

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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THE RIGHT CONFESSION

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* Jesus said, "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49).

Every healing that Jesus performed was brought about through His Father's Word. Every Word that He spoke was the Father's Word.

Jesus knew who He was; He knew His place; He knew His work.

He was always positive in His message. He knew the words that He spoke were His Father's words.

He took His place as a Son. He acted His part.

He continually confessed His Sonship.

Jesus always confessed what He was.

He said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I am the Bread of Life. I am the Water of Life. God is My Father. I am the Light of the world."

In John 5:19–30 Jesus made ten statements about Himself. They are really confessions, and every one of them links Him up with deity. He was speaking His Father's own Word.

"I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me" (John 7:29).

He not only confessed what He was, but He also fearlessly confessed what man would be after he became a new creation.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches” (John 15:5).

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:38–39 asv). What a confession that was, and how real it became on the Day of Pentecost!

“If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father that glorifieth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God; and ye have not known him: but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be like unto you, a liar: but I know him, and keep his word” (John 8:54 asv).

“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” (John 17:5). That was a remarkable testimony.

“And I made known unto them thy name, and will make it known” (verse 26 asv). Jesus knew the new name that God was to receive.

“I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world” (John 17:6). I have a conviction that the new name which Jesus speaks of here is “Father.” No one had ever called Him “Father” before.

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?” (John 9:35–36).

Jesus then confessed who He really was. In verse thirty-seven, Jesus said to the man who had been blind, “Thou hast both seen him, and he it is that talketh with thee.” Jesus openly declared that He was the Son of God.

In John 4:26 we have another startling confession. Jesus was talking with the woman of Samaria, and He confessed that He was the Messiah, the Son of God.