

MAGNIFYING CHRIST

Philippians 1:19-26

By magnifying Christ we will form the flames of revival!

I. CHRIST EXALTED PERSONALLY (19-21)

A. PAUL'S MESSAGE (19)

1. Rejoicing in his coming release
2. Grateful for deliverance through their prayers and the Spirit's power

B. PAUL'S MISSION (20)

1. Stated: Christ will be exalted
 - Now as always: Magnifying Christ is always a present tense decision
2. Stressed
 - a. Laser focused: An earnest expectation and hope
 - b. Consistent courage: Unashamed with all boldness

C. PAUL'S MOTTO (21)

1. Living is Christ
 - My life is all about Him and not me or my things
2. Dying is gain
 - Knowing that there is much more ahead than what's being left behind

D. OUR MINDSET (Application)

1. What do people see when they look at us?
2. When we clash with the crowd we make Christ conspicuous? - See John 15:18-21
3. Are we willing to clash with the crowd in order to conspicuously magnify Christ?

II. CHRIST CELEBRATED CORPORATELY (22-26)

A. DETERMINATION (22a)

1. Wonderful prospects await if I remain alive
2. My work would not be worthless - See I Cor. 15:58

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B. DILEMMA (22b-24)

1. Paul's Distress (22b-23a)
 - a. Which choice? (22b)
 - b. Hard-pressed (23a)
2. Paul's Desire (23b)
 - Being with Christ
3. Paul's Duty (24)
 - a. Remaining with Christians
 - b. Consideration of what is best for them - see Phil. 2:3
 - c. His personal desire yields to his people duties

C. DECISION (25)

1. Assured that they need him more than he needed heaven
2. Aiding in their progress was important
3. Assisting them in a joyous faith was essential

D. DECLARATION (26)

“in order that your boasting (celebration) abounds in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.”

1. The object of their rejoicing is Christ and not Paul
2. The purpose of Paul's continuing work among them is so that they would celebrate Christ
3. In summary Paul is saying: “I want to go but need to stay and do what's best for you so that you will grow and thereby glorify Christ.”
4. When Christians are growing they glorify Christ!

CONCLUSION:

The fires of revival are started when believers begin to magnify Christ both personally and corporately.