

Handout November 15, 2024

**Philippians 1:18-28**

**To Live is Christ**

**To Die is Gain**

Welcome back and here we go! Praise God for His faithfulness.

**Philippians 1:1-7**

1. You are \_\_\_\_\_! God's not \_\_\_\_\_ with you!

**Verse 3** – Our first sighting of JOY!

**Philippians 1:12-14**

2. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Verse 13** starts out by saying *"It's evident to the whole palace guard!"*

Paul knew his incarceration was furthering the Gospel!

Do you know that your trials or burdens are furthering the Gospel?

**Philippians 1:19-26**

3. To \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ ----- to \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

What the heck does this mean?

We established the remarkable effect of Paul's ministry in Rome. He had a captive audience!

*"To live as Christ and to die is gain"* has multiple levels of understanding.

- a) A physical death
- b) A worldly death.

===== a jail house story =====

My life is not my own = it is Christ's.

I wanted out --- see ya!

I once had a woman ask me.... *"Why are you still here?"*

I said, *"For you!"*

I know I truly long for Heaven. But we live for Jesus.

I think most of us want to live. Some may not, but they continue. I dare say, it's the Spirit that keeps us going. You have something to do bigger than your problem.

Heaven may be better, but you only have a limited number of days to actually serve.

**Mark 8:34-35** *When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.*

4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ your life, you will \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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What is life? Literal - Spiritual - Figurative

This is one of my main teachings. You will hear it A LOT!

5. Worldliness is not an \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The thinking must change.

You know why you do less ministry? There are other things you would rather do.  
It is not a priority.

(We don't want to close with that!)

Telling someone to "*die to themselves*" isn't a pretty proposition.

- a) Who are you serving?
- b) How much do you read your Bible?
- c) Which Spiritual objectives are you working on?
- d) Where can you press in.

Church --- let's get serious!

Next week

**Philippians 1:27-30**