

Raison D'etre

by Miles J. Stanford

The sermon emphasizes that true peace and purpose come from glorifying Jesus Christ and resting in His work rather than our own efforts.

Scripture: Psalm 62:5, Isaiah 26:3, John 16:33, Philippians 4:7, 1 Peter 2:16

Topics: "Inner Peace", "Gospel Freedom"

Description

Miles J. Stanford preaches about finding lasting peace by resting solely on the Lord Jesus Christ and not on anything within ourselves. Settled peace can only be found by relying on what the Lord Jesus has done outside of us, despite our conscious unworthiness. The Gospel's freedom should not be used to take things easy or gain in the world, as this leads to spiritual unsettlement and lack of solid peace.

Transcript

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace" (John 16:33).

Great will be the day when you come to realize that the sole reason for the existence of your Bible, your soul and your spirit is to glorify--and share--the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The moment we begin to rest our peace on anything in ourselves, we lose it. And this is why so many saints have not settled peace. Nothing can be lasting that is not built on God alone. How can you have settled peace? Only by having it in God's way. By not resting on anything, even the Spirit's work within, but on what the Lord Jesus has done entirely outside you. Then you will know peace--conscious unworthiness, but yet peace.

"In the Lord Jesus alone, God finds that in which He can rest concerning us, and so it is with His saints. The more you see the extent and nature of the evil that is within, as well as without, the more you will find that what the Lord Jesus is and did, is the only ground at all on which you can rest.

"Alas! the freedom which the Gospel brings may be used to take things easy, and, more or less, retain or gain in the world; but where this is the case, it is seldom a soul possesses any large measure of spiritual enjoyment, and it is never accompanied by solid peace. The soul becomes thus unsettled and uncertain. These oscillations may go on for a certain time, until God carries on the work more deeply in the heart."

"As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16).

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