

Philippians 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Analysis

For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι τοῦτό μοι ἀποβήσεται εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ τῆς ὑμῶν δεήσεως καὶ ἐπιχορηγίας τοῦ πνεύματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, Oida gar hoti touto moi apobēsetai eis sōtērian dia tēs hymōn deēseōs kai epichorēgias tou pneumatos Iēsou Christou)—Oida ("I know," perfect tense) indicates settled confidence. Touto ("this") refers to his circumstances, especially imprisonment and contested preaching.

Salvation (σωτηρία, sōtēria) likely means vindication/deliverance (possibly from trial) rather than eternal salvation, echoing Job 13:16 LXX. Two means secure this: **your prayer** (τῆς ὑμῶν δεήσεως, tēs hymōn deēseōs) and **the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ** (ἐπιχορηγίας τοῦ πνεύματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, epichorēgias tou pneumatos Iēsou Christou). Epichorēgia ("supply, support") originally meant funding a dramatic chorus; here it's lavish divine provision through the Spirit.

Historical Context

Paul frequently requested prayer (Rom 15:30-32; 2 Cor 1:11; Eph 6:19; Col 4:3), valuing partnership in ministry. The Job 13:16 allusion is significant—Job's vindication through suffering parallels Paul's confidence. The 'Spirit of Jesus Christ' (rare title) emphasizes the Spirit's christological focus and Christ's sovereign distribution of the Spirit (cf. Acts 16:7, 'Spirit of Jesus').

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How seriously do you take others' requests for prayer, knowing it's instrumental in their 'salvation'?
2. What does the 'supply of the Spirit' look like practically in sustaining ministry through hardship?
3. How does confidence in providential outcomes (v. 19) relate to the Spirit's work and intercessory prayer?

Interlinear Text

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I know For that this my shall turn to salvation
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διὰ τῆς ὑμῶν δεήσεως καὶ ἐπιχορηγίας τοῦ
through G3588 your prayer and the supply G3588
G1223 G5216 G1162 G2532 G2024

πνεύματος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
of the Spirit of Jesus Christ
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Additional Cross-References

Romans 8:28 (Parallel theme): And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Acts 16:7 (Spirit): After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

2 Corinthians 1:11 (Prayer): Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Galatians 4:6 (Spirit): And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:9 (Spirit): But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

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