

ETERNAL LIFE.

MANY timid believers are anxious to know whether they possess eternal life, and if it is possible to be certain as to it while in the body. "Feelings can in no wise settle it, yet, in Scripture, it is perfectly settled *to faith*." Eternal life is a gift, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," (Rom. vi. 23), and it is freely offered to all, "whosoever" is the word; but owing to the necessity of God's nature and man's desperate need, "The Son of Man must be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John iii, 14, 15). And in connection with this question of eternal life the infinite love of God for the perishing world was manifested, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John iii, 16). From this every believer in the Son of Man, Son of God *has* eternal life *now*: it is simply believe and live. (see John xx, 31). Unbelief alone excludes from this greatest of all blessing for man, (for it is the risen and exalted Christ Himself, Col. iii, 4). But the abiding wrath of God is the sure and awful portion of the rejectors of this love and its gift. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John iii, 36).

Thus life eternal is received by faith in God's Son,

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