

is far happier. I know that he is enjoying that which he could never possibly enjoy in this life. And when ~~the~~ Lord wants any of us to go, if our work on earth is done, if He is ready to take you, you are better off with Him, we're happier there than we can ever be here. It is nothing for the Christian to fear, it is nothing for us to feel really sad about when it comes to our friends, we feel bad for ourselves, we miss fellowship with them, but as ~~af~~ far as they ~~are~~ concerned, if they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is far better, merely an instrument in their experience. Oh those wonderful words that the apostle said in 1 Cor.15.5ff are so appropriate to the Christian, O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory. ~~X~~Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Those words ~~with~~ which Paul ends that wonderful 8th chapter of Romans. Rom.8.38, For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor any of these other things shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. For the Christian death is merely an incident, an incident which as far as we are concerned is a stepping into better things, into a better world. And for the Christian, the friend of ours, we rejoice it is far better for him, it is something far better than what he has had here.

And then #8, Death though merely an incident for the Christian is nevertheless still unnatural, so eventually, #8, Death will eventually be conquered. In 1 Co.15.26 we read the last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death. In ~~V~~ 1 Cor.15.51-54, Paul says behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound and the Dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on ^{incorruption,} ~~incorruptible~~ and this mortal must put on immortality, so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass that saying, Death is swallowed up in victory. Death is a feature of this present age of sin, but this age will come to an end one of these days, it might