

## 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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\* One cannot conceive of anything that will cripple faith and put the believer in bondage more quickly and surely than underestimating what Jesus Christ truly is, and what we are in Him. Along with that will come an "underestimation" of the Word. We will say right out, "O, I believe the Bible is the Word of God." And yet we turn to the arm of flesh for help. And when we pray, we do not come with that quiet assurance that we would if some banker had given us his word in regard to our financial standing at the bank.

This is an unconscious underestimation of the Word, and it is an underestimation of the integrity of the Master Himself, who is the Author of this Word - indeed He is the Word! This leads to weakness, to doubt and fear. It makes a "vacillating" type of faith. We became what James calls "a double-minded man that is unstable in all his ways". What will change it? When we realize what Jesus Christ has done for us in His Great Substitution and in the New Creation!

....*"In the beginning [before all time] was the Word [Christ], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. [Isa. 9:6.] He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]".... John 1:1-5 The Amplified Translation*

....*"by His [the Father's] doing you are IN Christ Jesus, Who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*