

Thinking Correctly about Life and Death: Part 1

Philippians 1:19-21

Christians must approach both live and death in a way that brings honor to Jesus Christ.

- I. Paul was **rejoicing** in his future release from bondage. (1:19)
- A. Paul understood that this deliverance might be **physical** in nature. *(i.e. He might live.)*
 - B. Paul understood that this deliverance might only be **spiritual** in nature. *(i.e. He might die.)*
 - C. Paul understood that this deliverance would come from **God**. *(i.e. God would be glorified.)*
 - 1. God would bring deliverance through **answered prayer**.
 - 2. God would bring deliverance through **His Holy Spirit**.
- II. Paul was **determined** to exalt Jesus Christ in either life or death. (1:20)
- A. This mindset required true **hope**.
 - B. This mindset required true **purpose**.
 - C. This mindset required true **courage**.
 - D. This mindset required true **perspective**.
- III. Paul was **confident** that the best was yet to come. (1:21)
- A. He knew that **living** brought great blessing.
 - B. He knew that **dying** brought even greater blessing.
 - C. He **embraced** the **truth** that both realities were his in Christ.

Application

How does your approach to life and death bring honor to Jesus Christ?