

Come and find rest!

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28,29).

All creation speaks of Christ, proclaiming the power of His salvation. Every fiber of man's being cries out for Christ. People do not realize it, but Christ is "the Desire of all nations" (Haggai 2:7). He alone satisfies "the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). Only in Him can relief be found for the world's unrest and longing.

Christ is seeking the weary and heavy laden, and calling them to Himself. Everyone has longings that nothing else in the world can satisfy. It is clear that if one is awakened by the law to keener consciousness of his condition, and the law continues goading him, giving him no rest, shutting

up every other way of escape, he must at last find the door of safety, for it stands open.

Christ is the "city of refuge" to which everyone pursued by the avenger of blood may flee, sure of finding a welcome (see Num. 35). In Christ alone will the sinner find release from the lash of the law, for in Christ the righteousness of the law is fulfilled, and by Him it is fulfilled in us (Rom. 8:4). The law will allow nobody to be saved unless he has "the righteousness of God which is through faith," the faith of Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:22).

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Whenever one receives the word of God, the word of promise, and no longer fights against it but yields to it, faith comes to him. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews shows that since the days of Abel people have found freedom by faith. Faith can come now, today. "Now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Heb. 3:7). [1]

Note:

1. The Glad Tidings, p. 82.