

Philippians – Small Group Study Week 4

Verses for the week: Philippians 1:19-26

To Live Is Christ

Yes, and I will rejoice, **19**for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, **20**as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with 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. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. **23**I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. **24**But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. **25**Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, **26**so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Questions:

1. Why is Paul torn between desiring life and desiring death?
2. Should we want to die so we can be with Jesus in heaven?

Bonus: Look at **Job 13:13-18** for similar text.

Quote of the week: When I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christlike, it resolves a great deal of anxiety. AW Tozer

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