

Devotions 1 Is That All There Is? Time vs. Eternity

I Corinthians 15:16-20, 50-58

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ 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."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

15:16 もし、死者がよみがえらないのなら、キリストもよみがえらなかったでしょう。

17そして、もしキリストがよみがえらなかったのなら、あなたがたの信仰はむなしく、あなたがたは今もなお、自分の罪の中にいるのです。

18 そうだったら、キリストにあって眠った者たちは、滅んでしまったのです。

19もし、私たちがこの世にあってキリストに単なる希望を置いているだけなら、私たちは、すべての人の中で一番哀れな者です。

20しかし、今やキリストは、眠った者の初穂として死者の中からよみがえられました。

50兄弟たちよ。私はこのことを言うておきます。血肉のからだは神の国を相続できません。朽ちるものは、朽ちないものを相続できません。

51聞きなさい。私はあなたがたに奥義を告げましょう。私たちはみな眠ってしまうのではなく、みな変えられるのです

52終わりのラッパとともに、たちまち、一瞬のうちにです。ラッパが鳴ると、死者は朽ちないものによみがえり、私たちは変えられるのです。

53朽ちるものは、必ず朽ちないものを着なければならず、死ぬものは、必ず不死を着なければならないからです。

54しかし、朽ちるものが朽ちないものを着、死ぬものが不死を着るとき、「死は勝利にのまれた。」とするされている、みことばが実現します。

55「死よ。おまえの勝利はどこにあるのか。死よ。おまえのとげはどこにあるのか。」

56 死のとげは罪であり、罪の力は律法です。

57しかし、神に感謝すべきです。神は、私たちの主イエス・キリストによって、私たちに勝利を与えてくださいました。

58ですから、私の愛する兄弟たちよ。堅く立って、動かされることなく、いつも主のわざに励みなさい。あなたがたは自分たちの労苦が、主にあってむだでないことを知っているのですから。

1. Why is the Resurrection important?
2. What happens to believer's bodies after they die?
3. What is "the sting of death?" What does that mean?
4. How does Jesus give us the victory?

Devotions 2 Is That All There Is?

Relationships: Fleeting, or Permanent?

I Thessalonians 4:11-18

^{4:11} Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

4:11また、私たちが命じたように、落ち着いた生活をするを志し、自分の仕事に身を入れ、自分の手で働きなさい。

12 外の人々に対してもりっぱにふるまうことができ、また乏しいことがないようにするためです。

13 眠った人々のことについては、兄弟たち、あなたがたに知らないでいてもらいたくありません。あなたがたが他の望みのない人々のように悲しみに沈むことのないためです。

14 私たちはイエスが死んで復活されたことを信じています。それならば、神はまたそのように、イエスにあって眠った人々をイエスといっしょに連れて来られるはずで。

15 私たちは主のみことばのとおりに言いますが、主が再び来られるときまで生き残っている私たちが、死んでいる人々に優先するようなことは決してありません。

16 主は、号令と、御使いのかしらの声と、神のラツパの響きのうちに、ご自身天から下って来られます。それからキリストにある死者が、まず初めによみがえり、

17 次に、生き残っている私たちが、たちまち彼らといっしょに雲の中に一挙に引き上げられ、空中で主と会うのです。このようにして、私たちは、いつまでも主とともにいることとなります。

18 こういうわけですから、このことばをもって互いに慰め合いなさい。

1. What kind of life are Christians to lead? Is that your image of Christians?
2. In verse 13, what does “fall asleep” really mean?
3. Why do people grieve at the death of a loved one?
4. The Bible teaches there is life after death. What is it like according to this?
5. What does this mean concerning your relationship to loved ones?

