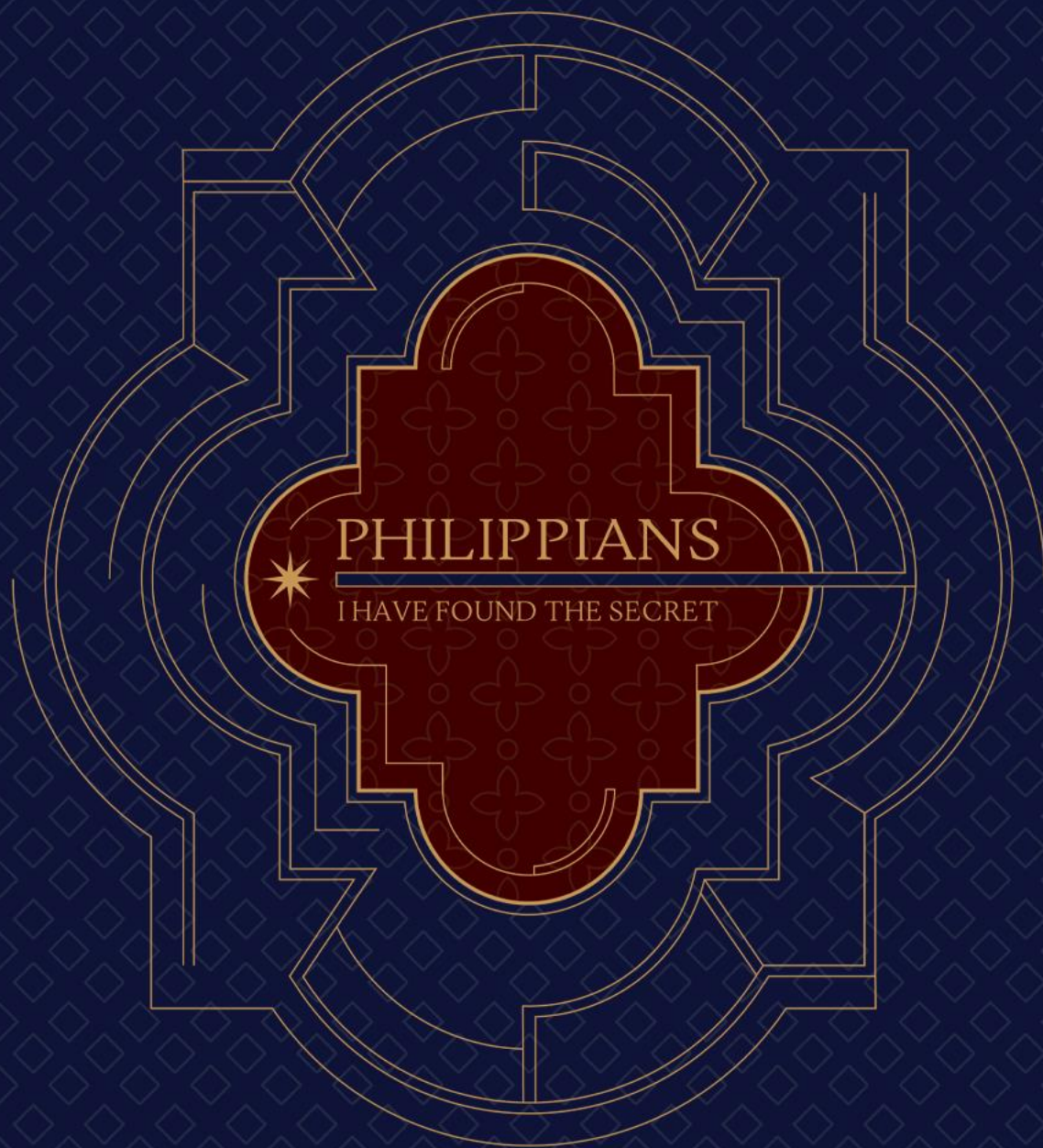




To Live is Christ

Philippians 1:18b-30

Today's Passage

Example
of Paul
(verses 18-26)

Exhortation
for Philippians
(verses 27-30)



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Christ.



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2. Paul mentions coming to visit them

so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.
Philippians 1:26



Reasons deliverance means something more

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‘Christ will be honored’

Magnified

Made much of

Exalted

Glorified



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“Is the distinction between living for Christ and dying for Him so great? Is not the second the logical conclusion of the first?”

Elisabeth Elliot



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~live your lives as citizens



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Christ honored in my body/
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Concerted effort for progress of
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Courageous for Christ when
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Exhortation responses

- Example
- Prayer
- Gain

