

# **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 NAME OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS**

**[part 1 of 5]**

\* AND she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus for it is He that shall save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. Little did Mary know the meaning of that angelic visit nor of the command that His Name shall be called Jesus.

That Name has grown until today it fills the whole earth. That Name means justice, love, righteousness, civilization, invention, discovery, art, literature, music, health, happiness, home; and, yet, in our study we have discovered that that Name means even more.

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel (or Incarnation)." Isaiah 7:14.

Immanuel means "God with us" and God with us means the Incarnate One. "For the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," and it is the Name of this Incarnate One that is engaging our attention now.

"And ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's sake." Matthew 10:22. Jesus knew the place His Name would hold among men. Men would love it enough to die for it; others would hate it enough to commit murder on account of it, this Name that makes sinners tremble and saints rejoice.

"And in His Name shall the Gentiles hope." Matthew 12:21. How true that is! The Name of Jesus has been the only Name that would stop wars between nations. That Name bears within it love, life, light, liberty, joy.