Devotions 3 Is That All There Is? Fate vs. Guidance

Romans 8:18-25

^{8:18} I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

8:18今の時のいろいろの苦しきは、将来私たちに啓示されようとしている栄光に比べれば、取るに足りないものと私は考えます。

19 被造物も、切実な思いで神の子どもたちの現われを待ち望んでいるのです。

20 それは、被造物が虚無に服したのが自分の意志ではなく、服従させた方によるのであって、望みがあるからです。

21 被造物自体も、滅びの束縛から解放され、神の子どもたちの栄光の自由の中に入れられます。

22 私たちは、被造物全体が今に至るまで、ともうめきともに産みの苦しみをしていることを知っています。

23 そればかりでなく、御霊の初穂をいただいている私たち自身も、心の中でうめきながら、子にさせていただくこと、すなわち、私たちのからだの贖われることを待ち望んでいます。

24 私たちは、この望みによって救われているのです。目に見える望みは、望みではありません。だれでも目で見ていることを、どうしてさらに望むでしょう。

25 もしまだ見ていないものを望んでいるのなら、私たちは、忍耐をもって熱心に待ちます。

1. Why is there suffering in the world?
2. Do you think this is fair?
3. What is God's solution to the problem?
4. What are believers waiting for?

DIALOG 1 Time vs. Eternity - What is the nature of time?

Chuck: Time rules over us without mercy, not caring if we're healthy or ill, punchy or drunk, Russian, American, or beings from Mars. It is like a fire- it can either destroy us, or it can keep us warm. That is why every FedEx office has a clock; because we live or die by the clock. We never turn our back on it, and we never, ever allow ourselves the sin of loosing track of time. Locally, it is 1:56. That means we have 3 hours and 4 minutes before the end of the day's package sort. That's how long we have, that's how much TIME we have before this pulsating, accursed, relentless taskmaster tries to put us out of business.

(opens package Russian boy, Nicolai hands him).....

What could it be? It is a clock. Which I started at absolute 0, and it is now at 87 hours, 22 minutes, and 17 seconds. From Memphis, America to Nicolai in Russia, 87 hours. Eighty-seven hours is a shameful outrage. This is just an egg timer. What if it had been something else? Like your paycheck? Boysen berries? Or adoption papers? Eighty-seven hours is an eternity. The cosmos was created in less time. Wars have been fought, and nations have been toppled in less than 87 hours. Fortunes have been made and squandered....

(looks puzzled and turns to translator)

What? What are you saying about me?

Translator: I tell them, what do they expect? This man, when his truck broke down, he stole a boy's bicycle to do his delivery.

Chuck: Borrowed! I borrowed a kid's bike, and I got my packages delivered, and that's what you people are going to have to start doing. You are going to have to start doing whatever it takes, because in 3 hours and 2 minutes, now, every one of these packages has to be on the big truck and on its way to the airport.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think of time as a cycle, or as a line?
2. Are you prompt (always on time) or easy-going (always late)?
3. What is your favorite way of spending time?
4. What is your biggest time-waster?
5. Do you believe in reincarnation? Note the Biblical view: Hebrews 9:27 says "man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment," What do you think?
6. Warning! This question is for brave people only!

Average life expectancies:

	Male	Female
Japan	79	85
Canada	80	83
Britain	79	81
USA	78	81

According to this, I (John Elliot) am due to die in 2033.

"Time rules over us." Have you ever thought about this?

DIALOG 2 Relationships - Fleeting, or Permanent?

In the original script, the author explains why Chuck talks to 'Wilson', and to himself:

“Chuck is in the stage of malnutrition, vitamin deprivation, salt insufficiency, and exposure where the personality splits and becomes external. Like all castaways, he has conversations with the two sides of himself.”

Chuck has found a piece of sheet metal to use as a sail. As he prepares to make a raft, he has a “conversation” with the volleyball, “Wilson”.

Wilson:.....

Chuck: Do you have to keep bringing that up? Can't you just forget it?

Wilson:.....

Huh? You were right, you were right, it was a good thing we did a test, because it wasn't going to be a quick little snap. I would have landed on the rocks and broken my leg or my back or my neck and bled to death. But it was the only option I had at the time, okay? It's been- what?- over a year, so let's just forget it.

