks wisdom, he is to ask of God. James is writing to the babes in Christ, the undeveloped ones.

Paul, here in his Revelation, is speaking to the full-grown believer, one who has come into his inheritance. One of the most vital things for us to understand is that we have been made the Righteousness of God in Christ. Not only has Christ been made unto us Righteousness, but we have been made the Righteousness of God in Him. That Righteousness lets us into the very throne room where we can associate with the Father on terms of fellowship; where we can sit at the table, as it were, and feast on the riches of His grace. Heb. 4:14-16. It brings us into the place where, instead of asking for wisdom, we recognize that He has been made wisdom unto us. We simply thank Him for the wisdom, and then act, knowing that the wisdom will be there to guide the action.

Wisdom sits at the head of the government. You may have all kinds of knowledge, but if you have no ability to use that knowledge, it is worthless. You have gathered up the knowledge of His will, of His purpose and plan for you in the Word. After having done that, you thank Him for the ability to use that knowledge. Jesus told the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they received power from on high. That word "power" means ability. They were to receive ability to use the Name with its mighty, supernatural power.

They were to have wisdom or ability to witness of all they had seen, and of the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit came according to the promise, and they received the ability. The world was startled by the incoming of a new force, a new life, into the human consciousness. The new born Church immediately became a mighty institution in the Jewish country. Then it spread throughout the Roman Empire. It was the ability of God given to uneducated men to understand something of what happened from the time that Christ died on the cross, until He sat down on the throne at the right hand of the Father.