

## A CHRIST CENTERED PERSPECTIVE IN ANY SITUATION Pt. 2

(Philippians 1:22-26)

### 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 refused to be \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, he desired to be a \_\_\_\_\_ witness of the gospel so that "*Christ would be magnified*" (fut./pass./indic.) not \_\_\_\_\_ Paul but \_\_\_\_\_ him. (1:20)

3. In Paul'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. (1:21)

4. The apostle was aware that his chances of being released were good, which meant that \_\_\_\_\_ would involve more \_\_\_\_\_, and that would bring about more \_\_\_\_\_. (1:22a)

\* What are some things that this "*fruit bearing*" would entail?

5. In spite of all the hardships, Paul did not view continuing on in life as an \_\_\_\_\_ option, but if forced to choose between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ he found himself in a bind. (1:22b)

\* Why is this kind of thinking so foreign to your average Christian today?

6. Both compulsions that weighed so heavy upon this man were equally \_\_\_\_\_ and equally \_\_\_\_\_, although in his mind \_\_\_\_\_ was by far the better option. (1:23)

\* What is interesting about the verb “*depart*”?

7. Paul who was always the \_\_\_\_\_, the encourager, the \_\_\_\_\_, the exhorter saw the practical side in remaining; the bottom line was his “living” would benefit \_\_\_\_\_ -- both lost and saved. (1:24)

- a. This tells us that he did not view death as a \_\_\_\_\_ or simply as an \_\_\_\_\_ from his current problems.
- b. While Paul was \_\_\_\_\_ with the things of Christ, he \_\_\_\_\_ all his time in the salvation or maturation of other people.

8. Despite what the apostle \_\_\_\_\_ to do, he knew what he \_\_\_\_\_ to do; “*I shall remain and continue with you all for your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.*” (1:25)

9. Paul knew that if he were able to \_\_\_\_\_ see them again, the Philippians rejoicing would be immense; it would be \_\_\_\_\_ and constantly \_\_\_\_\_ over, more so than if Epaphroditus or Timothy came to them. (1:26)

\* Do you personally have this divine perspective on life and death?