

A composite image with a dark, textured background. In the upper right, a bearded man with a red and green robe is shown in chains, looking upwards. In the center, a parchment scroll with faint text is visible. In the lower left, a green book with a red bookmark is shown. The word "Philippians" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the center of the image.

Philippians



God

“began a good work”
“will perfect it”

You

“work it out”

Philippians 2:12-13

“a good work”

1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you** will **perfect it** until the day of Christ Jesus.

Chapter Two

2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is **God who is at work in you**, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Work it out!



⁹ And this I pray, that your **love may abound still more and more** in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may **approve the things that are excellent**, in order to be **sincere and blameless** until the day of Christ.

- Love may abound more & more
- Approve things excellent
- Be sincere & blameless

Philippians 1:9-10

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A Study In The Book Of *Philippians*

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Greater Progress



Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the **greater progress** of the **gospel**,¹³ so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else...

- Colossians 4:2-4
- GREATER: 'to cut forward'
- A captive audience

Philippians 1:12-13

GREATER

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Greater Progress



¹⁴ and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far **more courage** to speak the word of God without fear. ¹⁵ Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will.

...in this I rejoice.

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed!

Philippians 1:14

Rejoice!

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Work it out!

When dealing with trials:

- **PRIORITIES**: Remember what we are here for
- Trust that **God** is in control
- Look for the **good** in the moment
- Always **rejoice!**
- God will not allow you to be put to **shame**

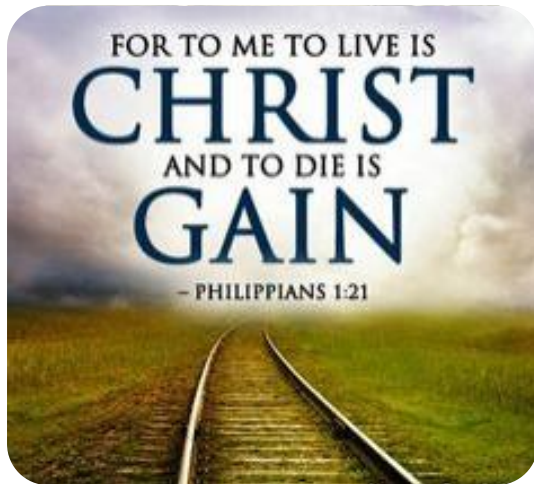
*Consider it all joy, my brethren,
when you encounter various trials, **3** knowing that
the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4** And let
endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be
perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

James 1:2-4

Philippians 1:9-10

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To die is gain...



²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to **die is gain**. ²² But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am **hard-pressed from both directions**, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

KERDOS: to get gain, make a profit, see James 4:13

Hard pressed: 'strait betwixt two' (KJV); 'torn' (NIV)

Philippians 1:21-24

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Work it out!

When dealing with death:

Paul's dilemma, choose...

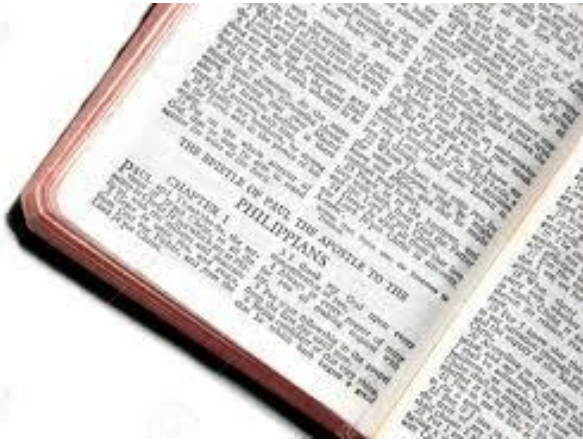
1. To **die**, leave this earth, and **be with Christ**.

Or...

2. To **live**, stay on this earth, and **continue to labor**.

- The Christian **wants** to be with Christ
- This necessitates **dying**
- The Christian **embraces** death

I will remain...

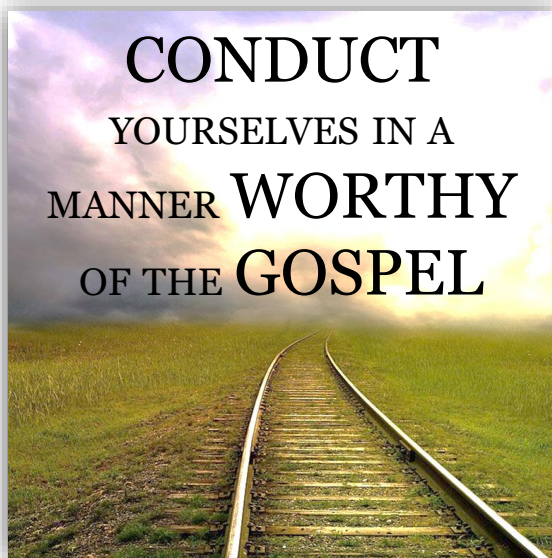


²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

Philippians 1:25-26

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Worthy conduct...



²⁷ Only **conduct** yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind **striving together** for the faith of the gospel; ²⁸ in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.

POLITEIA: the relation (behavior) in which a citizen stands to the state

Philippians 1:27-28

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Granted Suffering...

²⁹ For to you it has been **granted** for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to **suffer** for His sake,
³⁰ experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

CHARIZOMAI: to show favor or kindness, closely related to *grace* (as a gift or blessing)

PASCHO: to suffer, used of the sufferings of Christ

The image is a composite graphic. In the background, a man with a full brown beard and hair, wearing a red and green robe, is shown from the chest up. He is looking slightly to the right with a thoughtful expression. His hands are clasped in front of him, and a heavy metal chain is attached to his right wrist. Behind him is a large, aged parchment scroll with two columns of text in a dark, gothic-style font. In the foreground, there is a green, leather-bound book with a red bookmark sticking out from the bottom. The word "Philippians" is written across the center in a large, white, cursive font with a subtle drop shadow.

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