

Letter: 48f 97 Mr Meylan, Hereford, July 4th, 1846

by John Nelson Darby

The sermon discusses the work of God, the role of Christ in salvation, and the importance of faith in justification and salvation.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5, John 6:44, John 10:28, Romans 3:22, Romans 5:18-19, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Timothy 2:6, Hebrews 9:22

Topics: "Grace", "Salvation"

Description

John Nelson Darby writes to Mr. Meylan, expressing joy over the good news of God's work and grace. He emphasizes the importance of Christ's perfect work for salvation, explaining that while all can be addressed regarding God's satisfaction for sin, not all can be assured that Christ bore their sins as a substitute. Darby clarifies the distinction between God's offer of salvation and the election of individuals, highlighting that Christ's sacrifice opens the door for all, yet it is God who draws the elect to Himself. He encourages reliance on God's faithfulness, even in difficult times, and concludes with a heartfelt blessing for the brethren.

Transcript

p97 [Mr Meylan][From the French] VERY DEAR BROTHER, - I was much pleased, I need not tell you, to receive your letter. I understand well that work prevents one from writing, and that those who labour much do not so much like writing either, but this only makes communications all the more pleasant when one does receive them. Blessed be God that you have been able to give good news; and always, when one can do so of one's work and of His grace, to say in fact that God is working recalls us to Him, and that is what always gives us joy.

Indeed the work has been remarkable at -, but God has been better than our thoughts; this is not surprising, but we ought at least to bless Him for it with all our hearts.

Now as to the questions of doctrine. If Christ is in our hearts and in our words, God uses, dear brother, very imperfect expressions to communicate blessing to souls; and He even uses erroneous expressions; nevertheless, they bring with them into the soul something imperfect or erroneous; also those who observe it are stumbled by it. I can say to an exercised soul that his salvation is finished, because I am only directing him, outside himself and the judgment which he exercises on an internal work of which he is

within what we have failed in as to watchfulness without. If the enemy is outside, it is not a question of our strength, but of that of the door which keeps him out; if we have opened it, our own is in question. This makes us feel what we are, and also where we have failed in watchfulness and prayer, but He is faithful. Greet all the brethren warmly. I have been very happy during my illness: it has made me feel much more than ever that heaven and the bosom of God is my rest, my home, seeing that I shall be with Him for ever.

Peace be with all the brethren, also yourself, your dear wife, and your little ones. I hope to visit the Continent this autumn. Greet warmly also for me our brother - . May God keep him so that he may be content to be little.

Yours very affectionately,

In the fellowship of the Lord.

Hereford, July 4th, 1846.

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