

Philippians 1:19-26

We have been looking at the letter of Philippians. As this first chapter continues to unfold before us, I think we can see clearly the numerous ways by which the gospel advances.

There are 6 key ways that the gospel advances that stand out in this first chapter that we have been looking at.

The gospel advances through...

- I. Partnerships** v1-11
- II. Persecution** v12-14
- III. Preaching** v15-18
- IV. Prizing Christ** v19-26

Exposition: Paul's desire vs. the greatest need...he went where there was the greatest need. This is something I have to consider, and you should consider.

A. To Live is Christ v21a

1. In the world

- 1. He sends us
- 2. His Name empowers us
- 3. He sends the Holy Spirit to us
- 4. He is with us
- 5. He is the one we witness of

2. In the church

1. Romans 12:4-5 *For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

3. In the home

4. As individuals

- 1. Luke 9:23-26
- 2. The GOSPEL

B. To Die is Gain v21b

When is dying such gain, that it is something we no longer dread, but actually "desire?"

1. When you love heaven more than earth

- 1. Revelation 21:1-4
- 2. Revelation 21:10-27
- 3. Revelation 22:1-5

2. When you love Jesus more than anyone

1. Revelation 5
2. It isn't about the grand reunion or the mansion on the hill. It is about Jesus!

3. When you love holiness more than life

1. Romans 7:14-25
2. Ephesians 4:22-24 *in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*
 - a. Put off the old man...if you were carrying around a rotting corpse wouldn't you rejoice to lose it and leave it?
 - b. In a sense we all are...and to realize this...to really realize this is to recognize that to die is gain.
 - c. No more sin!!!
3. 2 Corinthians 5:1-4 *For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, 3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.*
4. When you hate your sin more than you love your life death will be viewed more as a release...a rest, than a dread.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Home Group Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to review the sermon notes from Sunday.
 2. Was there anything from this sermon that was difficult to understand or that didn't make sense to you? Discuss it with the group.
 3. What do you believe was the most impactful part of the sermon Sunday? Discuss
 4. How do you plan to apply this to your life? For example, "In response to this sermon, I will _____"
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