

Week 2 - PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18

Partnership in the Gospel

Is a Common Banner

Is Sanctifying

Desires the Gospel Goes Forth

Philippians 1:12-18 |The Product of the Gospel Advance|

vv 12-13 Gospel **PERSPECTIVE**

- *Eternal vs. Temporal Perspective*
 - *Long view of Life and Time*
 - *View of Wins vs. Losses Changes*
 - *Witness to the Praetorian guard*
 - *Personal Circumstances Change*

“The same God who used Moses’ rod, Gideon’s pitchers, and David’s sling, used Paul’s chains.” (Warren Wiersbe, 1981)

vv 14 & 16 Gospel **MOTIVATION**

- *Stepping into Paul’s absence*
 - *Motivated by selfish ambition and/or vain conceit*
 - *Motivated by Paul’s boldness and suffering*
 - *Motivated by the NEED for Gospel Proclamation*
- *Message is the same: Gospel goes forth*

vv 14, 15, 17-18 Gospel **JOY**

- *“Sometimes your adversaries are your greatest spokesmen.”*
- *Not TRUTH as in RIGHT DOCTRINE, but rather RIGHT MOTIVATION*
 - *(gk. ti gar = “what then”) “The power of the gospel, therefore, does not depend on the character of the preacher.” (G. F. Hawthorne, 1983)*
- *Joy comes in the morning*
 - *Joy is tied to salvation, yours and those you’ve led to their own*
 - *CROWN of JOY (1 Thess. 2:19)*
 - *Complete JOY (John 16:22-24)*
 - *Joy that cannot be taken = when we see Him*
 - *Joy that is full = what we ask of Him*

“...when you have the single mind, you look upon your circumstances as God-given opportunities for the furtherance of the Gospel, and you rejoice at what God is going to do instead of complaining about what God did not do.” (Wiersbe)

“Verses 12-18 present Paul as a positive model for all believers. Rather than valuing his own comfort, reputation, and freedom above all else, he put the advancement of God’s plan first. He discerned what was best (v. 10). He could maintain a truly joyful attitude even in unpleasant circumstances...” (T. Constable, 2013)

Fellowship in the Gospel produces a fearlessness that only resides within the Church.

Philippians 1:12-30 English Standard Version (ESV)

The Advance of the Gospel

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

John 16:16-24

Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and

you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.” ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

