Engage Joy, pt 9 Sanctity of Life and Death, pt 1 Philippians 1:19-26

What do you await?

Purpose and Promotion (Phil 1:19-26)

Review: it's all about the gospel

Purpose: to live is Christ

Paul's confidence

 \Rightarrow No matter what happens, he **wins**.

Deliverance

What about the shame?

⇒ **<u>disappointment</u>**; misplaced trust

Point: hope & expectation is properly placed

Problem of misplaced trust.

But God **<u>NEVER</u>** messes up.

Requirements of a "to live is Christ" life.

Faith in Christ

Remove Christ and there is no Christian!

For the relationship to **begin** (Heb. 11:6)

For the relationship to thrive (Col. 2:6)

1 John 1:1-4

Struggle ensues from lack of fellowship

Following after Christ

 \Rightarrow Total **<u>Surrender</u>** to His will

Following was and is His call

Service, not self

Forsaking all else

Take it to the Lord's Table

Reflect on your faith in Christ, fellowship with Christ, following after Christ.

As God moves on your mind & heart, this is your time to respond: to confess, rejoice, give thanks & worship Jesus.

Fellowship with Christ

Relationship needs to be *cultivated*.