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A Funeral Discourse.

thed at the Baptist Church in Milton, N. C., on he occasion of the death of Miss Sallie L. Owen, deceased Sabbath, November 16th, 1851, by REV. J. S. REYNOLDSON.

Preached Monday, November 17th, 1851.] Text-Phillipians 1. 21. " For to me to live

ances is still the same, Christ! The death ing Love, shown by our works in him, and for hough differing in anguish or support is yet his sake. "To live is Christ." witably, gain; for so bath God the Lord or-

this world.

1. The Life-Christ. a covenanted mercies of her Redeemer, when ruption? Surely it is "gain to die."

and not a cloud or a doubt crossed her sky .- " A Gain." Is not the loved too weak to tell the day of labor will be o'er.

earth to be enjoyed no more, but sweet how ry labour could not have effected. Dead yet preached a missionary sermon, and invited the many of the Bartist churches in America, as Papist and Pede-baptist Arguments Comsweet, the reunion and brighter bliss of Heaven. speaking. The Missionary yet is cheered by contributions of all. Immediately, an elderly they have done in England. O, that the prayer

(3.) The believer lives for Christ in works.

partment, should be addressed to "Editor of God." Gracious word! and is God glorified times in which God brings eternity peculiarly I'll give you an even sum; put me down \$50." Christ, the gates of hell would prevail against of baptism, upon the plea of its difficulty in some by ought that man can do? Aye truly, the near-when its lights and shadows flash or dar- The pastor was so greatly surprised at such a the church; but with his intercessions, we need climates, and its danger to some constitutions. works, the fruits of faith and Love are ever ken around us; so is it now-with the well known result, that he hesitated to enter the subscription, not fear that the man of sin, all the seducing So Papists excuse the denial of the cup in the precious, ever blessed in his sight. The cup of to this community, the triumphant end of our and looked inquiringly, but with no little emo-spirits, nor the gates of hell, shall ever prevail Lord's Supper, to the laity, on the ground of cold water cannot be forgotten. Love will be sister, shall not her death be to us a gain? Her tion, at the venerable contributor. He found, against the church having one spirit, one Lord, the searcity of wine in some countries, and the active. He who loves not, labors not. But late and pure example, her fearless passage to when we are in Christ, he works with us, in us, and by us. Happy the man whose taith bears can utter. Lay it to your hearts, Oh, be the fearless passage to however, that the one faith and one baptism, so as to extinguish offensiveness of its taste or smell to some perturbation. These different arguments are applications of one and the same principle; and those fruit, whose love is still an all constraining gainers by it. of papers, the publishers may continue to send them motive. There is a sphere of action for every On last Tuesday night, from this pulpit an til he tries.—Macedonian Child of God, and he will find it if his love be anticipatory funeral sermon to and for the livtrue, surely as water finds its level. No work ing was preached-the funeral of the christian is too humble for the Christian, so that God be and of the unbeliever. Who then could tell how glorified thereby, he is a follower of one that was soon, and upon whom the blow would fall-it tion. The Sabbath School, God's own nursery trimmed, your lamp burning. Be warned, inof souls, connected with this church was lan- structed, for God-not man-has spoken .guishing; here with a firm and faithful hand our Watch, and her death shall be your gain-a gain Sister took her place. It had been the custom to all of us. It was but a week ago on yester- Spirit, one Lord and one faith; and in order to suspend its operations during winter, for want day, the Sabbath morn, together in the house of to church union there must be in addition to this of regular attendance on the part of teachers .- God, sweet was the melody to which we listen- three fold cord, the one baptism. Eph. 4: 3-6 "This" said she "I cannot do, no, in all weath ed, sacred was the song in which our sister led 1st. A vital, spiritual union can only be effecters, come what will, life being spared, if but our voices to the Saviour. Now she is gone ! ed by the Holy Spirit-Hereby we know that two or three will come, there will I be." Just but is the voice now silent? No! hark! a gol- we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath so let our light as Christians shine, in dark den harp now sounds, before the very throne of given us of His Spirit. This is called the places, just where it is most needed, not roman- God she stands-the new song is hymned, and unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of peace. tically going forth, or sentimentally deploring with saints, angels, and archangels, our much The spirit unites believers to Christ as branches that we cannot heal, but acting where we can loved sister joins in holy, endless notes of joy united to a vine where the sap communicates Such my hearers was the experience, and the for Jesus' sake our works will justify our faith, and praise. Then even to ourselves, strange from the vine to the branches. See John 15: 2 surance of the Apostle to the Gentiles, and will prove our love, as humbly, gently, faithfully paradox, our loss is gain—the gain to her how to 6. Without this union to Christ, christian THAT LEAF. My hold on life is just so slender. does thereby allow of such a change, as that ne-

