

# **“Confident Expectations”**

PHILIPPIANS – Part 4

May 3, 2026

*<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.*

**Philippians 1:20-26**

## **Paul’s Confident Expectations**

### **1. Expecting That Christ Will Be Honored**

### **2. Expecting A Glorious Future**

*That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.*

**Philippians 3:10**

### **3. Expecting Fruitfulness**

### **4. Expecting A Reunion**

## **Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of May 3, 2026.**

### **Opening**

1. Have you ever had a near-death experience?
2. What new perspective did your near-death experience have on your life?

### **Digging Deeper into the Scriptures**

Read Philippians 1:20-26.

1. Paul suggests in verses 20-23 that he might be executed. Then in verses 24-26 he appears to be convinced that he will remain. Why the difference?
2. According to Philippians 1:22-26, what are the two outcomes Paul is considering, and what does he see as the benefits of each?
3. If you were a member of the Philippian church, what would you learn from this section of the letter?

### **Applying the Scriptures**

1. What does it look like to approach life (work, family, relationships, possessions, success, reputation, etc.) with a Philippians 1:21 attitude?
2. Identify a specific area in your life where you can be more faithful and fruitful for Christ, as Paul aimed to be in Philippians 1:22-26. What practical actions will you take to achieve this?