

thoughts concerning you. He has given you a kingdom in which you are to rule. His ambition for you is higher than you can ever have for yourself. Think of the intention of your Father to make you like Himself, to exalt you to be a ruler, not of one city, but of ten cities. He made you for dominion and He wishes you to inherit your possessions. The idea which God has concerning you may be seen by that fondness for empire which you sometimes feel, and which can only be realized by working out the ideal life. To the majority of mankind life is simply gratification, each one seeking to gratify his ruling propensity. The idea of life presented in Scripture consists in completeness of being. It is the fulfilment of God's purpose in us and by us, and when this thought predominates, life is felt to be a definite mission, with its beginning in regeneration and its continuance in a renewed and redeemed being consecrated to the service of God. Ideal manhood is seen in the life of Christ. He is God's idea of what a man should be on earth. Lest we might fail to keep before us the picture of the true life, He sent Christ, saying, "This is the picture of manhood." Christ places Himself by our side and shows us the perfect life on earth. He is the only man we can love without disappointment and worship