II. Death is Gain.

Come then my brethren while our sister sweet- faith on earth, fears and doubts will assail the countenance warmed with holy grace, both in 3d. The one faith, is that which unites its wileps, before us, consider 1st: The Christian soul, leaving a painful impression—but death the sanctuary and social circle; tears will not subjects to Christ, whereby they are called the he in Christ, and next his gain in passing from ends the trial, faith has been fully tried, purified be restrained viewing the lifeless form, although children of God, the household of God, and by as in a furnace, it has come forth more " pre- we do rejoice in her eternal gain. Sister, we which Christ dwells in their hearts. When chriscious than the finest gold ?" Hope, distant shall meet again. Could I be permitted to en- tians are brought together and built upon this (1.) The believer is united to Ghrist by faith. smiling hops has realized a full a glorious prize. ter the sacred sanctuary of a mother's grief, to faith, it is called the unity of the faith. Those believe on him." "The glery leaning on the arm of God, every doubt is now the fresh bleeding heart, I would say: " Peace unions with at such materials, on to mix hay. tich thou hast given me, I have given them, dispelled, every sorrow lost in the possession of be with thee, fear not," 'tis a Saviour's hand, we'd and a "ble, with such materials, when tried be one as we are one; I in them certain and eternal bliss; fear can no longer the hand of love that smites. It is a gain. A by fire their bries will be destroyed of thou in me that they also may be one in find a place, cannot pass the portals of the grave, little while yet must your sorrows still be borne; of all the water engines or water regenerations "ke. This union is not suppository, but can never enter heaven. No, all foes are left but let joy mingle with the grief, yours is the ever invented by the papal fathers or modern al spiritual and unchangeable; as the branch behind, the last arrow of the enemy has sped, happy lot to have children here on earth, and artificers. Such builders might as well expect the vine, the limb to the body—the stene to the last conflict has been endured—the victory children too in heaven. Some to love you here Christ and Belial to dwell together, as to estab swing, deriving from him vitality, grace, nour. that followed on though oft repulsed, is now land. Does not the sainted spirit of your daugh. without the one faith. futh, acting by implicit, holy trust; confiding might is gone, not a single assault shall ever Hope, "weep not for me." Peace then mother. of which Christ is the Great Head, it is indissufficient promises; resting upon a work al- break the peace, the rest of heaven. Death, the God's peace be yours. Great is your gain. ady done, a covenant made sure, promises last enemy, would have seized his victim but as To the brother bowed and blighted, to the and his Apostles should be strictly observed .ske void. Such was the faith of Paul " I away, nothing but crumbling earth remained Take for a little while the weighty charge upon faith, must also, as written, have the one baphe eried " in whom I have believed, and within the monster's grasp—the life, the soul yourselves; she who helped you to bear it is tism. Not the baptisms which supplant faith.

