



Opening prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who are committed to your instruction that we may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Read Philippians 1:23-26

23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Watch the video

Follow this [link](#) or search for 'Grappling with Philippians 1' from the youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Wolfmueller1>

Review and Discussion Questions

1. 'Betwixt' what two things is Paul hard pressed?

2. Is it okay for a Christian to be ready, or even desire, to die? Why?

3. How is "deliver us from evil," a prayer to depart and be taken to heaven?

4. According to Paul, what should pastors desire to further in their congregations through preaching?

5. We often think of living & dying as good & bad, respectively; how does Paul view them?

6. Paul reminds us to be full of joy in the gospel. How does this conflict with our perception of being a 'serious' Christian? Can we be both joyful and pious?

7. Do these verses contain law, gospel, or both?
