

Philippians

Part 8 Philippians 1:19-22 - To Live is Christ and to Die Is Gain

Philippians 1:19

19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my earnest **EXPECTATION and HOPE**, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, **CHRIST** will even now, as always, be **EXALTED** in my body, whether by **LIFE** or by **DEATH**.

The 6 key points are;

1. *the DEFENSE and CONFIRMATION of the gospel. V:7*
2. *the GREATER PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL. V:12*
3. *The CAUSE of Christ, v:13*
4. *TO SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD. V:14*
5. *PREACHING Christ. V:15*
6. *CHRIST BEING PROCLAIMED. V:18*

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

5 **For the living know they will die;** but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten. 6 Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a share in all that is done under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is **NO** activity OR planning OR knowledge OR wisdom **in Sheol WHERE YOU ARE GOING.**

Philippians 1:21ff

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→ ***LIFE CONNECTED WITH RESURRECTION***

→ ***DEATH CONNECTED WITH GOING BACK TO DUST IN THE GRAVE***

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'Dualism

Starting things off on a rather morbid note, we are all going to die. Regardless of status, gender, or beliefs, one day each of us will cease to exist as we do today. For this reason, the question that's been keeping philosophers busy for thousands of years is not death. Instead it's, 'is there a soul that sticks around once the body has checked out?' To delve into this query let's take a look at Socrates', Plato's, and Augustine's views of the immortal soul.

*For starters, all three of these guys held to **dualism**. Stated pretty simply, dualism is the belief that reality or existence is divided into two parts. When speaking of humanity, these two parts are usually identified as the body and the soul. Today, we'll focus on the soul.*

*When speaking of the **soul**, dualists see it as a real substance that exists independent from the body. Unlike our bodies, which are subject to decay, the soul is not subject to natural law. For many dualists, the soul is what separates us from animals. It's the seat of human consciousness. It's our intellect, our will, and our emotion.'*

Socrates

*Keeping this dualistic base in mind, let's take a look at our three philosophers. Being the earliest of the three, we'll start with **Socrates**. Admittedly, much of what we know about Socrates is conjecture. Keeping our summary of his views rather general, he believed the soul is immortal. For this reason, he asserted that death is not the end of existence. Death is simply the separation of the soul from the body.*

Plato

*As a supposed student of Socrates, **Plato** agreed that the soul is immortal and separate from the body. However, he upped the ante a bit. He believed the soul was eternal. According to Plato, the soul doesn't come into existence with the body; it exists prior to being joined to the body.*

Sounding a whole bunch like reincarnation Plato believed the soul exists within the body until that body dies. It then sets up house in another body. For this reason, Plato called the body the prisoner of the soul'

*Bill Ramey - Death Then Resurrection notes page 14 & 15 from audio series;
Dying to the Resurrection*

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'The belief in an immortal soul is a serious matter. If indeed the Scriptures clearly and unambiguously teach that man was originally created with an immortal soul and that a soul had the capacity to die spiritually, then such doctrines must of course be considered as essential teachings of the Christian Church. If, however, the Scriptures teach that man was created mortal and earthy—and they do—it would be offensive to God to say otherwise and brand those who are unswerving in their defense of the Word of God as heretics.'

'The Scriptures do not state that man dies a "spiritual death" because of his transgression against a holy God. 29 Neither do the Scriptures state that anyone has an immortal soul. Contrary to all other religious systems, it is only the Scriptures that combat against these satanic deceptions, whereas the Scriptures state that resurrection from the dead is the only means to experience life after physical death.

Like a sentry, Satan tenaciously guards his redefining of "death" (i.e., spiritual death) from being exposed. He knows that once his audacious lie is toppled, his ungodly influence over a person begins to fall like a row of dominos. He defends and fortifies his deceit by interweaving it with half-lies and untruths. To uncover Satan's lie requires a relentless study of and faith in God's Word concerning man's creation, disobedience, death and resurrection. Only under the weight of scriptural testimony will Satan's lie collapse. '

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

22 But **IF** (*First class condition 3.2 -Uncertain by reason of of providence, 'the course of events'.*)...I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, **having the desire to DEPART** (*avaluw-analusai*) and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

Acts 24:15. having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall **CERTAINLY be a RESURRECTION** of both **the righteous** and **the wicked**.

(*Daniel 12:2*)

Acts 1:11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, **WILL COME** in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Matthew 24:44. For this reason you also must be ready; **FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING** at an hour when you do not think He will.

Mark 13:26. Then they will see **THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS** with great power and glory.