

Philippians – Finding Joy in All Circumstances

Week 3 – Key Verse – *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21*

This week we will complete our study of Philippians 1, by zooming in really close and looking at some details and trying to clarify what Paul might be meaning in this beautiful letter.

1. In Philippians 1:1, let's look at four words in this verse to see exactly what Paul may have meant *Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:*
 - servant - **doúlos** - slave – Read Deuteronomy 15:12-18 and answer the following questions
 - Why would someone want to be a servant?

 - How long did someone remain a servant?

 - Read Galatians 1:10. Are you a servant?

 - saint – **hágios** – most holy thing
 - Who do you think the “saints in Christ Jesus” are that Paul is writing the letter to?

 - overseer – **episkopos** —a person who directs the duties of other among a group
 - From 1 Timothy 3:1-7 list the attributes of an overseer.

 - deacon – **diakonos** - one who, by virtue of the office assigned to him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use
 - From I Timothy 3:8-13 list the attributes of a deacon

2. Read Philippians 1:3-1 and list what Paul prays for the Philippians

3. From Philippians 1:12-26 what is Paul's passion?

4. In Philippians 1:29 we are told that we are to “not only believe in him, but also suffer for his sake.” According to Matthew 5:10-12, what do we gain by suffering with Christ?