

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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FELLOWSHIP THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS

* 1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Do you think the Father would call us into fellowship with His Son if we were not righteous? Do you think John could write 1 John 1:1-4 under the direction of the Holy Spirit if we were not righteous?

"That which was from the beginning (that means the Incarnation), that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us)."

That Eternal Life was Jesus. Now we can understand what it means.

"He that bath the Son bath the Life." Jesus is that Eternal Life which was manifested.

Notice the next two verses. "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you."

Why? "That ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." We are not only called into fellowship with the Son, but we are also called into fellowship with the Father. The Word "fellowship" is translated from the Greek word which is translated "communion" in some places.

Communion and fellowship are identical. They mean blissful harmony. They mean that our spirits and the Holy Spirit through the Word, are in perfect

accord. Now we are assuming the positions of sons. We are bearing the burdens of the Master in His stead.

We are fellowshiping Him. We are taking over His burdens. Our fellowship is manifold.

We have fellowship with the Father. We have fellowship with the Son. We have fellowship with the Holy Spirit. We have fellowship with the Word. And we also have fellowship with each other.

The most vital, and the one that means the most to us, is our fellowship with the Word.

We have this Revelation from the heart of the Father to feed upon.

Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Daily, we feed and meditate upon the Word until men and women feel the presence and power of the Unseen One in our lives. We face life's problems fearlessly.

Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony."

The Word here is "Logos". It is Jesus. They overcame him by the Word that was in their lips.