

Death is Gain

Philippians 1:21
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A memorial

Does the thought of death terrify you? (1 Cor 15:26)

How can we comfort others in the face of death? (Hebrews 2:14-15)

Isn't death losing everything we have and everyone we know?

What is death?

Is death a biological necessity?

Spiritual death

Physical death (Gen 3:19)

Eternal death – (Heb 9:27)

There is a connection between sin and death and judgment in Scripture.

(Gen 2:17; Ezek 18:4; Rom 5:12, 6:23; 1 Cor 15:22, 56; James 1:15)

Christ has changed death, conquered death, destroyed the power of Satan over death. (Heb 2:14-15)

How is death, gain?

We gain more of Christ (Phil 1:23; 2 Cor 5:8; Luke 23:43)

Seeing Christ is the gain of death for the Christian. (1 John 3:2; 1 Cor 13:12)

We gain complete holiness (WLC Q 86, Heb 12:23)

We gain freedom from sorrows. (Psalm 31:10; Isa 51:11; Rev 21:3-4)

We gain pleasure (Ps 16:11)

We gain knowledge (1 Cor 13:12)

We gain a new home (2 Cor 5:1; John 14:2)

We gain the reward of grace (Gal 6:7-9; Matt 25:34-37)

We gain crowns (Rev 2:10; James 1:12; 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Cor 9:24-25; 1 Pet 5:4)

Death is gain for the Christian, for we gain more of Christ and all his blessings.

We are to Celebrate Christ's victory over death (Rom 7:24-25; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Rev 1:17-18; John 11:25-27; 2 Tim 1:10)

A Christian attitude toward death (Rev 14:13; Phil 1:23; 2 Cor 5:6-8, 5:1; 1 Cor 15:54-57; John 11:25-26)

Afraid? Of what?