**The Study of Philippians: A Discourse in Joy**

**Deliverance from Adversity - Philippians 1:18-26**

**Literal Historical-Grammatical Method:**

LHG method seeks to understand the author's intended meaning, respecting the grammatical structure and the context of what was said.

1. Literal interpretation takes the words in the context of what was said.
2. Literal interpretation takes the words literally in the original language.
3. Literal interpretation respects the grammatical structure used in the writings.
4. Literal interpretation uses standard and practical rules of language and literature, including understanding metaphor and simile.

**Salvation in Philippians:**

**Soteria**: (root Sozo: to bring safely, to deliver) is either salvation or deliverance. You must look at the context to know the meaning of the word.

**Saved from harm in a general sense:** Delivered from physical or emotional danger.

**Saved spiritually in a specific sense:** Salvific: Having the power to redeem or lead to salvation.

*"for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my* ***deliverance****" (Philippians 1:19)*

"*and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your* ***salvation****, and that from God."* (Philippians 1:28)

*"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."* (Philippians 2:12)

**Options for the meaning of salvation:**

Option 1: Paul desires to have deliverance from prison.

Option 2: Paul desires to have salvation, i.e., to receive eternal life.

Option 3: Paul desires to have deliverance from a fleshly response to adversity.

*“19* ***for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance****, 20 as it is my* ***eager expectation and hope*** *that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.”*

(Philippians 1:19–26)

Expectation and hope:

He is now looking away from all else and is focused on honoring Christ in life or death. And this is connected to a “well-founded hope.”

1. I will have Courage, not Shame. (Shame would be associated with a reaction to the mean-spirited attacks on him.)
2. I will honor Christ in my body, either dead or alive. (This “well-founded hope” doesn’t sound like a concern with being delivered from prison)

**Applying salvation principles to your life:**