

Philippians

Chapter 1:12-20

- I. **Philippians 1:12** ¹²But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- a. Understand
- i. Greek word *ginosko*- Strong's Con.- a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolutely) in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed):—allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know(-ledge), perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.
 - ii. In Philippians it is interpreted “know” or “known” in Philippians 2:19, 2:22, 3:10, 4:5
 - iii. This is the only verse of Paul’s that it is interpreted as “Understand”
 - iv. **Acts 8:30** ³⁰And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?
- b. Happened to me
- i. **II Corinthians 11:23-30** ²³Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. ²⁴Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. ²⁵Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶*In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the

wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? ³⁰If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

c. Furtherance of the Gospel

- i. **Colossians 4:3** ³Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
- ii. **Ephesians 6:19** ¹⁹And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
- iii. Other use of the word Furtherance in Philippians
 1. **Philippians 1:25** ²⁵And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;
- iv. Paul wants them to perceive or be sure that God is able to use our difficulties to further the gospel. This is in alignment with...
 1. **Romans 8:28** ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.
 2. **Romans 8:18** ¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
 3. **II Corinthians 4:17** ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment,

worketh for us a far more
exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

II. Philippians 1:13 ¹³So that my bonds in Christ are
manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;

a. Bonds

i. **Philippians 1:7**⁷Even as it is meet for me to think
this of you all, because I have you in my heart;
inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence
and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are
partakers of my grace.

ii. He says “ambassador in bonds” in Ephesians 6:20

b. Twofold Furtherance

i. **Paul**

1. **Philippians 4:22** ²²All the saints salute you,
chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

ii. **Others (vs 14)**

1. **He's talking to the Philippians about
those present in Rome.**

2. **What if Paul complained the whole time
to the rotating guards?**

III. Philippians 1:14 ¹⁴And many of the brethren in the Lord,
waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear.

a. Brethren in the Lord

i. Confident

ii. Bold

1. Without fear

2. **II Timothy 1:7**⁷For God hath not given us
the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love,
and of a sound mind.

3. **Romans 1:16**¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the
gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God
unto salvation to every one that believeth; to
the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- IV. **Philippians 1:15** ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- a. Two types that preach Christ
 - i. Envy and Strife
 - ii. Good will
- V. **Philippians 1:16** ¹⁶The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- a. The first type
- VI. **Philippians 1:17** ¹⁷But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.
- a. The second type
 - i. **II Corinthians 5:14** ¹⁴For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:
 - ii. Defense
 - 1. **Acts 22:1** ¹Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.
- VII. **Philippians 1:18** ¹⁸What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.
- a. Christ Preached
 - i. Gospel of Grace
 - 1. **I Corinthians 15:1-4** ¹Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ²By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. ³For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
 - 2. **Ephesians 1:13** ¹³In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

ii. Other Gospels

1. **Galatians 1:11-12** ¹¹But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. ¹²For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
2. **Galatians 1:6-9** ⁶I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
3. **Galatians 2:7** ⁷But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;

II. **Philippians 1:19** ¹⁹For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

a. Salvation

- i. Deliverance not eternal salvation.
- ii. **Job 13:16** ¹⁶He also *shall be* my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

b. Prayer

- i. **Philippians 4:6** ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- ii. **II Thessalonians 3:1-2** ¹Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: ²And that we may be

delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

- iii. **I Thessalonians 5:25**²⁵Brethren, pray for us.
- iv. **Ephesians 6:18**¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- v. **Romans 15:30-32** ³⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me; ³¹That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which *I have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; ³²That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

III. **Philippians 1:20**²⁰According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

i. Christ Magnified

- 1. Reminds me of John the Baptist
- 2. **John 3:30** ³⁰He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

ii. By death

- 1. **Acts 21:13** ¹³Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 2. **II Corinthians 1:8-10**⁸For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: ⁹But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: ¹⁰Who delivered us from so great a death,

and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*;

3. **Acts 22:22-25**²²And they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. ²³And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air, ²⁴The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. ²⁵And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

- a. Centurian saved him

4. **Acts 27:43** ⁴³But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:

- a. Centurian saved him

iii. Not worthy of death

1. **Acts 25:11**¹¹For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.
2. **Acts 25:16**¹⁶To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.
3. **Acts 25:25**²⁵But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he

himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

4. **Acts 26:31-32**³¹And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. ³²Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.
5. **Acts 28:18**¹⁸Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me.