

**PHILIPPIANS...PART VI**  
**FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR A JOYFUL LIFE** (cont'd)  
Reference: **Philippians 1:19-24**  
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There are four essential reasons that Paul was able to rejoice in spite of his imprisonment at Rome...

**Essential One...** Paul had a divine perspective on his circumstances  
**verses twelve** through **fourteen**

**Essential Two...** Paul focused on what really matters, and what really mattered was the gospel of Jesus Christ  
**verses fifteen** through **eighteen**

**Essential Three...** Paul related to his circumstances from a position of significant spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
**verse nineteen**

Paul got his strength from two sources

**One** is that Paul was able to cope because of \_\_\_\_\_ from his Christian friends at Philippi  
**verse nineteen**, *"For I know that this (difficult situation) will turn out for my deliverance (or benefit) through your prayer..."*

References: **Romans 15:30**; **I Thessalonians 5:25**

**Two** is that Paul had \_\_\_\_\_ from the Holy Spirit  
**verse nineteen**, *"For I know that this (difficult situation) will turn out for my deliverance (benefit) through...the supply (provision) of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."*

Reference: **John 16:13** and **14**

**verse thirteen**, *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."*  
**verse fourteen**, *"He (Holy Spirit) will glorify Me (Jesus), for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*

There's a fourth reason Paul was able to rejoice...

**Essential Four...** Paul's life \_\_\_\_\_ enabled him to survive his circumstances  
**verses twenty** through **twenty four**

**verse twenty**, *"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."*

**verse twenty-one**, *"For to me, to live is **Christ**, and to die is gain."*

"For to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_."

The average person's answer (if honest) is probably going to fall into one of five categories:

- ...for to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_
- ...for to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_
- ...for to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_
- ...for to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_
- ...for to me, to live is \_\_\_\_\_

**verse twenty-two**, *"But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I **cannot tell**."*

Paul had a dilemma and that dilemma is mentioned in **verses twenty-three** and **twenty-four**.

One option would be for him to \_\_\_\_\_ and go to heaven, where he could see Jesus.

**verse twenty-three**, *"For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is **far better**."*

The second option would be for him to \_\_\_\_\_, where he would be able to minister on behalf of these Christians back at Philippi.

**verse twenty-four**, *"Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is **more needful** for you."*