

# **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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## **RESTORING LOST RIGHTEOUSNESS**

\* This was God's greatest problem. How could God legally restore to man his lost Righteousness and still be just Himself? The first eight chapters of Romans deal with this problem and give us the solution. Ephesians 2:12,

"Having no hope and without God in the world."

Fallen man is without God and without hope. He is spiritually dead, a partaker of Satan's nature. He has no standing with God. He has no citizenship and no legal right of appeal. He is like a convict in a state penitentiary.

He is in union spiritually with God's enemy. His nature is enmity against God. He is not subject to the will of God, and cannot be until he is recreated. Rom. 8:7. How could God reconcile man to Himself, make him righteous, and restore him to perfect fellowship? It could only be wrought by God's own Son taking man's place, meeting every demand of justice, and going down to the level of lost man. 2 Cor. 5:17-21.

This Jesus did and, after the claims of Justice had been perfectly met, He was justified in spirit. Not only was He justified in spirit, but He was also made alive in spirit. He was recreated so that God said of Him, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

When Jesus was declared righteous, justified, and made alive, then He was restored to perfect fellowship with the Father.

After He was restored to perfect fellowship with the Father and could enter heaven as though He had never been made sin, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. He had made a perfect substitution for man. He had made it

possible not only for God to justify man, but also to perfectly recreate him. On the ground of that, man was reconciled to God. Now he has a right to fellowship and commune with the Father to stand in His presence as though he had never sinned.

The fact that Jesus could leave the abode of the lost and go directly into the Father's presence is proof that the vilest sinner can do the same through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It does not make any difference how wicked a man is, if he takes Christ as his Saviour and confesses Him as his Lord, God makes him a New Creation. That man becomes the Righteousness of God in Christ. Righteousness becomes a living reality in him.

In the Garden, Adam had perfect fellowship with God. No work that God could do for man would be perfect unless it gave back to man his lost Righteousness, his lost privilege of fellowshiping and his lost dominion. His lost Righteousness and his lost fellowship are restored in the New Creation. The moment his Righteousness is restored, his lost dominion is also restored in the use of the Name of Jesus. "If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in my Name".