Philippians Part 7 Philippians 1:1-19

Acts 16:1-30

1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, 2 and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 Now while **they** were passing through the cities, **they** were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for **them** to observe. 5 So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.

6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after **they** came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit **them**; 8 and passing by Mysia, **they** came down to Troas. 9 A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, immediately **we** sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called **us** to preach the gospel to them.

11 So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

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14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged **us**, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 It happened that as **we** were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met **us**, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." 18 She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment.

19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged **them** into the market place before the authorities, 20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews, 21 and are proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."

Paul and Silas Imprisoned

22 The crowd rose up together against **them**, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off **them** and proceeded to order **them** to be beaten with rods. 23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw **them** into prison, commanding the jailer to guard **them** securely; 24 and he, having received such a command, threw **them** into the inner prison and fastened **their** feet in the stocks.

25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to **them**; 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for **we** are all here!" 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought **them** out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 17:1-2

1 Now when **they** had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, **they** came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

Philippians 1:5-6

5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

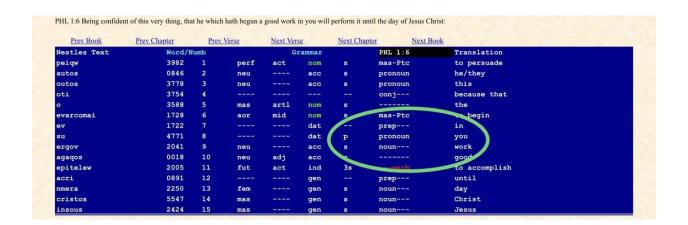
Galatians 1:15-16

15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased 16 to reveal His Son in me **SO THAT** I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work **IN YOU** will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-9

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you *(plural)*, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all *(plural)*, 5 in view of your *(plural)* participation in the gospel from the first day until now.



6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work **IN YOU** will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you **ALL**, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the **DEFENSE** and **CONFIRMATION** of the gospel, you **ALL** are partakers of grace with me.

8 For God is my witness, how I long for you **ALL** with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real **knowledge and all discernment**,

Hebrews 5:12-14

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of **PRACTICE** have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Philippians 1:10-19

- 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;
- 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
- 12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the **GREATER PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL**,
- 13 so that my imprisonment in **THE CAUSE OF CHRIST** has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,
- 14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage **TO SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD** without fear.
- 15 Some, to be sure, are **PREACHING Christ** even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;
- 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for **THE DEFENSE of the GOSPEL**;
- 17 the former **PROCLAIM CHRIST** out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, **CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED**; and in this I rejoice.

19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.