

0190 056      The Congregation Who Follows Their Right Pastor In His Spiritual Growth Will Go Through The Types Of Undeserved Sufferings That He Does.

08/13/97      Phi 1:7,29 30; 2Ti 1:15; 4:10,16; Heb 10:38-39; Mat 10:34-38

## Summary

The discussion centers on a detailed analysis of Philippians 1:7-8, focusing on Paul's special rapport with the Philippians. McLaughlin translates and interprets the Greek text, emphasizing Paul's confidence in the Philippians' spiritual growth and their unique support during his imprisonment and gospel defense. The Philippians are described as Paul's partners, sharing in his sufferings and labors, and are praised for their financial contributions and spiritual maturity. McLaughlin highlights the importance of Bible doctrine, spiritual growth stages, and the role of grace in sustaining believers' faith and commitment.

- **Philippians Chapter One, Verse Six: Introduction and Prayer [0:00](#)**
  - McLaughlin discusses the need for a spray to deal with tiny ants and humorously mentions an ant on the tape.
  - McLaughlin initiates a moment of silent prayer, emphasizing the importance of preparing to receive the Word of God.
  - The prayer focuses on the need for spiritual food to sustain the soul, similar to how physical food sustains the body.
  - McLaughlin begins the study of Philippians, chapter one, verse six, and translates it as, "I am confident of this very thing, that he who has begun in you an absolute good work will complete it unto the day of Christ Jesus."
- **Detailed Examination of Philippians 1:7 [3:20](#)**
  - McLaughlin continues the study of Philippians, chapter one, verse seven, translating it as, "Since it is right for me to be holding this opinion in behalf of all of you, because you have a very special place in my heart."
  - The translation includes a detailed breakdown of the Greek words used, such as "dear," "to have," "me," "in," "the," "you," and "heart."
  - McLaughlin explains the unique expression used by Paul, suggesting it was a special message for the Philippians.
  - The discussion highlights the rapport between Paul and the Philippians, based on mutual trust and like-mindedness.
- **Paul's Rapport with the Philippians [7:14](#)**
  - McLaughlin elaborates on the rapport between Paul and the Philippians, emphasizing their positive volition towards Bible doctrine.
  - The Philippians are described as Paul's favorite congregation due to their consistent positive attitude towards the Word of God.
  - McLaughlin mentions the financial gifts sent by the Philippians to Paul, which were significant and supportive.
  - The discussion includes the concept of genuine positive volition versus pseudo positive volition, with the Philippians exemplifying the former.
- **Stages of Spiritual Growth [19:42](#)**

- McLaughlin outlines the three stages of spiritual growth: spiritual self-esteem, spiritual autonomy, and spiritual maturity.
- Each stage is characterized by specific forms of undeserved suffering and the need to pass certain tests.
- The Philippians are described as having reached different stages of spiritual growth, with some already at spiritual maturity.
- McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of sticking with the plan of God and not quitting, even when faced with undeserved suffering.
- **The Role of the Philippians in Paul's Ministry [29:46](#)**
  - McLaughlin highlights the significant role of the Philippians in supporting Paul during his imprisonment and in defending and confirming the gospel.
  - The Philippians are described as partners with Paul, sharing in his sufferings and labors.
  - The discussion includes the concept of the companionship of absent friends, with the Philippians supporting Paul from a distance.
  - McLaughlin emphasizes the importance of having like-minded friends who support and encourage spiritual growth.
- **The Importance of Bible Doctrine [33:25](#)**
  - McLaughlin discusses the central role of Bible doctrine in the relationship between Paul and the Philippians.
  - The Philippians are described as having a special place in Paul's heart due to their support and positive volition towards doctrine.
  - The discussion includes the concept of the hyperstatic Union and the importance of having a positive attitude towards Bible doctrine.
  - McLaughlin emphasizes the need for believers to make continual decisions based on doctrine and to go forward in the plan of God.
- **The Role of Grace in Spiritual Growth [34:17](#)**
  - McLaughlin discusses the role of grace in spiritual growth, emphasizing that grace is not a license to sin but a call to become a winner.
  - The Philippians are described as partners with Paul in grace, sharing in his blessings and accomplishments.
  - The discussion includes the concept of super grace and the importance of supporting the work of doctrine.
  - McLaughlin emphasizes the need for believers to be faithful in their contributions and to support their pastors in their ministry.
- **The Impact of Paul's Ministry on the Philippians [57:53](#)**
  - McLaughlin discusses the impact of Paul's ministry on the Philippians, emphasizing their spiritual growth and maturity.
  - The Philippians are described as having received blessings in this life and in the eternal state due to their support of Paul.
  - The discussion includes the concept of the historical phase of the angelic conflict and the importance of cognitive independence.
  - McLaughlin emphasizes the need for believers to continue in their spiritual growth and to support their pastors in their ministry.
- **The Role of the Philippians in Paul's Future Rewards [58:07](#)**

- McLaughlin discusses the role of the Philippians in Paul's future rewards, emphasizing their partnership in grace.
- The Philippians are described as sharing in Paul's blessings and accomplishments, both in this life and in the eternal state.
- The discussion includes the concept of the judgment seat of Christ and the importance of receiving rewards for faithful service.
- McLaughlin emphasizes the need for believers to be faithful in their contributions and to support their pastors in their ministry.
- **The Importance of Positive Volition towards Doctrine [58:27](#)**
  - McLaughlin discusses the importance of positive volition towards Bible doctrine, emphasizing the need for believers to make continual decisions based on doctrine.
  - The Philippians are described as having a special place in Paul's heart due to their positive volition towards doctrine.
  - The discussion includes the concept of the hyperstatic Union and the importance of having a positive attitude towards Bible doctrine.
  - McLaughlin emphasizes the need for believers to go forward in the plan of God and to support their pastors in their ministry.