

Look into your own heart and see if there is not, more or less, the habit of living without that full communion with Christ. It is *that* we have to watch against, if we desire to glorify Him, and live in the consciousness of the blessedness He has brought us to. It is what will be our everlasting joy. We have now the double joy of communion "with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." Just think what the force of that expression is!

I would desire for your hearts to have activity and diligence to get into this atmosphere. What is fellowship? Common thoughts and feelings and joys. If we have that with the Father, what a thing it is! His thoughts and feelings and joys will be the spring of ours. That is Christian blessedness; the Father and the Son, thus revealing Themselves in grace, bring in Their own thoughts and joys—and holiness to delight in them too—so that Their thoughts and ways become the spring of our feelings and actions.

If we get to enjoy this real manifestation of the Father and the Son, you will find—I do—that there is very little *power to keep* it. You who believe and trust and reckon on His love, do you find you can look up *steadfastly* into heaven? Stephen looked up *steadfastly*, He was full of the Holy Ghost. But it does not last long with us. I find I cannot look up *steadfastly*, it dies out, some thought or other comes in. There is not the positive living in that place where all else is judged. The Son is the revealer of these heavenly