Series: 2 Corinthians

"Death From a Christian Perspective"

(Sunday Morning November 8th, 2026)

Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

O.S. I Trust That Most of Us Have Heard the Expression *"The Elephant in the Room"*

-> **This Refers to a Situation Where Something Major is Going on and Everyone Knows It, Because It is as Impossible to Ignore as an Elephant in a Room**

-> **But Nobody Wants to Talk About It, Because Nobody Knows What Can be Done About It**

-> **Well, I Believe That Most of You Would Agree With Me When I Say That the Biggest Elephant in the Room That We Live With Every Day is *"Death"***

-> **Most People Don't Want to Talk About It, Because They Don't Know What Can be Done About It; and Yet, the Longer We Live the Bigger This Elephant Gets**

-> **We Even Use Euphemisms in Order to Avoid the Harsh Reality of It; We Talk About *"Passing On"* or "*Having a Home Going,"* Because We Want to Avoid Using the Word *"Death"***

-> **And Yet, When We are Faced With *"Death"* Either Personally, or When a Friend or One of Our Loved One Dies, There is a Question That Comes to Our Mind That is as Old as Civilization Itself**

-> **This Question, in Fact, is Found in What Bible Scholars Believe to be the Oldest Book of the Bible; in *Job 14 and Verse 14*, Job Asked This Question; He Said, *"If a man dies, will he live again?..."***

-> **That is One of the Top Philosophical Questions of All Time, and People Offer Us a Variety of Different Kinds of Answers**

a. The Atheist Says, *"No. If a Man Dies, He Will Not Live Again"*

-> The Atheist Says That This Life is the Only Life a Person Will Ever Know

-> The Atheist Says *"You Should Try Your Hardest to Have a Happy and Fulfilling Life on This Planet; Because After You Die, You Will Simply Cease to Exist"*

b. The Muslim Says *"Maybe - A Good Man Who Dies Might Live Again"* (Works)

-> Muslims Believe That We All Have Two Recoding Angels; One Who Records All of Our Good Deeds, and One Who Records All of Our Bad Deeds

-> And if Our Good Deeds Outweigh Our Bad Deeds When We Come to the Point of Death, Then, the god They Call *"Allah"* MIGHT Allow Them to Live Again

-> I Say *"MIGHT,"* Because *"Allah"* is a Capricious god; and So, This is Not a Guarantee; He *"MIGHT"* Choose to Send Such a Person to Hell Anyway

c. The Hindu Says *"Yes, a Man Who Dies Will Live Again But Not as a Man"*

-> For You See, Hindus are Pantheists, and They Believe That We Will All Simply be Reincarnated After We Die

-> And if We Live a Good Life (Which is Defined by Doing a Lot of Good Works)**; Then, We Might Come Back as a Dog, or a Cat, or an Eagle, or a Cow or a Bull**

-> But of Course, This is Not at All Compatible With the Christian Faith (Heb 9:27)

d. The Christians Says *"Yes – if a Man Dies, He Will Live Again* IF *He Has Placed His Faith and Trust in Jesus Christ"*

-> As Christians, We Believe That Death for a Christian Will Simply be a Transition From This Life Into a <u>Better</u> Life

-> And for That Reason, the Apostle Paul Even Said That Death Should be Our Preference in *Verse 8* of This Passage

-> **Likewise, in *Philippians 1:23,* Paul Said That He Had, Listen to This *"…(a) desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;…"***

-> BTW Greek Scholars Love That Verse, Because It is a Very Rare Triple Superlative; Paul Literally Said, *"It is Better Better Better by Far"*

-> This Was Paul's Preference, Because He Understood Some Very Important Facts About the Subject of Death

-> And Paul Shares Those Facts With Us in This Passage of Scripture

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T.S. A Christian Perspective on Death is What This is Passage of Scripture is All About; and So, With This in Mind, I Have Divided It Into Two Parts

I. As Christians, We Should Have a Proper <u>Attitude</u> About Death

1) Our <u>Confidence</u>

vs 1 (Read)

