


Philippians 1:12-26

“To Live is Christ!”

P H I L I P P I A N S



Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church ✠

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24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

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To all God's holy people **in Christ Jesus** at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

servants


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**John – Believe “into”
 “in Christ Jesus”**

BLOOD COVENANT

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✓ **Faithfulness**
 ✓ **Generosity**
 ✓ **God's ongoing work**

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Not God's “side-project!”

>> time! >> generations!
Ephesians 1:10 “...an administration suitable for the fullness of time...”

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7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...

We're connected!

- ✓ **In Jesus!**
- ✓ **In actuality (practical ways)!**
- ✓ **In the ongoing work of God!**

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Receivers!
... with a full share!

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He who sees all... and is fully mindful to declare!

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(NASB) **Real!**

Tried! Tested!
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Discernment!

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... that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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Palace... Praetorian... Imperial Guard

Although Paul was given the freedom to write, send letters, have visitors, preach and teach, he was also under constant guard and chained to the soldier on duty. Roman sources demonstrate that renting quarters and being chained to a soldier were typical protocol for a prisoner under house arrest. This meant, however, that the soldiers guarding Paul and anyone in the "household of Caesar" that interacted with Paul heard the Gospel. As a result, Paul's letters tell us that some became followers of Jesus and joined the first century church in Rome.

<https://drivethruhistoryadventures.com/paul-and-the-praetorian-guard>

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A catalyst!

To deepen koinonia!

To preach & to testify!



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1 Corinthians 1:11-13

11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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