

# **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 2 of 8]**

### **The Cry of Job**

\* In Job 33:26, there is a prophecy that is striking. It is a picture of “new birth.”

He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

There are a few details to notice here. First, man prays, and God hears his prayer. Second, man sees an expression of joy on God’s face, signifying restored fellowship. Third, God restores unto man his righteousness. In these three statements, we have the results of complete redemption.

The book of Romans is a story of how God restored righteousness to us on legal grounds by faith in Jesus Christ. It is the great master drama of humanity.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:16–17)

This is the righteousness that believers in Christ receive. In the first three chapters of Romans, up to the eighteenth verse of the third chapter, God is demonstrating how both Jew and Gentile have utterly failed to attain a righteousness that would give them a right standing with Him. The apostle Paul concluded the argument with a great indictment: “There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). No man has right standing outside of Christ. Paul then laid

out fourteen charges against the unregenerate man, not the Christian.

By verse 20, Paul had shown that the Gentiles, not having the law, had failed to attain righteousness with God, just as the Jews, who had the law, had failed likewise.