

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Philippians 1:19-26

INTRODUCTION:

- **Focus on the Future** – Our past has been changed, because in God’s eyes, we do not have a past, only a future.
- In the midst of troubles, stay Focused on the Future – maintain the attitude of Paul – Have a genuine desire to meet the Lord and yet remain committed to the work He has given you until He calls you home.

I. The Believer’s Expectation and Hope: Magnify the Lord (v. 20)

A. Our Earnest Expectation

B. Our Christian Hope

C. As Paul Focused on the Future, he wanted Jesus to be magnified in his body: that he might not be ashamed – fulfil the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20).

II. The Believer’s Commitment in Life or Death (v. 21)

A. “For me to live is Christ” (v. 21a)

B. “To Die is Gain” (v. 21b)

III. The Believer’s Dilemma – To Live or Die (Depart) to be with Christ (vv. 22-23)

A. Fruitful Service.

B. Depart to be with Christ.

IV. The Believer’s Willingness to Serve Sacrificially (vv. 24-26)

A. Paul assured the Philippian Believers that he would abide faithfully unto the church as long as he was alive, for advancement of their joy and faith (v. 25).

B. Paul desired to see the Philippian Believers again (v. 26)

C. Serving sacrificially comes with a price.

CONCLUSION:

A. Focus on the Future – Eternal Life – Christ is Our Blessed Hope.

B. Serve God and One another with Joy

C. I’M Going Home With Jesus

D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).