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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GOD HIMSELF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

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* There must be more in this subject of Righteousness than most of us have realized. We know it is the key of the Revelation given to Paul. He said that he was not ashamed of the "Good News" for it not only gave to men salvation, but "therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith." Rom. 1:7. Then in Rom. 3:21-22,

"But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath come to light, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God on the ground of faith in Jesus Christ."

After stating the fact of our Redemption in Christ in this chapter, he makes a statement in the 26th verse,

"For the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season that he might himself be righteous and the righteousness of him that hath faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:26)

This is almost beyond our apprehension when God declares that He Himself has become our Righteousness.

Righteousness means the ability to stand in God's presence without the sense of guilt, condemnation, or inferiority. A Redemption that would be worthy of God must accomplish this. Man has been estranged from God. He must be restored. Lying behind this is the heart tragedy that man is the reason for Creation.

When man sinned he separated himself from the fellowship of the Father.

The whole drama of Redemption is consummated in this man must be restored to perfect fellowship with the Father and it must be done upon legal grounds.