

5. Is there any indication in the letter of the impact of the gospel on this group? (Does Philippians 4:22 help?)

6. Besides the praetorian or palace guard, what other group was influenced by Paul's imprisonment (verse 14)?

7. Please explain how verse 14 is possible. That is, how could Paul's imprisonment cause others 1) to trust God more and 2) to speak the word of God without fear?

8. Let's think now. What specific groups of people are observing *your* life in the midst of hard circumstances? Using verses 12-14 as an example, what should be happening in each group?

Group

Outcome

Read verses 15-18.

9. Two groups are mentioned in these verses. What was each group doing and what was the motive of each?

10. How does one preach Christ out of envy and strife?

11. Why can Paul condone the evangelism of his opposition given his strong words in Galatians 1:6-9?

Read verses 19-26.

12. According to verse 19 *what* will bring about Paul's deliverance?

13. According to verse 20, what is the nature of the deliverance that Paul confidently expects?

14. a. What do you learn about prayer from verses 19-20?

b. What relevance does this have to your life?

15. Verse 21 begins with the conjunction "for" introducing an explanation. What does this verse explain?

16. Verse 21 expresses a universal truth. We all have to face death. And *if* indeed for us to live is Christ, to die will be to gain more of Him. BUT let's experiment by changing the first part of the sentence and see what happens. To me to live is _____ and to die is _____.
(Fill in the first with *anything* else that might take first place in your life.)

17. Christ was Paul's inspiration and purpose for living. Do you think this had a bearing on how Paul looked at the events in his life? Explain.

18. What is Paul's great dilemma (verses 22-24)?

19. How does he resolve it (verses 25-26)?

Let's review. Notice that in verses 12 and 19 Paul comments on what has happened to him (*circumstances* in verse 12 and *this* in verse 19-NASB). In verse 12 Paul speaks of how circumstances have turned out *in the past* and in verse 19 he speaks of how things will turn out *in the future*.

20. *What* does Paul believe about his circumstances *and what* should you believe about yours? Jot down some specific circumstances you are in NOW in which you need to apply this.

21. The most relevant thought *to me* from this passage was...

As a result I plan to....

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