

Deacon's Beacons

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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Looking back at yesterday's reflection, this follows the same train of thought. Paul is telling the Philippians that his life in this world is not what matters. He looks forward to the next life which means that he, in a real sense, looks forward to his death. We cannot reach perfection or achieve total happiness in this life. We can only do that in union with God. That requires leaving this life behind and entering into eternity. A caution though – that does not give one license to do anything actively to end this life. We are required by moral law to care for our bodies. That extends through all ordinary measures of life support. We are not required to enter into extraordinary measures but, at times, those are necessary and appropriate. If there is no hope for recovery, extraordinary measures are not required morally.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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