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TO DIE IS GAIN

The apostle Paul was often tormented, left for dead after being beaten and stoned, adrift for days in the ocean, and yet he saw it all as being for the glory of God in Christ.

In Philippians 1:20a-21 he said, ***"...Christ shall be magnified in my body whether it be by life or death. For me to live is Christ (in me) and to die is gain."***

In his earthly body, he could show forth the light of Christ within. In his suffering, he gave glory to Jesus. The peace and love of Christ could show forth, and his faithfulness and diligence to the gospel served as an example to many others.

However, he counted all the suffering and any triumphs as little, or nothing compared to life to be gained from his physical death.

Indeed, death brings us the greater measure of life as we are taken into the glory of the very presence of Jesus, the Chosen Lamb of God. That is great gain.

God has great and marvelous plans for us eternally that we do not even know yet. We can imagine some of it from portions of scripture, but it is not yet known in its entirety.

Our conscious mind only knows what we have right now on earth, but our future is more wonderful than we can imagine.

To die here is truly great gain. We can only try to imagine just how great of a gain it is.