

Engage Joy, pt 11
Sanctity of Life and Death, pt 3
Philippians 1:19-26 & selected texts

Introduction/Review

Purpose and Promotion (Phil 1:19-26)

Purpose: *to live is Christ*

Promotion: *to die is gain*

Gain: the visible presence of the Lord

Summary

Life is great. The afterlife is even **greater**.

Suffering stirs **anticipation**. (cf Rom 8:25)

Death is not escape, but **improvement**.

In relational terms, **present** is better.

Gain: freedom from the tentacles of evil and sin

Revelation 21:27, 22:3

Daniel 9:24

Gain: freedom to be just like Jesus

1 John 3:2, 5

1 Corinthians 13:12

Gain: freedom from struggle, pain, suffering, loss

Revelation 21:1-5

Gain: freedom to be rewarded

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (cf 2 Cor. 5:10)

Reality: not all will enjoy these gains

Hebrews 9:27

1 John 5:12

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