

Philippians 1:20-30

Sermon Questions:

1. Read Philippians 1:19-23. Paul addresses the topic of life & death extensively in this section.

- a. When, in a life of a Christian, should one thoroughly think about life and death? Is death something that a Christian believer should only consider when he/she is nearing the end of life?
- b. Why do people fear death? Should a Christian fear death?
- c. What could have been some reasons explaining why Paul decided to write about life and death?
- d. Was Paul worried about death? Why or why not?

2. There are generally at least 3 ways of seeing life and death:

Life is self; death is loss.

Life is gain; death is Christ.

Life is Christ; death is gain.

- a. Recap: Try explaining the differences.
- b. Which one do you associate more with?
- c. How can a Christian move from the top one (“Life is self...”) to the biblical ideal (“Life is Christ...”).
- d. How does seeing life as “Christ” affect a believer’s relationship with church?

3. Pastor Rick talked about having “open hands” in life, giving up control over all aspects of life.

- a. What are some areas that you have released and surrendered to God?
- b. What are some areas that you may be holding back from Him?
- c. What are some areas that Christians tend to compartmentalize their faith at?