

Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

“Someone to Live and Die For”

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Philippians 1:20-21

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Introduction:

- A. Life can be _____ and _____.
- B. We can get stuck focusing on the past, future, or present and lose our _____.
- C. After Paul came to know _____, he found someone to live and die for.

I. Paul’s _____ (1:19-20)

- A. Paul was confident that this would turn out for his _____.
- B. Paul’s confidence was based on two factors:
 - 1. The supportive _____ of his friends.
 - 2. The support of the _____,

II. Paul’s _____ (1:21)

- A. Everyone is living for _____.
- B. Everyone fills in the _____ of this sentence: “For me to live is _____.”
- C. To live for anything other than Christ, then to die is _____.
- D. How is death a “gain” for the Christian?
 - 1. In death, we _____ everything we don’t _____.
 - 2. In death, we _____ everything that _____.
 - 3. In death, we _____ what we never _____.
- E. Dr. John Rice, Southern evangelist, “You can threaten me with _____.”

III. Paul’s _____ (1:22-26)

- A. Paul’s conflict was that although he wanted to go be with _____, he realized he was still _____ in this world.
- B. Henry James, “The best use for your life is to invest it in something that will _____ it.”
- C. Only two things in this world that will last forever are: 1. The _____ of _____.
2. _____.
- D. Paul described death as a “_____.”
 - 1. _____ used it to “take down your _____ and move on.”
 - 2. _____ used it to “loosen a _____ and sail on.”
 - 3. _____ used it to describe “being set free from _____.”
 - 4. _____ used it to “_____ the _____ after a day of work.”
- E. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Conclusion:

- A. James Rich’s harrowing experience reminds us to stay alert about the _____ of our lives.
- B. It is all too easy to live life on _____, unaware that we are far _____.
- C. The only way to live so we can face life and death with peace, courage and joy, is to live life for _____. (Eccl. 12:13b; Luke 9:24)

Answer Key: Intro.A. complicated, confusing. B. perspective. C. Christ. I. Confidence. I.A. deliverance. I.B.1. prayers. I.B.2. Spirit. II. Conviction. II.A. something. II.B. blank. II.C. loss. II.D.1. lose, need. II.D.2. keep, matters. II.D.3. gain, had, before. II.E. heaven. III. Conflict. III.A. Christ, needed. III.B. outlast. III.C. Word, God, people. III.D. departing. III.D.1. Soldiers, tent. III.D.2. Sailors, ship. III.D.3. Prisoners, prison. III.D.4. Farmers, unyoke, oxen. Concl.A. direction. B. autopilot, off, course. C. Christ.