**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Ministering to the Needs of God’s Children*** *(Pt 1)*

 **Philippians 1:22-30**

In theseverses, there are ***2*** things that stand out that we need to take a closer look at**:**

**I. The That Paul Faced**

**vv 21-24**

**A. The Possibility Of And Continued \_** *(v 22a)*

A continued life meant a continued ministry, and a continued ministry meant the further extension of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ labors.

**v 24** *“But to remain in the flesh* ***is more necessary on your account****.”*

Keep in mind that the church in Philippi was only about \_\_\_ years old when Paul wrote these words.

**Philippians 3:2** *“Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.”*

As the Philippians emerged from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their culture, they still needed Paul.

**B. The Possibility Of \_ And Perfect Union With \_** *(v 23b)*

Theword ***“depart”***in this verse is used here as a euphemism for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.*** In fact,the Greekword actually means “to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Paulfound himself ***torn*** between ***2*** good things**: *1)*** to live \_\_\_\_ Christ by serving others and ***2)*** to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ in the beautyand glory of Heaven!

The word translated ***“choose”*** is more accurately translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The word that is translated ***“hard pressed”*** comes from a Greek word that means “to constrain, or to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ on both sides.”

**II. The That Paul Made**

**vv 25-26**

The word translated ***“convinced”***literally means “to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

What Paul was saying was that he was convinced that the Philippians needed \_\_\_\_\_ morethan he needed to go to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

The word ***“know”*** is not a reference to divine revelation or infallible knowledge, it was simply a reference to his own personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The bottomline was that whatever God wanted Paul was willing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If Paul was granted the opportunity to continue on in ministry, it would be for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Philippians and the deepening of their \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian faith!

**Conclusion**:

***If you are truly a Christ-filled believer then you will seek to***

 ***minister to the needs of God’s children, no matter the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_****!***

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