

PHILIPPIANS



TO LIVE IS CHRIST

1. Imprisonment of Paul – 1:12-14

2. Paul's Rivals – 1:15-18

3. Confidence in Death and Life – 1:19-26

1. Imprisonment of Paul – 1:12-14

Are you willing to leave home and lose your father's blessing?

Are you willing to lose your job or livelihood?

Are you willing to return to your village and those who persecute you, forgive them, and share the love of Christ with them?

Are you willing to give an offering to the Lord?

Are you willing to be beaten rather than deny your faith?

Are you willing to go to prison?

Are you willing to die for Jesus?

Are you willing to suffer for your faith in Jesus?

Philippians 1:12-14

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Philippians 4:22

²² All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

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Time	Christians	% Population
AD 100	7,500	0.02%
AD 150	40,000	0.07%
AD 200	200,000	0.35%
AD 250	2 million	2.00%
AD 300	6 million	10.00%
AD 350	34 million	56%

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15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel.

17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Group 1	Group 2
Preach Christ	Preach Christ
Out of Envy & Rivalry	Out of Goodwill
Selfish Ambition & Lacking Sincerity	Out of Love

Philippians 4:15-16

¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16 for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

The power of the gospel does not depend on the character of the preacher; the gospel goes out despite the preacher and accomplishes all the Lord wants with it.

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