

LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS: “FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

I. A God-Glorifying Perspective, (Phil. 1:12-19)

A. . . . in the Midst of Bad Circumstances, (vs. 12-14)

1. v. 12, “*Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel.*”
 - a. Circumstances don’t determine our attitude, our perspective does!

- b. Paul doesn’t focus on “his situation...”

Acts 28:30-31

2. v. 13, “*...my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well-known throughout....*”
 - a. The imprisonment of God’s people was not a rare occurrence in the New Testament.

2 Corinthians 11:23

Matthew 25:36, 40

Hebrews 13:3

- b. It was Paul’s working with the Gentiles that got him thrown into jail in the first place!

Romans 1:16

Luke 19:10

John 15:8

3. (v. 14), “*...and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord, because of my imprisonment...*”
 - a. Reasons for these believer’s courage to share the gospel...

Philippians 3:6

Acts 28:30-31

Philippians 4:22

B. . . . in the Midst of People Doing Bad Things, (vs. 15-18)

1. The Lord's church in Rome was a collection of robust gatherings in and around the city.
 - a. Paul's letter to the church in Rome tells of people who have a church meeting in their homes.

Romans 16:1-15

- b. Close relationships were how many people became followers of Jesus during His ministry.

John 1:40-41

John 1:43, 45-46

- c. Even from the 1st Gentile convert, we see people were sharing the gospel w/relatives & friends!

Acts 10:24

2. But some brethren were jealous of Paul's evangelistic results...."
 - a. (vs. 15-17), "*Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ from envy and strife*"

- b. v. 18, "*What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth*"

3. Paul is confident that all this will end well!
 - a. (v. 19), "*I know that this will turn out for my deliverance*"

CONCLUSIONS:

FAMILY:

John 14:16

John 14:26

Ephesians 5:18-19

Romans 8:26

GUESTS: Acts 2:36-38