

Don't Waste Your Pain & Death
Philippians 1:20-26 – Blue Bible Page # 1161

The singular focus and passion for our lives must be knowing Jesus and glorifying Him.

It's better to RISK your life for CHRIST than to WASTE it elsewhere.

If your **LIFE** and **DEATH** does not show the **WORTH** and **WONDER** of Jesus, it is wasted.

Where my Heart Honestly Is Now:

Where I Want My Heart To Be:

For me, to live is _____

For me, to live is _____

For me, to die is _____

For me, to die is _____

How can we die in such a way that in our dying Jesus is glorified and visible in us?

How can our life be lived to glorify Jesus at all times, even in our pain?

Bob and Penny took early retirement from their jobs in the North East when he was 59 and she was 51. They moved to Florida where they cruise on their 30 ft. trawler, play softball and collect shells.

The police say, "You have got to stop these meetings! If you do not stop these meetings, we will confiscate your house, and we will throw you out into the street."

Then the property owner will probably respond, "Do you want my house? Do you want my farm? Well, if you do, then you need to talk to Jesus because I gave this property to Him."

The security police will not know what to make of that answer. So, they will say, "We don't have any way to get to Jesus, but we can certainly get to you! When we take your property, you and your family will have nowhere to live!"

And the house-church believers will declare, "Then we will be free to trust God for shelter as well as for our daily bread."

"If you keep this up, we will beat you!" the police will tell them.

"Then we will be free to trust Jesus for healing," the believers will respond.

"And then we will put you into prison!" the police will threaten.

By now, the believers' response is almost predictable: "Then we will be free to preach the good news of Jesus to the captives, to set them free. We will be free to plant churches in prison."

"If you try to do that, we will kill you?" the frustrated authorities will vow.

And, with utter consistency, the house-church believers will reply, "Then we will be free to go to heaven and be with Jesus forever."