

Life Verses

The Glorious Lordship of Christ Over the Life and Death of the Christian

Philippians 1:21

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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MAIN IDEAS

- Christ is the greatest desire of life
- Christ is the greatest reason for life
- When Christ is our life, then death is our gain

Read Hebrews 11:24-27. Why did Moses choose to be mistreated? How did he persevere?

What role does faith play in desiring Christ?

What do Ecclesiastes 12:13, Ephesians 2:10, and 1 Peter 2:9 say about the purpose of life?

At what point did David die, according to Acts 13:36? What does this imply about those of us who are still living?

What perspective on life and death did Jesus give the disciples in John 12:25?

In 1 Corinthians 15:26, death is referred to as an enemy. How then can death be gain?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are your greatest desires? Where does Jesus land among them?

What requirements are on those who wish to please God, according to Hebrews 11:6?

How well do you fulfill those requirements?

If you were to die tomorrow, what might your epitaph say? What would you want it to say?

What changes can you implement in your life to make your epitaph say what you want?

How do you feel about your death? Does Romans 8:38-39 encourage you? If not, why not?

Choose a verse or passage from the study to meditate on this week.

Pray:

- That the Lord would guide your heart in the way He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)
- For faith that diligently seeks God.
- For a solid understanding of your purpose.
- To be able to say with Paul, “For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

REPRODUCE

How can you:

- Seek Christ with another person?
- Share your delight in Christ with someone else?
- Encourage someone in mourning a death or struggling with the fear of death?

Choose one and do it this week.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Philippians 1:12-24
- Philippians 3:4-8
- Philippians 3:10
- Psalm 63:1-5
- Colossians 1:15-16
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- Acts 20:22-24
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Additional verses from the study:

- Hebrews 11:24-27
- Ecclesiastes 12:13
- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Peter 2:9
- Acts 13:36
- John 12:25
- 1 Corinthians 15:26
- Hebrews 11:6
- Proverbs 21:1