

here and the dying in impenitence, being driven away in their wickedness; or whether, on the other hand, it has been the life of faith in Christ who is mighty to save. In the one case the end being misery unceasing; in the other, everlasting joy upon their heads—endless blessings at the right hand of God! This latter is the only *true* life—the life of faith in Christ—the life with Christ in glory—the life that has its consummation at last in a complete resemblance to Christ, “who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His own glorious body, according to that working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.”

Such is the prospect which the text unfolds—the glorious destiny to which it directs the faith and hope of Christians true to their union with Him who conquered death for his followers. Even here and now there are the rudiments of this great hereafter of our being. And the true believer, who places his trust in his heavenly Father, and leads a life of faith in his Son Jesus Christ, has within him the root of the matter. His hope, like an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, is fixed already within the veil. Even here he enjoys the earnest of that glorious life on high, as “he dies unto sin and lives unto righteousness.” For to be in union with