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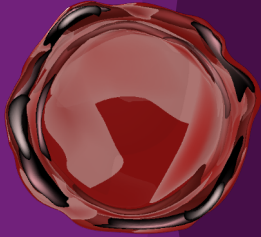
Joy in Christ

Philippians 1:19-26

**LIVE
OR
DIE?**

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What to take away

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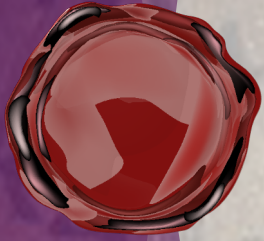
Power of prayer

Phl 1:19 (ESV)

for I **know** that through **your prayers** and the help of the **Spirit of Jesus Christ** this will turn out for **my deliverance,**



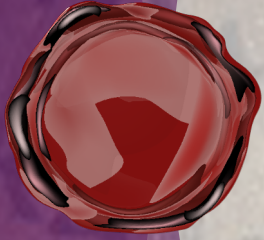
Prayer + **Holy Spirit** = **Deliverance**
Jesus Christ = *Greek: sōtēria*
**Salvation/
Saved**



Paul in the prison

- Paul may not have known why God chose to use the prison
- He chose not to complain about the prison
- He knew that he had people around him that would be praying
- He knew that God would save him
- He wasn't consumed with fear of the out come of death or life

LIVE OR DIE?



What is living

- Meet all your accomplishments
- Looking your best
- Travel and see the world
- Enjoying time with friends and family
- Getting married
- Buying the house
- Getting your ideal car
- Nice clothes
- dining in restaurant's
- Having the dream wedding
- Completing your bucket list
- Having a successful business

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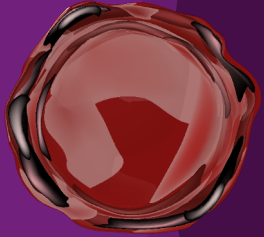
Phl 1:20-

20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will **not be at all ashamed**, but that with full courage now as always **Christ will be honored in my body**, whether by life or by death.

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

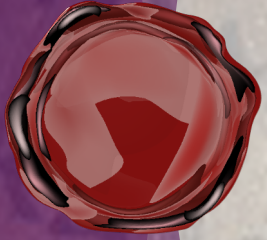
22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

23. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.



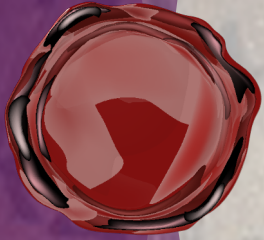
- v24. but are you beneficial to me
- Can Christ depend on you?
- Is Christ leaving you here because he needs you to keep working for him?
- Are you an asset to him?
- **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

LIVE OR **DIE?**



What do you really live for?

- My children/child
- Family
- Husband
- Wife
- Success
- Wealth
- Your business
- Your plans
- Lifestyle
- Insta followers
- Comfort



TO DIE?

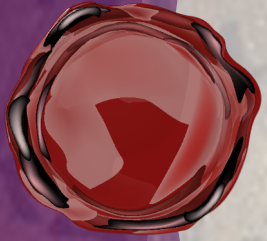
- Phl 1:23 I am **hard pressed between the two**. My **desire is to depart** and be with Christ, for that is far better.
- Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."
- Death is not an enemy but it's transportation

What are you giving more attention

Matthew 22:4-5 (ESV)

4. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."'"

5. But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business



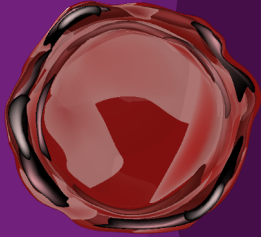
If this is what you live for, it
will be difficult to see death
as a gain – as death will
only mean losing what you
are really living for

THE INHERITANCE IN HEAVEN

1. Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

- ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through
- faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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