

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

2 Corinthians 5:1–5 (NLT) ¹For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ²We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. ³For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. ⁴While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. ⁵God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

John 17:9–11 (NLT) ⁹“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.”

John 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶For God **so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

John 4:42 (NLT) Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed **the Savior of the world.**”

John 17:11–12 (NLT) ¹¹Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹²During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

John 15:18–19 (NLT) ¹⁸ “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. ¹⁹ The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.”

Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV) The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.

Why do we find the things of the world so enticing?

The continuity of Jesus’ prayer is a holy God whose character and beauty, undeniable power, love, compassion, and grace be manifested in a way that you can count on, rely on, turn to and in so doing **know** Him being reassured that He responds with His love that Jesus assured you with in 16:27 that was a deep and beautiful love.

Hebrews 7:23–26 (NIV) ²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, **because he always lives to intercede for them.** ²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

Psalms 91:1–16 (NLT)

¹ Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² This I declare about the Lord:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

³ For he will rescue you from every trap
and protect you from deadly disease.

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers.

He will shelter you with his wings.

His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.

⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

⁷ Though a thousand fall at your side,
though ten thousand are dying around you,
these evils will not touch you.

⁸ Just open your eyes,
and see how the wicked are punished.

⁹ If you make the Lord your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter,

¹⁰ **no evil will conquer you;**
no plague will come near your home.

¹¹ For he will order his angels
to protect you wherever you go.

¹² They will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

¹³ You will trample upon lions and cobras;
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

¹⁴ The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.
I will protect those who trust in my name.

¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer;
I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."