be hour of trial came; firm on the Rock of (2.) "Death is gain." The race is run. nearer to our home, and binds our hearts more The church which has the one Spirit, on as did she stand, secure, dauntless-even Look back, here a sin was left, there an infirmi- firmly there. sighthe storms and throcs of dissolving na- ty passed, youder especial grace received, the seraged around. Be this faith ours, for they weary panting soul refreshed by love divine, now you our sister? Jesus loved her more. "He Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is that trust in the Lord shall never be confound a distant glance of heaven obtained, again a foe walked into his garden to see if the pomegran truth. Baptism, with other sacred institutions (2) The Believer lives to Christ by Love. under, earthly propensities mortified-pressing was fair, and he took it to his home. "Ye are not your own but bought with a on day by day, "looking unto Jesus, the author Shall we address the young hearts' sorrows. swer of a good conscience, if no other blessing. And what a price—the Precious blood and finisher of Faith"-sometimes painfully and Your teacher and your friend has left you, soon which is above all price. These four qualifica-Mens! Oh can the soul believing this, do wearily was progress made—but as the end drew must you follow. We would not rudely check tions being indispensable to the constitution of

to him? Sweet is the privilege to love the it, lighter are the footsteps, innumerable and look up, and see her gain, follow her as she fol- who attempt to form christian unions and comwinur, conferred upon us as a scaling witness hitherto invisible witnesses most deeply interes- lowed Christ, so shall your death be glorious .- munious contrary thereto, act the part of schis God's own Spirit; sweet to have the affected, wait, yea come with open arms to meet the Whenever amid familiar scenes you gaze around matics, rather than peace-makers, towards the of the soul, too vast and yet too tender to pilgrim-hallelujah! The goal is gained, the almost expecting still to see those kind and well church of Christ. To cry union, union, without tatisfied with earthly objects, drawn forth to prize is won, Christ with his own hand bestows known features-remember Christ and Heaven those qualifications, is like the prophets that ising higher and still higher yet, as their the crown. He has claimed his own, the pur- and her abundant gain. Let Jesus beyour life, cried peace, when there was no peace. powers enlarge, ever thirsting, ever chase of his blood, the chosen of his love, united for all his family in Heaven and earth are one. And to us invective against those who refuse a makes a sacrifice of gospel princi- private house, to implore the influence of the re- Patriarchal and Jewish dispensation, and the and attributes of God, revealed as Love. said (and ever is the Father pleased with his re- " Prepare to meet your God." "Watch !" ples, is like the prophets, that bit with their viving Spirit. The young men, too, were in Christian dispensation. the bliss to say, to know, that " Christ is quest) " Father, I will that those whom thou 'tis the Lord's command, "lest coming sudden- leeth, and oried peace. All who attempt to God's place for improvement, the sanctuary. "To illustrate and establish this position, we And to be privileged to shew forth hast given me be with me where I am, that they ly, he find you sleeping." Who among you coerce a uniformity by secular power, instead of God, we have seen, heard and answered, but in make the following remarks: And here we beat love, all unashamed, glorying in his name. may behold the glory which thou hast given me." all will take our sister's place here, in the church the power of truth, partake of the spirit of the his way, and blessed were the results. the Love of her whose form now lies And " to him that overcometh will I give to sit of God; here, in the Sabbath School. Oh, may man of siv, if not scaled with the mark of the But a few short weeks back, was she with me upon my throne, even as I overcame he grant that for each servant taken home, ma- Beast. It is the dernier resort of Satan when with Christ in baptism," from that and am set down with my father on his throne." ny may arise to labour in the vineyard, for soon he cannot force a union, so as to sacrifice gospel the church or another, in one family or another, haps not the least, to teach us our duty and our

