

Philippians 1:19-26 NIV

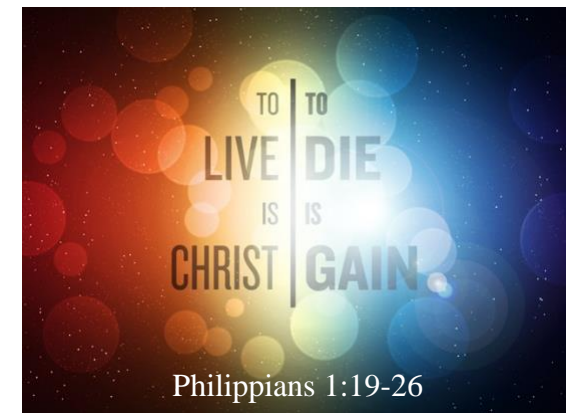
Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

- ◆ Pray that Jesus is preached here in the tri-state area.
- ◆ Thank God that He uses your prayers to make a difference in others' lives.
- ◆ Ask God for courage in difficult circumstances.
- ◆ Ask God to help you live the motto: *To live is Christ and to die is gain.*
- ◆ Ask God to help you/KEFC to have our lives produce fruitful labor.
- ◆ Pray for KEFC leadership that you made progress in the faith and have joy.

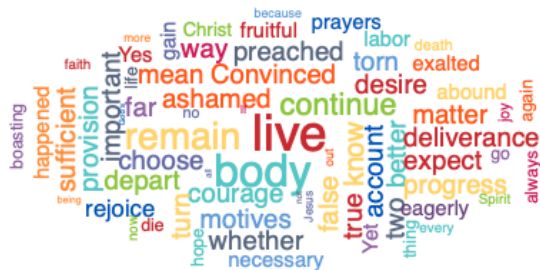
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EXPLORE THE WORD

Sunday: Philippians 1:18-26 To live is Christ.  
Monday: 2 Cor. 1:8-11 Ministry moves ahead through the prayer of many.  
Tuesday: 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Honor God with your body.  
Wed. Rom. 14:8-12 We belong to the Lord.  
Thursday: Gal. 2:20-21 Live by faith in the Son of God.  
Friday: John 12:23-28 Serve God, follow God.  
Saturday: Philippians 1:27-2:4 Live a life worthy of the Gospel.



Big Idea: We have a biblical perspective when we realize that death means going home.



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List the things you can be praying for in light of Philippians 1.

What changes do you need to make?

## SERMON NOTES

### Memory Verses Philippians 1:21-22 NIV

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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*In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

James 2:17 NIV

To become a mature, spiritually reproducing follower of Jesus we have to interact with the Bible. These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the Word of God and put it into action.



When was the last time you partnered with someone to do something you could not do on your own?

V. 19 Paul thinks the people of Philippi for their prayers concerning him. These prayers are combined with the work of the Holy Spirit.

What are you partnering with God in prayer about?

Could it be the salvation of a family member?

The ministry of one of our missionaries?

The physical and spiritual growth of KEFC?

*Expositor's Bible Commentary* points out the passive voice of the verb "to be exalted" should be noted. Paul did not say, "I will exalt Christ," but "Christ will be exalted in my body."

The apostle was not relying on his own courage, but on the action of the Holy Spirit who would produce this result in response to the prayers of Paul and the Philippians (1:19-20).

For Paul, Jesus was of supreme value. No sacrifice was too great.

What do you value most in your life?

Why?

What will be the outcome of you valuing what you do?

Why is living for Jesus or dying for Him a win-win situation?

Will you commit your life to Jesus to not simply trust Him for your salvation, but to serve Him as He deserves?

If not, why not?

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