

## Philippians 1:19–21

“Assured Deliverance: Infinite Gain for Those Whose Goal Is Magnifying Christ”

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Our father in heaven we thank you and praise you that you. Have given your son. Not only for our life. But to be our life. That he who is. Your delight from all eternity. Might be our delight. That we might depend upon him. That we might be devoted to him.

We pray that your spirit would help us now. As we hear these words which he gave by the hand of the apostle. And that he would. Not only give us understanding with our minds, but stir up our hearts. And that you would let hold of us by this portion of your word we ask in Jesus name.

Amen.

Philippians 1 verses 19 through 21, these are God's words. For I know that this will turn out from my deliverance. Through your prayer and the supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ. According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing. I shall be ashamed. But with all boldness as always so now also.

Christ will be magnified in my body. Whether by life. Or by death. For to me. To live is Christ. And to die. Is gain.

So far the reading of God's inspired and Aaron inherent work.

Would you like to be able to know? That every one of your trials. Will turn out for your deliverance.

It's marvelous that the apostle here. Knows that this will turn out for his deliverance.

But as we read the worst of scripture before us. It turns out he doesn't mean by that that they're not gonna. Harm him, maybe even torture him. Or that he's not gonna die be executed. But for him both of those things are deliverance. Whether he's set free. And he lives and he returns to them like eventually he concludes this probably gonna happen.

Verse 26. Or whether he dies. He knows that it will turn out for his deliverance. Because of his goal. And because of his destination. What's his goal? See his golden verse 20. According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing. I shall be ashamed. But with all boldness as always so now also Christ will be magnified in my body.

Whether by life or by death. If you catch the apostles go there. It's that Christ would be magnified. And not just that Christ would be magnified by what happens in his soul. But Christ will be magnified by what happens to his body. It's something that. Those who persecute you those who hate you can't take away from you.

Because as Christ sustains you through whatever in his providence, he brings you through. Even the way you suffer in the body. Brings glory to Christ. And even when you die. As a Christian your body will bring glory to Christ because as you read in First Corinthians 15, when you die a corruptible perishable seed goes into the ground.

But it will come out of the ground completely transformed into the image of Christ's glorious body. And the worst they did to Paul and the more mangled his body was when they were done with him. The more Christ would be glorified by the difference. When his glorified body came up on the last day.

And so is because his goal. Is that Christ would be magnified. That he could be sure that it would turn out for his deliverance. Because Christ is gonna be magnified one way or the other but if the gold dealt with his body. The destination dealt especially with his soul, we're talking temporary destination until the last day when his body would rise again.

But for him he says to live is Christ now this doesn't come easy, in fact that's why he said for this for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ because this is the same Paul who writes in Roman seven about how what he wants so badly to do he finds himself not doing and the sin that he hates so much he keeps finding himself doing but.

He goes on and the first half of Romans 8, doesn't he to talk about that supply of the spirit of Christ by whom the believer puts to death the deeds of the body, but did you notice what was put alongside the spirit of Christ in verse 19? For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your.

Prayer. And the supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ. Isn't that a marvelous thing? That prayer is such a means of God's grace. That the apostle as he's talking about the Lord sustaining him and him keeping as his goal that Christ would be magnified in his body so that with that as his goal, he won't be ashamed because it will for sure happen.

He says that the prayers of the Philippian believers even you know, the answer key whose minds I'm sure and hearts were often distracted by how they couldn't agree with one another and later in the letter. Paul has to write to them and write to the church and tell the rest of the church to help them agree with one another.

They would. Maybe get down on their knees, maybe not maybe fold their hands maybe not probably not close their eyes because we invented that kind of yesterday and Christian prayer but up until two or three hundred years ago most Christian praying was either on your face or looking up into heaven the way our Lord Jesus is a few times remarked to have done in the Gospels.

But believers in Philippi. Would pray for the Apostle Paul. And they would say. Lord. The apostle Paul who you gave to be our pastor for a little while and he's in Rome now and he's in chains. Now, he asked us to pray that he would be bold. And that he would speak the way that he ought to speak.

So, please give him boldness in Jesus' name amen. And the God of heaven. Who created all things by speaking. And who by his almighty spirit causes the light of the knowledge of the glory of God to shine into the hearts of those who are blind and dead in the face of Jesus Christ.

