

What Are You Living For?

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰I 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. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If 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! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved and that by God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have."
Philippians 1:19-30

Complete The Following Sentence:

For Me To Live Is _____

Paul Shares The Benefits Of Living A Christ-Centered Life

I can have confidence that . . .

1. No Matter What Happens _____ is In _____ vs. 19-24

2. I Have A _____ In _____ vs. 25-26

3. I Can Have An _____ On The _____ vs. 27-30

Memory Verse

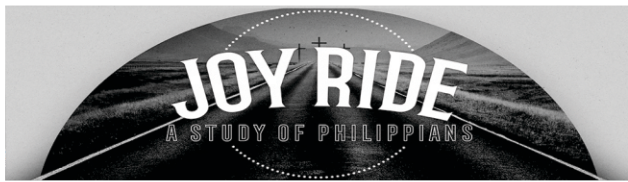
"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21

Acknowledgements: Sources used in the preparation of this message include material presented by Skip Heitzig, David Guzik, Jason Strand, Larry Osborne and others

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord for the first time today
- Memorize Philippians 1:21
- Complete the sentence "For Me To Live Is _____"
- Ask God to show me what would need to change in my life so that I can say "For Me To Live Is Christ"





Pastor Rick Mandl
rick@eaglerockbaptist.com
Week of August 20, 2023

Paul's Dilemma To Depart vs. To Remain

What Are You Living For?

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰I 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. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If 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! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved and that by God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have."
Philippians 1:19-30

Complete The Following Sentence:

For Me To Live Is _____

Paul Shares The Benefits Of Living A Christ-Centered Life

I can have confidence that . . .

1. No Matter What Happens **God** is In **Control** vs. 19-24

2. I Have A **Place** In **God's Plan** vs. 25-26

3. I Can Have An **Impact** On The **World** vs. 27-30

Memory Verse

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."
Philippians 1:21

Acknowledgements: Sources used in the preparation of this message include material presented by Skip Heitzig, David Guzik, Jason Strand, Larry Osborne and others

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Begin to follow Jesus as my Lord for the first time today
- Memorize Philippians 1:21
- Complete the sentence "For Me To Live Is _____"
- Ask God to show me what would need to change in my life so that I can say "For Me To Live Is Christ"

