

PREACHING PEACE BY JESUS CHRIST.

IT may be that you who are reading this paper are seeking peace with God and seeking it by repentance, let me ask you now if such a result were possible would it not lead to self-satisfaction, and could this be right. Scripture tells us that Christ has made peace by the blood of His cross and God preaches peace by Jesus Christ. It is not repentance, though surely repentance has its place, but a peace based on repentance would be a false peace. Thanks be to God the believer's peace rests on no such rotten foundation. The Apostle does not say "Having repented enough we have peace with God." No; but "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God." The believer's peace rests on a divine foundation. It is based on the glorious truth that God is not only satisfied as to the entire question of our sins; but that He is actually glorified in respect to it. He has reaped a richer harvest in the matter of the putting away of our sins than ever He could have reaped in the fields of an unfallen creation. Nothing has ever glorified God like the death of Christ. The hearty belief of this must give peace to the soul. It is not the work wrought *in* us, whether repentance or aught else, that gives peace, but the work wrought *for* us. Look away then to Jesus dear friend: when you realise His grace, His love, His goodness, His mercy; your heart will be won and your conscience aroused, but your peace will be by faith in Him.