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# *Living In*

# *Focus*

I press on to reach  
the **END** of **THE RACE**  
and receive the heavenly  
prize for which God, through  
**CHRIST JESUS**, is calling us.

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

## **Philippians 1:21-30** (page 1161 in Sanctuary Bible)

*<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.*

## **Philippians 1:21-30** (page 1161 in Sanctuary Bible)

*<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.*

## FOCUS (verses 29-30):

*For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.*

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## PAUL'S THEME:

*Our joy is fully dependent on whether or not we follow through with beliefs and convictions... **our character counts when it comes to lasting joy... so don't compromise!***

**BIG IDEA...**

**Philippian believers (ALL OF US)**

**should conduct ourselves in a  
manner worthy of the Gospel of  
Christ...**

***Citizens of God's Kingdom***

# CITIZENSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

- Do the people you associate with know that you are a citizen of another land?
- Do they recognize you as a follower of Jesus Christ?
- Do you stand out in any way from people who are not a part of God's Kingdom?

# **CITIZENSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES**

- **Does your conduct reflect your citizenship?**
- **Is it clear to the people of this world that you're not only a citizen of this world?**
- **Do you radiate the character of Jesus Christ?"**

**PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL!**

**Next Week:**

# ***CITIZENS OF HEAVEN***

**(Phil. 1:27-30)**

**Paul gives us 4 characteristics of living as worthy citizens of heaven.**