Salvation in Philippi Flying through Philippians

Philippians 1:19–29 **INTRODUCTION**

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REVIEW

1:3–8 Paul thanks God for his Philippian partners in the gospel ongoing financial partnership in the gospel (confident that it will pay dividends until the Bema)

1:9–11 Paul prays that they abound still more in knowledgeable and discerning love
That they would approve the things that really matter
so they would have reward by Christ enabling them to have many righteous deeds
that (ultimate) God would receive glory

1:12 Paul's imprisonment furthered the gospel: many Roman officials know that his imprisonment is for Christ [not for guilt] and many brethren proclaim the Christ's gospel fearlessly, though some brethren preached from envy and strife sought gain at Paul's expense, while those brethren who preached properly did so out of love, because they knew that God had appointed Paul to defend the gospel, but Paul rejoices when Christ's gospel is proclaimed, even by those with selfish motives

BACKGROUND: ACTS 16:12-40

NEW EXPOSITION

Part 1: How Paul views life and death (1:19–26) Part 2: How the Philippians should view life and death (1:27–30)

HOW PAUL VIEWS LIFE AND DEATH (1:19–26)

1. Paul's imprisonment will result in him magnifying Christ through the Holy Spirit's working to answer prayer (1:19)

What does salvation mean in this verse? Everlasting life (phase 1 salvation)

Deliverance from perils within life (phase 2 salvation)

Rewardability in God's presence (phase 3 salvation)

The clue

Review Point: Paul's imprisonment will result in him magnifying Christ through the Holy Spirit's working to answer prayer (1:19)

2. Paul confidently aims to magnify Christ in his body (by living or by dying) (1:20)
Magnifying Christ in his body (by living)
Magnifying Christ in his body (by dying)
3. The explanation of Paul aiming to magnify Christ in his body is that Christ is his life' focus, so dying will bring reward (1:21)
4. By contrast w/ death, extending Paul's life adds to his reward (benefiting him) (1:22)
5. Death and being with Christ is quite attractive to Paul, because being with Christ would be gain (1:23)
6. [Despite the personal gain from being with Christ immediately] the Philippians wou benefit from Paul's ministry, so Paul ultimately prefers remaining alive to return fo ministry in Philippi again (1:25–26)

PART 2: HOW THE PHILIPPIANS SHOULD VIEW LIFE AND DEATH (1:27–30)

[In light of Pa	aul's view	of life and	death] Pa	ul urges	them to	live v	worthy o	of the	gospel	<u>by</u>
standing unit	ed on the o	content of t	he gospel	(1:27)						

What conduct is worthy of the gospel?
Is this the only time Paul says this?
Paul also urges the Philippian bels to live worthy of the gospel by not being terrified of gospel) adversaries (who falsely expect the Philippian believers to perish) (1:28) Two views of: which is to them a proof of perdition (persishing)
View 1. Proves (to <u>us</u>) their perdition [that <u>they</u> will perish]
View 2. Proves (to them) our perdition [that we will perish]
The clue
As an explanation of why they should stand united on the gospel w/o being terrified is because God is who allowed these believers to join Paul's suffering for Christ (1:29-30) Is this good news to the Philippians?

CONCLUSION