-> Paul Begins Here by Saying *"For We Know…"*, and I Believe We Should Stop Right There and Take Note of the Fact That Paul Was Not Being Theoretical

-> Paul Did Not Say *"…for We Think…"* OR *"…for We Feel…"* OR *"…Perhaps…"* OR *"…the Evidence Seems to Indicate…"*

-> On the Contrary, Paul Said, *"For We Know…"* and in *Vs 6*, Paul Said, *"Knowing…"* and in *Verse 8,* Paul Said, *"We are Confident"*

-> Paul, in Essence, Was Saying, *"The Information That I am About to Share With You is Absolutely 100% Reliable"*

Q.n = And Why Was Paul so Confident?
Ans = I Can Think of Three Reasons

a. First, Paul Knew the <u>Scriptures</u>

-> Paul Knew, for Example, That Job Had Written in *Job 19:26* That *"…even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God;…"* (Physical Resurrection)

b. Second, Paul Had Seen the <u>Lord</u>

-> In *1 Cor 15:8,* Paul Said, *"and last of all, as to one untimely born, He* (Jesus) ***appeared to me also"***

-> This Tells Us That Paul Had Seen the Resurrected Lord, and By the Way, This Was a Requirement for Every One of the Apostles

c. Third, Paul Had Been to <u>Heaven</u>

-> In *2 Cor 12:4,* Paul Said, *(I) …was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak"*

-> So, Paul Did Not Have to Speak Theoretically About the Afterlife; He Had Read About It in the Scriptures; He Had Met Our Risen Lord, & He Had Experienced Life After Death

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T.S. 1) Our Confidence
2) Our <u>Consolation</u>

-> Now, We Come to That Little Word *"IF"* and We Need to Stop Again, Because That is Important

Q.n = Did Paul Really Think That There Might be Some Way for Him to Avoid Having What He Calls This *"Tent"* (This Temporal Body) **Being Destroyed?**

Ans = Yes He Did and So Do I; for You See, *"It is Called the Rapture",* and Paul Believed That the Rapture Was Imminent

-> And Listen, if We are Alive When This Glorious Event Called the Rapture Takes Place, We Won't Have to go Through the Process of Death

-> In His Previous Book, in *1 Cor 15:51-52*, Paul Said, *"51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep* (Die)***, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed"*** (Notice = Instantly Changed)

-> All of Us Who are Believers in Christ do Not Have to Fear Death, Because We Might Not Even Have to Experience the Process of It; That Sounds Good, Doesn't It?

-> BTW, Paul's Preferences Went in This Order: First, the Rapture – Second, Death and Third Life (Most of Us Would Put Life First..But Not Paul)

T.S. 1) Our Confidence
2) Our Consolation

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3) Our <u>Comparison</u>

a. Paul Said That Our Earthly Body is Like a <u>Tent</u>

i. A Tent is <u>Insecure</u>

-> When You Stop and Think About It, a Tent Really Doesn't Provide Much Protection From the Elements or Anything Else

-> And a Basic Tent is Not Likely to Protect Us From a Wild Animal Like a Bear, or a Poisonous Snake, or Even a Swarm of Texas Sized Mosquitoes

-> The Point Paul is Making is That Our Physical Lives are Very Transitory and Fragile (A Disease, or a Traffic Accident, or a Heart Attack, or a Poisonous Spider)

-> In *1 Samuel 20:3,* David Made the Same Point When He Said This; He Said, *"There is only a step between me and death"*; We are Physically Insecure

ii. A Tent is <u>Uncomfortable</u>

-> I Know What It is Like to Spend Some Time in a Tent, Because I Have Been Involved in Several Camping and Fishing Trips Over the Years

-> I Know What It is Like to Stay in a Tent, and I Know That a Tent Does Not Provide Much Insulation or Protection From the Sun, or the Wind, or Loud Noises, or Unpleasant Smells Like Dirty Socks

-> I Know That Sometimes It's Hot and Humid in a Tent, or Maybe It's Cold and Wet, and Sometimes the Wind, Especially Here on the Gulf Coast Can Wreak Havoc Upon a Tent

