

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 NAME IN THE EPISTLES

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* THE use of the Name in the Epistles is very illuminating. "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints with all that call upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours." I Corinthians 1 :2. "With all that call upon the Name."

In those early days, the believers knew the value and place and authority of that Name, they appreciated It. They walked and lived in the conscious freshness of the power of the Name of Jesus.

When they made an appeal to the brethren, they used language like this "Now, I beseech you, brethren, through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, that there be no division among you." Their appeal was in the Name of Jesus.

In I Corinthians 5:4 we read,

"In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ye being gathered together."

Here, the Church is facing an internal trouble, one of the young men has committed a very grave misdemeanor.

And Paul tells them that when they have gathered together in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are to deliver such an one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh. that the spirit may be saved in the day of Christ Jesus.

That Name had the power of Life and of Death in those days.

"And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God." I Corinthians 6:11.

Here, they are washed, sanctified, justified in that Name.

The farther you go in the Epistles, the more deeply you are impressed with the power, and dignity, and Grace of God vested in that Name.