

**LESSON 4: Philippians 1:21 - 1:30 "To Live is Christ to Die is Gain"**  
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Philippians 1:20 <sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:21–30 (NASB95)

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

<sup>22</sup> But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose.

<sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; <sup>24</sup> yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

<sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

<sup>26</sup> so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,

so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

<sup>28</sup> in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.

<sup>29</sup> For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup> experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

## Good Observation Questions to Ask :

1. Generally, observe and take note of the who, what, when, where?
2. How does this section connect to previous section?
3. What the main topic of this section?
4. What is the flow of thought in this section?
  - a. Observe Prepositions, Conjunctions, Contrasts etc.
5. Is there a main command in this passage?
6. Is there any emphasis?
  - a. By use of emphatic words, repetition, structure, synonyms, tone?
7. What are the significant Terms & Definitions?

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**Key Point 1 : V21 – 26 What's \_\_\_\_\_ | The World View | "To Live is Christ & To Die Is GAIN"**

1. How does he lead into something like this? In other words how is this section connect to previous section?
  
2. What is the contrast and why is he torn?
  
3. V26 What is this proud confidence? Whose confidence? What is that confidence in? What is this verse saying?

**Key Point 2 : The \_\_\_\_\_ V27-30**

1. Why does this section start with the word "only"? What's the main command?
  
2. **What's are the results that Paul wants to see and the hear about?**

**Key point 3 : V29-30 Your High Calling, Privilege, Great Cause.**

1. Why does he use the word granted? What does that connote?

**Next Week Philippians 2:1-11****Discussion Questions :**

1. By our worldview, we judge what is good, beneficial etc. Can you think of any areas in our lives where Christians are frequently tempted misjudge what is good? Can you think of any specific examples from your life where God & his word has changed what you used to believe was good?
2. By what we're learning in this passage is it possible to control or change what you want? If we lack a deep-seated desire to exalt Christ in our lives, how do we "gain more" desire?
3. How is unity produced in a church?
4. The command and call to walk worthy of the gospel is such a high and huge calling? When you personally think of walking worthy of the gospel, what are the first thoughts / steps that come into your mind?
5. What is your reaction to V29? Isn't suffering typically for discipline? How would you explain the concept of God granting suffering in the believer's life?

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