

# FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Lesson #1 -Crucified with Christ  
Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:19-21

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Introduction:

1. Paul stated, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” -Ph 1:21
2. The first clause is our focus of this lesson series; “to live is Christ”

Proposition: To live for Christ, I must first be crucified with Him.

Interrogative: What is it to be crucified with Him?

Transition: For one to be crucified with Christ, one must have a...

## **I. WILLING HEART**

### **A. EXAMPLE OF JESUS**

1. He did not have to be crucified
  - a. He could have called to His Father for more than twelve legions of angels -Mt. 26:53
  - b. He could have walked away as He did before -Lk 4:28-30
2. Jesus submitted to the will of the Father -Lk 22:42

### **B. WE COME TO GOD WITH A WILLING HEART**

1. Those who desire to come after Christ -Mk 8:34-38
2. Man is invited to come -Mt 11:28-30; Re 3:20
3. Christ holds no one against their will -Jn 6:60-ff

## **II. FOCUS ON GOD’S WILL**

### **A. NOT ON THE WORKS OF THE FLESH**

1. Paul list some works of the flesh -Ga 5:19-21
2. We are to abstain from the works of the flesh -1Pe 2:11, 12
3. Re-aim your focus -Ja 1:13-15

### **B. DISTRACTING AMBITIONS REMOVED**

1. Some allowed for distraction in their lives:
  - a. Rich fool -Lk 12:13-21
  - b. Rich young ruler -Mt 19:16-22
  - c. The Pharisees who believed -Jn 12:42-43
  - d. Herod with his unlawful wife -Mk 6:16-18
  - e. Pilate -Jn 19:12-16
2. Paul was an example of one who did -Ph 3:8-ff

### **III. MAGNIFICATION OF CHRIST**

#### **A. GOD MUST COME FIRST IN OUR LIVES**

1. We love Him with every fiber of our being -Mt 22:37-ff
2. We love Him above all else -Mt 10:34-39

#### **B. HIS PRIORITIES BECOME OUR OWN**

1. Attendance -He 10:24, 25
2. Prayer -Mk 1:35; 1Th 5:17
3. Evangelism -Jn 4
4. Compassion -Mt 9:36; 25:31-ff

#### **Conclusion:**

1. When the old man of sin has been put to death (Co 3:5), we then can truly live for Christ.
2. It is a choice and a daily commitment that all of us must make.