

Christ will be magnified
Phil 1:19-24
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Thesis: I want to show how Christ can and will be magnified in the life of a Christian.

- Intro:
1. What does it mean to have Christ glorified in our bodies?
 2. Is Christ magnified in our lives?
 3. Today, we will look at Paul's attitude about his life and his work for Christ.

I. My earnest expectation and hope.

- A. Paul had faith that all would work out and that God will supply him with what he needs (v.19).
 1. God carries the faithful through trials (**1 Cor 10:13**).
 2. Jesus supplied Paul with knowledge through the Spirit (v.19b).
- B. He was convinced that God would be magnified through his efforts (v.20).
 1. God is glorified by those who endure trails (**1 Peter 1:6-7**)
 2. Paul wants Christ to be glorified through the life he now lives and through the death he may face at anytime.

II. For to me...

- A. When it would mean if Paul continued on this earth (v.21a, Gal 2:20)
 1. If Paul continued to live Christ would live through him.
 2. Thus it isn't Paul who lives but Christ literally lives through him.
- B. What it would mean if he died in his work for God (v.21b-22)
 1. To die is gain? If Paul died, if any faithful Christian dies what happens?
 2. Paul says he literally could decided which was better continuing to labor for Christ or to die and go on to Paradise? (v.22)

III. How do you regard your life today?

- A. Paul had a hard decision (v.23-24).
 1. He says it is better to be with Christ, who could argue that?
 2. He says to remain is better for them (Neh 4:6b)
- B. Do you have the same attitude as Paul in regards to his life and his work for God?
 1. Paul says no matter what happens Christ WILL be magnified through him.
 2. No matter if he lives on, or dies he will do whatever the will of God may be.

- Conc:
1. Can you say you have the same attitude as Paul?
 2. Paul desires to only magnify God through his life, do you?
 3. Full Invitation