

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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Do All Things in the Name

"And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17.

In Ephesians, He told us when we worshipped the Father, it must be through the Name, but now, "whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, all must be done in the Name."

This ends the controversy in regard to praying to Jesus. This gives Jesus His position; this exalts the Name in our daily life.

Whatsoever we do in word or in deed must be done in that Name, and in that Name only.

In 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 we have another view of this:

"To which end we also pray always for you that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and every work of faith, with power; that the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in Him."

This sets forth more clearly perhaps, than any other Scripture we have used, the place of the Name in our daily life and ministry; that this Name may be glorified in our lives, and glorified through our ministry. How could it be glorified more than by using it as the Early Church used it?

"Now, we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received of us." 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

Here, Paul commands the Church, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, to withdraw from every brother that walks disorderly.