

Review

1. The challenge to magnify Christ in life and in death (Phil 1:20)
2. A dynamic principle of life...to live is Christ and to die is gain (Phil 1:21)

Paul's confidence in remaining in the ministry

“And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,” (Phil 1:25)

1. 2 Tim 1:12

“For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”

- a. *πεπίστευκα*... *πιστεuo*... have faith
- b. *πέπεισμα*... *πειθο*...persuade
- c. Appreciating the connection between these two words

2. πεποιθὼς... *πειθο*... persuaded, convinced, confident

- a. Paul's understanding is better understood in the light of 2 Tim 1:12
- b. Use of the perfect
- c. He was persuaded by that which is external before coming to be convinced and confident

Paul's understanding of his continuing ministry**1. He knows**

- a. Use of “*οἶδα*”...*εἶδο*...to know...
“For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance....” (Phil 1:19)
- b. “*οἶδα*”
“I know that...” (Phil 1:25)
- c. Same word was used again
- d. Paul was persuaded and knew completely that he would remain
 - i. Through the Lord
 - ii. For the sake of his ministry
 - iii. The word of God to continue

2. He would be remaining

- a. referring to verse 24... τὸ ἐπιμένειν...compound word
- b. μὲνῶ... meno...to abide, to remain...
- c. παραμένῶ... parameno...compound word to remain with, to stand by
- d. καὶ...conjunction... to extend the idea

3. The purpose of Paul's continuing ministry

- a. For your progress
 - i. προκοπήν... prokope... profit, progress
 - ii. προ...front...kopto...cut... cut in the front...to cut through any obstacle and to advance...to make progress
 - iii. Paul would remain for their progress
 - iv. The progress of the brethren to be seen
 - v. Paul remaining would help in their progress
- b. Joy of faith
 - i. χαρὰν... chara...joy... accusative singular feminine
 - ii. τῆς πίστεως... the faith
 - iii. This is joy that comes from faith

Rejoicing in the Lord Jesus by Paul's coming

“that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again” (Phil 1:26)

1. Boasting in the Lord Jesus

- a. τὸ καύχημα... to kauchema...the boast, rejoicing, extoling...
- b. περισσεύη... perisseuo... abundance, great excess...
- c. ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ... dative of sphere... in the sphere of the Lord Jesus

2. The visit of Paul

- a. Paul was confident that he would be released and he would be able to visit the brethren
- b. This reflected a special relationship between Paul and the Philippian church
- c. But Paul's ministry was not restricted to the Philippian church. His continuing ministry would include many other churches
 - i. Corinthian church ... 1 Cor 16:7...if the Lord permits
 - ii. Church in Rome... Rom 15:32... by the will of God