

Archetypes

Philippians 1:20-30

PERSECUTION

Being persecuted for sharing Christ is a good thing!

1. Let's Remain Focused (1:20-26)

(Philippians 1:20-26) My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all boldness, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don't know which one I should choose. I am pressured by both. I have the desire to depart and be with Christ - which is far better - but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your advancement and joy in the faith, so that, because of me, your confidence may grow in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

- A. "I will not be ashamed" (20a).
- B. "I will honor Christ with my life" (20b).
- C. "My life will be about Christ" (21a).
- D. "I will use my persecution to strengthen the faith of others" (26b).

2. Let's Remain Unified (1:27)

(27) Just one thing: live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith of the gospel...

- A. Remember just one thing
- B. Live in a manner worthy of Christ.
- C. Stand firm in one spirit with one mind.
- D. Work side by side for the gospel

3. Let's Remain Courageous (1:28-30)

(28-30) Not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is evidence of their destruction, but of your deliverance - and this is from God. For it has been given to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him, having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear about me.

- A. Don't be afraid of culture (28a).
- B. Suffer for Christ (29b).
- C. In your struggle, share Christ (30).