



Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Seven • Philippians 1:21-26

Ready for Either

Are You Ready for Either?

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Joy in the journey is experienced most fully when you're ready for either LIFE or DEATH.

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

Paul's Difficult Dilemma

Paul is ready for either life or death, but he is HARD PRESSED between the two.

*Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two.
Philippians 1:22-23*

Living on Earth But Longing for Heaven

1. Are You Longing to BE WITH CHRIST in Heaven?

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. Philippians 1:23

Paul's Desire to Depart

- Death is a DEPARTURE from life in this world.
- Death is an ENCOUNTER with Jesus in heaven.
- Being with Jesus in heaven is FAR BETTER.

2. Are You Willing to LIVE FOR CHRIST on Earth?

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me... Philippians 1:22

But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Philippians 1:24-26

Paul's Reason to Live

- Paul was willing to persist in life to MULTIPLY fruit for Christ.
- Paul was willing to persist in life to MOTIVATE progress and joy in the faith.
- Paul was willing to persist in life to MAGNIFY the glory of Christ.

The Bottom Line of Ready for Either

As a Saint in Christ, you're on your way to Heaven, but until you get there, DO SOMETHING FOR CHRIST!

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