

“Changing My Perspective With Proper Attitude.”

Philippians 1-2

We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.”—Chuck Swindoll

- 1:12-21
 - Paul’s circumstances were not great, but he looked at the positives
 - Praetorian guard hearing Gospel
 - Boldness of other believers to share Gospel
 - Some are preaching Christ from envy and strife
 - But Christ still gets the glory
 - To live is Christ, to die is gain
 - Proper perspective is looking up
 - Having purpose is essential to perspective
- 2:1-2
 - “**If**s” are first class conditional clauses, meaning that which follows the “if” is true
 - It is up to us to get these elements of grace—they cannot be legislated
 - Joy is found in unity (with the Lord and with believers)

- Mind in Greek is *phroneo*
 - The word is used 10 times in this letter, more than any other letter in the New Testament
- 2:3-4
 - Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit
 - Humility of mind or lowliness of mind
 - Humility does not mean worthless or without value
 - Do not neglect yourself while caring for others
 - Do not care for self while neglecting others
- 2:5-8
 - “Have this *phroneo* in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus”
 - Jesus, equal to God, but did not regard equality a thing to be grasped but emptied Himself—HUMILITY!
 - He always put others before Himself, even while being treated harshly
 - His attitude, or mind, was always “Not my will, but Yours be done”