



To Live Is  
**CHRIST**



To Die Is  
**GAIN**

Sunday, April 6, 2025

**TITLE:** A Worthy Life

**TEXT:** Philippians 1

## PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILIPPI

### QUICK FACTS

- church founded by Paul, first Christian converts in \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 16)
- Philippi was a Roman colony, citizens enjoyed privileged status
- Paul wrote this letter from \_\_\_\_\_ ~A.D. 62

### INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

#1. True freedom is found by becoming a "\_\_\_\_\_ " to Christ

#2. If you are in Christ, you are a member of God's kingdom - a Holy nation.

#3. In this kingdom, hierarchy doesn't work the same.

### THE PRAYER (1:3-11)

Paul's heart for the church: Joy, affection, love, partnership, gratitude

LET \_\_\_\_\_ GROW

- knowledge & discernment >> living blameless & pure >> fruit of righteousness

### THE UPDATE (1:12-20)

Paul's loss is \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel

- More people are learning about the Christian faith (even the imperial guard)
- Christ-followers are emboldened to preach more often and with greater courage
- Christ will be honored no matter what

### PAUL'S MINDSET (1:21-26)

- Life is all about Christ – spreading the Gospel and glorifying him in all things
- Dying is all about Christ – spending eternity with Christ
- For Paul, \_\_\_\_\_ is the greater sacrifice

### THE CHARGE (1:27-30)

As citizens of \_\_\_\_\_, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.

## A WORTHY LIFE = A LIFE WORTH LIVING

### #1. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW GOD

- Lost get saved
- \_\_\_\_\_, experiential knowledge of the Father, Son, & Spirit
- To live is Christ
- **John 17:3** – “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ.”

### #2. WE WANT YOU TO FIND FREEDOM

- Take off the \_\_\_\_\_, put on the \_\_\_\_\_
- True freedom comes from being bound to Christ
- Live as citizens of heaven
- **John 8:36** – “So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”

### #3. WE WANT YOU TO DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

- Unity, courage, evangelism, even \_\_\_\_\_
- God began the good work in you and will bring it to completion
- Glorify God in all things
- **Mark 1:17** – “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

### #4. WE WANT YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- \_\_\_\_\_ in the Gospel
- Self-sacrifice for the sake of the gospel and service to others
- Bearing witness through suffering
- A \_\_\_\_\_ outlook and \_\_\_\_\_ living
- **John 14:12** – “Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

## GOING DEEPER | Study & Discussion Questions

1. What made Paul's connection to the Philippian church so special? (revisit Acts 16, and read 2 Corinthians 8:1-6)
2. Paul viewed his imprisonment as a net positive for the sake of the Gospel. How can we have the same kind of confidence in the midst of our struggles? (see Romans 8:28, Matthew 5:11-12)
3. Paul said, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." In your own words, what did he mean by that? What would it take for you to truly say the same and mean it?
4. What does it look like in practice to live "a worthy life?"



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