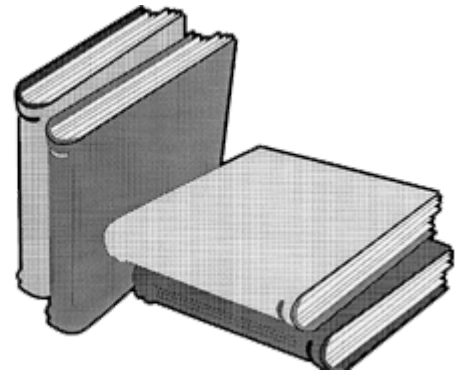


The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,
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Robert Murray M'Cheyne; The Righteousness That Only Christ can Bring.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813-1843) had been close to all his siblings ... But it was David, his oldest brother who had the greatest influence on his life during his childhood. David was eight years older than he. ... David's most enduring influence on his brother was due to his faith in Jesus Christ. Andrew Bonar writes that in David "the light of divine grace shone before men with rare and solemn loveliness." David had prayed fervently for his younger brother and had pointed him to the Bible. ...

[Robert] was in his 18th year when his brother died; and if this was not the year of his new birth, at least it was the year when the first streaks of dawn appeared in his soul. He always remembered the significance of the date of David's death [July 8, 1831]. ... In a letter to a friend dated July 8, 1842, M'Cheyne wrote, "This day eleven years ago I lost my loved and loving brother, and began to seek a brother who cannot die."

We might reasonably wonder why M'Cheyne had not come to saving faith earlier in his life. He had been taken to church by his parents and had been taught the catechism and doctrines of Christianity. ... But while his outward life was admirable, his heart was still in need of the righteousness that only Christ can bring.

David Beaty, *An All Surpassing Fellowship: Learning from Robert Murray M'Cheyne's Communion with God*, Reformation Heritage Books 2014, (\$11.00), p 8-9.

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