

Philippians: Joy in All Circumstances

The Resurrection of Jesus Changes Everything, Philippians 1:18-26

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Philippians 1:18-20 Yes, and I will rejoice for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:24 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

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Unfortunate reversal “to live is gain and to die is Christ”

This reversal denies the significance of how the death of Christ permeates every aspect of our lives. Christ is our life. Christ is not just the source of heavenly destiny. Christ is our destiny. Christ is also our present.

If I live or if I die

John 14:18-20 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

If I suffer or if my life is somewhat uneventful at the moment

Philippians 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel

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Saying no to sin

Philippians 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ

Romans 6:4-5 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Saying no to fear and failure

Acts 20:24 But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

My past, present, future

Philippians 3:13-14 but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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What I do with my time, my money, my leisure, my work, my school, my friends, my hobbies, my sports, my entertainment

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