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Sermon,

By the Rev. William McMillan, Missionary under the Presbytery of Pictou.

"When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory."—Colossians iii., 4.

The term life when applied to the soul, frequently signifies not only its existence, but its perfection and felicity: and Christ may be said to be our life as by him our souls are raised to the perfection of life and happiness.

This divine life of the soul is promoted when the understanding is improved and enlightened with the knowledge of the truth; and this, Jesus hath done by means of his glorious gospel. In it He hath supplied all the necessary information regarding the nature, perfections and providence of the one only living and true God, whom to know is life eternal.

By his divine precepts and spotless example, he hath also manifested in the most plain and perfect manner wherein our duty consists; and thus he is the light of the world, and he that followeth after him shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life abiding in him.

By his spirit we are quickened who were once dead in trespasses and sin and are cre-

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ated unto good works; and whose believeth on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life, and at the last day he will raise him up and crown him with glory and honor. Your life, saith the Apostle, is hid with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

The joy to which Christ will finally raise his faithful followers we cannot now comprehend, for the Apostle tells us in another of his epistles that eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered the heart of man to conceive of the eternal weight of glory that awaits the true believer in Jesus. So much however, has been revealed to us as is sufficient to cherish our hopes and animate our exertions to run with faith and patience the race set before us.

In further illustration of the text I shall endeavor to point out a few things which we have reason to believe will contribute to the glory of the righteous at Christ's second coming.

1st. The conduct of the believer in Jesus will be then fully vindicated and his character displayed in all its real excellence. In the present mysterious combinations of good and evil, where the tare and the wheat grow up together, virtue and vice do not always re-