

L5 | For the Furtherance of the Gospel | Php. 1:12-18

I. Intro/Review:

- Love abound more and more in knowledge and all judgment
 - That ye may approve things that are excellent
 - That ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ
- Being filled with the fruits of righteousness
 - Filled to bear them

II. Preview:

1. Furtherance of the Gospel
2. The Preaching of the Gospel

III. Sermon:

**But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
{Philippians 1:12}**

1. Furtherance of the Gospel

- :5 - "fellowship in the gospel"
- :7 - "defence and confirmation of the gospel"
- :12 - "furtherance of the gospel"
- "furtherance"
 - Noun - "prokope" - Php. 1:12 "furtherance; Php. 1:25 - "furtherance"; 1 Tim. 4:15 - "profiting"
 - Verb - "prokopto" -
 - To beat forward; blacksmith
 - Advance in time
 - Luke 2:52 - increased
 - Rom. 13:12 - "far spent"
 - Gal. 1:14 - "profited"
 - 2 Tim. 2:16 - "increase"
 - 2 Tim. 3:9 - "proceed"
 - 2 Tim. 3:13 - "wax"
- Bonds don't stop the gospel - they further it
- The institution of the gospel supersedes man's abuse of another institution
- Bonds further the gospel by manifesting it
 - Message spiritual - love and without harm
 - Bonds restrain evil that isn't there

So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

{Philippians 1:13}

- **"my bonds"** - 4x (:7, 13, 14, 16)
 - Eph. 3:1, 4:1 (Eph. 3:13)
 - The Lord's prisoner
 - Different "bonds"
 - "bonds in Christ"
 - Eph. 6
- **"are manifest"**
 - Translated - Openly, known, abroad, outwardly, appear
 - Apparent, evident, and known
- **"in all the palace, and in all other places;"**
 - "palace" - head quarters in a Roman camp; palace in which the governor of a province is; the camp of the Praetorian soldier est. by Tiberius
 - Matt. 27:27 - "common hall"
 - Mar. 15:16 - "Praetorium"
 - Jhn. 18:28 - "hall of judgement" (18:33, 19:9)
 - Acts 23:35 - "Herod's judgment hall"

 - Acts 9:15 - "a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:"
 - Acts 28:30-31 (and previous)

2. The Preaching of the Gospel

And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

{Philippians 1:14}

- **"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds"**
 - The furtherance of the gospel not only worked in 1) the palace, and 2) all other places, but 3) in many of the brethren
 - Preach the Word
 - 2 Tim. 1:7
 - "are much more bold to speak the word without fear."
 - Eph. 6 prayer
 - Philippians letter last of 3 in view of Paul's prayer, then he knows something (Php. 1:19)

Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

{Philippians 1:15-18}

- "Some indeed preach Christ"
 1. "even of envy and strife"

- 1) "envy" - jealousy, rivalry, ill-will - to look at with malice, cast evil eye upon
 - 2) "strife" - content, wrangling
 - Rom. 1:29 - debate (2 Cor. 12:20)
 - Rom. 13:13 - work of darkness
 - 1 Cor. 1:11 - contentions
 - 1 Cor. 3:3 - walk as men
 - Gal. 5:20 - variance
 - 1 Tim. 6:4 - proud
 - Tit. 3:9 - unprofitable & vain
- They attach the teaching, the teacher, and his reputation
 - Not always what is said, but how and the intention (pretence)

1. **"of contention, not sincerely"**

- Sincere - supposed to be in Php. 1:10
- Last words of Ephesians 6
- Attack Paul's aposteship
- Don't know he is set for the defence of the gospel
- Not unity - what's called for in Php. 2:1ff
- Their preaching of Christ is mixed with adding affliction to Paul

2. **"supposing to add affliction to my bonds:"**

- Would be agreeable with the abuse of imprisonment by Rome

3. **"whether in pretence"**

- False show; simulation, feigning, imitating, don't resemble; putting forth of a claim, concealing true intent
- Allege and put forward
- Against truth

2. **"also of good will"**

- Charity (Rom. 13) - love worketh no ill to his neighbor
- Kindly
- Desire (Rom. 10:1)
- Good pleasure (Eph. 1:5, 9)

1. **"sincerely"**

- Php. 1:10
- 1 Cor. 5:8 - sincerity and truth

2. **"of love"**

- Rejoices in the truth

3. **"in truth"**

- Some proverbs
 - Pro. 15:1
 - Pro. 15:18
 - Pro. 15:28

- Pro. 16:23, 25, 27-30

IV. Conclusion:

- Christ is preached
 - What Paul learned
 - 2 Cor. 4:17, 6:4
 - Eph. 3:13
 - Php. 4