

# To Live Is Christ

## Philippians 1:19-26

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
 20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.  
 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.  
 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.  
 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:  
 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.  
 25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;  
 26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

The expectation of Paul’s trial brought a whirlwind of emotions for Paul and the Philippians. In these verses he shares that either outcome (his acquittal or his execution) is to be anticipated as good. While he feels pulled in both directions, Paul knows that ultimately God will do what is best. As he contemplates the two scenarios further he becomes convinced that he is still needed for the Lord’s work among the Philippians. That being the case Paul is confident in his acquittal knowing that his life for Christ will yield spiritual fruit.

**THE BIG IDEA**

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

### **Part 1 – Well Supplied**

Read Philippians 1:19-20; Ephesians 6:18-20

- 1) What gave Paul hope that he would boldly magnify Christ in his future trial?
- 2) What can be accomplished through the prayers of the church according to Ephesians 6?
- 3) How can you increase your dependence on God's supply in your life?

### **Part 2—Christ in Life and Death**

Read Philippians 1:20-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- 1) How would you describe what it means to live for Christ?
- 2) According to 1 Corinthians 6 why is it fitting to live for Jesus?
- 3) Which Christian martyr has challenged you to life for Christ? How so?

### **Part 3—A Win-Win Situation**

Read Philippians 1:21-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

- 1) What was Paul's personal conundrum?
- 2) According to 2 Corinthians 5 how does our future presence with Christ affect our current labor in this body?
- 3) How can you show others you are living a "win-win" situation?

### **Part 4—For Your Furtherance**

Read Philippians 1:24-26; Romans 1:11-15

- 1) What gave Paul confidence in his coming trial?
- 2) How does Paul's longing in Romans 1 parallel his desire for the Philippians?
- 3) In what ways can you live for the spiritual progress of others?

Don't forget the Big Idea!