

Life, Death, and God's Deliverance

Philippians 1:18c-26

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Thesis: Life and death do not occur outside of the sovereign plan of God; but He is working His plan to deliver His people from both.

1. There are two means and two types of deliverance that God provides in this life and both lead to joy (vs. 18c-21a):

a. The means of prayer (vs. 19a)

b. The means of the power of the Holy Spirit (vs. 19b)

c. Deliverance from shame (vs. 20a)

d. Deliverance from circumstances (vs. 20b-21)

Implications:

How can you live in the deliverance God provides?

2. God's deliverance in the next life gives us freedom today (vs. 22-23).

Implications:

Are you bound by the shackles of the fear of death?

3. God's deliverance helps us to have a correct focus for our lives (vs. 24-26).

a. Living for others (vs. 24-25):

1. For their progress in the faith (vs. 24c)

2. For their joy in the faith (vs. 24d)

b. Living for the glory of God (vs. 26)

Implication:

What do you believe is worth living for?