

The Purpose of every Person

To LIVE is Christ, to DIE is Gain. Philippians 1:21

Introduction

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

#1 Examine your _____ carefully For to me

#2 Evaluate the _____ of your life to live is Christ

POSSESSIONS

PLEASURE

PRESTIGE

POPULARITY

1st To live is Christ – is to live by _____ in relationship to Christ

John 17:3 *this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.*

2nd To live is Christ – is to find your _____ in Christ

23 *I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better*

20 *Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death*

3:8 *More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ*

3 practical tests...

1-To evaluate your purpose; look at your **MINISTRY**

2-To evaluate your purpose; look at your **PARENTING**

3-To evaluate your purpose; look at your **WORSHIP**

Psalm 42:1 *As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for Thee, O God.*

#3 Embrace the advantage of _____ and to die is gain

Concluding truths: *Your Purpose is a Person*

Unbelievers: by faith, to exchange all that you are for all that Christ is

Believers: Repent and commit to our true purpose

Christ is the answer to your root sin problem, to your struggle, and to your hurts

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS – BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why did Paul say to the Philippians to LIVE is Christ and to DIE is Gain?
- 2-What are the implications of saying, A Christian's PURPOSE is a PERSON?
- 3-How do Christians become sidetracked from Christ with possessions, pleasure, prestige or popularity?
- 4-How can you determine whether you are living by faith and finding your satisfaction in Christ?
- 5-Why should death be a gain for every true Christian?

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