

# This Morning's Sermon

## Honoring Christ ... by Life or Death

During October we have been focused on life after healing. We've mainly concentrated on Philippians 1 and the joy Paul experienced from the life God created for him upon his conversion. From a human perspective, he was not in the most desirable circumstances. But, for Paul joy was not related to circumstance. All that mattered was the advancement of the gospel, God magnified, and Christ exalted. To experience true, spiritual joy, the kind Paul talked about, will involve our total surrender.

### I. Philippians 1.19a - Certainty

- A. God Delivers the Righteous
- B. 1.19a - *Because I know this will lead to my* \_\_\_\_\_. "deliverance or escape."
- C. Psalm 18.16: *He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he pulled me out of* \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Philippians 1.19b - Prayer

- A. A Life Rooted in Prayer. Philippians 1.19a - *through your* \_\_\_\_\_...
- B. God brings His purposes to pass in concert with the prayers of the saints.
- C. Ephesians 6.18-19 - Paul believed God works His promises through the prayers of the saints. *Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.*

### III. Philippians 1.19c - Help from the Spirit

- A. Philippians 1.19b - \_\_\_\_\_ *from the Spirit of Jesus Christ...*
  - 1. *Help* means "to supply" or "make provision for."
  - 2. John 14.26 - *Even for us, the Spirit will bring the resources of God.*
  - 3. Galatians 5.22-23 - He has added his \_\_\_\_\_ to your life.
- B. Romans 8.27-28
  - 1. 8.28 - What makes this possible?
  - 2. 8.27 - Do you see the help of the Spirit here? His provision?

### IV. Philippians 1.20 - Confidence in the Promise of Christ

- A. 1.20a - *my* \_\_\_\_\_ *expectation.*
  - 1. "To watch, with outstretched head." "to watch anxiously."
  - 2. Then he adds the word \_\_\_\_\_. NEB: *for as I passionately hope.*
- B. 1.20b - *with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body...*
  - 1. Isaiah 49.23 - those who \_\_\_\_\_ for me shall not be put to shame.
  - 2. His desire was to honor Christ .... whether by \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. As We Close...

- A. God delivers the righteous.
- B. There is power in prayer.
- C. If you need help, the Spirit will supply you with power.
- D. Christ will never fail you.

## SPEAKER

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1.12-20

## Thinking Through Today's Lesson

1. How has God delivered you through differing sets of circumstances in your life?
2. How has prayer of the brethren helped you in your life? Who are some people you can pray for now?
3. How has the Spirit empowered you to handle your circumstances with faith and hope?
4. How much does the thought of honoring Christ by your life ... or death ... cross your mind?

## Notes

## Answers

Fruit	Wait	Deep Water	Hope	Life
Salvation	Prayers	Eager	Death	Help