

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

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* Mark 16:17-18. This is the Great Commission which He gave to the disciples. In this Scripture Jesus specifies some of the things that Name will do. It almost bewilders us when we think that the God of the universe will give to humanity the right to use His Name, will give to men a legal right to use the power and the authority of the Son of God.

That in that Name a mother can lay her hands upon her baby when he is sick and take healing for him. The Greek here means "the believing ones" shall lay hands on the sick in that Name and they shall recover. That includes every child of God : no special gift, no special faith, just "the believing ones."

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always unto the end of the age," and this is His method of being present today. He has given them the use of His Name, and in the heathen nations where they go as heralds of His grace, they shall do as Paul did on the Island of Melita and many other fields.

In that Name they are to cast out demons; they are to heal the sick and perform other mighty miracles that will arrest the attention of the people and cause them to ask, "Who is this Jesus in Whose Name you work today?"

God never intended there should ever be any change in the methods or ministry down through the ages; only as nations developed, should these methods be broadened, but the miraculous element enfolded in the Name of Jesus should be the means of opening closed doors to the Church everywhere; the sick should be healed; the power of Satan broken over men's lives and captives set free. All this is to be done in the Name of this Unseen Saviour.