

Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn 562 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

\*Invocation

Responsive Reading Philippians 1:21; Gal. 2:20, 2 Cor 5:14-15

Anthem

Doxology

Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

***WE CAN'T LOSE***

***Philippians 1:21***

Why is our world-view important?

\*Hymn No. 484 Who is On the Lord's Side?

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Sermon continued

Paul's Focus

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 486 *Faith is the Victory* (Refrain)

Sermon Applied

What is your focus?

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 483 *Lead On, O King Eternal* v. 1

\*Postlude

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<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

I. A look at our world view ... what is important?

A. Money and success

B. Health

C. Church – or Christianity

– They focus on the people in the church

– They focus on the ministries of the church

– They focus on the worship or liturgy of the church

– They focus on the sacraments of the church

– They focus on the creeds of the church

D. But it is not until the focus is sharpened onto the person of Jesus Christ – and Jesus Christ alone – that we can understand the truth of what Christianity is – It is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

– It is this relationship shapes our Christian world view.

II. This was Paul's focus:

A. Jesus Christ gives life a new perspective and purpose:

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

B. Jesus Christ allows us to live by faith.

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

C. Jesus Christ allows us to live in fellowship

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Cor. 5:14-15

III. Application: What is your focus?

For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_

To die is \_\_\_\_\_



Offering of Thanks and Praise  
Offertory

Sermon continued

Let's Look at Paul's Focus

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 486      *Faith is the Victory*      (Refrain)

*Faith is the victory, faith is the victory,  
O, glorious victory, That overcomes the world.*

Sermon Applied

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Song of Response

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\*Choral Benediction No. 483      *Lead On, O King Eternal*      v. 1

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come!  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.  
Thru days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.

\*Postlude