



## THE GREAT EXCHANGE

Discovering your authentic identity.

## **HUDSON TAYLOR**

father of the term: "Exchanged Life"

"God has made me a new man! God has made me a new man!"

"Do you know, I now think that this striving, longing, hoping for better days to come is not the true way to holiness, happiness or usefulness. It is better, no doubt, far better than being satisfied with poor attainments, but not the best way after all. I have been struck with a passage from a book... entitled *Christ Is All*. It says, 'The Lord Jesus received is holiness begun; the Lord Jesus cherished is holiness advancing; the Lord Jesus counted upon as never absent would be holiness complete. He is most holy who has most of Christ within, and joys most fully in the finished work..."

"How then to have our faith increased? Only by thinking of all that Jesus is and all He is for us: His life, His death, His work, He Himself as revealed to us in the Word, to be the subject of our constant thoughts. Not a striving to have faith... but a looking off to the Faithful One seems all we need; a resting in the Loved One entirely, for time and eternity."

"... I looked to Jesus, and when I saw - oh, how joy flowed!"

"It was resting in Jesus now, and letting Him do the work – which makes all the difference. Whenever he spoke in meetings after that, a new power seemed to flow from him, and in the practical things of life, a new peace possessed him. Troubles did not worry him as before. He cast everything on God in a new way, and gave more time to prayer."

"It was the exchanged life that had come to me – the life that is indeed 'No longer I'... It was a blessed reality 'Christ liveth in me.' And how great the difference! – instead of bondage, liberty; instead of failure, quiet victories within; instead of fear and weakness, a restful sense of sufficiency in Another."

-Hudson Taylor

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