

**Chapter 1 : What does it mean "to live is Christ" (Philippians )?**

*Answer: Philippians says, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Most people focus on the second part of the verse, " to die is gain," and contemplate the joys of heaven. But we should not overlook what comes before.*

September 21, Category: If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. The Swiss permit assisted suicide, and with fewer restrictions than some other nations that have it. So from there were over foreigners who traveled there, mostly from Germany and Great Britain, not to go skiing or to eat chocolate and cheese, but to have their lives ended by a lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital, as though they were old, worn out dogs or cats. How terribly, terribly sad that these folks could not entrust their lives to the Lord, whose grace is sufficient in all our pain and afflictions, and who promises His power is made perfect in weakness. What a radical, radical contrast we see in the example of St. Paul as he considered the possibility of his own death. Paul, too, had experienced great suffering in his life—far more than most will ever face here on earth—including great physical suffering. Yet Paul viewed his life in a very Christ-centered manner: So as the apostle was sitting in prison in Rome, contemplating the possibility of continued life or of death, he spoke in this Christ-centered way: It would be good to live here on earth for a while longer. For his life was Christ and would continue to be. Besides that, living on in the flesh would mean the fruit of labor for him. In other words, it would provide Paul with the opportunity for continued labor for the sake of the church. He was living in faith toward Christ and in love for others. Yet it would also be good to depart, that is, to die. The apostle said he longed to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. So he was hard pressed by the two to make a choice. As it turns out, Paul was convinced and knew that he would remain a while longer in the flesh. So Paul was certain he would live on at least for a while so he could further serve the Philippians and other Christians with the word of God, helping them along in the one, true faith. Now, as we Christians listen to Paul relating his thoughts about his own continued life or death, we can easily relate to him. For all of us face the possibility of death at any time in our life. And there are those particular instances where this possibility becomes a more urgent and immediate focus for our thoughts. When a Christian grows older and gets into those senior years, he understands that the time of death is drawing ever nearer, and naturally gives this more serious thought. When a serviceman goes off to military duty in a war zone, he will likely think more seriously about the possibility of death. Paul, we know that, for believers in Jesus, there is good in living on and in dying. So at some point we too may be very much torn between the two. Paul, we are not recipients of direct revelations from God. Have you ever thought of it that way before? God lovingly permits us to live on in this life for just the right amount of time, and to depart and be with Christ when the time is right. For all of us get to live on for as long as the Lord sees fit. The timing of our departure is up to Him, not to us. Jesus Christ is our Life, our Creator and our Savior. As long as we live on, He is with us. Since Christ has baptized us into Him, His righteousness covers us. Christ hears and answers our prayers. Christ supports us in our troubles and gives us the endurance to bear sickness, pain, sorrow, and other suffering—even suffering so great we might wish our life were ended sooner. So as long as we live on here in this world, we live in Christ. And that is very good! To live is Christ! Besides that, our continued life here on earth also gives us the opportunity to labor for the sake of others. This too is Christ-centered, living in Christ-like love. What particular service that might be depends on your station in life. It may be very active and vigorous work. As our health and strength decline, it may become somewhat less strenuous, for example, encouraging others through notes and cards and phone calls, and interceding for them in prayers, bearing witness to Jesus to those who are around, and so forth. For some, including those who are very ill and disabled, their service may be primarily as recipients of loving care; they bear fruit by providing their brothers and sisters in Christ someone to love and care for! But no matter what the work is, so long as we live on we do it in Christ, and He is graciously pleased with it. Then, of course, when the Lord decides the time is right, He permits us to depart and be with Him! Paul said this is really good! We will be with Christ in a manner even more intimate and joyous than we experience now. So, shall we live on, or shall we depart? Take heart, Christians; we get to do both! For to live is Christ and to die is gain! We will simply

leave this in the wise and loving hands of our Lord, and occupy ourselves in the fruit of work for service to others, until Christ calls us to depart and be with Him all the while enjoying His grace and mercy. Daniel Bishop is pastor at St.

