

The Marks of the Great Christian Believer
Philippians 01:20–26

1 *One great expectation and hope:*
To exalt Christ in his body

20 I eagerly expect and hope
that I will in no way be ashamed,
but will have sufficient courage
so that now as always
Christ will be exalted in my body,
whether by life or by death.

2 *One great commitment in life
and death: Christ*

21 For to me,
to live is Christ
and to die is gain.

3 *One great dilemma:*
To live or to depart to be with Christ

22 If I am to go on living in the body,
this will mean fruitful labour for me.
Yet what shall I choose?
I do not know!

23 I am torn between the two:
I desire to depart and be with Christ,
which is better by far;

4 *One great willingness:*
To serve sacrificially

24 But it is more necessary for you
that I remain in the body.

a. By promoting the believer's faith

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

b. By fellowshiping with believers

26 So that
through my being with you again
your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow
on account of me.