

same fruit; for the same spirit pervades them, the same graces adorn them, and the same glory awaits them. It is Christ's spirit which develops the believer after the approved pattern. Christ is in that Divine artist's eye when He draws the believer's portrait. The Christian's desire is moral resemblance to Christ, though the perfect image is not developed at once. There is a struggle in the transformation, and Christlikeness is a progressive growth; but sooner or later, in a lower or higher degree, the believer shall be made complete in Him, and this is the highest dignity of the soul. As the love of holiness glows in the centre of the heart, corruption is consumed, as the farmer burns the weeds upon the soil that gave them birth. Transformation into the likeness of Jesus is the great end of redemption, the one purpose of grace, and the characteristic glory of salvation. The more like Christ, the more lovely the soul. It is no wonder that the apostolic ideal of all perfection, all honor, all glory, all blessedness, is this—*Like Him*.

3rd. *Christ is the OBJECT of the believer's life.* It is emphatically life for Christ. The believer's life has been redeemed and endowed with spiritual gifts, that it might be spent in Christ's service. It was not merely for existence or character or privilege that this life was imparted, but for active labor for Christ. The Divine life must be spent in the Divine service. Every man who really lives has an object in life. The student lives for learning, the ambitious for fame, the worldling for riches, the tourist for travel, the statesman for power, the gay for fashion, the merchant for commerce, the Christian for Christ. Every man has a life-purpose in life which inspires with resolution and endurance. Every man also exists for others. This is the one law of social, political, scientific, and Christian life. The Redeemer's,—the highest life ever lived in this world,—was spent for others, and we should, like Him, live for the Divine glory, for such a life-purpose, perseveringly fulfilled, would make us all nobler, diviner. True greatness is devotedness to Jesus. Let us ever aim to serve our fellows and bring glory to God. Let us make our life real by setting before us an object worthy of ourselves and the being God has given us; for you have something more to do with life than simply to toil for bread and clothing and home, more than to eat and drink and die, more than to cultivate the mind, enjoy