

We all have been to a funeral before. Or at least we have known someone who has died, a friend, a relative, and acquaintance. We all understand what “death” means. We all know that eventually everyone dies.

“Hey, thanks! I’m really glad I came to church today. Any more pleasant things you want to tell me?” I know that this all sounds pretty morbid, but we all recognize and accept what death is. Now read 1 Corinthians 15:54-56. “When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law”.

Think about it. Isn’t it amazing? For us, “Death” doesn’t even exist, it’s a non-issue! As Christians, we skip the “dying” part and go on to bigger and better things! Christians believe that Christ was sacrificed for us and took our sins upon himself, allowing us to gain his sinlessness. “Perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality”. This means that we get to exchange the temporal and imperfect things we deal with now for the eternal and *perfect* things that God has in store for us. We are part of the elite who can actually know for a fact that we don’t have to experience death, just a new reality.

When our time comes to “die” we can know instead that we “will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:11). When we experience death, recognize that those who are left behind will mourn. But their mourning should be turned to celebration. For in that passing from this life to the next, we are in a better place. To live is Christ, to die is even better (Philippians 1:21)! Praise Jesus for defeating death!