



## Far Better

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**NT Reference:** Jn. 14:2 – 3; 2 Cor. 1:24, 2 Cor. 5:8

**Philippians 1:21 - 26** <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

- ➔ In this text, the Apostle Paul explains what he means by living for Christ and for dying to be gain.
- ➔ As we live the Christian life, our \_\_\_\_\_ will cause us to live for Christ and long for his presence.

“If you read history you will find that the Christians begin the most for the present world are just the ones that thought the most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot. in the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished

the Slave Trade, all left their mark one Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so in effective in this. And that Heaven and you'll get the earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you'll get neither.” –

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

### ➤ Why it is better to \_\_\_\_\_

- Fruitful \_\_\_\_\_.
- Necessary for others.
  - Progress in the faith
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith.

### ➤ Why it is better to \_\_\_\_\_.

- To be with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Far \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

“I am not tired of my work, neither am I tired of the world; yet, when Christ calls me home, I shall go with the gladness of a boy bounding away from school.” –

Adoniram Judson



### ➤ What the \_\_\_\_\_ is of either

- \_\_\_\_\_.

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