

Brookfield Church of Christ - Philippians Chapter 1 - Roy Mason

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Paul offered prayers of thanksgiving on behalf of the Philippians due to their common fellowship in preaching, defending, and the confirmation of the gospel. The Philippians had also shared with Paul in his bonds of prison. Paul requests, in prayer, that the Philippians would abound in knowledge and discernment so that they may be void of offense in the day of Christ.

Paul explains to the Philippians that his prison bonds actually turned out for the betterment of many souls. He preached in Rome and consequently many heard and obeyed the gospel. When brethren saw the good results he had, while in prison, they were encouraged to do the same. Some of these preachers preached truth with the motive to gain souls while others preached truth to gain followers for their own agendas. Paul could rejoice, no matter the motive, so long as truth was taught.

Paul exhorts the Philippians to allow their actions to be governed by truth and to be of one mind in the truth. When their adversaries see their united front against error they will be convicted of their spiritual death. Said conviction will lead to Christians suffering for which God had granted them to experience in behalf of Jesus. Paul reminds the Philippians that they had previously seen his afflictions when he preached the gospel in Philippi and so they too shall now share in the same fate.

I. Paul affectionately addresses the Philippians (1:1-2)

Acts 16:1-5, 2 Tim 3:15, Ephesians 2:1

II. Paul's Prayer for the Philippians (1:3-11)

Phil 4:15-16, Hebrews 10:1, Phil 2:25, 1 John 3:15-17

III. The Gospel is being preached (1:12-26)

Acts 28:30-31, 2 Cor 11,

IV. A Life Worthy of the Gospel (1:27-30)

Psalms 51:17; Jn. 4:23; I Cor. 4:21, II Cor. 7:1; 11:4; Eph. 2:1-3; I Jn. 4:1, 6
Gal. 4:16; Eph. 5:1,1 Thes 3:1-3