

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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FAITH IN YOUR OWN RIGHTS

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* Grace is the Love of God in action, in manifestation.

It is Love doing things for us. It was Love that caused the Incarnation. Love caused this Incarnate One we call Jesus, to go on the cross and become Sin with our sin; become absolutely Identified with us, not only as a man (which He did in the Incarnation and in His earth walk, but He became Identified with our sin nature on the Cross.

God laid upon Him our iniquity.

"Him who knew no sin, God made to become sin." That is a serious thing. The heart can hardly take it in. We were sinners, but He was made Sin.

He was so identified with the devil that God said He was Sin.

He actually went the limit for man. Being sin He was judged as Sin. He was condemned as Sin. He was sent to the place of suffering where Sin should go.

There He suffered until the claims of Justice against us were fully met. Then He was "Justified in spirit." "He was made alive in spirit." He was actually made as Righteous as He was before He was made Sin. (1 Tim. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:18).

He was made so Righteous that He who had cried, "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" after His Resurrection entered into the presence of the Father with His own blood and sealed our Redemption.

"Nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, entered in once and for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption." (Heb. 9:12).

He was so Righteous that He could sit down in the Father's presence as though He had never been Sin. On the ground of His finished work, when you accept it, you are made a New Creation.

You become the Righteousness of God in Him.

You stand in the Father's presence as though sin had never been. We have never been able to accept this even mentally, but it is coming slowly to the consciousness of the Church as they listen to the Word.