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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Act on the Word

* Now, by faith, I can take Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior. When I do, I become the righteousness of God in Him. Being made righteous by His Grace, I have peace right now, through the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, having been made righteous, having been declared righteous by the "Supreme Court of the Universe," and having this fellowship, which had been broken through the ages, restored, I am filled with the peace of God, "which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). I can stand in the presence of God without any sinconsciousness, without any fear, because "as he is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

He is righteous, and He Himself has made us righteous and declared us righteous. This is the foundation on which faith grows.

When you know this, as the Word of God teaches it, you will step into the Father's presence without any challenge or question in your mind. You will know that "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

If God has declared you righteous, who can bring a charge against you? There is only one Person in the universe who can bring a charge against you, and that is Jesus. But Jesus will do no such thing because it was He who died for you. He "...is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34).

Someone may say, "Suppose I sin after all of this?"

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 John 2:1)

He does not want you to sin. However, if you do, and you confess it, He "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Then, you are able to stand before Him again, utterly righteous with His own righteousness.

Now, we see the secret, the genius, of Jesus' earth-walk. Jesus had no sense of guilt. He had no sin-consciousness—He felt no need to be loved; He felt no need to have faith—because He and the Father were one in heart and in purpose. Now, you are the same, because you are in Christ. And, if you are in Christ, Satan has no more dominion over you. You are a son or daughter of God Almighty, an heir of God through Christ.

Learn to take your place and enjoy all that belongs to you in Christ.