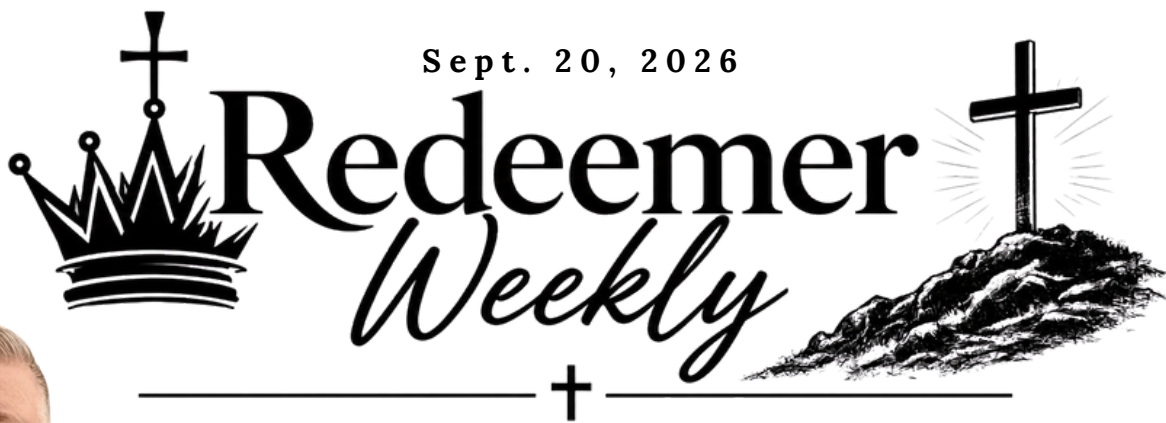




The Newsletter of Redeemer Church, Piketon, OH

CHRIST OUR LIFE, OUR HOPE, AND OUR STRENGTH

Philippians 1:21-30

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

With these few words, the apostle Paul gives us one of the clearest expressions of Christian confidence found anywhere in Scripture.

Paul wrote from prison. His freedom was gone, his future was uncertain, and his faithfulness to the Gospel had brought real suffering. Yet his circumstances did not control his hope. Paul belonged to Jesus Christ. His life rested securely in the hands of the Savior who had redeemed him.

Because Christ was his life, Paul could receive each remaining day as an opportunity for fruitful service. He desired to strengthen the church, encourage fellow believers, and labor for their growth and joy in the faith. When the appointed time came for his earthly life to end, Paul knew that he would enter the presence of Christ. For him, death would be gain because it would bring him into blessed fellowship with the One who loved him and gave Himself for him.

This confidence also shaped Paul's message to the Philippian church. He called them to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel, to stand together in one spirit, and to remain courageous when opposition arose. Their faith had been graciously given by God, and the same sovereign Lord would preserve them through every conflict.

This passage speaks tenderly to believers who are facing uncertainty, weakness, grief, or fear. Our strength may fail. Our circumstances may suddenly change. Christ remains faithful. The Lord who began His saving work in His people will carry it forward until the day of Jesus Christ.

In this week's message, we will consider how union with Christ gives purpose to our living, hope in the face of death, and strength to stand faithfully together. In life and in death, the believer belongs to Christ. He is our life, our hope, and our strength.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday September 20, 2026

11:30 AM

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastoral Prayer.....Keith Boothe

Hymn (Insert in Bulletin) “Irresistible Grace”

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

Hymn # 397 “All I Have is Christ”

SermonJason Boothe
“Christ Our Life, Our Hope, and Our Strength” *Philippians 1:21-30*

Hymn # 276 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Closing PrayerKeith Boothe
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BRISTOL VILLAGE
Vespers Service

WITH GUEST PREACHER
PASTOR JASON BOOTHE
— Redeemer Church of Piketon, Ohio —



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
AT 7:30 PM



GLENN CENTER
ON THE CAMPUS OF BRISTOL VILLAGE
IN WAVERLY, OHIO

— EVERYONE IS INVITED —
TO ATTEND THIS GOSPEL MEETING



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in Christ

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FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



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DIFFERENCE



BLESS OUR
COMMUNITY



REFLECT CHRIST'S
LOVE



"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed." **PROVERBS 19:17**

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-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-
CHRIST IS OUR LIFE
PHILIPPIANS 1:21

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The apostle Paul loved the Lord Jesus. Christ had saved him, forgiven his sins, and given him everlasting life. Because Paul belonged to Jesus, he knew that every day of his life had a purpose. Paul was in prison when he wrote these words. He did not know what would happen next. Still, he was confident because his life was held safely in Christ's hands. If Paul continued living, he wanted to serve Jesus and help other believers grow in faith. When the time came for him to die, he knew that he would be with Christ.

Everyone who trusts in Jesus belongs to Him forever. Christ gives His people life, hope, and strength. He is with us at home, at school, at church, and wherever else we may go. He gives meaning even to the ordinary things we do.

You can live for Christ by showing kindness to someone who feels lonely. You can help at home without complaining. You can pray for a friend, encourage someone at church, or tell another person about the Gospel. These acts may seem small, but the Lord can use them for His glory and for the good of others.

There may also be times when following Jesus is difficult. Someone might laugh at what you believe or treat you unkindly. Paul reminded the Philippians to stand together and remain faithful. The Lord who gave them faith would also give them strength.

Your strength may sometimes feel very small. Christ's hands remain strong. He holds every one of His people securely and promises that they will never perish. Because we belong to Him, we can live with courage, serve with joy, and look forward to being with Him forever.

Think About It

1. What did Paul mean when he said, “To live is Christ”?
2. How can you serve Jesus and encourage someone this week?
3. What should you remember when following Christ feels difficult?

A Prayer

Lord, thank You for giving Your people everlasting life through Jesus Christ. Help me remember that I belong to You. Give me strength to live for Christ, love others, and stand faithfully for the Gospel. Thank You for holding me safely in Your hands. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Philippians 1:21



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