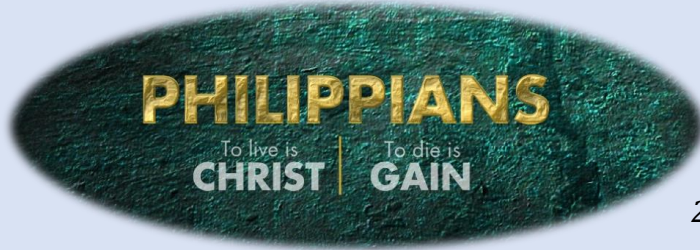


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**PHILIPPIANS 1: 21-26**  
*KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)*



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***To Live Is Christ***

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

## **KINGDOM DYNAMICS**

**1:21-25** Paul does not long for death, but for the closer presence of Christ that death will bring. Meanwhile, he has a strong sense of duty to remain among them for their growth and maturing in the faith.

**1:21-24 Do not fear death. Remember** that dying in God's timing and will is only victory for a believer.

**1:23** The word **depart** is also used for pulling up tent pegs or a ship's anchor. For Paul, death is simply breaking camp and moving on, or setting sail to a new port.



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