

Philippians: Fellowship of the Gospel

Study 5: Death is gain when Christ is life

READ Philippians 1:18b-26 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

1. What does Paul mean when he declares that he expects his trial to turn out for 'deliverance' (v. 19)?
2. How important are the prayers of the Philippian church to Paul (v. 19)? What does this passage teach us about intercessory prayer?
3. From v. 20 what is Paul's main concern as he faces potential death? How does this challenge you?
4. What does Paul mean when he states, 'For me to live is Christ and to die is gain' (v. 21)?
5. How do others fill in the blank: 'Living is _____'? What are you living for? Why is it important to answer this question?

6. How could Paul view death as 'far better' (v. 23)? Do you view death this way? Explain?
7. For what purpose did Paul say he would remain on the earth (vv. 22-26)? How could he potentially carry this out now (in chains) and in the future (if he is released from imprisonment)?
8. How does this passage motivate you to serve others?

STOP AND PRAY: according to the A.C.T.S. method

Adoration: Reflect on the kindness of God vindicating you before His holy judgement on the basis of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Confession: Identify areas of your life that you have loved more than Christ and confess your sin, seek His grace to forgive you and believe in His grace to transform you.

Thanksgiving: Thank God for the support and ministry you receive at the hands of other believers.

Supplication: Pray that ...

- ❖ Your life might be characterised by Christ in all you do.
- ❖ You would be more concerned about Christ's honour than your own.
- ❖ You would give yourself to the service of others, both in prayer and action.
- ❖ You would count death as "far better" than anything else in this life, since in death you will be with Christ.