

The Epistle to the Philippians

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*Living the Christian Life Enables the Believer to be
Triumphant in Suffering, Service, in Christ, & in Anxiety*

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The singular focus of Philippians is Jesus Christ. He calls us to bear & share in His likeness in every possible way. Knowing Christ, now and forever, is the passion that drives everything in the spiritual life. To know Christ is to know God, "to live is Christ and to die is [to] gain [Christ]. The greatest theological contribution of Philippians is its revelation of the mind of Christ expressed in His self-humbling incarnation (2:5-11; kenosis). This emphasis provides the basis for all Paul wrote regarding Christian conduct. To spiritually become mature we must conform to Christ in every aspect. Selah.