

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

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The Supreme Court

When the “Supreme Court of the Universe” declared that what God had wrought in Christ was sufficient—that His sufferings were adequate to meet each and every demand of justice—it declared that Jesus was justified and made righteous. Scripture claims that Jesus was “justified in the Spirit” (1 Timothy 3:16) and “quickenened by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18). He was born out of death, so that He is called “the firstborn from the dead” (Colossians 1:18).

God laid our sins upon Jesus, who was made to be sin and made to suffer in our stead. When He had met the demands of justice, death could hold Him no longer. He was declared righteous. He was made alive. He became the head of a new creation. Now, when you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God is able to declare you righteous on the grounds of what Jesus did.

There are two phases to this righteousness. First, God declares you righteous. Second, you are made to be righteous. You become a partaker of the divine nature so that you are righteous by nature and righteous by faith.

[God] hath made him [Jesus] to be sin for us, who knew no sin.... (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Why?

...that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (verse 21)