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# Philippians

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# The Reality

Phil 1:21

Phil. 1:21a *For to me, to live is Christ ...*

Emoi«gar» to\zhm Cristoß

*For*

GAR to explain further the previous

\*1:20e whether by life or death, let me explain more...

*to me*

EGO “I”, me dative of reference

*to live* →

TO ZHE present infinitive, to live

it has an article!

**the state or act of living**

\*TO ZHE 2Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:21-22; Heb. 2:15

Phil. 1:7,10,21-23; 2:6,13; 3:10,21

*is*

“is” is not in the Greek text

*Christ*

CHRISTOS (*nom m. sg.*) no article, emphasizes the quality, character, or nature of the thing or person

Phil. 1:21b ... *and to die is gain.*

kai«to\apothanein kerðoß

*and*

KAI and

*to die*



TO APOTHANO

aorist infinitive, to die

\*TO APOTHANEIN Acts 7:4; 25:11; Phil. 1:21

it has an article!

**the act(event) of dying**

*both die words are aorist  
implying event, point in time*

*is*

“is” is not in the Greek text

*gain*

KERDOS

(nom m. sg.) *gain, profit,*

*lucre Lat. lucrum, also any kind*

*of benefit or advantage*

no article, emphasis of quality, character, nature

Phil. 1:21; 3:7; Titus 1:11

# Paul Gives His View of Living

Living = Christ/Quality

Doing ? What Would Jesus Do ?

Thinking ? How Would Jesus Think ?

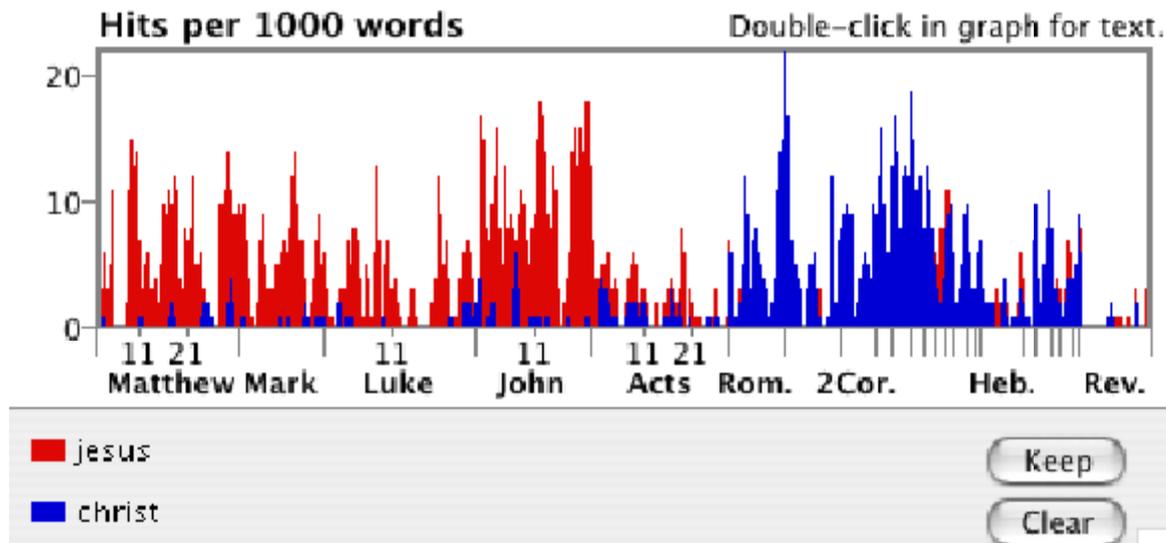
Believing ? What Would Jesus Believe ?

Feeling ? How Would Jesus Feeling ?

