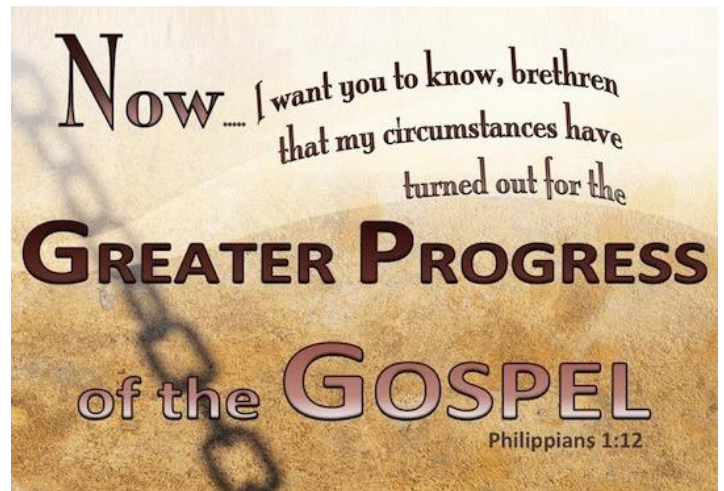
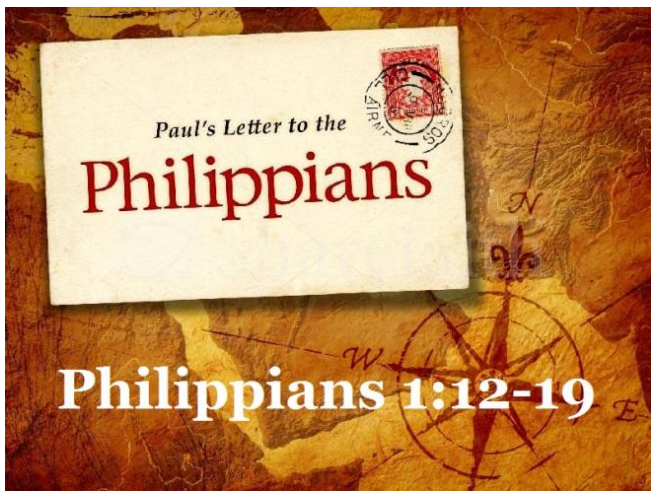




Paul's imprisonment caused him to be known among the elite Praetorian Guard, and it also emboldened many believers to speak out for the word of God. Unfortunately, some believers shared the gospel out of envy and strife, thinking to cause Paul stress while he was in prison. Despite such selfish motives, Paul was still glad to see the proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Preview Introduction
- Furtherance of the Gospel Philippians 1:12-14
- Christ is Preached Philippians 1:15-19



| TRUTHS & PRINCIPLES | APPLICATIONS |
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| All believers will face adversity from evil men and evil spirits. | We must always return good for evil. |
| We can turn adversity into opportunities to glorify God. | We must trust in the Holy Spirit to take the obstacles in our life and turn them into occasions for spiritual growth. |
| God uses the adversities in your life to allow you to validate your trust in Him. | Focus on Jesus, and your relationship to Him, and take an eternal perspective through all your trials and persecution. |
| God will use our daily circumstances to show how much we love Him. | Love God and rely on the Holy Spirit to will and to do His good pleasure in you. |



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What turned out for the furtherance of the gospel (1:12)? _____
2. Who had it become evident that Paul's chains are in Christ (1:13)? _____
3. Who had become confident, to speak boldly, by Paul's chains (1:14)? _____
4. What are the motives given for preaching Christ (1:15)? _____
5. What are the bad motives listed (1:16)? _____
6. What are the good motives listed (1:17)? _____
7. What does Paul rejoice in (1:18)? _____
8. Paul's deliverance will be through what (1:19)? _____



Study Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-27 and Acts 20:6-28:31. Think about all the things Paul faced. Read Philippians 1:12-14 and contemplate Paul's reaction to all the adversities he faced.
 - ❖ What does it take to have such a positive, eternal perspective?
 - ❖ What do you think would be your reaction if faced with the same circumstances?
 - ❖ When faced with adversity or obstacles, do you rejoice seeing an opportunity for the furtherance of the Gospel?
 - ❖ What are some tangible things you can do to view adversity and obstacles as opportunities to glorify God?
2. Contemplate the motives given for preaching the gospel in Philippians 1:15-19.
 - ❖ How do the characteristics of those preaching out of bad motives relate to the "works of the flesh" given in Galatians 5:19-21?
 - ❖ How do the characteristics of those preaching out of good motives relate to the "fruit of the Spirit" given in Galatians 5:22-26?
 - ❖ Do you see the same today? Can you give any examples?
 - ❖ What do you think about those who preach Christ out of bad motives? Do you rejoice that Christ is preached, as Paul did?
 - ❖ What is your motivation for teaching, preaching, or sharing the gospel?

CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED
 AND IN THIS I REJOICE
 Philippians 1:14