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The hope we have in Jesus Christ

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*Philippians 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

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*21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.  
22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.*

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*23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,*

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*27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.*

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*29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*

1. First note how important the body of Christ is?

*19 through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ*

The Church at Philippi had the power through prayer to deliver Paul from his chains.

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Yet prayer is with the Spirit of Christ and He is our power source. We depend on Him and His power.

2. The power is only strongest when: 27) you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

One Spirit, One mind, no division, no cancer.

Cancer in the flesh is the body working against itself.

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The one-ness is one team/body working together for one goal...

27)THE STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL.

*Acts 4:32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did*

*anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.*

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You've been given the Gift of eternal life freely  
 You've been given the Holy Spirit freely  
 What do you have that you haven't already been given?  
 One heart, one soul, one house!!!!

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The struggle individually:  
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*22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.*

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Yes we look forward to Heaven but note that GOD has you here for a reason.  
*Romans 14:7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

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Now note the Word of God On remaining here:

1. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor;
2. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. <sup>25</sup> And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith

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You are here for a necessary reason!  
 What are you going to do with the time, Giftedness and treasure you have been given for your stay here?  
 We have been taught that only the clergy have any "REAL" ministry value and the rest are kinda just volunteers.  
 Nothing could be further from the truth!

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To live IS CHRIST!  
 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:  
 Here is what ignorant or "*agnoeo*" means:

1. not to know (through lack of information or intelligence)
2. to ignore (through dislike, disinterest, or unwillingness)

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Every single believer has been given a Spiritual gift in some measure

*1 Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:  
24 ...But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.*

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*Ephesians 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

The only way you can exclude yourself from this is to not be a part of the body, or receive a false teaching

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*Ephesians 4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;*

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*Ephesians 4:20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

Two last things:

*1. Phil 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent,*

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*I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,*

2. Sharing in the sufferings of Christ

*Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*

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*Granted / "charizomai" meaning it already has been given to you as a favor!*

When you do things Biblically you will share in the sufferings of Christ.

Those outside the church will hate you

*Phil 1:28 and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.*

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Those in the church will slander, blame and misunderstand you.

Still though we are to...

*1 Thess 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.*