

Mansion There-Mission Here

by Miles J. Stanford

Miles J. Stanford's sermon emphasizes our identity as children of God and the transformative role of the Holy Spirit in guiding us toward spiritual maturity.

Scripture: Romans 8:16-17, Romans 13:14, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Philippians 3:20

Topics: "Holy Spirit", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

Miles J. Stanford preaches about the Holy Spirit's role in confirming our identity as children of God and heirs with Christ. He emphasizes the importance of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ and not giving in to the desires of the flesh. Stanford highlights how the love of Jesus draws us from darkness to light, focusing on spiritual growth rather than earthly achievements. He delves into the concept of being in Christ, where our old selves have died, and we are now identified with Him in heavenly places, called to walk as new creatures and citizens of heaven.

Transcript

"The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs" (Romans 8:16, 17).

It is the Holy Spirit alone who can draw us from the flesh and its earthly environment. He does it in the practical sense by manifesting to our hearts, via the Word of God, the risen Lord Jesus Christ in our heavenly environment. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Romans 13:14).

"When the Lord Jesus' love is before you, you find this love is drawing you from darkness to light. He begins by showing His desire for your spiritual advancement, and not by advancing you in earthly position.

"It is beautiful to see that the work of true love is to set aside darkness, or whatever would interfere with fellowship; and therefore it is not esteemed as it ought to be, because we are looking for something on the earth, and the tendency is to judge of His love by earthly gifts or favors down here."

"We have died with the Lord Jesus out of our old Adam position: our old man was crucified with Him. The flesh is in us still indeed, but in us a foreign thing; we are not in it before God, nor identified with it in any wise, but with Him in whom it was never found. We are in Him, as He is and where He is.

"Can we say quite confidently, each for himself, 'Yes, we are identified with Him who represents us there before the eye of our Father-as He is, in whom no spot was ever found nor can be, but perfectness after God's own heart wholly'?"

"That is to be in Christ-a new creature. Our rule is, to walk in Him, as being what we really are-heavenly, citizens of heaven, pilgrims and strangers upon earth." -F.W.G.

"Heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:17).

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