

THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE IN EVERY SITUATION

(Philippians 1:19-26)

A. PAUL'S SUFFERING WAS BEING USED TO MAGNIFY 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)
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)

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)

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)

* How has your perspective been lately regarding your own circumstances?