



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

- **Review of *Phil 1:15-17***

- The preachers of Jesus Christ may have had wrong motives, but lessons could be learned – and Christ was still preached.

- Were these espousers only anti-Paul or were they just Judaizer's and Paul's teaching was used as an example?

- » *Gal 1:6 - I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,*

- ***Phil 1:18 - What then (what does it matter)? Only that (notwithstanding) in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached (announced); and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.***

- How should we interpret *pretense* in lieu of *truth*?

- *prophasis* – ostensibly, with a motive of envy and fiction

- » *Matt 23:14 - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore, you will receive greater condemnation."*



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

- *1 Thess 2:5 - For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak (prophasis) for covetousness—God is witness.*
- *Christ is preached or announced;*
  - Of interest, although *katangellō* is most often translated as *preached*, to *announce, declare, proclaim* or *spoken of* is also used and may be more appropriate in some text than others.
    - » *Rom 1:8 - First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*
    - » *1 Cor 2L:1 - And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.*
    - » *1 Cor 11L26 - For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.'*
- But either way let's look at Paul's response - *and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.*
  - *Present active and future second passive, respectively – why future passive?*
- Wuest Translation: *'What is my feeling in view of these things? (Supposing they do purpose to make my chain gall me). The only thing that follows is that in every manner whether in*



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

*pretense or in truth, whether insincerely or sincerely, Christ is being announced; and in this I am rejoicing, and certainly I will continue to rejoice.'*

- McCalley – 'When Paul says he rejoices in the activity of these men, he sets before us a beautiful example of loving truth more than he loved himself..... **To Paul, faithfulness to the truth was a virtue of primary importance.** We are also shown that Paul evaluates other teachers based on the truth they proclaim.'

–Does this position/condition relate at all to us today?

- ***Phil 1:19 - For I know (eido) that this will turn out for my deliverance (salvation) through your prayer and the supply (bountiful) of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,***  
–*For I know (eido)* – why does Paul state this as fact or *perceived* but not known by experience (*ginōskō*)?



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

endeavor in his service for his Lord.’

- Is it that Paul is counting entirely on their *prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ*?
  - Here's another interesting example of know (*eido*).
    - » *Rom 8:28 - And we know (eido) that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*
- So why *will this turn out for my (Paul's) deliverance (salvation)*?
  - To what does *this* refer?
    - » *Phil 1:12 - But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,*
    - » *Job 13:16 - He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.*
  - *deliverance or salvation* from what?
    - Salvation could apply to his spiritual salvation (*being saved*), but also to the healing of his body and/or release from imprisonment.
      - » *Mark 15:31 - Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save.*
- Wuest – ‘Paul uses it here of his own well-being. The knowledge that his



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

imprisonment was not hindering the preaching of the gospel, but on the other hand was cutting pioneer roads for its advance and causing many in Rome to break their silence and proclaim the Word, was like a tonic to his soul, saving him from discouragement and spurring him on to greater endeavor in his service for his Lord.'

- Importantly, Paul remains in hope that he will join them in Philippi again.

  - » *Phil 1:25,26 - And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.*

- Constable – 'Does this mean that if the Philippians failed to pray for Paul God's work in him would suffer? Yes, but the salvation in view is progressive sanctification, not glorification. God and people work together in the process of sanctification, **but glorification is God's work alone.**'

- Darby – 'Nevertheless the pain caused by such an effort betrays the inability of man to maintain the work of God at its own height. **But all this happens in order that God may have the whole glory of the work;** and it is needed, in order that the creature may be manifested in every respect according to the truth.'



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

- *Phil 1:20 - According to my earnest (eager) expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*
  - This is an incredible verse!
  - *According to my earnest (eager) expectation (apokaradokia) and hope*
    - *earnest (eager) expectation is only used once more.*
      - » *Rom 8:19 - For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*
  - *Paul's expectation and hope was that in nothing I shall be ashamed (future passive),*
    - *A great message for us too.*
      - » *1 Peter 4:16 - Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.*
  - *but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body,*



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

## *Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

- Is Paul thinking of the truth and principle of a verse not yet written?
  - » *Heb 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- *as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*
  - Importantly, *will be magnified* is *future passive*
  - Constable – ‘The use of the passive "be exalted" rather than the active ..... reflects Paul's conviction that **essentially the Christian life involves following the leading of God's indwelling Spirit** rather than seizing the initiative and doing things for God.’
    - » *Gal 5:18 - But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*
  - Wuest – ‘The word "magnify" is the translation of a Greek word meaning, "to make great, to make conspicuous, to get glory and praise." **Paul's desire was that the Lord Jesus might be seen in his life** in all His beauty, that He might be conspicuous, that He might get glory and praise to Himself through Paul.’
    - » *2 Cor 4:10 - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*



# *Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*

*Philippians 1:18-20 – Christ is Proclaimed*

**This is a great prelude to *Phil*  
1:21!**