What replaces God - Philippians 1:21

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

What did Paul mean when He wrote this? This question perplexed me for the longest time. That is until I heard a sermon a couple of weeks ago on my way home from church. What we put on place of Christ in this very simple, yet profound statement is what we live for.

For me to live is Fishing and to die is loss

For me to live is Family and to die is loss

For me to live is Husband/ or wife and to die is loss

For me to live is people and to die is loss

And many in this country would say for me to live is sports and to die is loss.

The only way for us to live and worship God they way He demands is, For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

If we live for anything other than Christ, we are losing. We loose reward in Heaven, we loose battles here on earth. We are constantly being bombarded. I Peter 5:8 states “Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.” Make no mistake we are in a war. It is a war that Satan is very good at.

But there is always hope, we are told in 1 John 4:4 “Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world”. We need to put Christ as our main priority and the triumphs will be great.

Remember this week to not put anything in place of Christ in your life. Our minds are to be renewed daily, and our armor is to be completely put on.