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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CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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* Isaiah 62:1 throws added light on God's purposes in Redemption.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth."

He is not going to hold His peace until the hour comes when man can be the Righteousness of God in Christ.

That Righteousness is going forth as brightness, and her salvation, the New Creation, as a lamp that burneth. How true that was on the day of Pentecost!

Romans 3:26 (Marginal Translation), "That he might himself be righteous, and the righteousness of him that hath faith in Jesus."

We have been justified freely by His Grace through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Corinthians. 5:21 has become a reality.

"Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Jesus was made sin with our sins. He was made weak with our weaknesses. He was made a failure with our failures. He was made sick with our sicknesses. He was made unrighteous with our unrighteousness. After He put all that away, satisfied every claim of justice, was made alive-made Righteous in Spirit, then by the New Birth He made us the Righteousness of God in Him. We stand before God as His own Righteousness. We are created in Christ Jesus. It is all of God - "not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:8-10.

How it thrills the heart to think that it is not of man. Man has no glory in it. It is all of God. It is the Grace of God unveiled. It is the love of God mightily exercised to set us right with Himself.