

CHRIST'S LIFE IN THE BELIEVER

Introduction: Paul was in Rome awaiting his trial before Caesar. He did not know if he would be set free or be sentenced to death, but he determined to magnify Christ in prison while he still had life. He witnessed to the Roman guards about the gospel of Christ and many of them received Christ as their Savior. He wrote in his letter to the church in Philippi to thank them for its care of him and to bring unity in the church which was being divided by two strong-willed women that needed to be reconciled.

Lesson Aim: Charge believers to love one another and magnify Christ whether it is by life or by death.

Verse: "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Paul's Greeting - 1:1-2**

1. How did Paul describe his and Timothy's life in Christ? 1:1

II. Paul's Praise - 1:3-8

2. How did Paul express his feelings for the church at Philippi? 1:3-4, 7-8
3. What gave Paul confidence that the believers at Philippi would remain faithful? 1:6
4. What aspect of the "day of Christ" did Paul have in mind? 1:6; 1 Thes. 4:16-17; 2 Cor 5:10

III. Paul's Prayer - 9-11

5. In what way did Paul want Christ's love in the believer to abound? 1:9

a. _____ b. _____

6. Why did Paul want the believers to approve things that are excellent? 1:10

That they might be _____ and without _____ in the day of Christ.

7. How would believers produce the fruit of righteousness? 1:11

IV. Paul's Perseverance - 1:12-19

8. Name two benefits of Paul's imprisonment. 1:12-14

a.

b.

V. Paul's Purpose - 1:20-26

9. What was the guiding principle of Paul? 1:20-21

10. What dilemma did Paul have in his Christian life? 1:22-24

VI. Paul's Pleas - 1:27-29

11. How did Paul want these believers to show that Christ was in their lives? 1:27-28

That their conduct be worthy of the _____; that they stand fast in one _____ with one _____, striving _____ for the _____ of the gospel, not in any way _____ by their _____.

12. Besides believing on Christ, what did Paul want Christians to do for Christ? 1:29