Wilson:.....

Chuck: So, what is your point?

Wilson:.....

Chuck: Well, we might just make it. Did that thought ever cross your brain?

Wilson:.....

Chuck: Well, regardless, I would rather take my chance out there on the ocean than to stay here and die on this island, spending the rest of my life talking to a volleyball!

Discussion Questions:

1. What was the loneliest time of your life?
2. What was Chuck planning to do?
3. Why did he decide not to?
4. Do you think Chuck's new plan is any better?

DIALOG 3 Fate vs. Guidance

- Is there some unseen influence behind the events of our lives?

Chuck talks to Stan about what he has learned:

We both did the math. Kelly added it up. She had to let me go. I added it up. I knew that I'd lost her. That I was never going to get off that island. I was going to die there. I mean, I was going to get sick or injured or something. The only choice I had, the only thing I could control, was when and how and where that was going to happen. So, I made a rope, and I went up to the summit to hang myself. I had to test it, you know. Of course- you know me. And the weight of the log snapped the limb of the tree. So, I couldn't even kill myself the way I wanted to. I had power over nothing. That's when this feeling came over me, like a warm blanket. I knew, somehow, that I had to stay alive. I had to keep breathing, even though there was no reason to hope; and all my logic said that I would never see this place again. So, that's what I did. I stayed alive. I kept breathing. And, one day that logic was proven all wrong, because the tide came up and gave me a sail. And now, here I am. In Memphis, talking to you. I have ice in my glass. And I've lost her all over again. I'm so sad that I don't have Kelly. But I'm so grateful that she was with me on that island. And I know what I have to do now. I have to keep breathing. Because, tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide could bring?

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the expression "we both did the math" mean, in other words?
2. What was the shocking thing that Chuck learned on the island?
3. Do you think it is possible to live without any hope at all?
4. Chuck had 2 terrible disappointments. What were they?
5. What did he learn on the island that keeps him going?

DRILLS - Metaphor

A metaphor is another kind of comparison. It is actually a condensed simile, for it omits "as" or "like." A metaphor establishes a relationship at once; it leaves more to the imagination. It is a shortcut to the meaning; it sets two unlike things side by side and makes us see the likeness between them. The word is from the Greek, "carrying over".

Chuck uses a metaphor when he is explaining to FedEx workers in Russia (a country not famed for its efficiency) the importance of keeping to the scheduled time. Can you find the metaphor?

Here are some more metaphors. Most of them are quoted from well know literary works:

"My love is like a red, red rose"

"The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas."

"My heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill."

"Memory is a crazy woman that hoards colored rags and throws away food."

"All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players.

Mixed metaphor

Sometimes people mix up images, and create a confused image:

"I don't want to say they lost sight of the big picture, but they have marched to a different drummer, Whether or not it will upset the apple cart, I don't know."

"Milking the temp workers for all they were worth, the manager barked orders at them."

"Unless we tighten our belts, we'll sink like a stone."

Brutus' speech from 'Julius Caesar' uses ocean tides as a metaphor for opportunity. Can you re-write this speech in simple English?

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat;
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.

How does this relate to Chuck's experience on the island?

DRILLS - Oxymoron

The word oxymoron is from the Greek for “sharp foolishness”. This is contradictory., and that is what an oxymoron is- two words that are put together, even though their meanings are opposite.

Some oxymorons are very common; so much so that people don't even realize they are contradictory. Chuck uses one when he is talking to “Wilson” about his plans to commit suicide. Can you find it?

Here are some more oxymorons. Check them out! They are “Seriously funny”!

