

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 FOUR GOSPELS IN CONTRAST WITH THE PAULINE EPISTLES

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* In such scriptures as Mark 9:23, Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Again He said to His disciples in the midst of that storm on the sea, "Oh thou of little faith; wherefore didst thou doubt" Mark 11 :23, 24, " Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken tip and cast into the sea ; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it. "Therefore I say unto you, all things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

"Why didn't Paul urge his Epistles people to believe He urged the unsaved to believe on Christ, but he never urged the Church to believe. That confused me. I wondered why, for I remembered that all of our preachers and evangelists and teachers have told what we might do as believers if we only had faith.

Then I saw the secret. We are believers. We are the Sons of God. Eph. 1 :3 declares

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing."

We are in the Family. All that the Father has and all that He wrought in Christ, and all that Christ is, belongs to us. We don't need faith for a thing that is already ours. The thing for which I must have faith is something that I do not possess. I Cor. 3:21 declares,

"Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours."

Whether Paul gave you the revelation of it or Peter or John, it makes no difference.

They unveiled simply what belongs to us. Now we can understand why our modern preaching in regard to faith has been almost destructive. (I wish you could read my book "The Two Kinds of Faith." That will illustrate what we are talking about more fully.) Paul's Revelation gives us a perfect Redemption.

Eph. 1:7 "In whom we have our redemption through his blood, the remission of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." Notice the tense here. Not, we may have it if we have faith enough; no, "In whom we have (now) our redemption through his blood,"

We have "the remission of our trespasses." The Greek word does not mean "forgiveness," as it is translated; it is "remission." That comes always in the New Birth.