



BEAUTIFUL RESISTANCE

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Philippians 1:21 – 30
Pastor Brett Moore

MESSAGE NOTES

The Church is a beautiful community. A loving family partnered together for the everyday mission of making disciples.

You live in a world surrounded by the spirit of the age, but you are filled with the Spirit of God.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. — Philippians 1:21 – 30

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain — Philippians 1:21

Your only hope in life and death is that you belong to God.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. — Philippians 1:23

A. Christ CENTERED Life

B. Christ POWERED Life

C. Christ EXALTING Life

1. UNITY

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel ... — Philippians 1:27

The good news of salvation is not achieved, but received.

2. FEARLESSNESS

... not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. — Philippians 1:28

Because we have been changed by Jesus we are not BETTER than ANYBODY, but we're DIFFERENT from EVERYBODY.



DISCUSSION

- What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, “What was the sermon about?” what would you have said?
- How do you normally respond to difficult circumstances or hurtful comments?
- What does it mean to die to yourself?
- In what ways does the enemy seek to remind you of your past failures and regrets?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the subject of the Bible? How has this belief changed the way you read the Scriptures?
- What does it mean to exalt Christ in your life?
- In what ways can your group pray for unity for yourselves, for our church, and for all Christians?
- What situations normally cause you to panic?
- Do you tend to gravitate towards self-righteousness or self-pity in hard times?
- On Sunday Brett said, “Because we have been changed by Jesus we are not better than anybody, but we’re different from everybody.” What does this mean to you?