

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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REDISCOVERY OF PAUL'S EPISTLES

[part 1 of 3]

* There is a new interest in the Epistles. Paul's Epistles are a revelation of the two-fold unveiling of Redemption, the legal and the vital side of that mighty plan. They give us the answer to Job 33:26 (American Revision). "And he restoreth unto man his righteousness".

THE RECOVERY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

It is a legal recovery. The definition of Righteousness as seen in the Pauline Revelation is the ability to stand in God's presence without the sense of guilt or inferiority. The great major theme of these Epistles is the new Righteousness in contrast to the old Righteousness under the Law. One is by grace, the other by works. One was a limited Righteousness, the other an unlimited Righteousness. One gave man the standing of a servant, the other the standing of a son.

This new kind of Righteousness was the "mystery kept hidden through the ages". It was revealed by God to man through Paul. It is the revelation of a new kind of Fellowship based upon legal grounds. Man lost his Fellowship in the Garden. It had never been restored to him. Fellowship is the ultimate of God's dream for man.

I Corinthians 1:9:

"God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Our Fellowship is with the Father and with the Son.