## ADVANCING THE GOSPEL Philippians 1:12-18

## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Gospel of Christ will never be stopped. Therefore, regardless of the circumstances or situations we find ourselves in, Proclaim the Word of God.

- I. The Advancement of the Gospel Through Preaching (vv. 12-14)
  - A. Apostle Paul's Circumstances (v. 12a)
    - o (Acts 16:17-24; 21:11; 2 Tim 2:8-9; 2 Cor 11:23-28).
  - B. Paul did not grumble, complain nor question God about being in prison for Preaching the Gospel (v. 12b).
    - o (Acts 28:20; Eph 6:20)
  - C. Paul spread the Gospel through the Imperial Guard of Rome (v. 13)
- **II.** The Gospel was Advanced with Confidence and Love (vv. 14, 17)
  - A. The Gospel was advanced with confidence (v. 14)
  - **B.** The Gospel was advanced with love (v. 17)
    - o (1 John 4:19; Ps 100:2; 2 Cor 4:5).
- III. The Gospel was Advanced by the Enemies (vv. 15, 16. 18)
  - A. Paul acknowledged that some were preaching with the wrong motives "envy and strife"- v. 15.
  - **B.** Paul realized that some were speaking with a spirit of contention (v. 16)
    - o (1 Tim 6:4; Prov 13:10; Prov 15:1; Prov 17:14).

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. The Result: "Christ is Preached" Why?
  - o Rom 1:16
  - o Rom 15:20-21
  - o 1 Cor 2:2
- **B.** Nothing can stop the Gospel from advancing. When we share the gospel with someone they may come to Christ that day or at a later time, either way we are advancing the Gospel. Let us remain faithful in sharing and advancing the Gospel.
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).