

"Centered in the Person of Christ"
(Philippians 1:21)

"For me, living means _____."

When We Are Centered in the Person of Christ, We Have a New Focus - Phil 1:21; Col 3:1; Heb 3:1

- Our focus is the Person of Christ
 - ...Christ is the subject, all else is predicate - Phil 3:1-10; Jo 17:3
- We can tell the center by our language
 - ...Move from "How can I...?" to "Who can...?" - Ro 7:24-8:4
 - ...Move from trying hard to trusting Him - Phil 1:6; 2:13

When We Are Centered in the Person of Christ, We Have a New Identity - Phil 3:9

- We are identified by the name/nature of Christ - 1:1; 4:21,22
 - ...We are who we are by God's "say so" - 1 Jo 3:1; Heb 2:11; II Co 5:17
- We can tell the center by Who we let name us - Is 62:3-5
 - ...We say about us what God says about us
 - ..."Once I was _____, but now I am _____."

When We Are Centered in the Person of Christ, We Have a New Radicalness - Phil 2:5-8

- Christ centeredness cannot be exploited for personal interest/gain - Phil 2:16
 - ...The way of the cross is the way of sacrificial love - Phil 2:8
- We can tell the center by our care for others - Phil 1:8; 2:1,20,30
 - ...We present ourselves to God as sacrifices for the sake of others - Ro 12:1
 - ..."not I, but Christ" = "not I, but you" - Phil 2:3-4