

May 22nd, 2016 • Philippians 1:21 Page 980 (Blue ESV Bibles on the book cart in the back) Sermon Series on Everyday Life • Message #1 Today's Topic: Life, Tragedy & Death by Pastor Marcus Johnson

"To Live is Christ and to Die is Gain"

- 1. Some Biblical Principles: about Life, Tragedy & Death
- <u>"Life" is precious but very short</u>: (Ps 139:13-14; Jm 4:13f) and we have no "certainty" about tomorrow

2. Some Insights from the Apostle Paul

- To Live is Christ
- Knowing Christ is true life (Php 3:7-11)

- Serving & Suffering for Christ is true joy (Php 1:18-20; 4:4,6)

- Trusting in Christ brings true peace (Php 4:5-7; 2Ti 4:6-8)

• <u>Make the best use of our time</u>: for the days are evil (Eph 6:15-20)

- To Die is Gain
- While bearing fruitful labor in this life, we long for the life to come (Php 1:22; 3:13-21

- To be with Christ in glory is greater than knowing Him while on earth (Php 1:22-26)

• Live life to the full without holding on to it too tightly: and be prepared to die (Lk 22:41-43)

• As believers, we suffer & grieve: but not without joy & hope

(Jm 1:2ff; 1Th 4:13ff)

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