

PHIL 1:12-20

— START —

- PAUL HAD ONE PURPOSE IN LIFE — "SPREAD
THE GOSPEL"

① SALVATION FROM SIN —

② A HOME IN HEAVEN —

③ UNION WITH CHRIST —

④ LIFE IN A NEW DIMENSION —

⑤ A LIFE DRIVEN BY A NEW DYNAMIC —

— WERE GLORIOUS REALITIES TO THOSE WHO
KNOW CHRIST — "SO"

- PAUL'S GOAL IN LIFE WAS TO MAKE —
"CHRIST KNOWN" —

(PAUL MENTIONS THE GOSPEL 6 TIMES)

{ THE REAL "TEST OF GENUINENESS" IN THE
CHRISTIAN IS WHEN HE FINDS HIMSELF
— UNDER PRESURE OR PERSECUTION — }

- HOW WE HANDLE THE "RESTRICTIONS" OF
LIFE "WILL DETERMINE" THE DEPTH
OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE —
"ROME"

PAUL'S BURDEN — TO PREACH IN ROME —
(ROM 1:15)

SO MUCH AS IN ME IS — I AM READY
TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO YOU THAT ARE AT
ROME —

(ACT 19:21) LEAVING CARTH AND ON TO EPIRUS
HE MINISTERED -- THEN: PASSING THROUGH
MACEDONIA AND ~~ADRIA~~ -- WENT TO JERUSALEM
SAYING: "I HAVE BEEN THERE, I MUST ALSO
SEE ROME" --- (ACTS 23:11) "THE

LOAD STOOD BEFORE HIM, AND SAID, BE OF
GOOD CHEER -- THOU MUST WITNESS AT ROME"
(BOL)

[PAUL DID NOT REALIZE THE CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH HE WOULD GO TO ROME]

HE PRAYED FOR A "PROSPEROUS JOURNEY"
(ROM 1:10) YET -- IT WAS PROSPEROUS --
THOUGH HE WENT AS A PRISONER -- NOT
AS A PREACHER --

"YET"
HE IS IN ROME -- [DEATH WAITING AT THE DOOR]
-- "RESTRAINED" FROM ACTIVE PREACHING --
ENEMIES, TEARING DOWN HIS REPUTATION

HE SITS IN A DUNGEON -- "BOUND IN CHAINS"
"A HAPPY -- CONTENTED SERVANT OF CHRIST"

"WHY?" -- BECAUSE?

I] THE PLAN OF GOD -- HIS CHAINS --

① BOND OF CHAINS -- ②

"WHAT HAPPENED" -- FURTHERED THE GOSPEL

PAUL WAS BOUND -- BUT -- THE WORD
OF GOD WAS NOT

(GOD'S PLAN WAS IN PLACE)

(2 TIM 2:9) "WHERE IN I SUFFER TROUBLE --
AS AN EVIL DOER -- EVEN UNTO BONDS --
BUT -- THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND"

"PAUL WAS BOUND -- IN ORDER TO --
BROADCAST THE BLESSING OF THE GOSPEL"

(B) BOND OF CHRIST -- (13)

-- OPPORTUNITY --

FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST -- "IN THE
PALACE"

① AN OPPORTUNITY HE MAY NOT HAVE
HAD -- AS A FREE MAN --

CHAIN TO A GUARD: (HE PREACHED)

CHANGE THE GUARD: (MERELY GAVE
PAUL A NEW AUDIENCE)

② AN OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS TO
CAESAR'S HOUSEHOLD --
(4:22)

"THE SAINTS" THAT ARE OF CAESAR'S
HOUSEHOLD" -- HE WITNESSES TO?

