



To Live Is
CHRIST

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GAIN



Sunday, April 13, 2025

TITLE: A Christ-Centered Life

TEXT: Philippians 2

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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Luke 19:38 – Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

John 12:13 – Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!

LIFE TOGETHER (2:1-4)

- #1. Encouragement from Christ >> Think the same way >> (_____)
- #2. Consolation from God's love >> Have the same love >> (_____)
- #3. Fellowship in the Spirit >> Be united in the Spirit >> (_____)
- #4. Compassion & mercy >> Intent on one purpose >> (_____)

THE CHRIST-HYMN (2:5-11)

This is the _____!

YOUR TURN (2:12-18)

Do the Work

- God _____ you and _____ you
- _____ is not a one time thing you keep to yourself, it's an ongoing process meant to be lived out loud

OUR EXAMPLES (2:19-30)

- Timothy: Cares about others' interests above his own, doing whatever it takes to _____ them
- Epaphroditus: Literally almost _____ in service to Paul and the church

A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE = A LIFE WORTH LIVING

#1. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW GOD

- Jesus shows us what _____ is like!
- God's character as revealed in Christ = self-giving _____, humility, servant heart
- Vindication and exaltation of Christ leads to our _____
- **Acts 4:12** – “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

#2. WE WANT YOU TO FIND FREEDOM

- Free from the chains of selfishness, conceit, and the need to be recognized
- Free to follow Christ's example & fully live out our _____
- **Romans 6:18** – ...having been set free from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness.

#3. WE WANT YOU TO DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

- Embodying the _____ characteristics of Christ, sharing his mindset of humility and selfless service
- Obedience to Christ in _____ and _____
- **1 John 3:18** – Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth.

#4. WE WANT YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Serve the world with a Christ-like attitude
- You shine like _____
- Your life becomes a _____ expression of the transformative power of the gospel
- **Matthew 5:16** – “...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

GOING DEEPER | Study & Discussion Questions

1. According to Philippians 2:1-4, how should our love for and from God influence our interactions with each other?
2. Read the Christ-Hymn again (2:6-11). What words or phrases stand out to you the most? Why? In your own words, what is this calling us to do?
3. Paul lists Timothy and Epaphroditus as examples of a Christ-centered life. Who would you list from your own life?
4. Describe what you think encapsulates a Christ-centered life. Be specific. How does your own life measure up right now? What next step do you need to take?



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