

Some years since the wife of another William—an affectionate mother and a devoted wife—apparently in good health, was occupied in preparing breakfast for the family, when suddenly seized with a violent attack of illness, she fell dying into the arms of her husband. Carried to a bed, quite conscious, and with full knowledge of her state, she said to her husband: “Oh! William, is it death?” Then after a moments silence: “All is well; Christ is mine. I am a great sinner, but He is a greater Saviour.”

After some hours of agony she departed from this world “to be with Christ which is far better.” (Phil. i, 23).

Dear reader, if like this person you were to be suddenly called without a moments delay to leave this world and pass into eternity, would you also be sustained by the blessed assurance of a present salvation? could you say calmly and in perfect peace in the presence of death: “All is well; Christ is mine?” or would it be “All is dark?”

If you are able to say; “Christ is mine,” you will also be ready to bid adieu to all the transient pleasures of this world and you will joyfully welcome an eternity of felicity which you will pass with Him who has loved you.

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And he said unto Jesus, “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”

And Jesus said unto him, “Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”