③ THE LOWEST SERVANT -- AND --

④ THE HIGHEST DIGNITARIES --
IN THE PALACE

C) BAND OF CONFIDENCE - (14)

"MANY" BELIEVERS - "BROTHERN" - WHO WERE
"TIMID" - ABOUT "TESTIFYING" WERE NOW:

"PRESSURED BY A NEW DARING"

COURAGE WAS "REPLACING" COWARDICE

A NEW BRAVERY + BOLDNESS

- PERSECUTION WAS CAUSING PROGRESS -

THEY LEARNED THAT - "EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE"
IS "AN OPPORTUNITY" - "PREACH" - THE
GOSPEL & INCREASE THE DARING OF OTHERS -

II/ THE PRODUCT - CHRIST PREACHED -

VS 15-18 BY THE SITUATION - BROUGHT

"A CONTRAST IN PROCLAMATION"

A) THE DIFFERENCE DISCERNED - (15)

① SOME OF GOODWILL -

"A SINCERE DESIRE FOR THE WELL-BEING
OF OTHERS"

② A DESIRE TO SEE MEN SAVED -

③ A DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE PAUL -

② SOME OF ENVY ~~WAS~~ - (15)

THEY WERE "JEALOUS OF PAUL" --
"ENVOUS" OF HIS "SUCCESS" --
AND "INFLUENCE"

③ SOME OF STRIFE - (15)

TRANSLATED: "FACTIOUS RIVALRY"

MUCH AS: "DENOMINATIONAL" RIVALRY

SOME PREACHERS "ALMOST CHOKED" ON
ANY "PRAISE" FOR ANOTHER'S MINISTRY

← ESPECIALLY IF THE METHODS ARE
DIFFERENT --

③ THE DIFFERENCE DISCUSSED - (16-17)

① INSINCERE - (16)

NOT "SINCERELY" = "A PRECIOUS
METAL" -- "MIXED WITH A BASE ALLOW"

THEY PREACHED CHRIST -- "PURE GOLD"

BUT

WITH THE ALLOW OF THEIR JEALOUSY

"TO"

"ADD AFFLICTION TO MY BONDS"

② THEY HOPED THEIR SUCCESS WOULD
IRRITATE PAUL --

"OR"

⑥ THEY HOPED THEIR FREEDOM WOULD
"MAGNIFY" PAUL'S "INCARCERATION"
[BUT]

⑦ SOME OF LOVE - ①7

(THESE ARE HIS GREAT HEARTED FRIENDS)

PAUL PRAYED - I'M SURE - FOR THE
INSINCERE & ENVIOUS - "BUT"

~~UNWITTINGLY~~ & TOOK PLEASURE IN
THOSE OF LOVE -

⑧ PAUL DOWN PLAYED THE DIFFERENCE -
VS 18

THE MAIN THING:

THIS CONTENTIOUS CROWD WERE
"PREACHING THE GOSPEL"

⑨ NO MATTER THE REASON -

"CHRIST IS PREACHED"
"PRETENCE" OR "TRUTH"

⑩ I REJOICE & WILL CONTINUE TO -

"NO ONE COULD GET PAUL DOWN"

HE REJOICED - "THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED"

III TO THE PERSON OF PAUL . . . A
BROADER CHALLENGE - 19-21

(A) TO BE DETERMINED - (9-20)

① ABOUT HIS SOURCE - (9)

"I KNOW" A DIVINE GIVEN KNOWLEDGE

② ABOUT HIS SCOPE - (20) (EXPECTATION)

"CHRIST SHALL BE MAGNIFIED"

① IN HOPE ② IN MY BODY

"IN THE FUTURE" . . . "ALWAYS LOOKING

FORWARD" . . . TO BE - (AN "EARTHLY

FRAME" WITH HEAVENLY PICTURES)

→ CHRIST MAGNIFIED

(B) TO BE DISCERNING - (21)

(LIFE & DEATH)

"NOW" + "THEN"

① LIVING IS LIFE IN CHRIST -

"HE IS THE SOURCE & SECRET OF LIFE"

② DYING IS GAIN -

"WE GAIN THE IMMEDIATE PRESENCE
OF CHRIST"

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