



CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

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20 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. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **22** 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! **23** I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **24** but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. **25** 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, **26** so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

PAUL'S PRISON

- On trial in Rome for preaching the gospel throughout much of the world
- On house arrest and chained to Roman soldiers
- On hold waiting for Caesar's verdict (exonerated or executed)
- Paul pens four NT letters from prison | Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
- Paul had founded the church in Philippi on his second missionary journey
- Paul wrote Philippians to encourage the discouraged believers at Philippi

PAUL'S PASSION

- Magnify Christ in his living body

20 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

- Magnify Christ in His dying body

20 Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

PAUL'S PREDICAMENT

- Torn between wanting to live or die

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 23 | Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

- Desire to Live | Working for Jesus!

21 For to me, to live is Christ

22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.

- Desire to Die | Being with Jesus!

21 For me...to die is gain.

23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

- Paul's Conclusion

25 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, 26 so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

PAUL'S PHILIPPIANS 1:21

- What's your Philippians 1:21?

To live is _____ and to die is _____ .