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*Verse - For to me to live is Christ, and to die is calendrierdelascience.com, as Calvin, render (not so well), "For to me Christ is gain both in life and in death." The alternative suggested in Ver. 20 leads St. Paul to a short digression on the comparative advantages of life and death; he is content with either.*

I think most of us have. There have been times when it seemed attractive, especially as a Christian knowing that we have the promise of eternal life in Heaven with our Lord. Of course, the aspect of dying, slipping away into the unknown is scary too. Over the centuries men have devised very cruel and torturous methods of draining the life out of a person. Me, I would much rather go peacefully in my sleep. She was a dear saint of God and a prayer warrior if there ever was one. That little lady had no qualms about talking to someone about the Lord and she could tell you point blank what was wrong in your life and what you needed to work on. With everything in her she wanted to go to Heaven. There was no doubt this woman wanted to spend eternity with Jesus. But she had her own form of a fear of death as well. That showed that she was human because we all have a dread within us. Only those who have gone through it and are now dwelling on the other side know for sure. There are those who have had a death experience of one kind or another. I believe our crossing from the natural into the spiritual will be a unique journey for each of us. So the uncertainty continues and looms before us. I remember when my Grandmother did finally cross over. Viewing her as she lay in her beautiful coffin, she looked so peaceful. She had been such an inspiration to me not only in life but in my ministry. I longed to hug her neck one more time. I remembered how that Jesus had raised the dead. I thought specifically about Lazarus. My mind drifted to the scripture and how Jesus had told us that if we believe all things are possible. If I had enough faith I could speak the word and bring her back. Then I remembered how much she had wanted to go to Heaven. Her only dread was now in the past. I believe he longed for Heaven. He had been through so much the beatings, the long cold nights in jail and prison; the rejection from those to whom he had preached, and the strife among the brethren. Heaven looked appealing to him. All of us as believers need to come into the knowledge that as long as we live we must put Christ first. We need to desire to be with Jesus. When we realize this I mean really come to know it then we have arrived at the place that regardless what happens we have won. As long as we live we live for Christ, and when we die we accomplish the greatest gain possible for man.

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The opposition in the passage is between the states of living and dying or being dead , not between the principles of life and death. It is, therefore, in some sense distinct from the cognate passages-- Colossians 3: "Christ is our life;" and Galatians 2: "If Christ be the principle of life in us, then whatever we think and say and do, exhibiting visibly that inner life, must be the manifestation of Christ. To die is gain. Death is a new stage in the progress of union with Christ. So we read in 2Corinthians 5: "Others, as Calvin, render not so well , "For to me Christ is gain both in life and in death. Paul to a short digression on the comparative advantages of life and death; he is content with either. Life is blessed, for it is Christ; comp. The life of Christ lives, breathes, energizes, in the life of his saints. His flesh, his incarnate life is their meat; his blood, the mystery of his atonement, is the drink of their souls. He abideth in them, and they in him. Matthew Henry Commentary 1: It delivers him from all the evils of life, and brings him to possess the chief good. Not between two evil things, but between two good things; living to Christ and being with him. See the power of faith and of Divine grace; it can make us willing to die. In this world we are compassed with sin; but when with Christ, we shall escape sin and temptation, sorrow and death, for ever. But those who have most reason to desire to depart, should be willing to remain in the world as long as God has any work for them to do. And the more unexpected mercies are before they come, the more of God will be seen in them.

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*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Home. Bible. Philippians English Standard Version.*

Faith IS Life St. Can I really say this along with Paul? What are your excuses? Look at our lesson today in Philippians 1: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. We continue reading the wonderful letter of St. Paul to his spiritual children in Philippi, and we see him say some incredibly brave things to these folks. The reason for his words is that the possibility of real, physical death for being a follower of Jesus was always with him and our fellow brothers and sisters of that day. The persecution of Christians was something they lived with all the time, much like our brothers and sisters in the Middle East face in our own day and age. This was certainly the case for the Apostle Paul. He was in jail for being a believer in Christ and for preaching that Jesus was the promised Messiah for the whole world. He also suspected that this would be his last time in prison and that he was going to be executed which he was. The Roman authorities beheaded him. As Paul sat in his jail cell, his ultimate purpose in life was clear to him. He loved Jesus Christ. He even admits that he was having a hard time deciding which would be better for him: His choices were informed by this Faith. His attitude and actions were shaped by this Faith. And because of this foundational Faith, Paul was able to stare physical death in the face and see it for what Christ had made it: At best, a temporary inconvenience! No wonder that kind of faith is offered to us today. Perhaps we will never reach the level of confidence of St. Paul, but does that excuse us from the effort? To life is Christ; to die is gain. Your life is meant to be fundamentally altered by your faith. And nothing less is worthy of such a gift as Orthodoxy! Download individual videos or all 16 videos of our A Journey to Fullness outreach teaching tool here!

