
Study Series: Philippians

Questions about Philippians

1. What difference does it make knowing that Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians while he was a prisoner?
2. Paul describes choosing between living and dying as a difficult choice to make (1.21-26). Why is this so? What do you live for? What would you be willing to die for?
3. Philippians 2.6-11 is probably a hymn that the early Christians sang as part of their worship. Summarize its key points. What hymns or songs are most meaningful to you? Why?
4. What does Paul mean when he says, "faith in the Lord and ... service are like a sacrifice offered to him"? (2.17) What does it mean to be a servant of God?
5. What is the "prize" that Paul is running after? (3.12-14) How is the Christian life like a race?
6. Re-read Paul's advice in 4.4-6. Of all the things he commands, which would be the easiest for you to do? Which would be the hardest? Why?
7. Paul says "I have learned to be satisfied with whatever I have" (4.11). Have there been times in your life when you had very little? When you've had a lot? What do you need to be equally satisfied in either circumstance?