

Lord's Day 1; Isaiah 40:1,2

OUR ONLY COMFORT

I. The idea.

- A. The Christian's enjoyment of religion is expressed in the word "comfort" (cf. John 16:33; 17:15).
- B. What comfort is NOT.
- C. Comfort is knowing certain facts of Scripture by faith overagainst a contradictory experience.

II. What must be known for comfort?

- A. First, faith and truth recognize a problem.
- B. Second, faith seizes on Scripture's declaration of redemption in Jesus.
 - 1. Jesus fully satisfied for all our sins.
 - 2. And He delivered us from all the power of the devil.
 - 3. And He preserves us as His possession, making all things subservient to our salvation.
 - 4. And He assures us of eternal life.
- C. Third, we must know how to show our gratitude to God.

III. Our comfort is experienced.

- A. Comfort does not take away our misery, but enables us to take it up, to bear it (I Cor. 10:13).
- B. Comfort is only experienced in the way of our constantly confessing that we "are not our own."
- C. This tremendous comfort is an "only" comfort.