

question is not as to how you stand with your fellow-man, but with God. It is not about your quietness of mind, or peace of circumstances, but, "peace with God." Oh, beware of a false peace.

Scripture speaks of "peace with God," as a present blessing, known by those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a wondrous blessing now enjoyed, not by feeling, or doing, but by *believing*. "Being justified *by faith, we have peace with God*, through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. v. 1).

Here, God tells us that *we have*, not shall have when we come to die, but *we have peace with God*, and that, not through frames, feelings, experience, or doings, but, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ." How simple and how blessed this is, ! That happy frames and feelings *follow* this simple faith in God through Jesus His Son I know, and so will communion, service, and testimony, but they do not precede, but accompany, or follow this believing.

Those who have peace with God in the light and holiness of His presence, know that every question as to sin, death, hell and judgment, has been forever settled for them by Jesus. It is a peace which originated in the free mercy of God ; is based upon divine righteousness in the judgment of sin on the cross of Christ, and is made sure by God raising Jesus our Lord from the dead. When clearly apprehended it cannot but give peace with God, because it is connected with an already-accomplished redemption by Christ, which has infinitely glorified God. This present peace, therefore, is not based upon what