

Be Strong In the Lord – Episode 16 – Sept 2024

To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain

Philippians 1 : 12 – 30 - Dave Weber

Book of Philippians

- Paul had a special care for the people of Philippi
- Philippi: chief city of Macedonia (today northern Turkey)
- Paul preached outdoor sermons
- God through Lyddia provided financial support for the ministry
- Paul cast a demon out of a woman for which he was illegally arrested, illegally whipped & beaten, and illegally jailed
- Paul & Silos worshipped in prison, the jailer got saved

Philippians 1 : 12

But I would you should understand, brethren, that the things which happened to me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.

Philippians 1 : 13 - 14

So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in the palace, and in all other places.

And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

What is the Gospel?

I Corinthians 15 : 1 - 4

... “I declare to you the gospel ...

- that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures***
- that He was buried***
- that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”***
- that He had over 500 legal witnesses who saw & talked with the risen Jesus***

Ephesians 1 : 12 – 30 *What does it mean to me?*

- v12 Persecution for your faith in Jesus spreads of the Gospel
- v13 People know about Jesus through your faith & sacrifice
- v14 Your Christian example will embolden others' faith

Philippians 1 : 15 -16

Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will.

The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

Philippians 1 : 17 - 18

But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

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- v15 – 16 Expect that people with wrong motives will mishandle the Word of God
- v17 Know how to share salvation in love
- v18 Rejoice when the true message of salvation is shared

Philippians 1 : 19

***For I know that is shall turn to my
salvation through your prayer, and
the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.***

Philippians 1 : 20

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Philippians 1 : 21 - 22

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: yet, what I shall choose I know not.

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Philippians 1 : 23 - 24

***For I am in a strait between two,
having a desire to depart, and to be
with Christ, which is far better.***

***Nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is
more needful for you.***

Philippians 1 : 25 - 26

And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Christ Jesus for me by my coming again to you.

Ephesians 1 : 12 – 30 *What does it mean to me?*

- v23 - 24 Every Jesus follower should also have both a desire to be in heaven with Christ, but to also stay on earth longer to save souls and encourage believers
- v25 -26 Our motives should be for God's glory and for the eternal good of others

Philippians 1 : 27

Only let your conversation be as it becomes the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Ephesians 1 : 12 – 30 *What does it mean to me?*

v27 Have Christ-honoring conversations

v27 Stand fast in faith, not feelings

v27 in one mind striving for the faith of the gospel

a shared holding to the simple truth of being saved only by His shed blood, death and resurrection

Philippians 1 : 28

And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Ephesians 1 : 12 – 30 *What does it mean to me?*

v28 faith in Christ brings a confident assurance
– we don't fear persecution

v28 Those who oppose your faith in Christ

It is a sign of their eternal destination

It is a sign of your eternal salvation

Pray for the salvation of the lost

Philippians 1 : 29 -30

For unto you is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for His sake;

Having the same conflict that you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Ephesians 1 : 12 – 30 *What does it mean to me?*

v29 It is a gift from Father God that your spiritual eyes are open to believe in Jesus as your Savior

v30 It is a gift from Father God that you are privileged to suffer persecution for your faith in Jesus

God promises to reward us when we suffer for Him

What about me?



Am I saved? Am I born again?

Will I see heaven, enter heaven?

How can I know for sure?

God's Solution: Forgiveness through Jesus' Shed Blood, Death & Resurrection

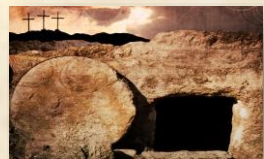


Rom 5:8 "For God commends His love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**"

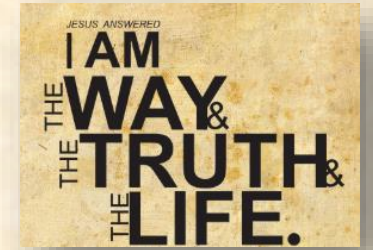
2 Cor 5:21 For He hath **made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him

Col 2:14 **Blotting out the handwriting of the ordinances** that were against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way **nailing it to the cross**

Jn 19:30 When **Jesus** therefore had received the vinegar, he **said, "It is finished"**; and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.



Our Response



- **Rom 10:9** That if you will **confess** with your mouth **the Lord Jesus**, and will **believe** in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you **shall be saved**.
- **1 John 1:9** **If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins, and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.

God's Promise for the Believer

1 Peter 1:3,4



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a **lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.