

## The Prophetic Perspective

What You Can Know About Your Future.  
Philippians 1:19-20

**The Fundamental Question:** How can we develop the kind of perspective that thoroughly enjoys life regardless of our circumstances?

The Mathematical Equation:

### A lesson about perspective from the life of Paul (our model):

**The Perfect Perspective:** Seeing the Present in light of the past.

*<sup>12</sup> But I want you to **know**, brethren, that the things which happened to me **have actually turned** out for the furtherance of the gospel,*

**The Prophetic Perspective:** Seeing the Present in light of the future

*<sup>19</sup> For I **know** that this **will turn** out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ*

We see Paul's confident view of the future, I \_\_\_\_\_ this will turn out!

How can we have Joy & Peace not anxiety when we are in a trial and don't know the outcome?

We need to see the \_\_\_\_\_, we need the prophetic perspective!

As Believers, what can we know for sure about our future?

Paul was confident that this would turn out for his \_\_\_\_\_.

What was Paul thinking about being delivered from?

\_\_\_\_\_ + (prayers & Holy Spirit) = \_\_\_\_\_  
(this) (deliverance)

How did Paul say he would be delivered?

*<sup>19</sup> For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance **through** your **prayer** and the **supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ**.*

1. Through prayer (supplications-making specific and intense entreaties for the needs of yourself or for others)
  - Do we see the value of prayer? (James 5:16)
2. Through the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ
  - Who is the one really doing the work (2:13)

What was the standard or measurement of Paul's deliverance?

*<sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*

1. My earnest expectation & hope
  - What is Biblical Hope?
2. In nothing I shall be ashamed
  - Will you boldly speak about the gospel of Christ, even in a difficult situation?
3. Christ will be magnified
  - How can a mere human magnify God?