Absolute possibility

Act natururally

Active retirement

Acute apathy

Aggressive diplomacy

A little big

Asronomically small

Authentic reproduction

Calculated spontaneity

Clearly ambiguous

Completely unfinished

Confirmed rumor

Consistently inconsistent

Conspicuous absence

Deafening silence

Definite maybe

Exact estimate

Fairly explicit

Genuine imitation

Hasten slowly

Hopelessly optimistic

Ill health

Increasing losses

Instant classic

Intense apathy

Jumbo shrimp

Known secret

Low priority

Mandatory contribution

Militant pacifist

Positively wrong

Precise estimate

Preliminary conclusion

Pretty ugly

Random pattern

Required elective

Routine emergency

Safe bet

Standard deviation

Standard option

Unbiased opinion

Virtual reality

Well-preserved ruins

Wilderness management

Moderately radical

More perfect

Needless requirement

Numb feeling

Objective opinion

Original reprint

Parallel connection

Partially completed

Permanent substitute

And, my favorite- “Anarchist community”

“We started off trying to set up a small *anarchist community*, but people wouldn't obey the rules” *Alan Bennett*

1. How many of these do you know?
2. Pick 3 you don't understand. Look the words up, and try to see why they are an oxymoron.
3. Try to use 3 of these in sentences.

DRILLS Simile

Look carefully! This word is not “smile” A simile is a figure of speech in which two fundamentally unlike things are compared, usually in a phrase introduced by “like” or “as.”

When Chuck is explaining his experiences on the island to Stan, he uses a simile. Can you find it?

Here are some other similes:

He eats like a pig.

Tough as leather,

Gay as a lark,

Pretty as a picture

She swims like a fish.

He laughs like a hyena.

Fresh as a daisy,

Comfortable as an old shoe

Happy as the day is long,

As fast as greased lightning.

He's as hairy as a gorilla.

It's as easy as ABC.

And, my favorite, learned from my brother-in-law:

“Sweating like a hen drawing rails”.

Sorry- that's a real country simile. It is the picture of a chicken trying to pull a 4-meter long piece of wood for building a fence. That is a job for a horse, not a chicken!

Check out the 3 dialogs. Look for similes, metaphors and an oxymoron (I think there is only one oxymoron).

Can you come up with a simile of your own? Maybe there is one in Japanese that you can translate. How about a metaphor? Oxymorons are a bit harder. Can you think of one?

Here's another challenge: Look at Dialog 2.

Wilson isn't saying anything we can hear. What is he saying to Chuck?

Can you “fill in the blanks”?

LATIN AND GREEK WORD ELEMENTS

English is a living language, and it is growing all the time. One way that new words come into the language is when words are borrowed from other languages. New words are also created when words or word elements, such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes, are combined in new ways.

Many English words and word elements can be traced back to Latin and Greek. Often you can guess the meaning of an unfamiliar word if you know the meaning.

A word root is a part of a word. It contains the core meaning of the word, but it cannot stand alone. A prefix is also a word part that cannot stand alone. It is placed at the beginning of a word to change its meaning. A suffix is a word part that is placed at the end of a word to change its meaning. Often you can guess the meaning of an unfamiliar word if you know the meaning of its parts; that is, the root and any prefixes or suffixes that are attached to it.

Latin Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Latin was the language spoken by the ancient Romans. As the Romans conquered most of Europe, the Latin language spread throughout the region. Over time, the Latin spoken in different areas developed into separate languages, including Italian, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. These languages are considered “sisters,” as they all descended from Latin, their “mother” language.

In 1066 England was conquered by William, duke of Normandy, which is in northern France. For several hundred years after the Norman invasion, French was the language of court and polite society in England. It was during this period that many French words were borrowed into English. Linguists estimate that some 60% of our common everyday vocabulary today comes from French. Thus many Latin words came into English indirectly through French.

Many Latin words came into English directly, though, too. Monks from Rome brought religious vocabulary as well as Christianity to England beginning in the 6th century. From the Middle Ages onward many scientific, scholarly, and legal terms were borrowed from Latin.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, dictionary writers and grammarians generally felt that English was an imperfect language whereas Latin was perfect. In order to improve the language, they deliberately made up a lot of English words from Latin words. For example, fraternity, from Latin fraternitas, was thought to be better than the native English word brotherhood.

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