

Bethel Baptist Church  
The Gospel Perspective on Life and Death  
Philippians 1:18b-26  
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Question: What does Paul's gospel centered view of life and death look like?

- I. *The declaration of unshakeable joy (1:18b-19)*
  - A. *A passionate decision to live above my circumstances*
  - B. *A personal understanding of deliverance*
- II. *The declaration of unwavering courage (v.20)*
  - A. *A desire to do right*
  - B. *A determination to speak truth*
  - C. *A decision to serve God*
  - D. *A delight to glorify Christ*
- III. The declaration of unfaltering faith (1:21-24)
  - A. The proclamation of purpose (21)
  - B. The profit of living (22)
  - C. The pleasure of leaving (23)
  - D. The passion for serving (24)
- III. The declaration of undying service (1:25-26)
  - A. The compassion of a servant
    - 1. The passion for others
    - 2. The priority in service
  - B. The cause of the service

## Discussion Questions

1. What did you hear?

2. What does "to live is Christ" really mean?

If I live "the Christ life," how will this impact the way I live and the choices that I make?

If I live the "Christ life," how should this impact the way I expected to be received and treated?

3. Do you think that most Christians have the expectation that they "should" be treated well?

How do you think it impacts their choices about what they do and say when they anticipate that it might cause them to not be treated well?

4. What are your thoughts on the statement: "He who has lived to accumulate the most has actually succeeded in living the least for he has accomplished the task of having most to lose." ?

5. In Galatians 2:20, Paul makes a statement about His life that he has been "crucified with Christ."

What does he mean by "crucified with Christ?"

How should this truth impact the way we think about ourselves and others?

6. What does "living by the faith of the Son of God" I Galatians 2:20 mean?

7. What is the difference between the mental choice of calling my self a servant and the conviction of living like one?

Consider these three statements:

"Love is a choice that will demonstrate itself in subsequent choices!"

"Love is not merely the decision to "put others first," it is all the following choices that actually allow them to be first!"

"It is easy to consider ourselves a servant. It becomes much more difficult whenever people begin to treat us like one, but how we respond is actually the evidence of whether or not we truly do consider ourselves to be one!"

8. What are some real ways that we can actually live the "Christ life."

9. What does "living dangerously" as a believer look like in our setting?
10. What are your thoughts when you hear the statement "It is only when we are free to die that we are free to live!" ?