

LIVE WITH PURPOSE

What This is Really Saying:

Paul is saying that his entire purpose for living is Christ, serving Him, knowing Him, making Him known.

But if God allows him to live, he will live in a way that exalts Christ in every word, action and decision, even if that demands suffering.

Matthew 16:25

“Jesus said. “Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.”

True Purposes found in living fully for Christ

**For to me, to live is Christ
And to die is gain
Philippians 1:21**

Live (GREEK: Zao)

Root of ‘Zoe’
Not simply existing
But fully living

Christ

- the center
- the obsession
- the goal

Gain (kerdos)

(Greek: profit)
- considerable worth
- Divine reward

Cross References

- Galatians 2:20
- Romans 14:8
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-9
- John 11:25
- Mark 8:35

Paul is not making light of death,
He is saying, for believers, it is only
the doorway to greater gain

“Death is only gain if the ultimate aim of your life is to Truly know and treasure Christ.”

~ John Piper

Ask:

- What reward am I living for?
- What am I afraid of losing?

“In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope... into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.”

