



Lesson Four: To Live Is Christ, and To Die Is Gain
Philippians 1:18b-26
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^{18b} 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.

Discussion Questions:

1. “What is your supreme goal?”
How would other men answer this question? How do we answer?
2. What was Paul’s great ambition? Unpack what he says in verse 20.
3. “To live is _____.”
How do other men fill in this blank? How do we?
4. “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Discuss. (v. 21)
5. Would departing to be with Christ be “far better” for us?
Why or why not? (v. 23)
6. What are Paul’s major considerations as he discerns God’s will? (22-26)
How does this passage help us discern God’s will for us this week?
7. How do we become men who say, “To live is Christ, and to die is gain”?



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