

Deep Joy

by Mary Wilder Tileston

True Christianity is characterized by deep joy, which comes from continually looking up to God, His love, His purpose, and His will.

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:10, Psalm 30:4, Romans 15:13, Philippians 4:4, Colossians 3:2

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston preaches about the importance of finding deep joy in true Christianity by continually looking away from sin, obstacles, and hardships, and focusing on God's love, purpose, and will. She emphasizes that our Christianity should not be merely 'dutiful' but should be filled with joy that comes from rejoicing in the Lord. Tileston highlights that as we look up to God and find joy in Him, our faith will be strengthened, and our religion will exude power and attractiveness.

Transcript

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

--PSALMS 30:4

GLAD with Thy light, and glowing with Thy love,

So let me ever speak and think and move

As fits a soul new-touched with life from heaven;

That seeks but so to order all her course

As most to show the glory of that Source

By whom alone her strength, her life are given.

--C. J. P. SPITTA

OUR Christianity is apt to be of a very "dutiful" kind. We mean to do our duty, we attend church and go to our communions. But our hearts are full of the difficulties, the hardships, the obstacles which the situation presents, and we go on our way sadly, downhearted and despondent. We need to learn that true Christianity is inseparable from deep joy; and the secret of that joy lies in a continual looking away from all

else--away from sin and its ways, and from the manifold hindrances to the good we would do--up to God, His love, His purpose, His will. In proportion as we do look up to Him we shall rejoice, and in proportion as we rejoice in the Lord will our religion have tone and power and attractiveness.

--CHARLES GORE

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