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WHEN DYING IS GAIN

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21)

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The answer is simple. Death for the Apostle Paul was gain because Paul was "in Christ." To be in union with Christ is to be eternally united with Him. To be eternally united with Christ is to have the assurance of eternal life in heaven.

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Not only is dying gain for the Apostle Paul but dying is gain for every son and daughter of God who is "in Christ." Heaven is our destiny. We will be given glorified, resurrection bodies like that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can say with the Apostle Paul "to die is gain."



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NO CONDEMNATION

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

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