

To Live is Christ: Boldness of Faith!

Review: for the believer, life is sourced in Christ; not the flesh.

Philippians 1:21-30 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Life = **Christ!**

Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now** live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Death = **Gain!**

²² But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. ²³ For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: ²⁴ Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you. ²⁵ And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith; ²⁶ That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

Paul knew how he served in ministry wasn't his call; it was up to the Lord.

We need you (vs 24-26) to LIVE Christ in the flesh for us! **Ephesians 4:11-16**

Christ is everything; death is gain. That is what forms the foundation for **Christian Boldness**.

Boldness of Faith

²⁷ Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; ²⁸ And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. ²⁹ For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; ³⁰ Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

1. Christians are BOLD when they are _____. Eph 5:1-5

²⁷Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:

- Becoming – *appropriate, deserving, comparable or suitable*
- Does your life _____ the fact that you have been _____?

Will others look at your life and want to _____ a Christian?

Ephesians 5:3-7 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

⁴ Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. ⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

2. Christians are BOLD when they understand that we have _____.

²⁷Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

- _____ Fast – Two ways.

One spirit: _____

1 Cor 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Eph 4:2-4 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

- **One** _____:

Prov 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

- _____ Together

3. Christians are BOLD when they realize their _____ are _____ with their _____.

²⁸And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

There are times where a lost person can simply see the peace, joy and contentment that a believer has in Christ – ***and because they don't have it*** - they ***hate*** the Christian for having it!

Gen 4:4-5 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: ⁵But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Let's not be a wimp-out / sell-out.

4. Christians are BOLD when they understand that _____ is a _____:

²⁹For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, **but also to suffer for his sake**; ³⁰Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

- **The Gift of** _____
Everyone has the opportunity to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. *But that is only the start!*
- **The Gift of** _____
Every Christian has the opportunity to SUFFER for His sake.
And when you can view it, like Paul, as a privilege, WOW you can face anything!