

A CHRIST CENTERED PERSPECTIVE IN ANY SITUATION Pt. 1

(Philippians 1:19-21)

I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE SALUTATION TO THE PHILIPPIANS (1:1-2)

III THE PRAYER FROM PRISON (1:3-11)

IV. ADVERSITY NEED NOT BE A HINDRANCE IN YOUR MINISTRY (1:12-18)

V. PAUL'S SUFFERING WAS AN AID IN MAGNIFYING CHRIST (1:19-26)

1. Paul's optimism regarding his acquittal rested on two factors, the intercessory _____ of the Philippians, and the generous _____ of the _____. (1:19)

2. The Apostle firmly believed that the _____ of the saints could change things, i.e., human responsibility and divine sovereignty collaborated together for supernatural _____ and _____.

3. Paul used two terms to describe his anticipation...
 - a. The words, "*earnest expectation*" was used in the 1st century of a spectator who sat on the _____ of his/her seat and _____ to get a good look at the athletic event. (1:20a)

 - b. He also had "*hope*," and biblical hope is a settled _____ which is caused by a firm _____ of what one believes, it is _____ crossing your fingers and hoping for the best. (1:20b)

4. Paul went on to explain several things that he earnestly expected and hoped for...
 - a. "*that in nothing*," i.e., whether in _____ or a _____ man, in every and all situations. (1:20c)

- b. Paul refused to be _____ of Jesus Christ. (1:20d)
- c. He desired to be a _____ witness of the gospel. (1:20e)
- d. “*as always, so now also*” speaks of how _____ the apostle was in his life, he did not _____ back and forth, but rather he was focused and he was determined. (1:20f)
- e. “*Christ would be magnified*” (fut./pass./indic.) not _____ Paul but _____ him. (1:20g)
- f. This magnification would be in Paul’s _____ . (1:20h)
- g. At the end of the day it didn’t really matter to the apostle whether this magnification took place in his _____ or in his _____, as long as it took place. (1:20i)
5. Paul wanted to make it clear to the Philippians where he stood with his upcoming trial, he used a rather _____ form of the Greek word translated “*to me;*” he was _____ about this (1:21a).
6. In the apostle’s mind the act of _____ on planet earth was wrapped up in a Person namely the Redeemer who was both the _____ and the _____ of his daily existence. (Matt. 16:24-25)
7. The “dying” that Paul spoke of was in reference to the _____ when the soul separates from the body, he was not talking about the state of death (1:21b).

* How can you apply this perspective in your own life?