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Immortality.

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Burden man

2: P. M.

Scripture: - 1 Cor 15: 50 - 57 (see)

Text: - St. John 11: 25 - 26.

Sub: - Speak of fact that this is a memorial service for the departed. What we say or do does not affect his destiny. Speak of assurance we have of his acceptance of Christ.

Introduce subject - Immortality. Man has always hoped for it. Has presented to himself arguments to satisfy himself about it. He has said to himself that

1. Surely God would not put a longing into soul of man which he could not meet.

2. Surely God would not implant a falsehood in the human heart.

3. Surely there must be life beyond this life, for life is so short here.

4. Surely God has a life for us beyond this life, for life is so incomplete here. So may never have a fair chance.

But all of these reasoning & thoughts no sure satisfaction. It remained for Christ to bring life and immortality to light thru the gospel 2 Tim 1:10 we have in our text Christ's own word about it and in incident a demonstration of it.

I. All men have longing

1. Even unregenerate men, - unsaved men

But "Though he were dead, yet shall he live"

New Birth Bring Assurance

1. When one is truly born again, he instinctively and naturally feels himself an heir of things beyond ^{this} world - of heavenly things
2. As natural birth ushers us into world of time and material things, so spiritual birth ushers us into world of spiritual things and makes joint heirs with Christ to all things God has for us.
3. When one begins to pray,

to hold communion and fellowship with God, when he partakes of the Divine nature and finds his satisfactions in God and spiritual things, he has an assurance of immortality pervading his very soul.

4. On other hand for a man to live for the world, to steep his soul in carnal pleasures and find his enjoyments solely in the things of earth, such a man cannot, does not, have any intelligent, or satisfying sense of immortality.

It is presence, realization of God in us, that gives us a sense of immortality.

II "Whoever Liveth and Believeth in me", shall never die.

1. Faith in Christ and the experience of the New Birth does not keep us from dying a physical death. But it does not separate us

from God, for spiritual death is separation from God, now, and hereafter.

2. Physical death for the believer, the Christian, does not separate from God. It separates us from friends, loved ones, and earthly things, but it brings us closer to God and to abundant life; yea it brings us into presence of God and all realities and glories of other world. This robs death of its sting and victory.

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Time comes to all. when body will return to earth.

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