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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THINGS THAT BELONG TO US

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* THE Father in His great Grace has given to the Church enough to make it rich and strong.

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

What does He mean by this?

In His redemptive work all that God did in Christ from the time He was made Sin until He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, belongs to the Church, the Body of Christ.

We have been blessed.

Jesus did nothing for Himself and the Father needed nothing.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Jesus was the Father's gift to a lost world.

He has never taken back the gift.

The world owns Jesus, whether or not it acknowledges the ownership.

All that Jesus did in His Substitutionary Sacrifice is the private property of

the individual for whom Jesus did it.

The sinner does not need to beg God to save him.

The work has already been accomplished.

All that he needs to do is to accept it and thank God for it. Then it becomes his.

"For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory." Ephesians 2:8-9.

Salvation is a gift.

Faith comes by acting on the Word of God.

We act on the Word. We take Jesus Christ as our Saviour, confess Him as our Lord, and we receive Eternal Life that very moment.

"For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus."

The work was accomplished before Christ arose from the dead, and that work belongs to us now.

All we need to do is to accept it.