

“When Christ is Your Life”
Philippians 1:18b-26 - *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main Point: **Your whole perspective changes when Christ is your life.**

Proposition: Three life-changing perspectives when Christ is your life

1. You rejoice to make much of _____, not _____ (vv.18b-20)
2. You are torn between _____ and _____ (vv.21-24)
3. You strive for the _____ and _____ of others (vv.25-26)

Points to Ponder:

- Following Jesus means - _____ yourself.
- As hard as it is, _____ is a victory for those in Christ.
- Ministry is work – but it is _____ and rewarding work.
- Paul's mindset must be shared by _____ of God's people.
- Consider how _____ strove for your joy and progress in the faith.

Application: **Rejoice in the life given to you through Christ's death.**

Your responsibility by God's enabling is to consistently apply the divine principles and truth you've heard (Phil. 2:12-20, 1 Tim. 4:7-9, James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

Cross References & Recommended Resources:

- Job 13:16
- Psalm 116:15
- Mark 10:45
- Luke 9:23
- 1 Corinthians 3:6-8; 15:50-58
- 2 Corinthians 1:24; 5:6-10
- Philippians 2:5-8
- Colossians 3:1-4

- *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper
- *Radical* by David Platt
- *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* by John Foxe

Reflection Questions:

1. What similarities can you find between the suffering of Job and Paul's imprisonment? What encouragement can you take from both of their stories?
2. How do you currently respond to trials and hardships? Do they cause you to pout or pray? How can you better pray for your own trials, as well as the trials of others?
3. How would you complete the following statement: for me, to live is _____. What does this reveal about your current priorities in life?
4. How would you complete the following statement: for me, to die is _____. What does this reveal about your current perspective on life?
5. For what purpose did Paul say he would remain on the earth? How does this motivate the way you relate to others in your church family? What "next steps" of faith do you need to take in the coming weeks for the greater joy and progress of others?