Listens to the voices of boys and girls and old men and old women and everybody in the middle. Who come to him through Jesus Christ and he pours out his spirit of fresh. And so the prayers of the Philippians and the supply of the Spirit are connected. Oh how we ought to pray for one another.

And here is one thing especially to pray for each other. Lord I pray for my friend and you can think about your friend who you can't wait to see on the Lord's Day and it's wonderful how God inclines our heart to one another so that you'll have that fondness for his workshop and increases that over your life.

Lord help my friend help it be from my friend that for him to live would be Christ. For her to live would be Christ. You see you and I struggle to have Christ as our life to have Christ as our treasure. So one of the reasons why many of us feel like we've got to have our reading and praying first thing in the morning because if we don't force ourselves by that habit to stir up our hearts words and don't we find that we get halfway through the day and we barely had a thought of our Redeemer.

We struggle. But just imagine if for us to live as Christ buy that supply of the spirit we're thanking God for the Gracie gives us the so that it is to the extent that it is that we live for him and we delight in him and we depend upon him and we're devoted to him.

Just imagine what it'll be like at your death. When you're perfected and holiness. Where you love every moment with a perfect love where you're newly perfected delight in him is immediately met. With his presence and his glory in all its fullness. If for you to live as Christ to die will be infinite gain.

And that's the only kind of person. For whom dying is gain.

If living for you isn't Christ, not perfectly so remember the apostle said he needs the prayers of the Philippians and the continuous supply of the Spirit but if living for for you living isn't Christ dying will not be gained. There's so many people you go to the funerals and you hear oh there in a better place now.

And you talk to the family. And their life was about everything. You know how much they you know, we're nice to the people at work and how much they enjoyed going on this particular vacation every year. They had this hobby or whatever it was so fond of this school or.

But their life is about everything but Jesus.

Glory is a Christ consumed place. And if it is not your struggle to be consumed with Christ now, you are not going there and you would not like it if you did.

If for you to live is not Christ, then your death will be the most unimaginable catastrophe. For you will be in his immediate presence. You will be in God's immediate presence not the God, man. But you will be in God's immediate presence and all illusions of the nicest and pleasantness of your life will be stripped away and all you will have is his righteous and just fury forever.

But for the believer. For the one to him. Christ is your life. Everything will turn out for your deliverance. He uses everything in this life to grow you in him to give you opportunities in which he glorifies himself in you even if he puts you in chains, even if he puts your head on the chopping block even if the ex falls.

Christ's magnified in your body and nothing can take that away from you.

And when the ex falls. And it would for the apostle not this time. Church history records that he did make it to Spain.

But when the x finally fell and his head dropped to the ground. I'm. How infinite was his gain. When with however the soul sees in glory. He arrives in the third heaven and this time there's no question right second Corinthians 12, he says whether in the body you're out of the body, I don't know.

But there was a day. When the apostle Paul for whom to live it was Christ. Had that infinite gain. And if you trust in Jesus Christ and you belong to him and your goal is that he be magnified your destination. Is that you will have that infinite gain one day.

The Lord grant to us. To know him to know it Christ to live. So that every one of us. Will know it gained to die, let's pray.

Our. Father in heaven we thank you. That you have.

Guaranteed us that Christ will be magnified in our bodies and we do pray for that supply of the spirit and we ask that you would make us

faithful and praying for one another. That for each of us to live would be Christ that it would be our goal that he would be magnified in our body and our soul.

That we would be consumed with him. That whatever other preferences and enjoyments there were about us that anyone who knew us truly. Would say that more than anything he or she. Treasured Christ lived for him. More than that. Lord we pray that that would be what you see as you do that work in our hearts in our lives.

So that it will be that infinite gain. When we come to die.

Lord we pray especially for our children. Who are growing up with all these marvelous benefits that you have given them. That you would keep them from. Resting in any of the benefits, whether it's the knowledge of the truth or. Having been sanctified by the blood of the covenant. Set apart by the blood of the covenant.

We pray Lord that it would be Christ. That is all their life. That they would depend upon him and love him and live for him. So that they might have that moment of infinite gain in view. We pray that nothing would shake them. That clinging to Christ in this way.

Would assure them that nothing can take from them either their goal or their destination. Do this for all of us we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.