

Living Christ

I. Living Christ to magnify Him

A. Paul's vision — dispensing

Acts 26:19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

B. Fellowship for the furtherance of the gospel

Philippians 1:3-5 I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, ⁴ Always in my every petition on behalf of you all, making my petition with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now.

1. Join with the brothers

Acts 16:1 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple named Timothy was there...

Acts 16:3 Paul wanted this one to go forth with him...

Philippians 2:19-22 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged by knowing the things concerning you. ²⁰ For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you; ²¹ for all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²² But you know his approvedness, that as a child with a father he has served with me unto the gospel.

2. Fellowship of the Body of Christ — in the homes

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, as well as her household, she entreated us, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide. And she constrained us.

Acts 16:23-25 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely, ²⁴ who, having received such a charge, threw them into the inner prison and secured their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ And about midnight Paul and Silas, while praying, sang hymns of praise to God; and the prisoners were listening to them.

Acts 16:33-34 And he took them with him in that very hour of the night and washed their wounds. And he was baptized immediately, he and all his household. ³⁴ And he brought them up into his house and set a table before them; and he exulted because he had believed in God with all his household.

Acts 16:40 And they went out from the prison and entered the house of Lydia...

3. In each others' heart

Philippians 1:6-9 Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun in you a good work will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus; ⁷ even as it is right for me to think

this concerning you all because you have me in your heart, since both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel you are all fellow partakers with me of grace.
⁸ For God is my witness how I long after you all in the inward parts of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more...

C. Magnifying Christ by living Him

Philippians 1:19-21 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Philippians 4:22 All the saints greet you, and especially those of Caesar's household.

D. Holding forth Christ

Philippians 2:14-16 Do all things without murmurings and reasonings ¹⁵ That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world, ¹⁶ Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

E. Ready for a glorious transfiguration

Philippians 3:21 Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.