

**Changed By Eternity**  
**Living for Jesus, Longing for Eternity**  
**Philippians 1:18b-26**  
Southern Hills Baptist Church  
Sunday, June 30, 2013

**Introduction (Context)**

- Paul's Love for the Philippian Church - Philippians 1:3-11
- Paul's Imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel – Philippians 1:12-17

**Paul's Thoughts on Life**

- Regardless of the situations of life, Paul was joyful and confident in God's plan and promises (vs. 18b-19)

Application: How confident are you in the plan and promises of God? Do you find peace in knowing that God is control of your life, regardless of what is going on around you? The more we understand God's eternal plan the more we will grow in our ability to trust Him.

- Regardless of the situations of life, Paul's desire was the glory of Christ in all things (vs. 20-21a)

Application: As Christians our entire lives should revolve around seeing Christ exalted. In what areas of your life do you fail to see the glory of Christ as the goal? Do you see your job as a means of honoring Christ? Do you see the relationships in your family as a means of honoring Christ? Do you see your money as a means of honoring Christ?

- Regardless of the situations of life, Paul's goal was to impact others for the cause of Christ (vs. 22a, 24-26)

Application: How committed are you to seeing other people know and follow Jesus? If we desire to honor Jesus with our lives then we must use our lives to point others to Him. Being changed by eternity means that we see the people around us as people who will live forever and who need the hope of Jesus.

**Paul's Thoughts on Death**

- Paul believed that death is a means of great gain (vs. 21b)

Application: The Bible does not command us to long for death. Life is a good gift from God to be used for His glory. However the more we fall in love with Jesus the more we will long to be with Him. The more we fall in love with Jesus the more we will see life as separation and death as a glorious union.

- Paul believed that ultimately death is far better than life (vs. 23)

Application: What part of your life do you hold too tightly? What in your life do you value more than you value Jesus? Do you believe that Jesus is better than anything else, or are there other things that you love more? Ultimate satisfaction and ultimate joy are found when we value Him above all else.