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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sermon Series: Living with Eternity in Mind Sermon Title: Death, What Happens Next? Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Philippians 1:20-25

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes May 21, 2023

Death, What Happens Next?

<u>Big Idea</u> I look forward to amazing things.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Philippians 1:20-25

In 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, there are three sources of divine comfort available to believers who face death:
#1-Believers will certainly possess a heavenly body (verses 1-2).
#2-Believers presently possess the Spirit as God's pledge of a resurrection transformation (verses 4-5).
#3-A believer's death means departing into Christ's immediate presence (verse 8).

	Paul is frustrated with the limitations and disabilities of existence on earth.
	I am looking forward to the day when living "by faith" becomes living "by sight." I am looking forward to the day when I exchange this temporary residence in my "earthly tent" for a permanent residence "with the Lord!!!"
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	Dying is even better. Paul's remarkable perspective here is explained in verse 23, where he looks forward to being "with Christ, which is far better."
	With Jesus!!! Not the gold streets, not the pearly gates, nothing about the place. Paul's focus is on the person, "with Christ," that's what really matters.
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Talk It Over

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: You get to relive one day in your life before you die. Which one would it be? Why?

- 1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, what is the perspective that believers should have regarding death? How can this perspective help us in our daily lives?
- 2. Pastor Kendall talked about three sources of divine comfort that inform our perspective on death from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. How do these promises provide us with hope and comfort?
- 3. According to Philippians 1:21, how does Paul view death? Why does he believe that dying is gain?
- 4. How does Paul's perspective on death contrast with the way that many people view death? How can we embrace this perspective in our own lives?
- 5. According to 2 Corinthians 5:10, we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. What thoughts and feelings does this truth stir in you? How can this motivate us to live a life that honors God. In what ways can we prepare ourselves for this day?
- 6. According to Philippians 1:25-26, Paul believes that he will remain alive for the benefit of the Philippians. How can we use our lives to benefit others and further the gospel?