

its power. And it would press upon us as heavily, but that since Christ came we are convinced the question is forever answered. Man is immortal. But, O friends, it is through the Gospel Christ hath brought immortality to light. Have you accepted this Gospel, that He might supply your need? What though you have gained the knowledge of immortality, if yet you lose your soul?

We need the resurrection of the body. Though some may mock when this is mooted, nevertheless it answers a fathomless human need. We yearn for the union of soul and body in fulness of life. This body is not merely mine as other things are mine, it is part of myself. This yearning is answered in the resurrection. With reverent love we tend the bodies of our dead and guard the spot where they are laid. This deathless affection finds its answer in the resurrection. We look forward to the recognition of our loved ones in the life to come. Our expectation is made sure by the resurrection. They who here in the body have "worn the white flower of a blameless life," or won the martyr's glorious crown, shall in the body there receive their due reward. Did the body rise not, we would enter not on a new stage of being, but a new order of creation. Did the body rise not, the complete person would not be the subject of judgment. Did the body rise not, the grandest incentive to virtue, the strongest deterrent from vice, is gone.

Though the needs which this doctrine meets are natural, they are revived and transfigured by the resurrection of Christ. That fact gives our race a living head, the church a regnant Saviour. It affords assurance of justification before God, enables us to reckon ourselves dead unto sin, brings experience of newness of life, gives an antidote to sorrow, sweeps a search-light over the eternal world, and sets the sign-manual of God on all Christian faith and hope. God hath provided for our need.

And above all, we need to live in the presence of God. The