

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 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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* Christianity implies a deliverance from this world. Anyone who professes Christianity, professes to live contrary to everything that is peculiar to this evil world. The apostle John declares this opposition to the world in this way:

"They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God".... 1 John 4:5-6.

This is a description of the followers of Christ. It is proof enough that no people are to be reckoned "Christians" in reality, who in their hearts and attitudes belong to this world. "We know, writes John, that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one [1 John 5:19]. Christians, then, know that they are of God to the extent that they "know" they are not of the world; that is, they do not live according to the ways and spirit of the world. For all the ways, maxims, politics of the world lie in wickedness.

One is only of God, or born of God in Christ Jesus, who has through Jesus overcome this world, that is, who has chosen to live by faith. Such a person governs their actions by the principals of a wisdom revealed from God through Jesus Christ.

...."By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith".... 1 John 5:2-4 NASB