

Salvation in Philippi (Philippians 1:9–18)

Water of Life Bible Class Dr. John H. Niemelä October 3, 2024

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

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)

BACKGROUND: ACTS 16:12–40

1. Paul's imprisonment will magnify Christ thru the Spirit working to answer prayer (1:19)
What does salvation mean in this verse?
2. Paul confidently aims to magnify Christ in his body (by living or by dying) (1:20)
3. Based on Christ being Paul's focus in life, dying would be gain (1:21)
4. By contrast w/ death, extending Paul's life adds to his reward (benefiting him) (1:22)
5. Being with Christ is attractive to Paul, because being with Christ would be gain (1:23)
6. [Despite personal gain from being with Christ soon] the Philippians need Paul's ministry, so he 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)

Thus, Paul urges them to live worthy of the gospel by standing united on 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 (perishing)

View 1. Proves (to us) their perdition [that they will perish]

View 2. Proves (to them) our perdition [that we will perish]

They should stand united on the gospel w/o being terrified, 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