

To Live Is Christ To Die is Gain *Philippians 1:19-26*

Welcome back and here we go! We start with a recap of **Chapter 1**.

- A) **Philippians 1:6** – God is not done with you yet.
- B) **Philippians 1:12-14** – We must love those we are chained to.

Loving ourselves and loving others. There is no other way to move forward in the Christian life.

Today's Study:

Philippians 1:19-26

- 1) What stands out to you?

Paul is basically saying, I am confident I will be released but even if not, my mission is accomplished here.

- 2) How is your life magnified beyond death?

Philippians 1:20

- a) Letters that will become part of the Bible are going out.
- b) The Gospel is going out by Roman Centurions.
- c) The Philippians are able to be blessed by supporting Paul.

In **verse 20** when he says Christ will be *magnified*, he is saying the mission was / is a success. Again, a book of JOY. Now it makes sense.

Philippians 1:21

- 3) What does it mean... *to live is Christ, and to die is gain*?

You know we always talk literal / spiritual / figurative. So here again we must talk about life ---- to live in the Spiritual sense means what to you?

4) Why do people become discontent with their lives?

If we live a life that does not have meaning, we will become DISCONTENT. Paul clearly had a mission. We clearly have a mission: Love God with all our heart mind, body and soul! And to love Him is to serve Him. If we want CONTENTMENT, we must choose to be CONTENT.

YES – it is a CHOICE.

Philippians 1:22-24

Paul says it would actually be better for me to go on to the next stage of life. I believe him. Yet he says I will choose to stay for you and I will find JOY and REJOICE.

5) What keeps people from choosing to be CONTENT?

Paul says, I know I will be delivered by your prayer and Christ is magnified by my death or life, and I know that you need me, and the Spirit still has something for me to do, so I am going to look into that and them. Dying to yourself and giving of your time ----- this is really what it's about or is it this?

To live is me and to die is loss. Does my life reflect a deeper JOY in everything else other than service? Our greatest JOY is SERVICE.

Philippians 1:25-26

6) How do you find JOY in serving?

We have such great servants around here. It is hard to imagine Face of Grace without all the volunteers and donations of time, talent and treasure.

May God bless you richly!

Next week: Conduct worthy of the Gospel.