An Eternal Perspective

Don Moyer · Philippians 1:21–27

INTRODUCTION

- As Christians, we struggle with how to understand and think and act particularly toward one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- He says, we were burdened beyond our strength. We couldn't handle it, is what he says.
- We need to learn to trust in God during these difficult times.

1 How We See Life Itself: To Live Is Christ

Philippians 1:21–27; 2 Corinthians 5:16–17; Hebrews 12:1–3

- For to me to live is Christ. And to die is gain.
- For the child of God, that statement is life is Christ. Everything else is just details.
- Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
- From now on, we recognize no one according to the flesh.
- Our worldview is built around seeing people through the lens of God's word.
- Conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel doesn't stop when we leave the building here. In fact, it never does stop.

2 Our Commitment to Both Unity and Reality

1 Corinthians 2:2; Philippians 2:12–16; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

- We have to be intentional. We have to be purposeful about the things that we choose and the way that we live our lives.
- Your decisions right now still need to be based on God and his will.
- They both became apostles of Jesus Christ. But somehow they found a way to be united in Christ.
- Do all things without grumbling or disputing, so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach.
- For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- Our ambition, our aim, our goal is always to please God.

3 How We View and Treat One Another

2 Corinthians 5:16–17; Philippians 2:1–4

- There is intrinsic value to who you are. Because every human being is made in the image of God.
- Why is it that we ought to be concerned about injustice, for example? Because people are made in God's image.
- Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
- Do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interests of others.

4 How We Understand Christ's Death and Mission

Philippians 2:5–8; Luke 9:23; 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

- Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself.
- Not that he emptied himself of things, but he emptied himself.
- Jesus didn't just give a few things of himself, he gave himself. And this is the mind of Christ.
- He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- I need to see people, everybody, as souls made in the image of God who need to be reconciled to him.
- It's the world being reconciled to him. He's the standard.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you mirrored the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Baptized into Him.**

MY NOTES