

Joy in the Trial  
Pt 3

**A LIFE THAT MAGNIFIES THE LORD**

READ V19-20

*John 14:16 I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.*

*“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39*

*James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience*

**A DESIRE FOR FRUITFUL LABOR**

READ 21-23

The gain that Paul is talking about is to leave this world and be with Jesus. Paul knew that death was not a defeat to the Christian.....

What Paul is communicating here in Chapter 1 is echoed in *Philippians 3:7-8 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.*

We can sense Paul's desire to leave and be with the Lord, but we can also sense his submission to God's plans for his life.

Every breath God allows us to breath on this planet is evidence that we aren't a waste of time, but that to God we have value and a purpose for us.

**A PLATFORM FOR INFLUENCE**

READ V24-26

Paul concluded that continuing to live was more necessary, because it would influence the Philippian believers to continue growing in their walk with the Lord.

To put it this way.....Growth in Christ = growth in our joy, because were getting closer to him.

Paul understood that for the Philippians to experience this joy, he needed to stick around and influence them to keep on growing in the Lord.

*2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*