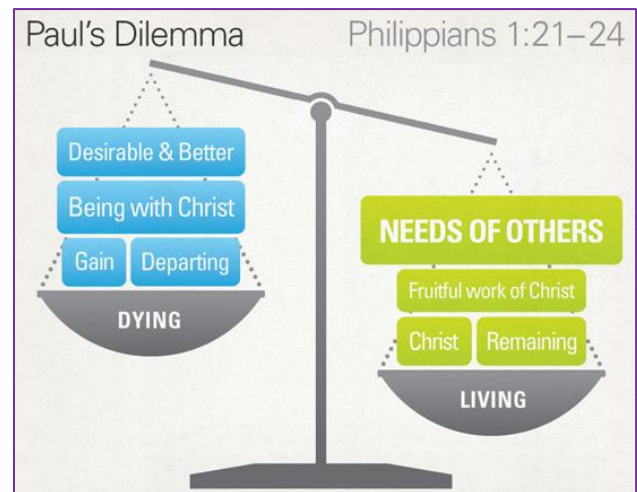
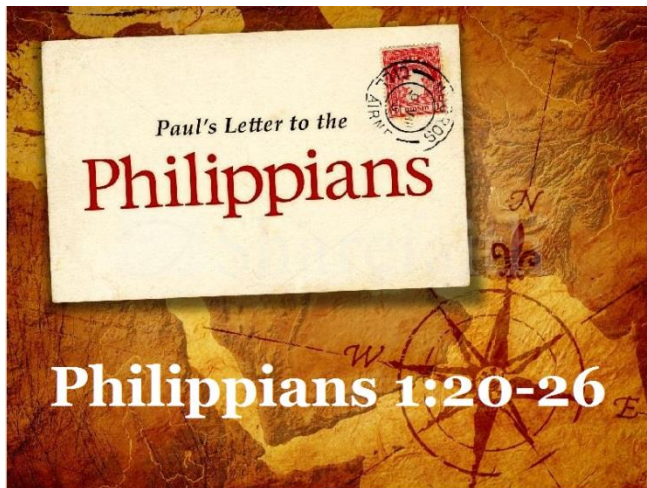




Paul did not want to be shamed for the sake of the gospel, but he was ready to die if necessary. Death to him was gain! He realized that to remain on earth and serve the Lord was important for the cause of the gospel but also for serving and encouraging the believers. In all of this Paul admitted being “hard-pressed.”

- Preview ..... Introduction
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- I Shall Remain ..... Philippians 1:24-26



TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES	APPLICATIONS
Proper perspective produces praise.	Hold a steady course in the midst of perplexing problems by <b>trusting</b> God.
In Christ, life or death is a win-win situation.	Thank God that a <b>Christ-centered</b> perspective brings joy.
When we are ready to die, we are best prepared to live.	Thank God that an <b>eternal</b> perspective brings joy
Our lives should magnify Christ.	Magnify Christ in all your <b>thoughts, words and actions.</b>



*Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21*

1. According to what, will Paul not be ashamed (1:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. As Paul, with all boldness, states that Christ will be what (1:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is Paul's creed regarding life and death (1:21)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What will mean more fruit for Paul's labor (1:22)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is Paul choosing between (1:22)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which of the two options is far better (1:23)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is more needful for the Philippians (1:24)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is Paul confident of (1:25)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. For whom will the Philippians be rejoicing (1:26)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. For what occasion will the Philippians be rejoicing (1:26)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Study Questions

1. Read Philippians 1:20 and focus on the phrase **"IN ALL BOLDNESS"**.
  - ❖ In what ways are some Christians ashamed today?
  - ❖ Knowing that the term **"ASHAMED"** can mean **"DISAPPOINTED"** in Biblical context, what point is Paul trying to make?
  - ❖ Can speaking boldly be done improperly? How?
  - ❖ What is the proper way to speak boldly? (Ephesians 4:15)
2. Read Philippians 1:20 and contemplate on what it means to **"MAGNIFY CHRIST"**.
  - ❖ How can Christ be magnified in our thoughts, words and actions?
  - ❖ How can Christ be magnified in our homes, schools, churches, and work places?
  - ❖ What can you do to magnify Christ?
3. Read Philippians 1:21-26 and reflect on Paul's **CREED** (1:21) and **PERSPECTIVE** (1:22-26).
  - ❖ Do you have an eternal perspective when it comes to death?
  - ❖ Do you have an eternal perspective when it comes to life?
  - ❖ Are you certain of your eternal destiny- either Heaven or Hell?
  - ❖ The Bible states that you can know that you are saved (1 John 5:18-21).
    - Do you know that you are saved?
      - ✓ If so, what are you saved from?
      - ✓ If not, then today is the day you need to be saved (2 Corinthians 6:1-2) – you have no guarantees of tomorrow – your eternal destiny hangs in the balance!