

The foundation for a meaningful life is a fixation on the glory of Christ.

Point #1 – Our Deliverance (vs. 18-20)

- Job 13:16-18
- Romans 8:26-27
- Romans 8:19-21
- Hebrews 6:13-20

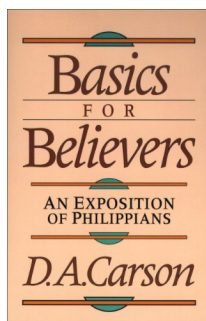
Point #2 – Our Dilemma (vs. 21-23)

- 2 Corinthians 12:7
- Psalm 84:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 5:8
- Romans 6:4-6, 8:17, 8:29

Point #3 – Our Decision (vs. 24-26)

- Mark 9:35
- Jeremiah 9:23-24

For me to live is Christ—the preaching of Christ the business of my life; the presence of Christ the cheer of my life; the image of Christ the crown of my life; the spirit of Christ the life of my life; the love of Christ the power of my life; the will of Christ the law of my life; and the glory of Christ the end of my life. Christ was the absorbing element of his life. If he travelled, it was on Christ's errand; if he suffered, it was in Christ's service. When he spoke, his theme was Christ; and when he wrote, Christ filled his letters. (John Eadie 1810-1873)



Recommended Reading:
Basics for Believers by Don Carson

Questions for Reflection:

1. How do you fill in the blank: “Living is _____”? What are you living for? Why does this matter for you today?
2. Do you allow your trials to cause you to pout or to pray? What trials can you take before God in prayer now?
3. How does the story of Job relate to Paul’s situation in prison? What encouragement can we take from both of their stories?
4. What does this passage teach us about the importance of intercessory prayer?
5. How is it that Paul could view death as far better? Do you view death this way?
6. What was Paul’s purpose in staying on Earth? How does that relate to your purpose for staying? How does this connect to your participation in the church?
7. How does this passage change your perspective on the future?
8. Can you say with Paul, to live is Christ and to die is gain? Why or Why not?
9. How does Paul’s confidence in future fruitful ministry encourage us to “pray big” for the future ministry of Redeeming Grace?

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