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Christ STANDARD

"For to me, to live is Christ"
PHIL. 1:21



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VOLUME 1
Week 1:
The Highest Level
PHILIPPIANS 1:9-21

STANDARD: a level of quality or attainment. An idea or thing used as a measure, norm, or model in comparative evaluations. An ensign of war; a staff with a flag or colors.

A MAN OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD

The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Philippian church while imprisoned in Rome around A.D. 62. In chapter 1 he stated his desire for their growth to continue and be demonstrated in *“real knowledge and all discernment.” (v.9)*. He then went on to tell of the benefits of his persecution and imprisonment. (v.12-14). The great apostle boldly stated that nothing he experienced would result in shame, but on the contrary to the **exaltation of Christ (v.20)**. His commitment and life-purpose is summarized in verse 21, *“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

This and many other examples from the lives of believers, both in scripture and history, portray what we are identifying as **The Christ Standard**. To be clear, the Christ Standard is NOT simply a matter of church attendance or an impressive collection of modern-day Christian products (clothes, books, jewelry, apps, tats, etc.). It is **to be fully devoted to knowing, growing and carrying the standard of Christ in every facet of one’s life.**

MEASURE UP OR WATER DOWN?

As we have seen with the Apostle Paul, bearing The Christ Standard comes at a high cost. But we can be encouraged because the reward is immeasurable. The world in which we live is full of lesser, easier, ever-changing standards. But through **the Cross** ✝, **the Holy Spirit** 🔥 and **the Lordship of Christ** 👑, we can not only resist the temptation and intimidation of the enemy, we can exemplify the life and LOVE of God in us in every circumstance.

What did the Apostle Paul mean when he stated, *“For to me, to live is Christ”*? Perhaps it’s that everything in his life was submitted to and modeled after Christ. That no matter what the cost; persecution, imprisonment or loss, he was committed to carrying the standard of his Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. **So too can we. So too must we.**

FACTORPOINTS

HE’S HERE - WORSHIP

The Lord is worthy of our praise and adoration for successfully demonstrating the standard of Heaven in the earth and granting us the privilege of carrying it as well.

HE KNOWS - LEARN

Review Philippians chapter 1 as well as other examples from Paul’s life. How does he demonstrate Phil. 1:21?

HE’S ABLE - SERVE

Begin to ask yourself and the Holy Spirit, “How can I better carry the Standard of Christ in my, family, relationships, place of work, etc.?”

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