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A Matter of Life and Death
Philippians 1:21-26

A godly perspective on death

- Christians need not face _____ death (21)
 1. We know what we won't face – eternal torment _____ (Matt 13:50; Rev 20:10; Jn 10:27,28)
 2. We know we will be with Christ _____
 - a. Our sin _____ separates from our body (Jms 2:26; 1 Pet 3:18,19)
 - b. Our spirit goes to be with Christ in heaven _____ (2 Cor 5:8)
- Christians must not hasten _____ death (vv. 22-25)
 1. The apostle Paul states that if he had the power to choose, he would be in a dilemma
 - a. Dying would be better for him _____ (v. 23)
 - b. Living would be better for him _____ (v. 24)
 2. The apostle Paul admits that whether he lives or dies is up to God _____ (v. 25)

A godly perspective on living

- Christ is to be our life _____ - our progress (v. 21)
 1. Gal 2:20 – *it is not I but Christ who lives in me*
 2. Col 3:3,4 – *Christ, who is our life* _____
- Fruitfulness is to be our life _____ - other's progress
 1. We are work at encouraging _____ each other to display love to God and others and to do His work
 2. We need each other to grow spiritually _____

Conclusion:

What happens if you leave a battery in a flashlight over the years and never use it, storing it in a warm, comfortable place? – they corrode _____ (batteries are designed to be used)

Don't merely exist. LIVE!