

Philippians 1:19-27

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worth of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

I. Be Confident of your Future in Christ (vv19-20)

- a. Paul had a certainty of his deliverance.
- b. Paul found JOY in the fact that others found their voice and had the courage to speak God's Word.
- c. Paul wanted his life to ultimately bring GLORY to the God.

II. Desired to be in the presence Jesus (vv.20-21)

- a. Paul had great hope and knew that death was not the end of life but rather the beginning.
- b. Paul's life would be summed up in one word Christ! Christ was his real reason for living.

III. Be Committed to Fruitfully Laboring for Church (vv. 22-23)

- a. Paul knew his life was not his own and because of this it need to count for Christ as he labored for the church.

IV. Be Committed to Serve Your Church for Christ (vv.24-27)

- a. Paul had a love to see people progress and grow in the faith.
- b. Paul wanted everyone who love Christ not only to grow but to live a life worthy of the Gospel.
- c. Paul wanted the church to be unified for the cause of Christ.