

The End of Us (1)

In a study of "How it ends," one of the most personal lessons is about us. How do we end? What will happen to us? In Solomon's life journal that we call "Ecclesiastes," the wise man recognized one divine fate:

- Ecc 3:19 it's the same for man and _____
- Ecc 9:2 it's the same for the _____ and the _____



Philippians 1:19-24

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ²⁰ according to 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 ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² But if I am to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

A. It is fitting to begin with the proper attitude a disciple ought to have towards "The End of Us."

1. Paul faced three struggles in this section
 - _____ (7,12,13,14):
what was his mood about these things?
 - _____ (15-17)
 - Cloud of _____ (21)
2. His desire was to Exalt Christ, whether by life or death (20)
 - What does it mean to "exalt" Christ?
 - How would Christ be exalted in life?
 - How would Christ be exalted in death?
3. The expression "Depart" (23) means: breaking camp, releasing a boat from dock
 - Paul's desire to depart was built upon what hope? (23)

In what way is death a "gain" (21)?

- What is gained?
- What is lost?

4. What was Paul hoping to be delivered from (19)?

5. How does the world view death?

- What are common terms used to describe the worldly view of death?
- How does faith change the outlook on death?

6. There is such a fear of death. Why?

- Why did not have that fear? (23; 2 Cor 5:8)?

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