

A Better Way to Live

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Philippians 1:27–30 (CSB)

²⁷Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel,

²⁸not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God.

²⁹For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

³⁰since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

Who are you living for?

We must move from self-focused living to Jesus-focused living.

Jesus doesn't expect you to reinvent yourself; He offers you a new life.

Study Questions:

1. Paul declares, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). What does it mean for Paul that "to live is Christ"? How does this perspective shape his understanding of life and death? How can we adopt a similar mindset in our own lives?

2. Paul expresses his dilemma of desiring to depart and be with Christ, which is far better, yet recognizing the importance of remaining for the sake of the Philippians' progress and joy in the faith (Philippians 1:23-25). How can we balance our longing for the eternal with our responsibilities and opportunities to serve others in the present?
3. Paul urges the Philippians to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27). What does it mean to live a life worthy of the gospel? How can we practically live this out in our daily lives, relationships, and interactions with others?
4. Paul encourages the Philippians not to be frightened by their opponents but to stand firm in their faith (Philippians 1:28-30). What are some common challenges or oppositions faced by believers today? How can we maintain courage and perseverance in the face of adversity, relying on God's strength and support?

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