the present meetings have we noted of giory, immortantly, of setting the end of giory, immortantly, of setting and of Charles and purity. It is a set in the sight live is Christ's—in confidence, love and purity. It is sovereignty of God, upon earth, in an extensive slave holding family. lesus' love, with its full, uplift eye, seem- of the Lord is the death of his saints." 'Tis So shall we surely find, that faithful are his prom- be easy to select half a dozen sects, amongst while it is a sovereignty of grace, is always ex- where the system of slavery was substantially though the throbbing, fluttering spirit, said of one, "he slew more in his death than in ises, that "death is gam." burst forth from its frail tenement and his life." When the holiest Christian heroine We leave these walls to commit the sleeping pel were directly or indirectly rejected, by one er. And the practical lesson to be learned by The bond-servants of the family were comprised to God. "Oh" she exclaimed, with of modern times had escaped from Burmese dust to its parent earth. May grace, mercy and and the other of those who were born in the house, and those prophetic wish, "whenever I die, may it bondage, when her tears of sympathy, love and peace be the lot of each one here below, in love or communion, therefore, would be attended with unto prayer, and to be willing that God should who were bought with money of the stranger." a revival, to rise up from scenes like these anguish for her Judson had ceased to flow, when may we walk till each receive his summons to a general deluge over the church of Christ with answer as he sees best. "Trust in him at all If baptism came in the room of circumcision, "see to heaven," Soon indeed was the Spirit's living her martyrdom was ended: who, but his rest above. Amen. st wish realized. Many of her young thought that years of peace and usefulness would and pupils were yet enquirers, and all follow. Deep and mysterious the Providence, Impathies and prayers were enlisted on which, during the short absence of her husband, behalf, when as the speaker was conversing so soon, so very soon laid the infant Maria with the of these, some ten days ago, she stretch- her mother low beneath the Hopia tree. But Missionary Rooms, to a paster in New Jersey, tors to a conspiracy against Christ and his church. be used by the Spirit of God to bring back a and eighteen fighting men born in his house—all bet hand to her friend (now departed)

God would make it gain; she had lived for stating the necessities of our treasury, and in
But behind her. "Patty" was the breath
Christ, she had prayed for souls. And while quiring whether he could not induce his people deluge the church of Christ, as the necessary re
soul with fervor and faith. Then the reflection. quiry "do you clasp my hand because the story of her sorrows and her sufferings were to raise and remit \$50 before the close of March. sults; it is time for the watchmen in Zion, to I AM LIKE THAT LEAF, may be the soul's first the Saviour "? Scarcely was the yet scarce told at home, when faith was waning, He has since informed us that when the letter sound the alarm! Whilst sounding the alarm step in its return to God

meek and lowly in heart." Allow an illustra- has fallen. Who next? Let your light be

ful was but a man, a true but bright type of a we follow in the footsteps of him who "went great, and in the courts above each one gained union cannot exist. Christian, of every Christian. The life of such, about doing good." Thus are we one with from a sinful world to join the ranks of heaven sever varying in trials, labours, circum- Christ by faith, the Union cemented by undy- calls forth a louder and a higher note of joy.

(1.) A real gain! for however strong our much to love our sister, was delighted to see her in them.

tie cut that binds us to this earth, but brings us symbolizes the glorious plan of salvation.

Speak we to the fond friends' woe. Loved trust in the promised intercession of their Lord-

the but yield the heart in holy love and grati- near, partaking more and more of Heaven's spir- the flowing tear, let affection weep, but let faith the christian church; it follows that all those

Articulated ere bounding from her seat, and darkness brooded over Mission prospects, was received, he doubted whether it would be of the papal emigration to the United States!

the memory of these scenes, now with her on in the United States, that fifty years of ordina- the efficacy of the little word TRY. He therefore nion, etc., which may beguile and undermine Vain is our faith without this light, this Love the record of her sufferings and triumphs. And gentleman, not a member of the church, ap- of our Lord for his primitive disciples, may be who at home would not wish to be like Ann H. proached him. "Well, Mr. V-," said the extended to his disciples in the American wil-Judson, would not wish to aid the cause for pastor, "how much will you give me in aid of derness-Sanctify them through thy truth, thy were to the following effect.-Many Protestant "Whatever ye do, do all to the Glory of which she suffered, loved and died. There are this great object?" The reply was, "Mr. C-, word is truth. For without the intercessions of writers justify a departure from the original mode how much be can do for the cause of missions un- her millenary glory.

For the Recorder. Christian Union.

Three qualifications are indispensable to christian union, and a fourth must be added as indispensable to christian communion.

