

Life of the Chosen

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We are called to a personal relationship of love with God, where we submit our hearts and obey His commands, and experience the abiding Presence of Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 37:5, John 15:10-16, Romans 8:38

Topics: "Election And Predestination", "Abiding In Christ"

Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, through the words of George B. Bubier and Hugh Black, emphasizes that it is not us who choose Christ, but He who chooses us, transforming us from servants to friends who will never be separated from His perfect love. By offering our hearts and obedience to Christ, we receive His abiding presence, entering into a relationship of love with Him that inspires us to do His work with joy, peace, and confidence in His loving guidance. This personal attachment to Jesus brings eternal life that transfigures our earthly existence with great joy.

Transcript

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.

--JOHN 15:16

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

--JOHN 15:14

O WE have not chosen Thee,

But us Thou deign'st to choose,--

Not servants, but Thy friends to be,

Whom Thou wilt never lose:

For never wilt Thou change

Who art all change above:

Nor life nor death shall us estrange

From Thy most perfect love.

--GEORGE B. BUBIER

WE offer Christ the submission of our hearts, and the obedience of our lives; and He offers us His abiding Presence. We take Him as our Master, and He takes us as His friends. Our Lord takes us up into a relationship of love with Himself, and we go out into life inspired with His spirit to work His work. It begins with the self-surrender of love; and love, not fear or favor, becomes the motive. To feel thus the touch of God on our lives changes the world. Its fruits are joy and peace, and confidence that the events of life are suffused, not only with meaning, but with a meaning of love. The soul that is bound by this personal attachment to Jesus has a life in the eternal, which transfigures the life in time with a great joy.

--HUGH BLACK

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