



A PROMISING PARADOX

**What is our only hope in life
and in death?**

**That we are not our own but
belong in body and soul, both
in life and in death, to God and
to our Savior Jesus Christ.**





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To Die is Gain

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

Philippians 1:21



**Paul did not have a diminished
view of life. He had an exalted view
of Christ.**



...I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8



To live—Christ.

Philippians 1:21



**For living to me means simply
"Christ," and if I die I should
merely gain more of Him.**

Philippians 1:21 PHILLIPS



...but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:20



**Preaching the kingdom of God and
teaching concerning the Lord Jesus
Christ with all opennness, unhindered.**

Acts 28:31



“It does not matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies – whether it comes between you and God, or whether it presses you nearer His heart.”

Hudson Taylor



**“I have learned to kiss the wave that
throws me against the Rock of Ages.”**

Charles Spurgeon



**...I will rather boast about my
weaknesses, so that the power of
Christ may dwell in me.**

2 Corinthians 12:9



What am I living for?



**“Good teacher, what shall I do to
inherit eternal life?”**

Mark 10:17



**“For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.”**

Matthew 6:21



To die is gain because it brings the believer into fuller fellowship with the One who is already their greatest treasure in life.



Death is not the end to the only thing that should matter; rather, death is the moment when you receive all that you lived for.



“Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”

Matthew 25:23





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