

repted you. This my brethren, will fully prepare us for the trial we must all pass through; this will enable us meet our Judge with joy, and not with sorrow. But

THIRDLY—LET US MEDITATE UPON THE SENTENCE WHICH SHALL BE PRONOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS IMPORTANT TRIAL.

The irrevocable decisions which shall terminate this final inquisition, are described by our Lord himself: and the anticipation of them will devoutly and profitably exercise the heart. These decisions shall turn upon the evidence of our works, as upon a pivot. We are justified freely in the day of conversion, by *faith alone*, without any reference whatsoever to our works: but in the Day of Judgment, we shall be *declaratively* justified by our works only; for they will be regarded as the fruits and evidences of our faith. And those, who shall not be able to produce the good works, which grow out of the faith that purifieth the heart, will be condemned; because their deficiency in this respect, will be a conviction of their having died in unbelief. "For we must all appear before **THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Let us then, my beloved, notice the inevitable consequences, which this sentence shall produce upon the just, and upon the unjust.

This sentence will give the Just admission into the Church triumphant.

Now, in order to set this advantage before you in a clear light:—to shew you its importance, and to exhibit as "a city set upon a hill, and which cannot be hid," let me suppose that there is a church, or society of christians established in a given part of this province. This church, let it be granted, is venerable for its antiquity; and beautiful on account of its holiness. Several who were formerly in its communion, were "the salt of the earth;"—the evangelical lustre of many shone like the brightness of the firmament; and a very large number received the crown of martyrdom. Further, this church is *now* in a very palmy and flourishing condition—like a tree planted by the rivers of water, its leaf is always green; and it beareth fruit every season. The members are all highly gifted, and eminently pious; the sanctity of the minister is proverbial; his preaching is "in demonstration of the Spirit, and in much assurance;"—and the conversation of both pastor and people, is a praise in all the earth. Now, admission into a church like this, would be a very great distinction; but how much greater is the moral and spiritual ele-

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