

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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NATURAL MAN'S FAITH

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* NATURAL man does not have the same kind of faith that the Believer enjoys. The natural man believes in the things he can see, hear, taste, smell and feel. (Read my book, "The Two Kinds of Faith.") It was hard for us to grasp this. For a long time I could not understand the meaning of the word, "believe," in relation to natural man.

Then the Spirit unveiled it to me. "Believe" is an action word, a verb. "Faith" is a noun, the result of action. Then, believing, for the unsaved man, would be to act on what God has spoken. He says to the unsaved man, "If you will take Jesus Christ as your Saviour and confess Him as your Lord, I will give you Eternal Life."

Then the natural man simply acts on the Word, and the Father gives him Eternal Life. As soon as he has done this, the Father owns him as His child. In the mind of the Father he is a believer and possesses all things.

Ephesians 1:3 will illustrate it. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ." All things are his, but he may not know it. As he grows in Grace, he will come to know what he is in Christ. He cannot grow in Grace without the Word. He has the Living Word, the Written Word, and he has the great, mighty Holy Spirit as his teacher so that he may grow in the Word.