

Life and Death

- 1) The Greatest Thing in Life is Knowing Christ

To Live is Christ

- a) To have the mind and humility of Christ
- b) To know the Lord Jesus Christ intimately
- c) To depend on the righteousness of Christ alone

To live is Christ

- d) To rejoice in Christ
- e) To draw strength from Christ

I Corinthians 2:2

“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”

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- 1) The Greatest Thing in Life is Knowing Christ
- 2) The Greatest Thing in Death is Joining Christ

II Corinthians 5:6-8

“Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight – we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather *to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*”

Luke 23:43

“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

Philippians 3:20

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

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3) It is a great thing to remain here on Earth

Acts 28:30-31

“And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.”

Colossians 1:27

“...Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

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- 3) It is a great thing to remain here on Earth
 - a. It could mean fruitful labor for you
 - b. It may be necessary for others

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- 4) It is an even greater thing to depart and be with Christ

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 - a. To see the Savior face to face

I John 3:2

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”

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- 4) It is an even greater thing to depart and be with Christ
 - a. We will see the Savior face to face
 - b. We will enjoy the benefits of Heaven

Remaining Here

- a) A temporary residence

Departing to be with Christ

- a) A permanent home

Remaining Here

- a) A temporary residence
- b) Suffering mixed with joy

Departing to be with Christ

- a) A permanent home
- b) Joy apart from suffering

Remaining Here

- a) A temporary residence
- b) Suffering mixed with joy
- c) Suffering for a little while

Departing to be with Christ

- a) A permanent home
- b) Joy apart from suffering
- c) Joy forever

Remaining here

d) Being absent from the Lord

Departing to be with Christ

d) Being present with Christ

Remaining here

- d) Being absent from the Lord
- e) The fight

Departing to be with Christ

- d) Being present with Christ
- e) The Feast

Remaining here

- d) Being absent from the Lord
- e) The fight
- f) The realm of sin

Departing to be with Christ

- d) Being present with Christ
- e) The Feast
- f) Complete deliverance from sin