

Controlling Circumstances - Learning to live in Christ Philippians 1:12-20

Learning To Live In Christ

To Live Is Christ:

Learning to live in His _____ *- 1:6, 21*

Learning to live in His _____ *- 2:5*

Learning to live in His _____ *- 3:13*

Learning to live in His _____ *- 4:13*

Introduction:

Defining “circumstances” = not a single word, but a prepositional phrase meaning

1. “Things that happened to me” (_____) - majority of translations / versions
2. “Things concerning me” (_____). NASB’s “circumstances” conveys BOTH perspectives - translated as such by Geneva Bible, Young’s Literal Bible, Wycliffe Bible, and Orthodox Jewish Bible.

I. God _____ circumstances - v. 12; Ge. 50:20; Psalms 76:10; Psalm 16:4; 1 Peter 1:1-2; Acts 2:22-24; Romans 8:28-29

II. God _____ doors - v. 13

III. God _____ the message and the messengers - v. 14

IV. God affirms the hearts - v. 14, 16, 18 - *Those controlling their circumstances:*

- A. _____ in the Lord
- B. _____ the Word without fear
- C. Preach Christ from good will (_____)
- D. Preach Christ out of _____
- E. Rejoice in their _____ - v. 18

V. God accomplishes His will regardless of wrong motives or methods - v. 15, 17-18 - *Those who are controlled by their circumstances:*

- A. Preach Christ from _____
- B. Proclaim Christ from _____
- C. Intentionally cause strife with _____
- D. Intentionally deceive with _____ - a fictitious or mundane reason concocted to conceal a real or different reason

VI. God _____ our deliverance / works for our good - v. 19; Ro. 8:28; Is this a physical deliverance? MAYBE. Is this a spiritual deliverance / healing? DEFINITELY!

VII. God will be _____ through our life or death - v. 20