In order to christian union, there must be one

the Spirit, are secured by the prayers of Christ. tion started another, and thought piled on Pope Innocent the Eighth to celebrate without And now a few short words of application .- As thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that thought, until his mind was stirred to its lowest wine in Norway; nor should we deny a man My own heart weeps and smiles, conflicting tru- they all may be one in us .- That the love where- depths, and he was in an agony of solicitude res- the sacrament who had a natural and unconly are its deep emotions. I had learned to love, with thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I pecting his prospects for eternity. God's still querable aversion to wine or that communicated

and support. The bond of union, eternally foiled, his arts are now despised, his ter, even now whisper to your ear of Faith and 4th. In order to organize the body (or church) pensable that the constitution given by Christ which time can never dissolve, nor contingencies he clutched the casket, Christ took the jewel sister sorrowing, yet not without hope. Go on. The materials having one Spirit, one Lord, one

that he is able to keep that which had risen, our sister lives, triumplant over gone. Jesus has taken her to a better, wider or precede faith; not the baptisms which Popes to him against that day." death, with God. Oh, is not this a gain indeed, field, but He will help you to sustain your charge, and bishops have invented, and which destroy was the faith of our loved sister, by Grace life for death-certainty for fear-the joy of vic- Give up your sister cheerfully to him, who gave the figures intended by the great Head of the she forsaken all for Christ and fled to him tory for the pain of conflict-immortality and her to you at the first, and He himself will fill church; but the one baptism, which Christ and refuge. For the last twelve months relying on an eternal inheritance instead of toil and cor- the void in your affection, in your circle. Each his Apostles taught and practised, and which

Lord, one faith and one baptism, may hope and regenerated the subjects; and it affords the anprinciple, to raise the cry, charity, liberalty, is not the necessary antecedent. And how sel-responsibility in the present day; God was during the present meetings have we noted of glory, immortality, of Jesus' throne and love? Then let us all seek here to prove that "to etc., in order to destroy the church by false docwhom, all the fundamental doctrines of the

"What though the gates of hell withstood; Yet must this building rise, "Tis thine own work, Almighty God, And wondrous in our eyes."

Vigit.

From the American Messenger.

I am Like that Leaf.

standing in his place on a beautiful Sabbath of port them. Hear his words. "Sacramental acwhose foliage had been changed by autumnal circumstances; the danger of dipping in cold frost. A young man in a remote pew, while climates, may be a very good reason for changing gazing listlessly in the direction of the pulpit, the form of haptism to sprinkling; and if clistantly, he said, as if the leaf had a tongue and but that whensoever God makes a real necessi-I may soon be detached and fall like that sere cessity must draw after it : so we do not condemn

2d. Believers being made one with Christ by leaf. Then where shall I be? One considera- the license that is said to have been granted by small voice in the leaf spoke louder to him than being near his last agenies, and that should have

on another precious soul of that company to cles; pp. 453, 454.) whom the anxious pastor thought he was preach- According to Bishop Burnet, then, the substiing with little effect. There was another preach- tution of sprinkling for dipping in England, and "Father" said the Son of God, praying "for Poor weak mortality drops its painful load, and whisper consolation to the bruised affections and who attempt to build up churches or to form er and another sermon there, in a form which the the celebration of the Eucharist without wine

Almighty God, thy grace impart, Fix deep conviction in each heart,

singers, observed that a pious lady, as she sung "sacramental actions are only good because combuilding so is the Christian united to his is won. The remorscless, cruel power of Satan, and some to meet you as you near that better lish a union amongst professors of christianity ward, as if uttering an earnest prayer. Perhaps authority as the other!

avoided, a temptation distanced—the body kept ates budded." The fruit was ripe, the flower has its sanctifying influences, after the Spirit has prevailing prayers. A revival of great power ensued and the fruit thereof were eminently gra- 16.)

> Though God thus manifested his own sovereignty in these instances, by so choosing means as, in the words of Elihu to Job, to hide pride from man, and that no flesh should glory in his presence, he so exercised that sovereignty as to honor his own appointment that he will be in- to precisely the same servant-members of Chrisquired of by the house of Israel to do these tian households as did the rite of circumcision to things for them. It subsequently became known the family or household of Abraham, of the Jews. that a few members of the church had quietly and of all proselytes to the Jewish faith; abatmet for the same on Saturday evenings, in a ing only the difference between the genius of the

How seldom, perhaps never, does a revival lar who have not examined this subject.

erted in his own divine order in answer to pray- the same with that which now exists among us .-

the loved one for Jesus' sake in a long she died. Her parting voice was heard throughthe smiles and tears spake unutterable out this land; and by this providence, a fresh out this land; and by this providence, a fresh out this land; and by this providence, a fresh out this land; and by this providence, a fresh out this land; and by the seven out the seven out

From the Religious Herald.

