

A PERSPECTIVE PLEASING TO GOD
(Philippians 1:21-26)

I. A Life Pleasing To God From Paul's Perspective (1:21-24)

A. His Perspective About This Life (1:20-22)

1. His desire in life was to _____ & _____ Christ (1:20-21)

a. He wanted to live his Christian life without _____ before the Lord who saved him (1:20a)

b. He wanted Christ to be _____ in his body (1:20b)

c. He wanted this to be true whether he _____ or _____.

d. His magnification of the Lord is **amplified** in vs 21 where he says,

1) "for me to **live** is _____

- How did Christ become our life?

2) to **die** is _____"

2. If he lived on in the flesh, he expected to bear spiritual _____ in life for God's _____ (1:22)

B. His Inner Conflict Expressed About His Desires (1:23-24)

1. On the one hand, Paul's desire was to _____ & be with Christ—which he claimed, "is far _____"

- Why is it better to be with Christ in heaven?

2. But, on the other hand, Paul also desired to _____ in the flesh—as he saw that this was more _____ for the Philippians.

II. Paul's Confidence About His Present Situation (1:25-26)

A. His Confidence About What to Do in His Present Situation is Indicated by the Words, "*being _____ of this*" (1:25a)

B. His Confidence Is Expressed by the Fact That Paul Now Knew _____ things: (1:25)

1. that he would still _____ & remain with them &

2. that he would continue to _____ to them (1:25)

- What does this **reveal** about the apostle Paul?

- What was his **intent** in this? (1:25)

a. their spiritual _____ or _____ &

b. their _____ of _____.

C. Paul's Confidence About Coming to Them Again Encouraged Them to Abundantly _____ in the Lord (1:26)

What does all this mean to you?