

Or (2) Christ will be magnified in Paul's death.

For Paul says in Philippians 1:20-21, *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 (in what happens in my physical body) whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

Paul goes on to say he really doesn't know which one to choose, if he had a choice, but to be with Christ would be *far better*; but it would be more important for the Philippians *for their furtherance* (advancement) *and joy of faith* if he abided and continued with them in the flesh, to come to them again (Philippians 1:22-26).

THE GIFT OF OBEDIENCE (Philippians 1:27-30)

Paul instructs the Philippians to live their daily life in such a way as to glorify Christ that they will be living, as should, a member of the heavenly kingdom which includes being a good citizen, and standing *fast* being of *one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel* (Philippians 1:27).

1. Paul also wants to hear that they are not:
_____ by their _____.
(Philippians 1:28)

Tell the good news of the gospel, no matter what their enemies may do and they will see this as a sign of their downfall, but for you it will be a clear

sign from God that He is with you, and that He has given you eternal life (Philippians 1:27b,28LB).

2. What 2 privileges has been given these believers, on the behalf of Christ, stated in Philippians 1:29?

(1) _____

(2) _____

Paul continues, “We are in this same fight together. You have seen me suffer for Him in the past; and I am still in the midst of a great and terrible struggle now, as you so well know (Philippians 1:30LB).