

Quote of Menno Simons – Witnessing for His Faith

I have sometimes with Jeremiah thought not to teach any more in the name of the Lord, because so many seek my life. Yet, I can no longer hold my tongue, for I am with the prophet very much troubled at heart; my heart trembles in me; all my joints shake and quake when I consider that the whole world, lords, princes, learned and unlearned people, men and women, bond and free are so estranged from Christ Jesus and from evangelical truth and from life eternal.

Therefore, we preach, as much as is possible, both by day and by night, in houses and in fields, in forests and wastes, hither and yon, at home or abroad, in prisons and in dungeons, in water and in fire, on the scaffold and on the wheel, before lords and princes, through mouth and pen, with possessions and blood, with life and death. We have done this these many years, and we are not ashamed of the Gospel of the glory of Christ

Historical Context

Even though many of the Anabaptists escaped death, they lived with the constant threat of imprisonment. It would have been easy for them to keep quiet and practice a secret faith. Menno Simons wrote about what motivated him to continue witnessing for his faith.

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