-> It Also Seems Like the Longer I Stay Inside of a Sleeping Bag, the Harder the Ground Feels, and the Harder It is for Me to Get Comfortable

-> After a While, All of My Bones Start Aching; and Then, I Start Thinking About How Nice It Would be to be Back Home in My Air Conditioned House Sleeping on a Nice Soft Mattress

-> I Think the Apostle Paul Would Concur, and Paul Goes on to Say in *Verse 2* That *"...in this body we groan"*

-> And I Know That There is Not a Person Here This Morning Who Has Not *"Groaned"* at One Time or Another

-> In Fact, I Heard One Person Say, "*Just About Every Part of My Body Hurts and What Doesn't Hurt Doesn't Work"*

-> And the Longer We Live, the More True This Becomes Because, as We All Know, This is Just Part of the Aging Process

-> According to the Psalmist, About All We Can Expect to Get Out of This Body is Seventy or Maybe Eighty Years; in *Psalms 90:10,* He Said, "*As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow"*

Pt = Our Lifespan is Very Brief, and This Body That We Currently Possess is Quite Inferior by Way of Comparison to the Body That We Will Have in Glory

-> Listen, I Appreciate Doctors, and I'm Glad That We Have Doctors, But All That a Doctor Can Really Do is Just Patch Up This Old Tent (E...)

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T.S. a. Paul Said That Our Earthly Body is Like a Tent
b. Paul Said That Our Heavenly Body is Like a <u>Building</u>

i. It Will be Similar

-> In the Previous Book of *1 Corinthians,* Paul Made Some Comparisons Between Our Present Body and Our Resurrection Body; and to Begin With, He Compares It to a Seed Going Into the Ground

-> In ***1 Cor 15:37-38,*** **Paul Said,** ***"…you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own."***

-> I Trust That You Will Agree With Me When I Say That There is Quite a Contrast Between a Seed and That Which Grows Out of a Seed

-> There is a Big Difference, for Example, Between an Acorn and an Oak Tree, and There is a Big Difference Between a Small Seed and a Giant Sequoia Tree (316 Feet as High as a 31 Story Building as Wide as Two Toyota Priuses)

Q.n = Is the Acorn Seed, the Same as the Oak Tree? Or the Sequoia Seed the Same as the Sequoia Tree?
Ans = Yes and No, It Contains All of the Same Basic Elements But Only in Seed Form

-> Paul Made Some More Comparisons in ***1 Corinthians 15*****, and I Want You to Take Note of the Word** ***"It",*** **Because** ***"It"*** **is Very Important**

-> In ***1 Cor 15:42-44,*** **Paul Said,** ***"42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body"***

Q.n = Is God Going to Raise Up This Same Body That Goes Into the Grave?
Ans = Yes, He Will; But After That, the Similarities Will End

ii. It Will be Superior

-> As Many of You Know, One of My Favorite Scripture Verses is ***Phil 3:21*****, Because in That Verse, We are Told That We Have a Prototype, a Sample, of Our Future Body**

-> In ***Philippians 3:21*****, the Bible Says "***_who_ (Jesus) ***will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself"***

-> I Get Excited When I Think About Having a Resurrection Body Like Our Lord's
St = I Hope You Will Let This Encourage You, Because This Tells Us That We Will be a Lot Better Off When We Ultimately Receive Our Heavenly Body

-> THIS WORLD, in Other Words, is Not Where It is at; Because as Long as We are in This World, We Will Have to Contend With Our Physical Limitations

-> In Fact, Some of the People That We Tend to Think Have It All in Terms of Wealth and Prestige in This World Have to Contend With Some Severe Physical Limitations

Ex = Michael J Fox, for Example, is Well Known as the Star of the Back to the Future Movies, But He is 65 Years of Age Now, and He Has to Contend With Parkinson's Disease (I Wouldn't Want to Trade Places With Him)

Ex = I'm Sure That Tom Hanks is Fabulously Wealthy, But He Still Has to Contend With Type 2 Diabetes

Ex = I Appreciate Our Governor Greg Abbott; He's a Conservative, and I'm Going to Miss Him After His Term of Office Ends

