

another, at the same time. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life." Here is a case of a dead living man, and of a living dead man. He was a living man, and yet had not life. He had not life, and yet was a living man. Life, in this text, does not mean mere animal existence. The Saviour said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and cometh not into condemnation, but is passed *from death unto life*." John v. 24. Here is a case where a man was dead, and passed to life, and yet had human life while he was dead in that sense in which he passed into life. This is spiritual life, or union with God through Christ, superadded to human life. Men pass from spiritual death to spiritual life, while living in this world. Jesus plainly said, "He that believeth in him that sent me, *hath* passed from death unto life." Spiritual death is the antithesis of spiritual life, *which life* is only another name for true happiness. It is not the life of the spirit of man, in the sense of the existence of that spirit, but in the sense of a happy state or condition. Our Saviour said to the man who wished to be allowed to go and bury his father, "Let the dead bury their dead. Follow me." It is not possible one dead man can bury another, unless it be possible that he be dead in one sense and alive in another. "Is it not clear as demonstration," says Mr. Campbell, "that one may possess human life, and at the same time be as dead to God as a man void of human life is dead to the world." Jesus said to the rich young man, "This do, and thou shalt *live*." He had human life, and could "*do*" before he should *live*. The apostle John says, "We know that we *have* passed from death unto life; because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." Surely the Apostle understood this matter just as we now contemplate it. A man passes from death spiritual to life spiritual, while possessing, both before and after, human life. The apostle Paul gives us a definition of life and death, in Rom. viii. 6, "To be carnally minded is *death*, but to be spi-