To Live is Christ to Die is Gain

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INTRODUCTION

- You have to think about the author of the statement. You have to think about where was Paul when he said that.
- With Christ as our ally, if we are with Christ, there is no limitation on what we can do in this life.
- This letter was written in a unique perspective, from a unique place.

1 Why We Are Here

Philippians 1:12–18; Philippians 1:21–25; Matthew 16:24–26

- I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.
- Paul realized his purpose, uniquely as an apostle, was to serve Christ. But would that message not be compatible to us as well?
- If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- Are we willing to serve God outside of the framework of the comfortable?
- How is it that he was so able to rejoice in an imprisonment? Because he knew why he was here.
- Are we willing to make that stand now? If not, why not? And if not, what Bible principle teaches that it's okay to camouflage with the world?

2 We Need to Live Selflessly

Philippians 2:1–11; Philippians 2:12–15; Matthew 5:16

- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- Do all things without grumbling or disputing. Why, verse 15? That you may be blameless and innocent children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation.
- If Jesus is truly my all, then I don't just have to live selflessly. I have to live like Christ.
- If we act like them, we are no different.
- If we're just like everybody else, what impact do you think we're going to have?

3 What We Are Living For Is Everything

Philippians 3:4–11; Philippians 3:12–14; Philippians 3:19–21

- But whatever gain I had, I count it as loss for the sake of Christ.
- The simple fact is that we're living for something greater than the here and now.
- Because only heaven is worth it. Only being with God is the purpose of this life. Anything else is a distraction.
- I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- If our citizenship is in heaven, we'll act like it.
- If I owe America my vote, I owe Christ my life.

4 Jesus Will Get Us Through

John 14:1–3; Philippians 4:10–13; Philippians 4:4–7

- Don't get caught up in things of this life. Don't be distracted.
- I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.
- I can do all things through him who strengthens me. What was Paul's point here? Jesus will get us through.
- The point is that the soul who relies upon God, who knows why he is here, Who looks forward to heaven. Knows that we can do it.
- Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice.

MY NOTES