

must fight the Lord's battles. You should glory in the Cross, as therein is beheld the moral glory of God, by which your soul is increasingly transformed into his likeness. You should glory in the Cross as thereby true morality is promoted among men. The doctrine of salvation by grace through the faith of the Cross is not inimical to, but the greatest fosterer of morality.

“Talk they of morals? O thou bleeding Love!  
 Thou Maker of new morals to mankind!  
 The grand morality is love of Thee.”

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#### “IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.”

Such was the language of the Lord Jesus, and he was in his own person a living proof of the great truth which it teaches. He is the gift of God to us, and he gave himself a ransom for us and a ransom for all. *Archbishop Tillotson* says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive, because to give rather than to receive, is an argument of a more happy spirit and temper; also because it shews a more happy state and condition, and because it will have the happiness of a greater reward.” *Bp. Newton* in speaking on the passage, says: “This saying of our Lord is not recorded in any of the Gospels, but was delivered by tradition, and was at that time well known and remembered among Christians. *Rider* says “The evangelists have assured us, that they neither intended to relate, nor have related all that our blessed Lord did and said. The Apostle, no doubt, received this sentence from the mouths of his brethren who were conversant with him.”

IS REGENERATION BEFORE FAITH?—The words of Jesus in John vi. 53, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have no life in you,” throw important light on this much-debated question. A regenerated soul is a soul spiritually alive. Eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of man are figurative expressions signifying faith in the Redeemer. By believing in Jesus as revealing God's love to us, and as having died for us, the soul feeds on the Saviour. There is no life without feeding on Jesus by believing. Life, therefore, does not precede faith. Life is not needed in order to faith, but faith is necessary to life. The sinner, by refusing to believe on Jesus as his Saviour, and to feed his soul on his truth, refuses life. Hence regeneration is the result of faith in Jesus; hence it is the duty of the sinner to believe in Jesus, so that he may become a child of God and possess the spirit of adoption.