

# **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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## **RIGHTEOUSNESS RESTORED**

**[part 1 of 8]**

\* Universal sin-consciousness is the parent of all the religions of the earth. Man has ever sought to rid himself of the sense of guilt and sin and the fear of the spirit of evil that dominates the very atmosphere of the world. This sin-consciousness was born at the fall. It was manifested in Adam's fear to cover his nakedness.

The revelation of God and the development of that revelation have been to one end: to restore righteousness to mankind. The meaning of righteousness, in this sense, is the ability to stand in the presence of God without a sense of sin, guilt, or inferiority.

It also includes fellowship. When Adam sinned, he instantly lost fellowship with Jehovah and surrendered his ability to approach Him. This sin-consciousness has robbed man of his faith, filling him with a sense of unworthiness that dominates human existence today.

Now we come to the problem this creates.

Has God provided redemption to take away this sin-consciousness and permit mankind to return to His presence and remain there? If God could do that, faith would be restored. Therefore, the great enemy of faith is a sense of unworthiness.

Theology has failed to interpret the plan of redemption in such a manner as to remove this sin-consciousness from the minds of those who accept Christ. In fact, most of the ministers who are classed among the orthodox continually preach

sin instead of righteousness, keeping their congregations under constant condemnation rather than leading them out into liberty, where faith can function and thrive.

I have come to see that the basis of real faith is letting the Christian know that righteousness has been restored and that he or she doesn't have to live in sin-consciousness any longer.