

FEAR:
The Fear of Pain and Death
Philippians 1:19-30

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1. If we are going to face pain and death rightly, then we need to be clear on the _____ of our life.

- a. Man is called to _____ God by living a Christ exalting life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- b. We need to seriously consider the _____ of our life and seek to make meaningful contributions to the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

2. If we are going to face pain and death rightly, then we must realize that suffering and persecution are to be _____.

- a. _____ is an inevitable reality in a fallen world but is also a necessary means God uses to bring about maturity in His church.

- b. God promises _____ to those who seek to live godly lives.

c. We need to live in faith that God will provide all we need to _____ in hardships when they come.

"If you fear the way you might die, you must become an expert in foretelling the _____. Your forecast must be, 'I have no idea how God will do it, but ... I believe that God will give me the _____ I need when I need it.'"
- Edward Welch

3. If we are going to face pain and death rightly, then we must prepare now to face God's _____.

- a. Unbelievers will be sentenced to everlasting punishment at judgment, so their fear of death could serve as a _____.

- b. Believers will be pronounced forgiven in Christ at judgment, so their fear of death should press on them the need to become more _____ centered.

"What can be a greater encouragement to commit our souls into Christ's hands at _____ than to know every day of our lives something of His glory, His power and His grace." - John Owen