**Christ in Your Crisis**

Philippians 1:12-30

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**Philippians 1:24 (ESV)**

But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

**Philippians 1:25 (ESV)**

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,

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so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

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**Philippians 1:27 (ESV)**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

**Philippians 1:28 (ESV)**

and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

**Philippians 1:29 (ESV)**

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake,

**Philippians 1:30 (ESV)**

engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.