Some time last year, we published several arwho embrace the first can consistently reject the latter only in view of considerations drawn from expediency; which is to say that they cannot reject it in the contingency contemplated by it.

Since that time we have met with strong confirmation of the foregoing reasoning. An able Protestant writer embodies both of these arguments in a single paragraph, as his own. To In the village of H-, a laborious pastor was him, a common basis of principle seemed to sup-October, and with aching heart was delivering tions have no virtue in them, as charms tied his message to a people that seemed indifferent either to elements, or to words; they are only to all utterances. Behind the pulpit there was good because commanded. A different state of a window, through which could be seen a tree things, may indeed justify an-alteration as to saw a leaf separate from a twig of the tree, and mates were inhabited by Christians to which with slow vibrations descend to the ground. In- wine could not be brought, we should not doubt spoke to him, the reflection arose, I AM LIKE ty of departing from any institution of his, he the like aversion to either of the elements. When But this case stood not alone in that Sabbath those things are real, and not pretended, mercy assembly. Christ had his eye and his heart up- is better than sacrifice." (Burnet on the Arti-

pister knew net of. At the close of the ser- in Norway, ore parallel cases!!! We cordially agree with him in this opinion. Not that we "do not condemn" them; but that, if we approve either, our approbation must be given to both another young man, who was looking up at the In fact, they are equally without excuse; since those lines, unaffectedly raised her eyes heaven- manded," and the one is as destitute of divine

she is praying for me, was instantly his reflec- In both instances, too, "the necessity of detion, and yet I have never prayed for myself. parting from the institution," is pretended and Wretch that I am, to live so prayerless and not real. No one, surely, will contest this pomindless of God and the future. What can I sition, so far as it refers to the Eucharist in Norexpect from the hand of a righteous God but way. And so far as it refers to immersion in England, we support it by the testim my of two The train of thought thus started by God's Pedo-baptists. Dr. Wall :- "Our climate is sermon in the leaf was pursued under the direc- no colder than it was for those thirteen or four tion of God's Spirit in the heart, and he, too, teen hundred years from the beginning of Christhat very morning became intensely anxious to tianity here, to Queen Elizabeth's time, and not near so cold as Muscovy, and some other coun-In the evening, both of these young men were tries, where they do still dip their children in found at the prayer meeting, and there they ex- baptism, and find no inconvenience in it." pressed a desire to be prayed for, and to be guid- (Hist. of Inf. Bap. vol. 4.) Witsius :- "That ed into the way of life. The effect upon the meet- immersion may be practised in cold countries ing of such a development was electric. The without any great danger of health and life, the

pastor himself and most of his church were taken Muscovites prove by their own example; who by surprise. The impenitent were startled and entirely immerse their infants three times in waawed. It was a time of confessions, tears, and ter, not believing that baptism can otherwise be EXAMINER.

Baptism of Servants.

The correspondent of a neighboring Presby-

"The law of Christian baptism is precisely the same with the law of circumcision, and extends

speak a patient hearing from all those in particu-

false doctrines; and thereby enable the gates of times, ye people; pour out your heart before then nothing can be more evident than that every bell to prevail against her; but this Christ has him." "Lo, all these things worketh God of- Presbyterian ought to baptize all his servants. interdicted. Let those, therefore, who encour- tentimes with man, to bring back his soul from young and old. So Abraham did. He had on age unions or communions at the sacrifice of gos- the pit." The fall of a leaf, the upward lifting the day he first administered circumcision, quite A letter was sent a few weeks ago from the pel principle, take heed, lest they be found abet- of an earnest eye, the twitter even of a bird, may an army of servants, not less than three hundred he circumcised simply and solely because they were bern in his house and bought with this money. If our Presbyterian brethren ke Abreham to their father, they should do the