-> At the Age of 26, Greg Abbott Was Jogging; and of All Things, the Limb of an Oak Tree Fell on Him, and He Was Paralyzed From That Point on in His Life

Pt = My Point is Simply That No One in This Life is Immune to Physical Limitations and Hardship; and if We Live Long Enough, Something Will Affect Each and Every One of Us

-> And So, It Really Doesn't Make a Lot of Sense for People to Invest It All in This Life When There is so Much More That We Can be Looking Forward To

-> It is Much Wiser for All of Us to Invest Our Time and Energy Into the Life That is to Come and to Understand the Immense Value of Our Eternal Soul

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T.S. 1) Our Confidence
2) Our Consolation
3) Our Comparison

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4) Our <u>Condition</u>

-> There is Somewhat of a Downside to Dying Before the Rapture, Even Though Paul Still Preferred Being Absent From the Body and Being at Home With the Lord

-> And That is That We Will Have to Remain in a Disembodied State Until the Rapture Occurs

Verses 2-4 (Read)

Q.n = Why Does Paul Refer to Being *"Naked"* and Being *"Unclothed?"*

Ans = Paul is Describing a Disembodied State

-> In *1 Thessalonians 4*, Paul Tells Us That the Bodies of Those Who Die Before the Rapture Will be Raised When the Rapture of the Church Occurs

-> In *1 Thes 4:16-17,* Paul Said, *"16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord"*

Q.n = What Will Happen in the Meantime?
Ans = Our Spirit Will be Absent From the Body

-> And Yet, I Want You to Notice That This Condition Was Still Preferable for Paul

Verse 8 (Read)

-> It is Important to Point Out That Paul is Not Referring to a Soul Sleep, the Bible Teaches That There is Never a Time When the Soul Will be Unconscious

-> It is Also Important to Point Out That Paul is Not Referring to Purgatory, Because Purgatory is Not Even a Biblical Concept

-> Purgatory is Supposed to be a Place Where People are Purged of Their Sin and This Makes Absolutely No Sense; Because When Jesus Died on the Cross, He Said *"It is Finished!"* or Literally *"It is Finished With Abiding Results!"* (John 19:30)

T.S. 1) Our Confidence (This is Not Theoretical)
2) Our Consolation (The Rapture is a Possibility)
3) Our Comparison (Our Heavenly Body Will be Superior)
4) Our Condition (We May Have to be in a Disembodied State)

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5) Our <u>Consummation</u>

Verse 5 (Read)

-> God Has an Ultimate Purpose in Mind for Us and That is for Us to Perfectly Conformed to the Image of Jesus Christ

-> Ultimately, This Means That We Will be Perfect and Holy and Fit to Come Into God's Presence for All of Eternity

-> Paul Was Looking Forward to This, Because, Like All of Us, He Struggled With Sin

-> And the Good News is That God is Ultimately Going to Pull It Off, and That is Why Paul Could Say This in *Phil 1:6*; He Said, *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Q.n = Now, Listen to Me, are You Listening?
Ans = God is Going to Pull It Off at the Moment of Our Death

-> In *1 John 3:2*, the Apostle Said, *"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is"*

-> I Look Forward to This, Because I Look Forward to Putting Sin Behind Me Once and for All (Can I Get a Witness?)

T.S. 1) Our Confidence 2) Our Consolation 3) Our Comparison 4) Our Condition 5) Our Consummation

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6) Our <u>Communion</u>

-> This is What Appealed to Paul the Most; Paul Knew That Death Would Usher Him Into the Presence of the One Who He Loved the Most

-> And Listen, if Our Heart is Where It Should be, This is Why We Should Actually Prefer Death Over Life, Because Death Will Bring Us Into the Presence of the Lord

-> This is Why the Psalmist Said, *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God"* (Psalms 42:1) (Is This Your Desire? If Not, It Should Be)

-> And the Psalmist Also Said, *"Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth"* (Ps 73:25) (Is This Your Desire? If Not, It Should Be)

