

hope. Faith and hope are the means, charity is the end to be obtained. Faith is the bark on the tempestuous ocean of life, to which the Christian mariner commits his soul, hope is his anchor, stay and safeguard amidst every storm which may arise to buffet him. Faith and Hope are the two beacons which guide him to the celestial Haven—which having attained—Faith and Hope like pale stars shall die away and vanish in the superior effulgence and brightness of love made perfect in that land of bliss.

Faith and Hope are the two arms which the pilgrim bound zionward stretches forth to pluck the pleasant fruits on his journey to refresh his weary, panting soul and to enable him to reach the gates of Paradise, which having entered—Faith shall be absorbed in vision—in beholding the glories of the everlasting hills, the starry pavement, the golden throne—and Jesus, the King of Saints, sitting amongst his redeemed people—Hope shall be swallowed up in fruition in the enjoyment of those felicities, glories, faculties, powers and communion with the souls of the just made perfect, which nor words can describe nor heart can conceive.—But charity shall still remain, shall exist through the boundless ages of eternity, love shall reign pre-eminent, redeeming love shall be the theme, its strain shall never cease.

My friends, is any thing more, in the way of remark, required from me, or do you draw inferences yourselves? I would fain recommend the drawing of practical inferences in your own minds.—Have you ever reflected on the nature of True Faith? Are you assured that you possess this vital principle? Do you feel hope and joy in believing? Have you the hope which maketh not ashamed? Hope of a joyful resurrection and a blessed immortality? Have you then this faith and this hope? If so, produce your evidences—shew me a credential that you possess them—shew me your good works, your kindness to servants, your obedience to masters, your attention to families, your love to parents, your respect to neighbours, your loyalty to the Queen, your affection for christians, your esteem for Christ, your love to God. Shew your Faith and Hope by shewing charity.