

WEEK THREE

To Live is Christ

Philippians 1:21-30

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Priority & Proclamation of the Gospel

Philippians 1:20 ^{NET}

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Philippians 1:18b ^{NET}

...and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.

Vision of the Good Life

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Philippians 1:21 ^{MSG}

Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his bounty.

Life versus even more life! I can't lose.

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Philippians 1:21 ^{RCV} (Reversed Contemporary Version)

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Good Life Explained

Philippians 1:22-26 ^{NIV}

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 boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Good Life Explained

Live

Serve Jesus' purposes with you & in you

Die

Trade up to be with Jesus!

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- Misplaced Priorities

Philippians 1:27a ^{NIV}

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- **Disunity**

Philippians 1:27 ^{NIV}

Whatever 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...

What clouds our vision?

- **Misplaced Priorities**
- **Disunity**
- **Opposition**

Philippians 1:28 ^{NIV}

...without 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.

What clouds our vision?

- Misplaced Priorities
- Disunity
- Opposition
- Suffering

Philippians 1:29-30 ^{NIV}

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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