T.S. I. As Christians, We Should Have a Proper Attitude About Death

II. As Christians, We Should Have a Proper <u>Ambition</u> for Life

1) To Please the Lord as We <u>Live</u>

Verses 9-10 (Read)

-> The Word *"Therefore"* Always Points Back to What Precedes It; and So, Paul is Giving Us His Application to These Spiritual Truths

-> And These Spiritual Truths are What Motivated Him to Please God With His Life, Because He Realized How Much More He Had to Look Forward to in the Afterlife

-> **He Used the Greek Word *"Euarestos,"* and the Same Term is Used in *Titus 2:9* to Refer to Slaves Who Had as Their Passion a Desire to Satisfy Their Masters**

-> **So, This Tells Us That Paul Had Become Like a Great Musician Who Was Unmoved by the Applause of the Crowd and Looked Instead at His Teacher for His Approval**

-> **Someone Has Rightfully Said, *"If You Please God, It Really Doesn't Matter Who You Displease; and if You Displease God, It Really Doesn't Matter Who You Please"***

-> **In *1 Cor 4:3,* Paul Said This to Those Corinthians Who Were Attacking His Character; He Said, *"But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself"***

-> **This Does Not Mean That Paul Disregarded the Opinions of Others All Together; That Can be an Attitude That Arises Out of Sinful Pride**

-> **No, Paul Was Just Saying That a Human Court Isn't Thorough Enough; in Fact, He Admitted That He Couldn't Even Trust His Own Conscience**

-> **In the Next Verse, Paul Said, *"For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord."*** (1 Cor 4:4)

-> **Paul Looked to a Level of Accountability That Was Higher Than All of These; He Looked Towards His Accountability to the Lord at the Judgment Seat of Christ**

-> **In *Matt 12:36*, Jesus Said That We Will All Have to Give an Account for Every Careless Word That We Speak on the Day of Judgment** (That's a Sobering Thought)

-> **And We are Told Right Here in *Verse 10* That We Will Give an Account for Every Deed That We Have Done in Our Earthly Body on the Day of Judgment** (Tool)

St = This Should be Our Ambition in Life; We Should be Constantly Aware of the Fact That We Will be Held Accountable for the Life That We Have Lived, and We Have an Opportunity to Gain <u>Heavenly</u> <u>Rewards</u> (Elaborate = The Bema)

-> **This Should be My Motive as I Prepare My Sermons and Preach; My Goal Should Not be to Give You a Sermon That You Can Enjoy and to Tickle Your Ears**

-> **I am Sure That is the Goal for Some, and It is Always a Temptation for Me as Well**

-> **I Should be More Concerned, However, With Providing Spiritual Truth and With Delivering It in Exactly the Way That God Would Want Me To**

-> **In *Gal 1:10,* Paul Said, *"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."***

-> **I Also Want You to Notice That Paul Did Not Disregard the Purpose of His Body as It Related to This Judgment**

-> **Paul Did Not Fall Prey to the Philosophical Dualism That Was Common in the Greek Culture of His Day That Disregarded the Body**

-> **The Greeks Viewed All Matter as Evil and the Spirit as Good; and So, They Showed Contempt for the Body Either Through Hedonism or Asceticism**

-> **Some Would Give the Body Whatever It Desired Saying That It Didn't Matter** (Hedonism); **Others Would Deny the Body in Order to Suppress It** (Asceticism)

-> **Paul Did Not Disregard the Body Like That; Instead, Paul Viewed His Body as a Tool That Needed to be Disciplined & Used to It's Full Extent for the Purposes of God**

-> **In *1 Cor 6:19-20*, for Example, Paul Said, *"19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body"***

-> **And in This Passage, Paul Points Out That Every Believer Will Give an Account for His Deeds Done in the Body Whether Good or Evil**

-> **This Does Not Mean That a Believer Can be Condemned, Because the Judgment Seat of Christ is Not About Judgment; It is About Eternal Rewards** (Repeat)

-> **But It is Possible to *"Suffer Loss",* and It is Possible to Discover That We Have Accomplished far Less Than We Could Have for God's Glory**

