

gone down to the grave, is to be brought up in the possession of a life and honor and glory that eye hath not seen nor heart conceived: "So also is the resurrection of the dead: it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body"—(verses 42-44). All the ruin and loss entailed by the first Adam will be gloriously made good at that coming time of restitution. The finished work of the second Adam, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the riches of the purchased inheritance in Him, will be to His redeemed an eternal weight of glory. Well may they, then, exclaim, "Oh, death, where is thy sting?—thy boasted power?" If the sting of death be sin, and if a sense of bondage and fear—in prospect of death—arise from a sense of indwelling sin, and from a consciousness of guilt, all such fears and alarms and horrors will assuredly cease;—for, by the work of our Saviour then consummated, an end is made of sin, an everlasting righteousness is restored, and a glorious life and a happy immortality are brought to light. At that time, "when this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality," well may those who share in the resurrection of the just, exclaim: "Oh, grave, where is thy boasted destructive victory over us?" If these bodies be God's workmanship, which in this life we are to use as members of righteousness and the temples of the Holy Ghost, it must surely be an essential element in the fruition and consummation of heaven's joys, that the body of the believer comes forth in a radiance and glory for the union with the glorified spirit, and with Christ in glory.

Granting, my brethren, that there is much connected with the doctrine of the resurrection mysterious to us, let not that be any reason for our not giving it a most cordial and believing reception. Rest assured that the Divine purposes and plans are perfect. They have an eternal foundation, and a sure seal. And this of the resurrection is promised by the Word of Him who is the faithful and true Witness, and pledged in His resurrection.

And as it is certain that you must meet death, and lie, in an obvious sense, conquered by him, prepare yourselves *now* to conquer him in another sense. Be an heir with Christ *now* in the results of His work, and be girt with the armour which He hath provided for His soldiers. And as it is as certain that you must have some part and some experience in relation to the scenes and results of that great day, rise *now* to a newness of life in Jesus Christ; let your wills and affections be sanctified; and see that ye go through this present life growing in grace and in fitness for that life to come.

Then death will be your last enemy. Having met him, you will have no more to encounter. With the closing of this earthly scene, you leave behind you all your anxieties and afflictions and toils and pains and conflicts, and you welcome a state where no foe can disturb your peaceful repose—where no cloud can pass over the serene prospect, and no element of sin can mar the perfect bliss, or tarnish the increasing glory of your being.

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BRETHREN, as many of us as are in Christ are part of the Church of Christ. And you know how dearly God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost loves the Church. The Father gave His Son to die for it. The Son, God over all, left His home in heaven, and took our nature (which Satan has made s^{ad}) upon Himself, that He might destroy the work of the devil, and make us fit to be His own companions in eternity. And the Holy Ghost, in spite of our want of love and our daily sins, comforts us, and holds up the pardon and righteousness of Christ before our eyes, and lives in us, that we may have life eternal.

It is no small thing to have all this done for us. It is no small thing to have been beloved of the holy God from all eternity. It is not a little gift to have the righteousness of Christ, bought with His humiliation, suffering and death, freely put on us. Whenever we can see something of the value of what God in Christ has done for us, how shadowy and powerless the strength of this present world seems: at such times the love of Christ makes His people careless of the future, for we then know that, having it, we have all things! A sight of those hands that were pierced for us, of the wounded side and scarred feet of Jesus, light up a trustfulness in Him that, for the time being, all the cold waters of the present evil world cannot quench. The wonderful love of the Lord Jesus for us gives us the victory over ourselves and the world as long as we think about it. The knowledge that every sin is pardoned makes us strong to work and to suffer with Him, and holy habits grow in us in all such time as we feel the white robe of His righteousness round us. What happiness the words of our Lord bring us; I mean not only the loving words which He Himself spoke, but all the promises in the Bible, as long as we can remember that these are ours. "Beloved *now* are we the sons of God." Truly these are no little blessings.

But alas for our life in Christ! How often the things that are seen and temporal get between the believer's eyes and Christ, and hide the latter! Or, if they do not quite hide Him they weaken our sight of His loving face. "This is the victory that overcometh the world," says St. John, "even our faith." But how ready we are to look anywhere else than at God in Christ, and God's promises: and then where is our victory? We will not dwell on this side of the Church's life. Our Lord, who knew what we were made of, and all our wants, loved us in spite of our sins; and, when He founded His Church, took care that the knowledge of Himself should be kept up. Among other means to that end, He bade us meet together for His worship and remembrance.

Now, here is a building for that purpose. Let