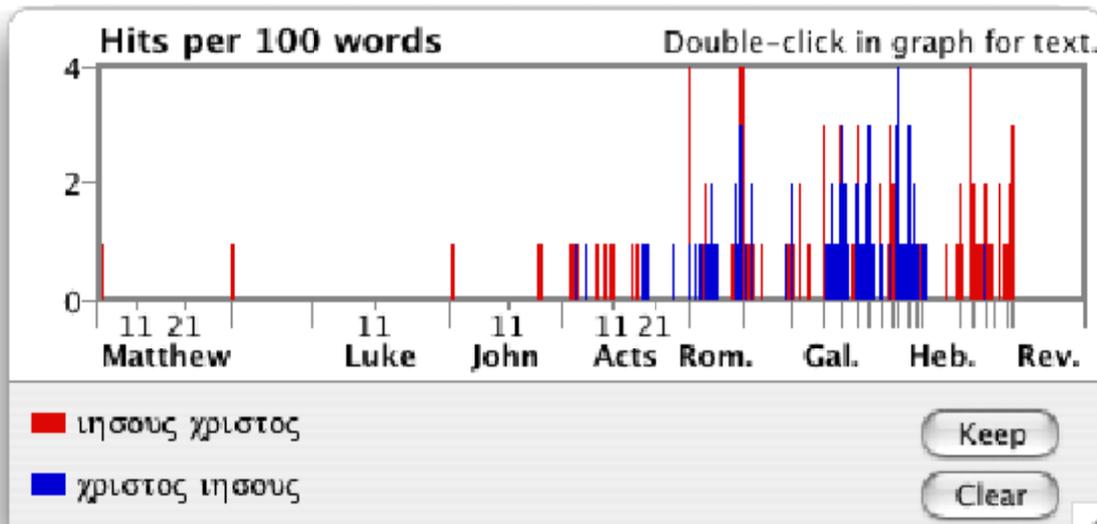
What is different with my words and Paul's words

*Christ - not Jesus*

Christ refers to His divine or heavenly nature



917 times  
vs  
529 times



# Only Paul's View of living ?

Phil. 1:1,11,27,29; 2:5,  
11; 17-18, 3:17, 20;  
4:7,19,21,23

No, All Believers

## Observations

1. Our living unto Christ is personal not group. "i.e. to me"
2. Our living unto Christ is heavenly not earthly. "Christ quality"
3. Our living toward Christ is upward not horizontally. Phil 3:20
4. Our living is wasted apart from Christ loss, Phil 3:4
5. Our living is occupation/fixation with Christ. "eyes on" Phil 3:14,20

*We look to a Risen Savior, the Son of God, Seated & Resting in Heaven*

*We do not look to a Earthly Savior, the Son of (the) Man, Leading by Example on Earth*

**The essence of the CL is occupation with Christ not production for Christ!**

# The Dilemma

Phil 1:22-24

Phil. 1:22a *But if I am to live on in the flesh ...*

ei'de«to\zhm en sarki,÷

*But*

DE mild adversative, now then, then

*if*

EI sub-ordinate conjunction

*I am*

“I am” does not exist in the Greek text

*to live on*



TO ZHE present infinitive, to live

it has an article! **the state or act of living**

2Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:21-22; Heb. 2:15

Phil. 1:7,10,21-23; 2:6,13; 3:10,21

*in the flesh*

IN SARKOS in, within

SARKOS (*nom m. sg.*) no article,  
emphasizes the quality, character, or  
nature of the thing

“Flesh and blood” \*1Tim3:16; Re 19:17-18; He 2:14

Phil. 1:22b ... *this will mean fruitful labor for me;*

τὸ/μοι καρπὸς ἐργου,

*this*

AUTOS (m sg demonstrative pronoun)

~~*will mean*~~

“will mean” does not exist in the Greek text

*fruitful*

KARPOS fruit, production (nom ms)

2590. **καρπός** karpos; a [prim.](#) word; *fruit*:  
—benefit([m](#))(2), crop(5), crops(2), descendants\*([m](#))(1),  
fruit(43), fruitful(1), fruits(4), grain(1), harvest( m)(1),  
proceeds(1), produce(4), profit([m](#))(1).

*labor*

ERGOS (gen ms) work, effort

*for me*

EGO (dat m sg pronoun)

Phil. 1:22c

*and I do not know which to choose*

kai«ti-aiŕhšomai oujgnwrizw.

*and*

KAI continuation

*I do not know*

GINOSKO

to realize, to come to know

*which*

TI interrogative pronoun n.sg.

*to choose*

AIREO

fut mid ind 1 sg.

