

## A DELIGHTFUL DILEMMA

### Philippians 1: 21-26

**Introduction:** Having the desire to live and the desire to die presented Paul with a delightful dilemma as we see it 22b; 23a. Paul had...

#### I. A DESIRE TO LIVE -21a; 22a;

##### A. The Person in his life v. 21 a

1. Christ is the Provision- John 10: 28 ; Eph. 2: 1; Phil. 4: 19
2. Christ is the Power- Philippians 4: 13
3. Christ is the Peace- John 14: 27
4. Christ is the Purpose- 2 Corinthians 5: 14

##### B. The Product of his life- 22a

2. The salvation of the lost- I Corinthians 9: 16
3. The strengthening of the believer- Ephesians 4: 11,12

#### II. A DESIRE TO DIE- 21b; 23b; 24-26

##### A. The unbeliever's desire to die Heb. 9: 27; Rev. 20:15

##### B. The believer's desire to die

##### 1. The reasons for this desire

##### a. The wrong reasons

- 1) To escape trying situations - Job 3: 1-14
- 2) To escape troubling circumstances- I Kgs 19:4,10
- 3) To escape teaching events- Jonah 4: 3

##### b. The right reasons

- 1) The presence of Christ-(visible) 23b
- 2) The absence of sin Rev. 21: 27
- 3) The absence of sorrow & pain Rev. 21: 4
- 4) The presence of loved ones- John 17: 24

##### 2. The restraint to this desire- v 24-26

- a. A concern for the needs of others- vs. 24, 25b
- b. A confidence in the timing of God v.25a; Psa 31: 15
- c. A commitment to glorify Christ - V. 26

**Conclusion:** Praise the Lord! This delightful dilemma belongs to every born again believer!

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