

## Sermon Title: The Two Biggest Questions

18b Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

### Q1: What is the purpose of your life?

- *To live is Christ?*
  - Honoring Christ
  - Fruitful Labor
  - Serving Others

### Q2: What happens after you die?

- *To die is gain?*
  - Because death means being with Christ
  - Because being with Christ is far better

### So What?

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#### Discussion Questions:

1. What does verse 19 reveal about the power of prayer and the Spirit's involvement in our prayers? How should this change the way we pray?
2. According to verse 19 what was Paul expecting?
3. What is Paul's commitment in verse 20?
4. How does Paul sum up his life and his death in verse 21?
5. What does Paul mean when he says "to live is Christ"? Does that describe your life?
6. What does Paul mean when he says "to die is gain"? Is that your hope?
7. Why is Paul convinced that he will remain and continue to minister to the Philippians?

8. How does Paul's commitment and devotion to Christ challenge you? What can you do to grow this week in being more Christ-centered?