

<b>Book:</b>	Philippians
<b>Series:</b>	Rejoice in the Lord!
<b>Lesson 5:</b>	Facing the Unknown with Purpose
<b>Text:</b>	Philippians 1:18b-26
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<b>Next Lesson:</b>	Philippians 1:27-30

## INTRODUCTION

Paul faced every unknown the same way—he pushed forward with his life-purpose, always unmoved, always on point. Indeed, he models an important lesson for us—*when faced with unknowns, believers must return to their purpose*. We can get so sidetracked by what we *don't know* in a situation, that we fail to recognize what we *do know* and what we *should do*. For Paul, the purpose of life was boiled down into two key goals, and he pursued those whether or not he knew what was ahead.

### TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST (vv. 20-23)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of exalting and enjoying Christ (vv. 19-20) — *God's promise*
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for exalting and enjoying Christ (v. 19) — *the believers' prayers & the Spirit's provision*
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of exalting and enjoying Christ (v. 20) — *unashamed power*

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of exalting and enjoying Christ (v. 20) — *a consuming passion*

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of exalting and enjoying Christ (v. 20) — *our person*

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of exalting and enjoying Christ (vv. 21, 23) — *our priority*

**Application:** Philippians 1:21 becomes a valuable test of our lives. "For to me to live is \_\_\_\_\_ and to die is \_\_\_\_\_"?

### TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ CHRISTIANS (vv. 24-26)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith (v. 25) — *help*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith (v. 25) — *hearten*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (v. 26) — *honor*

**Application:** Who should your service project be, that keeps you here on earth a little bit longer?