\*Phil. 1:22; 2Th. 2:13; Heb. 11:25



“heretic”

Phil. 1:23a *But I am hard-pressed from both directions,*

suneēomai dexek twn duō,

*But*

DE

mild adversative

*I am hard-pressed*  


SUN + ECHO

to have, hold + together

\*Lu 8:45 to crowd “tied up in knots”

*from*

EK

out of as a source

*both directions,*

DUO

two ways/sides/directions

Phil. 1:23b *having the desire to depart and be with Christ,*

thn epiqumian eph'own eiß to\vaóal usai kai«sun Cristw^einai

*having* →

ECHO to have, hold pres participle

*the desire*

EPI (upon) + THELO (to want, desire)  
article, specific previous reference \*1:21b

*to* EIS

prep. unto, towards

*to depart* ●

APO (from, apart) + LUO (to loose)  
pres inf with article the state/act of departing  
*both die words are aorist  
implying event, point in time*

*and* KAI

and

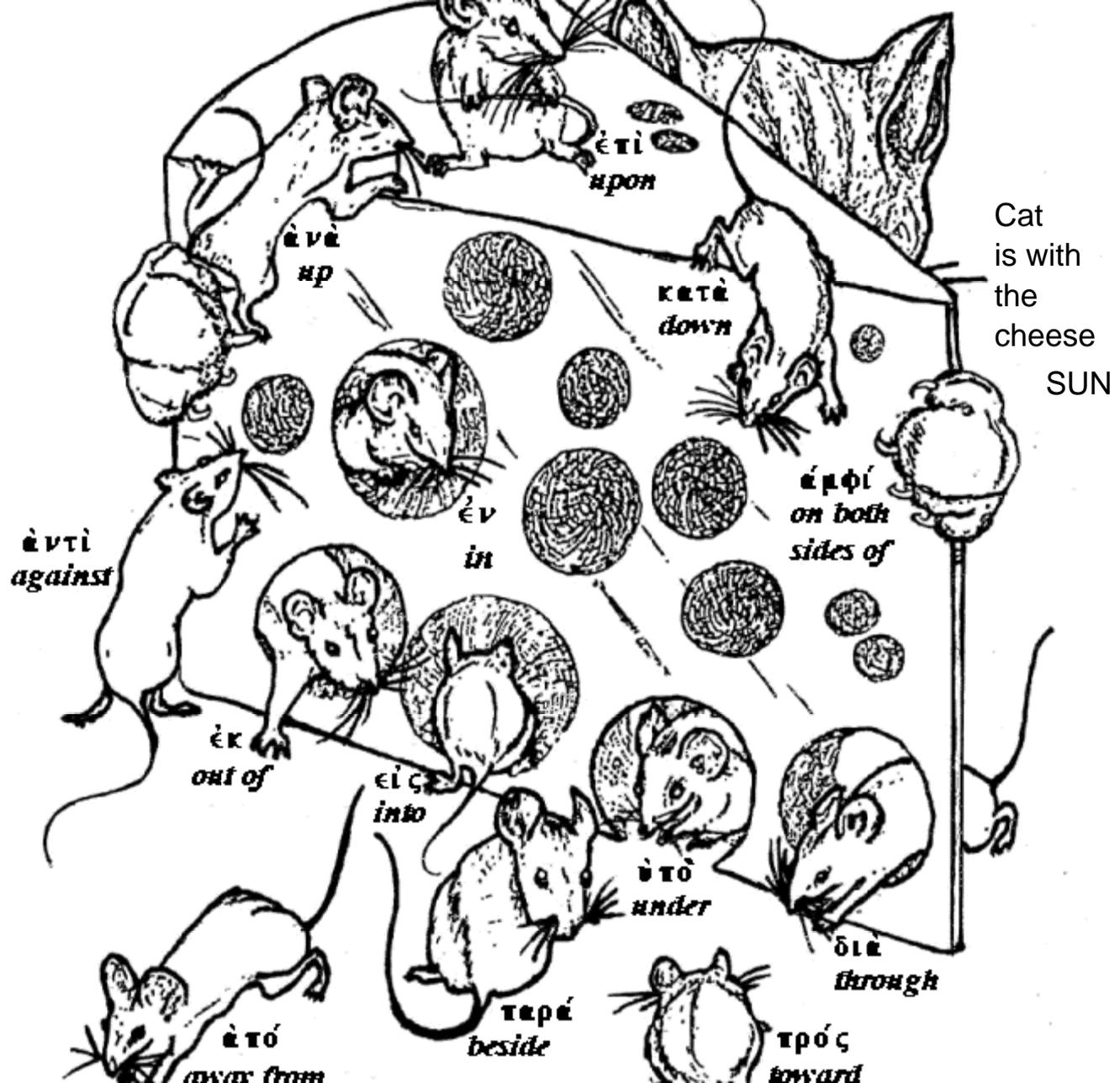
*be* →

EIMI to exist pres infintive w/o article  
to exist, to be

*with Christ,*

SUN CHRISTOS together with Christ

Rom. 6:8; Phil. 1:23; Col. 2:20



ἐπι  
upon

ἀνα  
up

κατά  
down

ἀντί  
against

ἐν  
in

ἀμφί  
on both  
sides of

ἐκ  
out of

εἰς  
into

ὑπό  
under

διε  
through

ἀπό  
from

παρά  
beside

πρός  
toward

Cat  
is with  
the  
cheese  
SUN

# be with Christ

\*unique to Phil 1:23

## in Christ

“to express our eternal position”

Total number of verses = 125

(total number of verses displayed = 125)

**[PREPOSITION]** (127 total words)

Number of different forms = 11 :

ἐν (+dat) in, with, by, to = 77

διὰ (+gen) through; (+acc) because of = 19

εἰς (+acc) into, to, for (prep) = 12

μετά (+gen) with; (+acc) after = 4

σύν (+dat) with, besides = 4

ὑπὲρ (+gen) for; (+acc) beyond; (adv) more = 4

ἀπὸ (+gen) from, by, since = 2

κατὰ (+gen) against, down; (+acc) according to = 2

παρὰ (+gen) from, by; (+dat) with; (+acc) beside = 1

περὶ (+gen) about, concerning; (+acc) around = 1

ὑπὸ (+gen) by, from; (+acc) under = 1

**(ἰησοῦς, χριστός)** (127 total words)

Number of different forms = 2 :

Χριστός anointed; Christ = 102

Ἰησοῦς Jesus/Joshua = 25

## with Christ

“motif to express intimate relationship, fellowship, nearness, closeness”

Matt. 26:51,69,71; Acts 7:45; Rom. 6:8;  
2Cor. 4:14; Phil. 1:23; Col. 2:20

pronoun usage

1Th. 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

1Th. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

1Th. 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1Th. 5:10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

