

Peace for Your Soul



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God has promised his people a glorious, incomprehensible rest that includes peace and security for the soul. The Lord offered this wonderful rest to the children of Israel — a life of joy and victory, without fear, guilt or condemnation — but up to the time of Christ, no generation of believers ever walked fully in this blessed promise. As the Bible makes very clear, they never obtained it because of their unbelief: “We see that they could not enter in because of unbelief” (Hebrews 3:19).

As long as Christians are surrounded by their believing friends and everything is going well, they can talk confidently about walking in victory. But when the enemy blows his ferocious winds of adversity upon them, they are cast down, pushed and pulled, with no strength to resist. Many are overwhelmed by temptation and fall. So, what does it mean to rest in your salvation and possess the rock-solid peace and security that all Christians have available to them in Christ?

Jesus says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28:30).

Jesus is speaking here of the discipline of learning who He is and what he accomplished on the cross. He is saying, “Once your soul is at rest, you can take on my yoke.” You may read your Bible and pray a little each day, but that is not enough. You must understand and appropriate the foundational truth upon which all others are built — the doctrine of justification by faith. This means pardon for your sins and being accepted by God as righteous in Christ, through faith.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Dear saint, pray that God will make this precious truth real in your spirit so that you will not panic every time the enemy brings something against your soul. Stand firm under the cross of your Savior, who provides all rest for you!

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