ST = SO, THIS IS THE RIGHT AMBITION IN LIFE; THIS IS THE AMBITION WE ALL SHOULD BE FOCUSED UPON

-> **The Apostle Paul Lived With the Constant Reality in Mind That the Day Would Come When He Would Give an Account of His Life in the Presence of Our Lord**

-> **And on That Day, He Would Have the Opportunity to Reap Eternal Rewards**

-> **We Encourage Our Young People to Work Hard, to Study Hard, to Pursue Some Measure of Vocational Success, and There is Nothing Necessarily Wrong With That**

-> **But We Also Need to Remind Our Young People of the Fact That There are Higher Ambitions, & There are Eternal Ambitions & That These are Far More Valuable**

-> **For You See, It is Like the Missionary Jim Elliot Said, *"He is No Fool Who Gives Up What He Cannot Keep to Gain That Which He Cannot Lose"***

T.S. 1) To Please the Lord as We Live

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2) To Please the Lord When We <u>Die</u>

Verse 9 (Read)

-> **With the Phrase *"Whether at Home or Absent"*, Paul Was Referring to Death, and He Wanted Everyone to Know That His Goal Was Still the Same – to Please the Lord**

-> **Likewise, in *Phil 1:20,* Paul Said *"*(This is)…*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"***

-> **Paul's Concern Was the Same at the Point of His Death as It Was at the Point of His Life; His Concern Was Only That the Lord Would be Pleased and Exalted**

-> **Paul Was in Good Company, by the Way, Because This is How Our Lord Approached Death as Well**

-> **Jesus Was Referring to His Impending Death During His High Priestly Prayer in *John 17* When He Said, *"Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You"*** (John 17:1)

-> **I Hope That Will be My Goal at the Point of Death; I Will Never Know for Sure Until That Time Comes, But This Should be My Goal and Yours**

St = There are a Lot of People in Our World Today Who are Very Concerned About the Reality of Death, But the Apostle Paul, by Way of Contrast, Was More Concerned About the Results of Death

-> **And We Would All do Well to Follow Paul's Example, Because the Issue is Not Whether or Not You Will Die; Death is a Fact, and We Will All Die or be Raptured**

-> **So, the Real Issue That We Should be Concerned About is Not the Reality of Death, But Rather, the Results of Death**

-> **We Should be More Concerned About Things Like: Where Will I Spend Eternity in Heaven or Hell? Will I Have Any Eternal Rewards? Or Will I *"Suffer Loss"* as Paul Said That Some Will?** (*1 Cor 3:15*) **Will I Hear My Lord Say *"Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant?"*** (Matt 25:21) **Or Will I Hear the Lord Say *"I never knew you depart from Me you who practice lawlessness?"*** (Matt 7:23)

Summarize

-> As Christians, We Should Enjoy Life to the Fullest; We Should Enjoy Our Families; We Should Enjoy Our Friends, and All of the Good Things That God Provides, But We are Not to Live in Denial of Death

-> In Fact, We Need to Keep in Mind That Death Will Simply Bring to Us All What We Should be Longing for Anyway: Our Citizenship, Our Home and Our Lord

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Ill: Dr. R.G. Lee Was a Very Well-Know Preacher; at the Time of His Passing, Those Present Included: Dr. Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows and Adrian Rogers

-> Cliff Barrows Sang a Song, and Shortly After That, Dr. Lee Revived, and He Said, *"I saw heaven. I saw Jesus. I saw my mother. I have preached on Heaven many times, but I never had the vocabulary to adequately describe it. I never did it justice in my sermons"* - and Then, a Few Moments Later, He Was Gone

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Q.n = Did R.G. Lee Actually See Heaven Before He Died?
Ans = I Believe That He Did, and He Wasn't Disappointed

-> And I Don't Believe That We are Going to be Disappointed Either; and So, We Don't Need to Fear Death, Instead, We Need to Understand What It Represents

-> And We Need to be Ready for Death When It Comes, and of Course, the Primary Way to be Ready for Death When It Comes is by Receiving Jesus Christ as Our Personal Lord and Savior