

“WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE YOUR LIFE FOR?”

“In this new life, it doesn’t matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.” COL 3:11 (NLT)

PHILEMON

“The book of Philemon is one of the most powerful books of the New Testament that has just as much to teach us about the Christian faith and life as the rest in the New Testament.”

“This letter is from Paul, a prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.” PHILEMON 1a (NLT)

THE QUESTION FOR PAUL

Why was Paul willing to be a “prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus?” (v. 1a)

- Paul truly believed it was _____
- "Giving your life" = “being willing to die to defend or support someone or something” Cambridge English Dictionary

“²³I know I sound like a madman, but I have served him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. ²⁴Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. ²⁶I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. ²⁷I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and

thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. ²⁸Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.” 2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28 (NLT)

THE QUESTION FOR YOU?

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THE GOOD NEWS

Everyone can be saved – MADE RIGHT WITH GOD – by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” JOHN 3:16 (NLT)

“Everyone who believes in him is made right in God’s sight.” ACTS 13:39 (NLT)

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” ROMANS 3:22 (NLT)

“⁹If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.’ ¹²Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” ROMANS 10:9-13 (NLT)

“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” JOHN 3:17 (NLT)

“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 PETER 3:9 (NLT)

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