

Paul and His Perspective—Part 2 (Philippians 1:19-26)

➤ Paul and His Perspective

- ✓ He Understood Why He Suffered—the results (v. 12-14)
- ✓ He Understood What was Happening—the reaction (v. 15-18a)
 - ❖ Those who were selfish lacking grace
 - ❖ Those who were selfless being filled with grace
- ✓ He Understood How to Respond—by rejoicing (v. 18b)

Q: What do you allow to rob you of your joy in life?

Paul's overarching attitude in life—he was rejoicing (Php. 1:18).

Cf. Colossians 3:1-2 & 16-17

I. He Understood His _____ in Life (v. 19-20a)

- A. Paul was _____ regarding the _____ of his suffering (v. 19a)
- B. Paul was _____ regarding the _____ of his suffering (v. 19b)

Through “*prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ*” he was being encouraged to continue on. He was delivered from a mindset of being victimized by God.

1. God works through the _____ of His _____

God works through the _____ prayer of the saints.

Cf. **James 5:16** ...The effectual fervent [*energized / Spirit filled*] prayer of a righteous man availeth much [*powerful / effective*].

2. God works through the _____ of His _____

- C. Paul was _____ regarding the _____ in his suffering (v. 20a)

This word “*hope*” speaks of an _____ with _____. It is something that is certain but not yet a _____.

II. He Understood the _____ of Living (v. 20b-21)

Paul perspective of Christ was not _____.

- A _____ to bring Christ _____—entering into an intimate/ personal relationship with Him.
- A _____ to make Christ _____—being able to study Him in detail.

The way in which Paul _____ his life is summed up in Christ Jesus. Christ was the _____ for his existence.

Man's chief _____ is to glorify God and _____ Him forever.

Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:15 And *that* **He** died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto **Him** which died for them, and rose again.

Our supreme goal should be to _____ for Christ.

To those who die without Christ, being lost, death is not gain but eternal loss. To die without Christ in life is to live eternally without Christ in death.

III. He Understood the _____ of Life (v. 22-26)

A. Regarding the _____ life (v. 23b)

B. Regarding the _____ life (v. 24-26)

Our perspective in life is key to _____ the race of life. It is the key to a life that _____ or _____ Christ. It is the key to a life of _____ to the Lord's work of fruit bearing or a life just _____ the Lord's work.

Q: What defines your life? Too often instead of “*for me to live is Christ*” we would say, “For me to live is me!”

Q: When do you choose to give up your joy?

Q: What is your perspective in life?

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Php 1:27-30)

1. Why did Paul use “the Gospel” as the standard for living (v. 27)?
2. Read Romans 12:2. How does this verse reflect Paul's teaching in Php. 1:27?
3. How should Php. 1:29 affect the way believers pray for those persecuted for their faith?
4. What conclusions from your life would those around you draw about what it means to live as a citizen of Heaven?
5. What are some ways we can obviously display our Heavenly citizenship before the world around us?