

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 TWO CONFESSIONS

[part 1 of 6]

Our Faith Is Measured By Our Confession

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Our usefulness in the Lord's work is measured by our confessions.

Sooner or later we become what we confess.

There is the confession of our heart, and the confession of our lips.

When the confession of our lips perfectly harmonizes with the confession of our hearts, and these two confessions confirm God's Word, then we become mighty in our prayer life.

Many people have a negative confession.

They are always telling what they are not, telling of their weakness, of their failings, of their lack of money, their lack of ability, and their lack of health.

Invariably they go to the level of their confession.

A spiritual law that few of us have recognized is that our confessions rule us.

When we confess His Lordship and our hearts fully agree, then we turn our lives over into His care.

That is the end of worry, the end of fear, the beginning of faith.

When we believe that He arose from the dead for us, and that by His Resurrection He conquered the Adversary and put him to nought for us, when this becomes the confession of our lips and our hearts, we become a power for God.

If we have accepted Him as our Savior and confessed Him as our Lord, we are New Creations; we have Eternal Life; we have the position of sons; we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

The moment that we recognize the fact of His actual Resurrection, then we know that the sin problem is settled ; we know that Satan has been eternally defeated for us.

We know that we are in union with Deity.

We know that we have come into the family of God.

We know that the ability of God has become ours.

This may not dawn on us all at once, but as we study the Word and act upon it, live in it, and let it live in us, it becomes slowly perhaps, but surely a living reality.

That reality is developed through our confession.

We confess His Lordship and we declare before the world that lie is our Shepherd and that we do not want.

We confess that He makes us to lie down in green pastures, and that He leads us beside the waters of stillness.

We confess that He has restored our souls to a sweet, wonderful fellowship with Himself,

We confess that He has made us New Creations, that old things have passed away and behold all things have become new, and that we have become the Righteousness of God in Christ.

We confess fearlessly before the world our utter oneness and union with Him.

We declare that He is the Vine and we are the branches; that the branches and the Vine are one.

We declare that we are partakers of the Divine Nature that dwelt in Him as He walked in Galilee.

These are our confessions.

We have come to know that Satan is defeated, that demons are subject to the Name of Jesus in our lips, that disease cannot exist in the presence of the Living Christ in His.

Now we dare to act on what we know the Word teaches.

We dare to take our place and confess before the world that what the Word says about us is true.

We are done with the confession of failure, of weakness, of inability, because God has become our ability, God has become our sufficiency and He has made us sufficient as ministers of a New Covenant.

We confess that He has taken us out of the old realm where failure reigned, into the new realm of victory, joy, and peace.

As we make our confession and act on the Word, our faith grows and our Redemption becomes a reality.