

Why are we alive?

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Philippians 1:19 For I know that this shall **turn to my**
salvation through your prayer, 8 months 17 days

and the **supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,**

20 According to my **earnest expectation and my**
hope, that **in nothing I shall be ashamed,**

but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also

Christ shall be magnified in
my body, whether *it be* by
life, or by death. 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.

1. **God worked because of your prayers** **Philippians 1:19** For I
know that this shall **turn to my salvation**
through your prayer, and the
supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
 - a. God hears and answers prayer
 - b. **We know that it is through our prayers**

c. Prayers accomplish much James 5:16 The **effectual fervent prayer** of a **righteous man availeth much.**

d. The reason I ask that you be careful to mention that is God and not our prayers is the Hindus and others

2. Paul wanted to be Christ magnified Philippians 1:20

According to my **earnest expectation and my hope**, that **in nothing I shall be ashamed**, but *that* with all **boldness**, as always, so now also **Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.**

- a. Paul fulling expected to be used of God, not be embarrassed and see Christ magnified
- b. Paul lived boldly
- c. He did not want to be embarrassed or to embarrass Christ
- d. He wanted Christ magnified no matter what happened to him

3. **Death is far better for the believer** [Philippians 1:21](#) 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:**

- a. To die is gain? That is what Paul believed.
- b. Dying was so good that Paul had a hard time deciding what he should do
- c. He thought being with Christ was far better
- d. When we depart we are with Christ

4. Paul knew God had a reason for leaving him on the earth

Philippians 1:24 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;

- a. Paul was not alive for himself and his pleasure.
- b. It wasn't about anything selfish
- c. Paul wanted them to grow and enjoy what God had done in their lives
- d. What is more needful in your life right now for the church, the world

5. They were to rejoice in Jesus Christ Philippians 1:26 That

your **rejoicing may be more abundant in**

Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

- a. Paul wanted them to rejoice in the Lord
- b. His ministry to them wasn't about him

- c. He would return but it would be so all could focus on Jesus and grow in grace
- d. His ministry was to make much of Jesus