

Philippians 1:19–29

INTRODUCTION

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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's 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 would benefit from Paul's ministry, so Paul ultimately prefers remaining alive to return for ministry in Philippi again (1:25–26)

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

[In light of Paul's view of life and death] Paul urges them to live worthy of the gospel by standing united on the content of the gospel (1:27)

What conduct is worthy of the gospel?

Is this the only time Paul says this?

Paul also urges the Philippian believers 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 us) their perdition [that they 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