2Cor. 4:14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

2Cor. 13:4 For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.

Rom. 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Col. 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Col. 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col. 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Phil. 1:23c *for that is very much better;*

pol I w^[gaø] mal I on kreisson:

*for*

“for” is not in the Greek text

*that*

“that” is not in the Greek text

*is*

“is” is not in the Greek text

*very*

POLLUS      adj. many, more (qty.)

*much*

MALLON      adj. much, more (qly.)

Matt. 6:30; Rom. 5:9-10,15,17

*better*

KREISSON      need to see some separation of ideas

Phil. 1:24a *yet to remain on in the flesh ...*

to\de«epimenein [en] thosarkis»

*yet* DE mild adversative

*to remain on*  


EPI + MENO  
no article

pres infinitive  
to remain, abide

*in*

“in” is not in the most reliable Greek texts

*the flesh*

SARKOS flesh/quality character nature

article specific to previous reference of Phil 1:22

Phil. 1:24b ... *is more necessary for your sake.*

ἀναγκαϊότερον δι ὑμᾶς.

~~is~~ “is” is not in the Greek text

*more necessary*

ANAGKAI (necessary) + TERON (more, comparative)  
\*example good - better - best

*for your sake* DIA because of, on account of  
HUMAS you(s) (*plural*)

# Paul's Ambition is that Christ be glorified:

*living/remaining in flesh - fruitful labor - better for you*

or

*die/being with Christ - gain - better for me*

## Hard pressed to realize which is best

Paul wonders about specific's of God's will for his life !!

“convinced of this” Phil 1:25

## PHILIPPIANS

*living/remaining in flesh - fruitful labor - better for you  
die/being with Christ - gain - better for me*

**Hard pressed to realize which is best**

*Many difference in grammar, context, and perspective*

## GALATIANS

Gal. 2:19 “For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. 20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 “I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

Gal. 2:19 egw»gar dia»nomou nomw`apeganon, ina qew`zhsw. Cristw`sunestaurwmai: 20 zw de»ouketi egw, zhde»en emoi«Cristoß: o»sde»nun zw en sarki,»en pistei zw th»a tou uiou touv qeouv touv agaphs»antov me kai»paradonto» e»autov uper emouv 21 Ouk a»petw th»n carin touv qeouvei gar dia»nomou dikaiosunh, a»ta Cristoß dwrean» apeganen.

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