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Related Media For I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. How do we know if we are truly living for him? In the book of Philippians, Paul was imprisoned in Rome, awaiting a potential death sentence for his gospel ministry. In this specific text, he says one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. This verse is the major theme of this passage. At that point in my life, I could relate to that shirt and that is why I bought it. For me basketball was one of the greatest priorities in my life. Sadly, that also was a reflection of my relationship with God. For a large portion of my Christian life, God was really just a part of my life; he was not everything. Like myself as a young Christian, Christ is not their life. Life is career, or life is some hobby or entertainment. For many, their passions lie outside of their relationship with Christ. What does it mean to really live for Christ? Jesus said this was the very reason that he came to the earth. He came that we might have life and have it abundantly John He came so we could truly be alive to God "that he would be our passion and joy. Paul had found this life, and he constantly proclaimed it. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. His life began when he was blinded on his way to Damascus, and he became a follower of Christ. Later in Philippians 3, he recounts all the former things he took pride in "his Jewish upbringing, following the law, and being a Pharisee, and yet, he says he counted it all dung "all nothing for the sake of gaining Christ v. Christ was the beginning of his life and getting to know him more was the continuation of his life. And, one day dying would be gain because that would mean dwelling in the unhindered presence of Christ. Is Christ your life? Is he your daily passion? Is he your hope for the future? In Philippians, we get the opportunity to watch and study a mature Christian "Paul. He is somebody we should be modeling. In 1 Corinthians It is a challenge to us to grow into spiritual maturity. Paul says this later in Philippians: He taught them to follow his example, and that example was a life truly lived for Christ and Christ alone. What is your life? Is it success, wealth, comfort, or family? If so, you will not be able to say to die is gain "to die would really be the loss of all you are truly living for. In this text we will see five principles about how to really live for Christ. What does Philippians 1: How can we apply these principles to our lives so we can also really live for Christ? What does he mean by what has happened? Paul is here referring to his imprisonment for preaching the gospel and the criticism by the Christian detractors. Despite all that, he believed everything would work out for his deliverance. What does Paul mean by deliverance? What does Paul mean by his confidence in eventually being delivered? Some commentators have taken this view point. Paul could be referring to this. Paul says in verse 21 that his hope is that Christ will be glorified in his body by life or by death. Therefore, deliverance probably does not refer to being released from prison. There is a salvation in the past tense when we accepted Christ and began to follow him, but there is also a progressive sense of salvation. God did not just save us to enter heaven but also to be made into the image of his Son. And, God uses everything "good things and bad things "to make us into his image. This is the promise in Romans 8: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. What is the good thing that God promises for every believer? It is to be made in the image of Christ. That was the deliverance Paul was confident in. He was confident that he would look like Christ, and specifically that Christ would be

