

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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**"But if we say we have no sin - that is when we have broken fellowship and are walking in darkness,"we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us....if we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to for give us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness".... 1 John 1:8-9*

This scripture is not written to the world, it is written to the Church, the Family of God. It has to do with broken fellowship. The instant you confess your sins that instant He is faithful and righteous to forgive you. Now you are to forgive yourself and forget your sins and go on in love with Him. For you to continually remind yourself of your past errors and sins is to deny the "efficacy" (power to produce the intended result) of His forgiveness and the integrity of His Word. The instant we ask the Father's forgiveness, Jesus takes up our case before the Father and our fellowship is restored. There is no need of walking in broken fellowship one minute after one has committed sin. The Devil is the author of that lie.

To walk on in broken fellowship, grieving over your blunder, is only adding joy and "glory" to the Devil. The instant you have done wrong and your fellowship is impaired, ask the Father's forgiveness and go on in fellowship with Him. Restoring fellowship is restoring joy, restoring power with God. The richer the fellowship, the deeper one gets into the Word. Deep, rich fellowship means that we go far below the surface of this mine of wealth. You cannot walk in love without Divine fellowship. To walk in love is to walk in fellowship with God. To live the love life is to live the fellowship life. It is bringing joy to the heart of the Father. It is the sweetest, biggest, richest thing the earth ever knew, this fellowship life with God.

The church knows very little about it. Almost no one ever preaches about it, yet it is the heart of the whole thing. There can be no growth in faith, or growth in grace, or growth in knowledge, or growth in joy, with broken fellowship. Every

person that has lost power with God has lost it through loss of fellowship. If their faith has been impaired so their prayer life is but a form, it is because fellowship has been broken. If their joy has all seeped out, it is because the vessel that held it has been cracked; their usefulness and testimony has lost its grip and power, it is mere empty words; it is because fellowship has been broken.

If you want your "testimony" rich and full. There is great joy in this life in Christ! When one is walking in "righteousness" they are walking as Jesus walked when He was on earth. There is fullness of joy. It is the "joy" of Christianity that makes Christianity the most attractive thing in the world. When joy goes, the Word loses its power, its freshness and richness. It is only when fellowship is a flood-tide, and we are walking in the fullness of righteousness, that God is honored and souls are saved.

Fellowship in its fullness is the "joy-life" with the throttle wide open on a downgrade. Fellowship in its fullness is the soil out of which living faith grows to "fruition". Faith dies on low type of fellowship. It shrivels up. It is like a desert plant. By taking your place in righteousness (in Christ), you will find joy in the Word, freedom to use the Name of Jesus, and rich, full fellowship is vastly important.

...."Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." [*Colossians 3:16*] that is the key. It is the Word dwelling in us in all of its fullness, its variety, its beauty, its graciousness, that produces a rich type of fellowship. It will give place to love. It will produce all the fruits of righteousness. Faith cannot grow rich on any other soil. A rich prayer life depends on your fellowship. You must be in fellowship or you cannot enjoy the Throne of grace. If your fellowship is broken, you know what to do to have it restored. You cannot afford to stay in the dark; too many issues are at stake!

...."*You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever*".... *Psalm 16:11 NASB*