

Looking Unto Jesus

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

The believer's experience of salvation begins with a look. “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isaiah 45:22.) What a blessed “look” that is when by the power of the Holy Spirit we look away from everything, and “look” to Christ alone. We look away from our doings, and look to him and His finished work upon the cross. We look away from our feelings, and look to him and His promise. We look away from our supposed goodness, and look to Him who is all our righteousness. We no longer look to anything in ourselves to make us acceptable unto God, but rejoice that we are “accepted in the Beloved.”

We must continue to run our race in this world “looking unto Jesus.” We must look to Him in our weakness to receive strength as we go on our way. We must look to Him in our discouragements to be given encouragement. We must look to Him at all times or we will surely grow weary in running our race.

We must anticipate the joy that waits us when we will look no more by faith. We will then experience what Job knew awaited him: “whom (his redeemer) I shall see for myself.” We will see Him, look upon Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

What was the “joy that was set before Him, who despising the shame endured the cross?” His delight was to do his Father’s will, and the cross was part of His will. His obedience, then was part of His joy. His bringing many sons to glory is also part of His joy. He accomplished the salvation of all of those that the Father chose and gave to Him.

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