

according to the moods and frames of our minds, but settled and fixed above all these in the eternity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The source of the believer's life is not prayer, nor earnestness, nor any faculty or energy within him; it is *hidden* in the awful mystery of Christ's own being. "Because I live, ye shall live also," (*John* xiv. 19) is His own definition of what our life is. Similar to this is the language of St. Paul:—"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."—(*Col.* iii. 3.) Seeing therefore that such is the teaching of Scripture, it behoves us to take no lower ground, but rather honour Him the more who is at once our WAY, our TRUTH, our LIFE.

*Secondly*,—In agreement with the above is the melancholy fact that some Christians are utterly destitute of all spiritual joy and peace in believing. They have no real communion with God, no testimony of the Spirit as to their sonship; they are practically dead while they live, and it is to this lapsed condition I refer when I say: "Even with the believer the cable may be broken." It is *not* so really; it *is* so practically. This awful state