

To Live or To Die: Which Is Better?

P's circ. House, guards, trial. Acts 25:11 (Festus) at Caesar's

I. P's Deliverance, 1:19-20

This=this state of affairs. Sal or del either by acquittal, default or death. Dan 3:16-18. Thru prayer and supply (=Gal 3:5) not special but regular supply.

What did P want their prayers and HS to do? Ans. v 20.

1. No shame, 1 Jn 2:28.

2. Lots of courage=boldness. Whether at trial or executn.

3. X magnified. Made large. P made small.

II. P's Dilemma, 1:21-26

A. To live is X-wrapped up in Him. Gal 2:20. Perspectv. A. Die is gain. More profit. Tit 1:11-sake of base gain

B. Working and fruit, 22
Living means working
working means fruitbearing.

C. Nec for Phil to remain. ²⁵⁻²⁶

Confidence-perhaps time limit near. Phil 22.

1. for Phil's progress in sanct.

2. for Phil's rejoicing in faith (both body of truth (obj) and apprehension of it (subj).

3. for Phil's being able to see P again. in me=on occasion of my return to you.

B. Be with X, 23. Involves
1. loosing=2 Tim 4:6, loose ship, break camp, death. No confinement, pain, limitatns.

2. better. lit much rather better. Heaven is this when compared with earth's ^{1:21} brightest hour, not ^{1 Jn 3} darkest. No soulsleep, purgatory, stop at funeral home.

P's dilemma, 23==constrained. Bliss (on earth) vs. bliss (heav)

III. P's directions for those not knowingly facing death. Whether have ^{imminent} encouragmt of P's presence or not, do these. conduct selves as citizens of heaven, 27.

A. Stand, 27. but not alone. Unity. 1 spirit, 1 soul. Singleness of purpose, harmony. Don't give ground.

B. Strive or struggle, 27. Rule of life which charz gospel. Not scared of opponents. Xncourage is omen of their dest. and our sal. Changed life. Take ground.

C. Suffer, 29-30. Grace gift like sal. Not bec foolishness, but bec Xn citizenship. Agony. Saw in Acts 16. Know about in Rome. Lk 22:44 X in Geth agony.

Concl. Is 1:21 true. Life wrapped up in X. Death desirable