

# **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*

**December 10th**

## **THE NAME IN THE EPISTLES**

**[part 5 of 5]**

In James 2:7 we read, "Do not they blaspheme the honorable Name by which ye are called?" James called it "that honorable Name." The Name that had wrought such mighty things through all the country was looked up to with honor, respect, and love.

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord." James 5:14.

The sick were anointed in that Name for their healing.

"If ye are reproached for the Name of Christ, blessed are ye." 1 Peter 4:14. They gladly bore the reproach of that Name.

You can see very clearly that the Name of Jesus held a position in the front rank of their teaching; and whenever they entered a heathen village or city, they preached to them that Name as Philip preached it down at Samaria.

They let the people know that the Name of Jesus had power to heal the sick, cast out demons, perform miracles and prodigies, that their God was represented in that Name.

"I write unto you, My little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake." 1 John 2:12.

Here, the Name is used in another sense, but with what a wealth of suggestiveness.

Sins are forgiven for His Name's sake, for the sake of that Name.

"And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another." I John 3:23.

The command that we should believe in the Name is literally that we should believe the Name, the preposition "in" is not the Greek. That we should believe the Name, believe it for what it stands, believe it for all that it means in the heart of the Father, that we believe the Name!

Reader, ask your heart this question, "Do I believe the Name of Jesus? What does it mean to my life?"

"These things have I written unto you that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe ON the Name of the Son of God." I John 5:13.

Here is a contrast between "in" and "on".

We believe ON the Name for salvation; we believe IN the Name for power in service.

Our position as believers in Christ gives us a legal right to pray in the Name of Jesus and take out of that Name the wealth of love, and riches, and grace, and salvation, and redemption that belongs to us.

We see by the teachings in the Epistles what Jesus meant when He gave the great promise of the use of His Name. The Name of Jesus became the center around which everything was built in their missionary activities. They lived, and wrought, and praised in that Name.

That Name meant food and raiment; it meant deliverance from the hand of their enemies; it meant power over demons and diseases; it meant worship, and praise, and access to God. Enwrapped in that mighty Name is the invisible power and miracle working might of the Church of Jesus Christ today.