

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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WE ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

* We are redeemed. Satan and justice have no claims against us.

God Himself in Christ satisfied the claims of justice, and in Christ conquered Satan, delivering us from his authority.

We are in Christ.

Being in Christ, we are New Creations.

Being New Creations, we have but one Lord - Jesus.

Satan has no authority over us. We are no longer afraid of Satan, or of what he can do. We are not afraid of ourselves as this self is a New Creation.

We are not afraid of God, as we have been reconciled to Him in the death of His Son.

2 Cor. 5:18, "But all these things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ."

Being reconciled we have fellowship with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation is another word for fellowship.

Rom. 3:24-26, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

The word “justified” means “made righteous.”

Then we have been declared righteous by His grace.

Verse twenty-six, “That he might himself be righteous, and the righteousness of him that has faith in Jesus.”

Heb. 9:26, “But now once at the end of the ages has he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

He put sin away by the sacrifice of Himself.

You note the word “Himself,” that comes out again and again, showing that our righteousness is a God-wrought thing.

2 Cor. 5:21, “Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.”

God made Him to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

By the New Birth, this is brought to pass.

1 Cor. 1:30, “But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”

God makes Jesus our righteousness.

Heb. 10:38, “But my righteous one shall live by faith.”

We are His righteous ones.

It is imperative that we take our place and act our part.

God has made us righteous.

We must act as though we were righteous. God cannot bless unless we take our place.

You notice God has become the righteousness of the man that has faith in Jesus.

He not only declares us righteous, but now by His great grace He becomes our righteousness.