

To Live Is Christ

What is your motivation or drive in life? One's motivation will control how one handles life situations and what life choices one makes. Paul's motivation in life was this: to live is Christ (Philippians 1:21).

What motivates the world? Many in the world are motivated by recognition (Matthew 23:5-7), riches (Luke 12:21), intelligence (Acts 17:21), pleasure (1 Corinthians 15:32), or status (3 John 9).

Paul, on the other hand, wanted to "magnify" (Gr. *megaluno* = make great) Christ. Paul wrote things like "we live unto the Lord ... we die unto the Lord" (Romans 14:8), "the life of Jesus may be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:10), "we make it our aim ... to be well-pleasing to him" (2 Corinthians 5:9), "for the love of Christ constrains us" (2 Corinthians 5:14), and "Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

It is clear from Paul's writings that Christ must be the motivation for the Christian, not other people or other things. We put on Christ through baptism (Galatians 3:27) and we walk in Christ through faithful living (Colossians 2:6-7).

Paul's life as a Christian began and ended with Christ. Paul had a strong desire to live for Christ and to die for Christ. Paul's "gain" was Christ (Philippians 3:8). Let us all make Paul's motivation our motivation: to live is Christ! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Love is one thing that the more of it you give away, the more of it you have.
- If we do not share Christ, we cannot keep him.
- Think twice and speak once.
- When you brood over your troubles, you will hatch despair.
- Don't swallow a bushel of error just because it contains a grain of truth.
- The Lord is good (Psalm 34:8).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Footprints of Jesus

*Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,
"Come, follow Me!"*

*And we see where Thy footprints falling
lead us to Thee.*

*Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway
glow; we will follow the steps of Jesus
where'er they go.*

- Mary Slade, 1871 -

We are all called to be followers of Jesus Christ. His discipleship is a volunteer service. He does not force us to follow him. He merely invites us (Luke 9:23). Jesus has already gone where he expects us to go and he sets the right example and invites us to follow in his footsteps (1 Peter 2:21-23).

Jesus will not lead us into sin or danger. He will lead us only in the way that is good (John 10:9,11,27). We imitate Jesus when we become his disciples. We follow his example and walk in his footsteps (John 13:15; 1 Corinthians 11:1). We walk as he walked (1 John 2:6). What are some places that Jesus walked in his lifetime here on the earth? Where did his footsteps take him?

Jesus walked in the way of obedience of subjection toward his parents

when he was just 12 years old (Luke 2:49-51). We too need to obey (Hebrews 5:9).

Jesus walked down into the waters of baptism to please his father (Matthew 3:13-17) and through the wilderness of temptation to face the Devil (Matthew 4:1-11). We too should be willing to do the same (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Jas. 1:12; 4:7).

Jesus walked into the house of worship every week to honor God (Luke 4:16). We too need to be walking into the same place each week (Psalm 122:1; Hebrews 10:25).



Jesus walked up into the mountain of prayer during important decisions (Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12). We too should go there when we need God's help with decisions (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Jesus walked out into the field of good works to help others (Jn. 9:7; Acts 10:38). Let us go there too (1 Timothy 6:18; Hebrews 13:16; James 4:17; 1 Pet. 3:11).

Jesus walked into the homes of the lost to save (Mk. 2:15-17; Lk. 19:7,10) and the places of the outcast to do good (Mk. 5:1-20; 7:24-30). Let us do the same (Acts 8:4; Galatians 6:10).

Where else did Jesus' footsteps take him? He went into the classroom of teaching (Mark 4:1-2; Hebrews 5:12), the temple of cleansing (John 2:13-17; James 4:8), the upper room of service (John 13:4-17; 1 Peter 5:5), the garden of pain (Matthew 26:36-46; 1 Peter 4:12-16), the cross of suffering (Matthew 27:27-50; Hebrews 13:12-13), and the glory of heaven (Mark 16:19; Colossians 3:4).

Let us all follow the footsteps of Jesus because no one else in the world is worthy to follow (John 6:66-68) and because no greater reward can be given for following him (John 2:26; Revelation 7:17; 14:4). - Chris Reeves

*Righteousness shall go before him, and
shall make his footsteps a way to walk in.*
- Psalm 85:13 -