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**FOR TO YOU, TO LIVE IS
CHRIST?**

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Inspiration

Philippians 1:21 (NIV)
For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Apostle Paul wrote this profound statement to the early believers in Philippi to let them know that his entire existence, purpose-driven life, joy, and focus were centered on Jesus, a friend he never walked with in the flesh but came to totally believe in. He saw Christ as his savior, trustee, friend, and rock, and viewed his everyday life as a great opportunity to love, honor, and serve Him. Everything he did was abandoned for Christ. To live was Christ, and ultimately, to die was greater gain: being with his Lord. He was confident that God, who began a good work in him, would carry it on to completion until the day of this same Christ Jesus. It did not matter whether he was in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, in word or deed. It was always all about Christ. Does this sound like you? If not, let us pray for more grace to make and live this declaration every day from here on.

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What Must We do?

Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Another Christmas will soon be here, and it should remind us of why our lives should all be about Christ. After our ancestral parents, Adam and Eve, were banished from the presence of God, He still loved them and the world that He gave His only begotten son to, that whosoever believed that Jesus was God's plan for our redemption and return to the presence of God, would not perish but have everlasting life. If we have been redeemed and born again, then we must live for Christ. Paul's prayer was that as believers, our love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, that every time we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, and be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through the same Jesus Christ, for God's glory!

Takeaway:
May I live for Christ each day of my life, to the glory and praise of God. Amen!

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