

1. What are you living for?

a) The things which aren't worth living for

- Circumstances, success, money, a nice time, relationships

b) The One thing worth living for

- "For me, to live is **Christ**"
- Christ – the one who lived a perfect life, died and rose again for our salvation. His person, work, kingdom, people, plans, gospel
- Jesus Christ **dominates** Paul's thinking
 - What takes up your spare thinking, spare time, spare money?
- Jesus Christ **drives** Paul's decisions
 - What motivates you?
- Jesus Christ **defines** Paul's identity
 - What defines you? Job, family, status? How do you see yourself?
- Jesus Christ **delights** Paul's desires
 - What gives you your greatest satisfaction?

c) The One thing alone

- Too often our lives are "For me to live is Christ plus _____"
- Our progress and joy in the Christian life are conditional on Christ being our greatest passion, not just one of them.

- Jesus means everything to Paul because he gave everything for Paul
- We need to have experienced Christ's forgiveness to want to live for him
- We need to keep Christ's saving work in view in order to live for him

2. What are you dying to get?

- "and to die is gain" v21 - Jesus Christ turns our greatest loss into our greatest profit – a win-win situation

a) Certainty, not uncertainty

- "and **be** with Christ" For the Christian all uncertainties end at death
- No delay, no soul sleep, no purgatory

b) Relationship, not just location

- "and be **with Christ**" – a relationship to enjoy more of

c) Rich reality, not dreary dullness

- "which is better by far" – more rich and real than this world
- "The best of life is sometimes a little like Heaven" - CS Lewis

- If Christ isn't our great delight here, what reason have we to think that we will enjoy or even enter Heaven?

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Sabbath 4th October 09

Notices

Sun	Evening service at Milford Jonny McCollum preaching on Philippians 1:27-30	8pm
Wed 7 th	Clean up @ the church	8pm
Sat 10 th	Tearcraft night at Anne McMahon's	7.30pm
Sun 11 th	Services still here in Trinity Hall, just off the Cathedral carpark due to renovations in the Day Centre	

Presbytery Psalm Practices

Oct.4th - Bready 8.15pm; Oct 11th - Faughan 8.15pm; Oct 18th - Bready 8.15pm
In preparation for An Taisce service in Milford on 1st November

getting to know the
WIDER CHURCH

Presbytery: Western
Location: 17miles east of Derry
Pastor: none since February. For 13 years it was Robert Robb, who's now in Enniskillen
Attendance: 80+

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Prayer points:

- Give thanks for the ongoing unity and commitment displayed by members in spite of there being no minister.
- Give thanks that a number of people are taking part in Christianity Explored courses. Pray that they will put their trust in Christ.
- Pray that God will guide the congregation to a new pastor.
- Pray for God's blessing on their congregational weekend in a few weeks time.

Sabbath 11th - Phillipians 2:1-4

Opening Psalm: 68:1-6

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