

Yet we can't escape the fact that our days on earth are numbered. So it is wise to think about our inevitable appointment with death (Heb. 9:27).

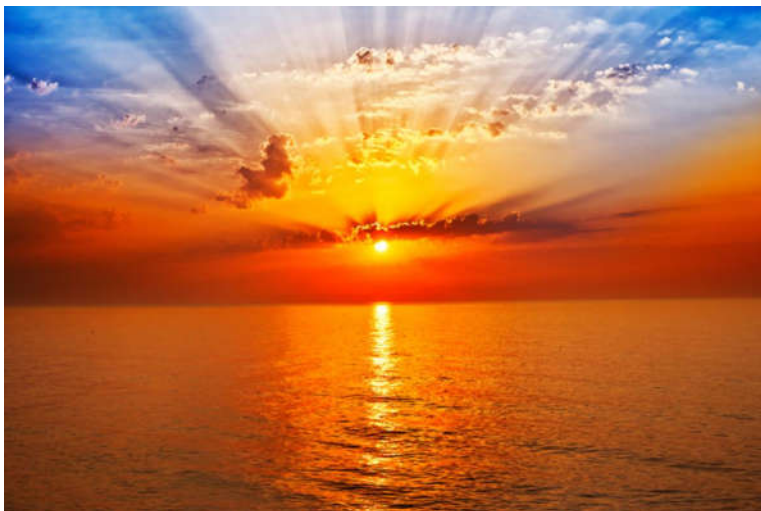
Is our attitude toward our departure from this world like that of famous scientist Marie Curie, who with her husband Pierre discovered radium? When he was accidentally killed, she lamented, "It is the end of everything, everything, everything!"

Our attitude should be radically different. Because of our trust in the death-conquering Saviour, we can say as a young German Christian did the night before the Nazis hanged him in 1945, "For me, this is the beginning."

For the believer, death is the end of all pain, loneliness, and sorrow, the end of whatever has made this life less than abundant, and the beginning of unimaginable blessing (Rev. 21:1-6). That prospect enables us to exclaim, "O Death, where is your sting?" (1 Cor. 15:55). --VCG

*To Him I trust my soul, my dust,
When flesh and spirit sever;
The Christ we sing has plucked the sting
Away from death forever. --Anon.*

**Christ is the difference
between hope and hopelessness.**



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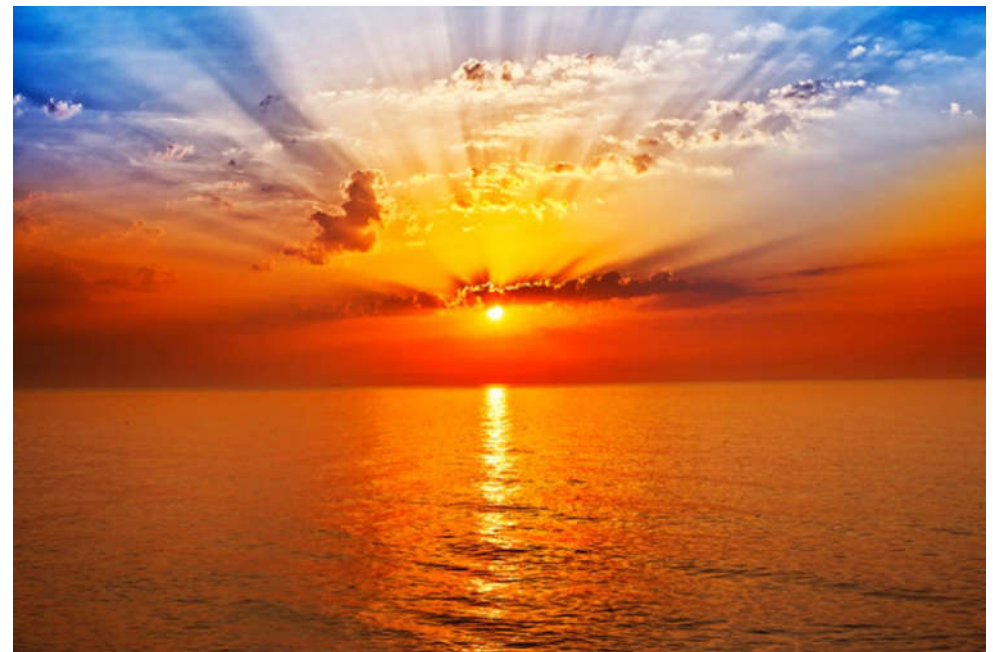
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When The End Is A Beginning

Jesus Christ . . . has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. --2 Timothy 1:10

Our faith in Jesus Christ ought to make a difference in the way we live--and in the way we die.

God wants us to live with zest and happiness. Indeed, Jesus said He came to offer us abundant life (Jn. 10:10). Paul too affirmed that God "gives us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17).



Resurrection Sunday 2020

How to walk in Confidence

In 2 Timothy 1:8-11 there are four descriptions of Pauls life (and ours):

1. Suffering _____, verses 7-8

(1 Corinthians 10:13) *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*



(2 Corinthians 9:8) *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*



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2. Gifted _____, verse 9

(Matthew 11:28-30) *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

(2 Corinthians 5:15-21) *and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new..... [21] For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

3. Granted _____, verse 10

3 entities:

◆ God, _____, and the _____,

(1 Timothy 1:17) *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

(1 Timothy 6:14-16) *... keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, [15] which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.*

(1 Peter 1:22-23) *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth ..., [23] having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,*

◆ _____ are immortal (in Christ)

(Romans 2:7-8) *eternal life to those who ...seek for glory, honor, and immortality; [8] but to those who are self-seeking .. [and] obey unrighteousness; indignation and wrath,*

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4) *Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel ... [3] For I delivered to*

*you first of all that .. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, [4] and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, **(1 Corinthians 15:42)** So .. is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.*

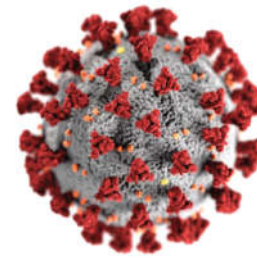
(1 Corinthians 15:52-54) *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54] So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY."*

(1 Corinthians 15:57) *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

◆ Our _____,

(1 Corinthians 9:24-25) *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. [25] And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

(1 Corinthians 15:50) *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*



(1 Peter 1:3-4) *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

(Revelation 1:18) *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

(Hebrews 2:14) *... He Himself likewise shared in [flesh and blood], that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

4. Appointed to _____, verses 11, 6

