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Those who have welcomed Christ can welcome death. Yet sadly, many believers consider death something to be greatly dreaded. Many Christians are crippled by many phobias with the fear of death being chief among them. As believers in Christ, has God delivered us from the fear of death or has He not?

Are we so attached to the world that the thought of leaving it is terrifying to us? It was not a terrifying thought to Simeon. Nor was it a terrifying thought to Paul. He said “to die is **gain**,” and “to depart and be with Christ is **far better**” (*Phil. 1:21,23*)! To Paul being “absent from the body and **present with the Lord**” was not a frightening thought (*2 Cor. 5:8*). David rejoiced in God’s goodness and mercy and knew that he would dwell in the house of the LORD forever (*Psalms 23:6*). Are we being a good testimony to the unsaved all around us who are so fearful of death or are we just as fearful as they are?

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