glorified in him whether by life or death v. What does this tell us about Paul and what it means to live for Christ? He may not have fully understood why God allowed him to be placed in prison. He may not have understood why the very people he was trying to build up were criticizing him, but he did know it would all work towards his deliverance—his sanctification. We see this with many men of God in Scripture especially when confronted with suffering. I entrust my life to you trusting your will is best. Christ was consumed with the will of God. I love the story of David after being kicked out of his own kingdom by his son Absalom. David and his mighty men were walking away from the kingdom as exiles, and a man named Shimei began to curse David and throw stones at him 2 Samuel It is the very promise we have as believers in Romans 8: Everything was working out for his deliverance. What if he is making us like his Son through persevering through trials 2 Thessalonians 3: Lord, if your plan means sickness or disability like it was with Jacob; Lord, if your plan means loss of my wealth and health as Job; Lord, if your plan means being persecuted or martyred as many of the prophets before me, Lord, your will be done. Lord, just allow me to be faithful in doing your plan. Many Christians are like Abraham when he first came to faith. How can this be your will? He had learned how to trust God with his life and also that of his family. To live was to follow God. Or are you only trusting and submitting to his plan when it matches up with yours? Lord, whatever your will is. In what ways has God been challenging or teaching you to trust his plan for your life and not your own plans? Paul realized that in order for him to be faithful to God, he needed the prayers of the saints. He could not be bold in his witness, he could not die faithfully, nor could he be released without the prayers of the saints and the help of the Holy Spirit. That is part of what it means to live for Christ—it means to not only be dependent upon God but also dependent upon his body. There are many Christians who live detached from Christ because they are not depending on his body. They lack the wisdom that comes from Christ. It is impossible to live for Christ and not be dependent upon his people—the body of Christ. It must be noted that many in the church claim to live for Christ without being dependent upon his body. This was the very problem that Paul confronted in 1 Corinthians Look at what he said: When a person is blind, the rest of the senses in the body become stronger; the hearing and the touch become more acute in order to navigate the various aspects of life. This was true of Paul in prison. The Philippians not only sent Epaphras to care for and support him financially, but most importantly, they supported him through constant prayer. In fact, we see Paul petitioning many churches for prayer while he was in prison. He wrote to the Ephesians asking for prayer that he may preach the Word of God fearlessly Ephesians 6: He wrote to the Colossians asking for prayer for both open doors and for clarity in speaking the Word of God Colossians 4:

## Chapter 6 : To Live is Christ; To Die is Gain – Faith Encouraged

*For me to live is Christ, to die is gain Submit Corrections. Thanks to Jean de Dieu Nduwamungu for adding these lyrics. Thanks to Kayla for correcting these lyrics.*

Everything that Paul did revolved around his Lord whom he served. He knew that his Lord promises salvation that cannot be hindered by death, but is only brought closer by it. Thus, death was viewed as a valuable thing. It is so hard for many to look at death in this way-- to see death as a gain and not a loss. No one is able to view death in this way unless they live for Christ. Without Christ, death is an enemy of man. Those of the world fear death. But death is real. No one escapes death. For those who are without the Lord, having never rendered obedience to His gospel and thus not striving to live for Him, death is a terrifying thought. For these there is nothing but a terrifying expectation of judgment to look forward to after death see 2Thess. However, we do not have to view death in this manner. We must come to view death as God views it and not as the world. How does God view death? The world may view death as a terrible enemy, but God views death as a precious thing for those who are righteous. The only way to be righteous before God is through Jesus-- living for Him. Without Christ, death is a terrible, fearful, thing. To live with the constant fear of death is a pitiful slavery. Yet Jesus came, suffered, and died that He might set men free from the fear of death. The only way we can view death as God views it, is through Jesus. For the Christian, death is gain not loss, because through the blood of Christ we are made righteous, free from sin Ac. Some men, because they are so overwhelmed with trials, heartaches, and pain that come from living an aimless life, desire to die. Many even commit suicide. But these have a perverted view of death. These view death as an empty escape. But this is wrong. Death is not an empty escape, it is a new beginning. For the unrighteous it is the beginning of a eternity of torment. But what a wonderful new beginning for those right with God cf. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them" Rev. For the Christian, "to die is gain. Having lived for His Father, He died, was raised from the dead, and glorified. This is the very thing God promises us if we live for Him. Jesus is proof in that He has already received it and tells us, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades" Rev. Just as Jesus was raised, in the last day we will be raised. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death where is your sting" 1Cor. Death has no sting for the child of God, for it is simply the ticket home. It is the means to great gain beyond this realm. All of the saints whose bodies were once subject to disease and deformities, burdened with pain, will be given a glorious spiritual body that only heaven can give. For in that day we will be made like Jesus. The only way we can say that to die is gain is if we are living for Christ.

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*full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ,*

*and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.*