

of the Son of Man is to believe the record that God has given of his Son, "and this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." O receive God's record or testimony, that Jesus loved you, and gave himself for you, and you will joyously exclaim, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. i. 12.

But allow me to tell you that eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of Man does not consist in desiring to do so. The desire to feed on Christ, and actually to feed on him are very different things. Many desire to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus, who never actually do so. O do not think you are safe, because you desire to be a Christian; you are not safe till you actually believe in Jesus.

You see from the passage that life follows faith. You are not to be made alive by an unfelt irresistible influence of the Spirit in order that you may believe. You are to believe or to eat the Saviour's flesh and drink his blood in order to live. Therefore "hear and your soul shall live." The Spirit strives with you before you feed on Christ that you may see your need of him. It is your duty to yield to him. But the power which he exerts on you may be resisted. Ah! beware then of waiting for a secret influence to make you alive that you may believe. Believe and live.

Neither does any one eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man, without knowing it. You do not eat your food without knowing that you do so. So you must know if your soul is feasting on Jesus and his love, and made alive by faith in him. Come then, O sinner, to the Son of Man, who gave his flesh for the life of the world. He died for thee. What he did on Calvary was done for thee, as truly as if thou wert the only sinner in the universe. Come to him and you shall never hunger; believe on him, and you shall never thirst. H.

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DEATH.—"The first step which man makes in life," says Massillon, "is likewise the first towards the grave." We know from Scripture and observation that death has passed upon all men. This king of terrors is no respecter of persons; he sways his sceptre over the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the high and the low, the prince and the peasant. Our beloved Queen has recently, as every one knows, been left a widow. The object of her affection, the companion of her youth, the father of her children, has been cut down in the midst of usefulness and in the prime of life.

The death of Prince Albert will not soon be forgotten by the British