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'...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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THE GREATEST INVITATION & IT'S FOR YOU

What the Lord Jesus Christ promises to give? He does not ask the labouring and heavy-laden to come to Him for nothing. He holds out gracious inducements: He allures them by sweet offers. "Come unto Me," He says, "and I will give you rest."


Rest is a pleasant thing. Few are the men and women in this weary world who do not know the sweetness of it. The man who has been labouring hard with his hands all the week, working in iron, or brass, or stone, or wood, or clay, digging, lifting, hammering, cutting, he knows the comfort of going home on Saturday night, and having one day of rest. The man who has been toiling hard with his head all day, writing, copying, calculating, composing, sketching, planning, —he knows the comfort of laying aside his papers and having a little rest. Yes: rest is a pleasant thing.

- 'Come to me,' says the world, 'and I will give you riches and pleasure.'
- 'Come with me,' says the devil, 'and I will give you greatest, power, and wisdom.'
- Come unto Me,' says the Lord Jesus Christ, 'and I will give you rest.'

But what is the nature of that rest which the Lord Jesus promises to give?

It is no mere repose of body. A man may have that and yet be miserable. You may place him in a palace, and surround him with every possible comfort; you may give him money in abundance, and everything that money can buy; you may free him from all care about tomorrow's bodily wants—and take away the need of labouring for a single hour: all this you may do to a man, and yet not give him true rest. Thousands know this too well by bitter experience.

Their hearts are starving in the midst of worldly plenty; their inward man is sick and weary, while their outward man is clothed in purple and fine linen, and fares sumptuously every day! Yes: a man may have houses, and lands, and money, and soft beds, and good fare, and yet not have true rest.

 THE REST THAT CHRIST GIVES IS AN INWARD THING. IT IS REST OF HEART, REST OF CONSCIENCE, REST OF MIND, REST OF AFFECTION, REST OF WILL.

It is rest from a comfortable sense of sins being all forgiven and guilt all put away:

It is rest from a solid hope of good things to come, laid up beyond the reach of disease, and death, and the grave:

It is rest from the well-grounded feeling, that the great business of life is settled, its great end provided for, that in time all is well done, and in eternity heaven will be our home.

Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS THE LORD JESUS GIVES TO THOSE WHO COME TO HIM, BY SHOWING THEM HIS OWN FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS...

by clothing them in His own perfect righteousness, and washing them in His own precious blood. When a man begins to see that the Son of God actually died for his sins, his soul begins to taste something of inward quiet and peace.

Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS THE LORD JESUS GIVES TO THOSE WHO COME TO HIM, BY REVEALING HIMSELF AS THEIR EVER-LIVING HIGH PRIEST IN HEAVEN...

and they reconciled to God through Him. When a man begins to see that the Son of God actually lives to intercede for him, he will begin to feel something of inward quiet and peace.

Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS THE LORD JESUS GIVES TO THOSE WHO COME TO HIM, BY IMPLANTING HIS SPIRIT IN THEIR HEARTS...

witnessing with their spirits that they are God's children, find that old things are passed away, and all things are become new. When a man begins to feel an inward drawing towards God as a father, and a sense of being an adopted and forgiven child, his soul begins to feel something of quiet and peace.

Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS THE LORD JESUS GIVES TO THOSE WHO COME TO HIM, BY DWELLING IN THEIR HEARTS AS KING... BY PUTTING ALL THINGS WITHIN IN ORDER, AND GIVING TO EACH FACULTY ITS PLACE AND WORK.

When a man begins to find order in his heart in place of rebellion and confusion, his soul begins to understand something of quiet and peace. There is no true inward happiness until the true King is on the throne. Rest such as this is the privilege of all believers in Christ.

Some know more of it and some less; some feel it only at distant intervals, and some feel it almost always; few enjoy the sense of it without many a battle with unbelief; and many a conflict with fear: but all who truly come to Christ, know something of this rest. Ask them, with all their complaints and doubts, whether they would give up Christ and go back to the world. You will get only one answer. Weak as their sense of rest may be, they have got hold of something which does them good, and that something they cannot let go.

Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS IS WITHIN REACH OF ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO SEEK IT AND RECEIVE IT.

The poor man is not so poor but he may have it; the ignorant man is not so ignorant but he may know it; the sick man is not so weak and helpless but he may get hold of it. Faith, simple faith, is the one thing needful in order to possess Christ's rest. Faith in Christ is the grand secret of happiness. Neither poverty, nor ignorance, nor tribulation, nor distress can prevent men and women feeling rest of soul, if they will only come to Christ and believe.


Rest & Peace

- ✚ REST SUCH AS THIS IS THE POSSESSION WHICH MAKES MEN INDEPENDENT.

Banks may break, and money make itself wings and flee away; war, pestilence, and famine may break in and land, and the foundations of the earth be out of course; health and vigour may depart, and the body be crushed down by loathsome disease; death may cut down wife, and children, and friends, until he who once enjoyed them stands entirely alone: but the man who has come to Christ by faith will still possess something which can never be taken from him. Like Paul and Silas, he will sing in prison; like Job, bereaved of children and property, he will bless the name of the Lord.

He is the truly independent man who possesses that which nothing can take away.

Rest & Peace

 **REST SUCH AS THIS IS THE POSSESSION WHICH MAKES MEN TRULY RICH.**

It lasts; it wears; it endures; it lightens the solitary home; it smooths down the dying pillow; it goes with men when they are placed in their coffins; it abides with them when they are laid in their graves. When friends can no longer help us, and money is no longer of use, — when doctors can no longer relieve our pain, and nurses can no longer minister to our wants, —when sense begins to fail, and eye and ear can no longer do their duty, —then, even then, the “rest” which Christ gives will be shed abroad in the heart of the believer. The words “rich” and “poor” will change their meaning entirely one day.

He is the only rich man
who has come to Christ by faith, and
from Christ has received rest.



THE SHIFTING SAND OF FEELINGS

“Feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving;
My warrant is the Word of God—
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever,
For, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!”

Martin Luther

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

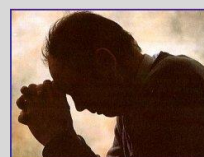
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till traveling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
My Father's house above
Has many mansions; I've a place
Prepared for you in love.
I trust in Jesus—in that house,
According to His word,
Redeemed by grace, my soul shall live
Forever with the Lord.

Horatius Bonar



POINT TO PONDER



In taking the sinner's place on the cross, Jesus became as totally accountable for sin as if he was totally responsible for it. Anon

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