

Finding the Real You

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For me to live is _____

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Paul is imprisoned and awaiting the fate of his future, pending the outcome of his trial. Humanly speaking, his future was uncertain. However, Paul was certain of who controlled his future.

Paul knew “that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose, (Romans 8:28).

Paul’s life was surrendered to the purpose of God. He had been called, and he answered the call in the affirmative.

A LIVING SACRIFICE

Paul’s exhortation: Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)

¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

²Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

A HIDDEN LIFE

Colossians 3:1–4 (NLT)

¹Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand.

²Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

³For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

A JOYFUL LIFE

John 15:11 (NASB)

¹¹“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

TO DIE IS GAIN

Mark 8:35–36 (NASB95)

³⁵“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

³⁶“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

Romans 8:18 (NASB95)

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.