

Paul and His Perspective – Part 1 (Philippians 1:12-18)

➤ Paul and His Prayers

- ✓ His Prayer of *Praise*—He was *Grateful* (Php 1:3-8)
- ✓ His Prayer of *Purpose*—He wants *Godliness* (Php 1:9-11)

Our perspective in life is key to finishing the race of life.

Our perspective in life has drastic consequences—good or bad.

I. He Understood ____ He Suffered—the ____ (Php 1:12-14)

This was a ____ that Paul wanted his readers to know and ____ upon.

Paul's _____ to God's will enabled him to be used _____.

- He was a “_____ of Christ Jesus.”
- He was _____ in Christ Jesus (Php 4:11).
- His blessing of “*grace and peace*” to the saints at Philippi was _____ in his own life.

Unknown – Not till each loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly, shall God reveal the pattern and explain the reason why. The dark threads were as needful in the weaver's skillful hand as the threads of gold and silver for the pattern which HE planned.

A. The _____ of saved (v. 13)

Paul does not see this imprisonment as something that the Jews or Caesar has done to him but _____. *Since it is of God then it is right.*

B. The _____ of speaking (v. 14)

II. He Understood _____ was Happening—the _____ (Php 1:15-18a)

A. He _____ the difference (v. 15)

B. He _____ the difference (v. 16-17)

1. Those who were _____
2. Those who were _____

Cf. 1 Peter 3:15

C. He _____ the difference (v. 18a)

1 Corinthians 15:11 Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

III. He Understood ____ to Respond—by _____ (Php 1:18b)

Our _____ is vital in how we live our lives. Our spiritual _____ of the times and circumstances will determine the paths we take and the _____ that we have when we take them.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the **LORD** with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. **6** In all thy ways acknowledge **Him**, and **He** shall direct thy paths.

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Php 1:19-26)

1. What was Paul hoping for (v. 20?)
2. As we live with Paul's perspective, can we really call anything, bad, that happens to us?
3. What are some of God's characteristics that would cause you to rejoice in your circumstances?