

“If I fail ^{as} much as Peter, or more than any other, the truth is that Christ is still sitting at the right hand of God *for me*—all my inconsistencies cannot change that truth of God. They had heard ‘from the beginning’ that ‘Jesus is the Christ.’ He says ‘Let that, therefore, abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that, therefore, which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son and in the Father.’ This is the marrow of peace when the soul is tried—God’s certificate to the soul that the value of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ belongs to it individually. People say: It is mine, because I have had such a deep experience; I feel so and so. But God has not said that. He has said that there is the testimony of His Christ, and that if that dwell in me, I shall continue in the Son and in the Father.

“You have lost peace. Why? Because, doubtless you have forged a link of your own, and not had that of God’s invention; so that, directly your joy or experience is gone, you are miserable. *Keep fast hold of the testimony of God about His Christ.* A person keeping hold of this, cannot have a single bit of rest apart from the Person of the Lord Jesus and God’s testimony about Him. There is nothing more gracious than God not allowing peace apart from the way in which He has given it, for nothing else has sanctifying power. Though only fit for the Anti-Christ, God has taken me up and connected me with His Christ.”