

## ***“This Side of Eternity”***

pt. 6 — Philippians 1:19-26

### **To Live is Christ**

#### INTRODUCTION

- confusion about eternity
- Paul’s eternal perspective:  
heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ in earthly \_\_\_\_\_  
Rom. 8:28

#### *1. Confidence underneath the joy*

- “know”
- confident in his deliverance
  - + by the prayers of God’s people
  - + by the provision of God’s Spirit  
Phil. 4:19; Eph. 3:20
- confident in Christ’s exaltation
  - not “putting to shame”  
2 Ki. 10:28, 31
  - + wholeheartedly following Christ  
Ps. 25:3; Isa. 49:23; Joel 2:26

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#### *2. Eternal perspective underneath the confidence*

##### *a. joyful anticipation of the Kingdom in heaven*

death “benefits” for the Christian:

+ released from the \_\_\_\_\_

+ we’ll be \_\_\_\_\_

1 Jn. 3:2

+ we’ll be \_\_\_\_\_

2 Cor. 5:8; Ps. 16:11

##### *b. joyful attention to the Kingdom on earth*

“Life and death look to us like two evils of which we know not which is the less. As for the Apostle, they look to him like two immense blessings, of which he knows not which is the better....On either side of the veil, Jesus Christ is all things to him....Only, the conditions of the other side are such that the longed-for companionship of his Master will be more perfectly realized there.”

— H.C.G. Moule

“It is precisely because of the eternity outside time that everything in time becomes valuable and important and meaningful. Therefore, Christianity...makes it of urgent importance that everything we do here (whether individually or as a society) should be rightly related to what we eternally are. ‘Eternal life’ is the sole sanction for the values of this life.”

— Dorothy Sayers

☉ We must not allow our \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom  
in heaven distract us from our \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Kingdom on earth.

1 Cor. 15:58

#### APPLICATION

Do you have an eternal perspective?

✓ attitudinal fruit

Gal. 5:19-23

✓ action fruit

Col. 3:12-17