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## **“To Live is Christ and to Die is Gain”**

### **1. Some Biblical Principles: about Life, Tragedy & Death**

- **“Life” is precious but very short:** (Ps 139:13-14; Jm 4:13f)  
and we have no “certainty” about tomorrow
  
- **Make the best use of our time:** for the days are evil  
(Eph 6:15-20)
  
- **As believers, we suffer & grieve:** but not without joy & hope  
(Jm 1:2ff; 1Th 4:13ff)
  
- **Live life to the full without holding on to it too tightly:**  
and be prepared to die (Lk 22:41-43)

### **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)

- **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)