

sult is, moral night settles over the soul, and DEATH (as far as peace and joy are concerned) takes place. In this awful declension many Christians remain. They are not actually dead, but they are in a *dead state*. They have no gladness in their hearts, for God in whose presence is fulness of joy, is not with them; He is not using them. He has taken them away from the position they once held, and therefore, immersed in the cares, and sometimes even in the amusements of this world, they drag on a miserable existence, insulting on the one hand to the love of God, and utterly destructive on the other to the peace and happiness of their own souls. How are such souls to be quickened? This is the question with which, in conclusion, we are solely concerned. The answer Holy Scripture gives is:—

(1.) *The revival of their faith by a personal coming to the Lord Jesus Christ.*

To the Laodicean Christians, who had gone back to such a fearful extent that they were “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked,” our Lord counselled that they should buy of Him “gold tried in the