

Philippians 1:12-14 NIV

[12] Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. [13]

As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. [14] And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Philippians 1:15-18 NIV

[15] It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

[16] The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. [17] The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. [18] But what does it matter?

The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:21-24 NIV

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

[22] If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! [23] I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; [24] but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20 NIV

[17] And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. [19] If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. [20] But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Romans 8:35-39 NIV

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? [36] As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." [37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. [38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“When I was a boy, the thought of Heaven used to frighten me more than the thought of Hell. I pictured Heaven as a place of perpetual Sundays, with perpetual services from which there would be no escape.”

Lloyd George

Philippians 3:20-21 NIV

[20] But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 John 3:2 NIV

[2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Revelation 21:1-5 NIV

[1] Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. [2] I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. [4] 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” [5] He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Philippians 1:23 NIV

[23] I am torn between the two:
I desire to depart and be with
Christ, which is better by far;

Revelation 2:17 NIV

[17] Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give... that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

John 17:24 NIV

[24] “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“I would call to me all
my dear friends, and
look long into their
faces”

Helen Keller

Psalm 27:4 NIV

[4] One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

“To be consciously with him, to see him ‘face to face’...is a programme of discovery which will afford enough to occupy, entrance, amaze, delight and fulfil us into the depths of eternity. In the end, we were made by God and for him, and in knowing him to ever deepening degrees lies the realisation of all our dreams and desires”

Bruce Milne

1 Thessalonians 2:19 NIV

[19] For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

2 Timothy 4:6-8 NIV

[6] For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day---and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die..*He that would lose his life shall save it...*A soldier surrounded by enemies, if he is to cut his way out, needs to combine a strong desire for living with a strange carelessness about dying. He must not merely cling to live, for then he will be a coward, and will not escape. He must not merely wait for death, for then he would be a suicide, and will not escape. He must seek his life in a spirit of furious indifference to it: he must desire life like water, and yet drink death like wine.”

G.K.Chesterton

“...and we can most truly say, that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story..which no one on earth has read: in which every chapter is better than the one before.”

C.S.Lewis - The Last Battle

John 11:25-27 NIV

[25] Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; [26] and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” [27] “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”