

# 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 AND BELIEVING

\* The word "faith" is a noun: the word "believe" is a verb.

"Believing" is really "acting" on the Word.

It is simply acting on the Word of God as you have acted on the word of a physician, the word of a lawyer, or the word of a loved one.

You don't ask the questions: "Do I believe?" or "Have I faith?"

You simply say, "That is what God has said," and you act accordingly; or "Did God say that 'by His stripes' I am healed? If God said it, then I must be healed, and I will act on what God has spoken."

Faith is the result of action.

Believing is taking the step up to the object, the thing you want. Faith is having arrived.

Instead of using the word "believe", I use the words "act on His Word."

It is simpler. It is perfectly Scriptural and it is just what Jesus meant.

It is a remarkable thing that nowhere in the Epistles did Paul urge believers to believe or have faith.

Our urging men to believe is a result of the Word's having lost its reality.

What does Paul tell us?

Eph. 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ."

If He has blessed you with every spiritual blessing, then you are blessed.

You don't need to ask for the spiritual blessings.

All you need to do is thank Him that you have them.

All you have to say is, "Father I thank Thee for my healing. I thank Thee for my deliverance."

All that Jesus did was to act upon His Father's Word.

All that Peter did was to act upon the Word which Christ had given him.

It was the Word of Christ in Peter's mouth that he acted upon that brought salvation and healing and deliverance to the people.

We may preach the Word, but if we do not practice it, it will produce no results.

We may preach healing and declare our faith in healing, but that is of no value unless we practice it.

James tells us that "faith without corresponding actions is dead."

When we act on the Word we show our faith.

We know that no Word from God is void of power or void of God's ability. Luke 1:37.

So, we act on it. We fearlessly lay our hands on the sick. We command the disease to leave in Jesus' Name and it obeys. The sick one is healed.

He said, "I watch over my Word to perform it."

We would never have laid hands on the sick and claimed healing if He had not told us to do it.

He said, "They that believe shall lay hands on the sick." Mark 16:16-18.

That means the instant we accept Christ as our Savior, confess Him as Lord, and receive Eternal Life, we can begin to function in the Family. We can begin to lay hands on the sick.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16.

The Greek word there for "saved" is "sozo" which means "healed."

Healing in the final analysis is spiritual as well as physical.

Disease manifests itself in the physical, but its roots, its substance, its reality are in the spirit.

The word "believe" occurs about one hundred times in the Gospel of John.

The word "faith" only occurs about two or three times.

The reason evidently is that he was talking to men outside of the Body of Christ, to Jews under the Law.

They were not men of faith. They did not have faith. He was inciting them to believe.