

it. To us to live, is Christ ; to die, gain. It is but the old man that dies ; our misery first, our enemy afterwards. Of course this supposes divine life, and in practice the heart to be elsewhere than in the things the old man lives in.

THE RESURRECTION.

I CORINTHIANS XV.

The resurrection after all is that which is the full and perfect deliverance from the whole effect and consequence of sin. At the same time it shews that what God has predestinated us to is an entirely new estate and condition of things altogether. Nothing is more important than that we should clearly apprehend what it is God is about ; whether He is correcting the old thing, or setting up an entirely new thing. Now the resurrection shews that God is not bringing about a modification of the scene in which we are, but that He is bringing in a totally new power. The discernment of this has the most important effect upon the way of life, the modes of seeking to do good, the objects and efforts of Christians. Christ went about doing good, and we are of course to follow His example ; but what of the state of things around did Christ correct or set right when down here ? Nothing ! The very result of the Lord's coming into the midst of the Jewish nation was just this, that they rejected, hated, and crucified the Prince of life and Lord of glory. The Lord Jesus