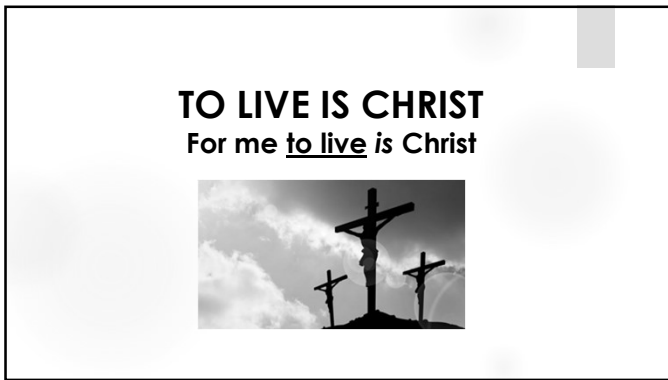


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**What is most important is that
Christ is proclaimed.
As long as Christ is proclaimed, I rejoice.**

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***My desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better.***



5

**But for now I trust that Christ has
me here for your sake, so that
you might glory in Christ.**

6

"If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more."

That's a bold statement!

7

**He's from the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrews.**



8

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."



9

"As to the law, a Pharisee..."

"There were not very many Pharisees, never more than six thousand, but they were the spiritual athletes of Judaism. Their very name means *The Separated Ones*. They had separated themselves off from all common life and from all common tasks in order to make it the one aim of their lives to keep every smallest detail of the Law" -Barclay

10

"As to zeal, a persecutor of the church..."



He was on a mission.

11

"As to righteousness, under *the law* blameless."

12

“But whatever gain I had I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”

13

“For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him.”

14

LOSS

GAIN

- Big House
- Nice cars
- Health
- Family
- Social status
- Bible knowledge
- Moral lifestyle
- Comfort
- ETC...

CHRIST

15

When Jesus is your life, suffering is a gift.



16

Now, let me be clear, I don't want you to think I want you to go to prison to be close to God.

Nowhere in Scripture do we see it telling us to pursue suffering, to pursue persecution, to pursue even dying for our faith. We don't do that.

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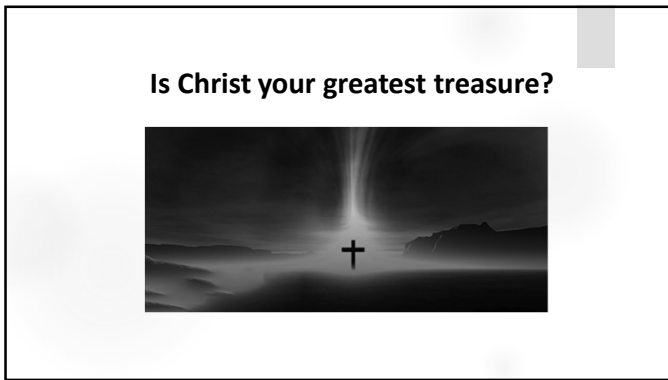
When Christ is your life, then dying is gain.



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