

Sermon Scripture Passage: Philippians 1:12-18

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.

Scripture References:

Colossians 4:5-6 – Walk in wisdom toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

2 Corinthians 4:5 – For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Romans 14:4 – Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Five Key Elements of the Gospel and the Scriptures behind them

Psalm 95:6-7 - We were created by God and owe to Him both our obedience and our worship.

Romans 3:23 - Each and every person has sinned and fallen short of the standard God set.

Romans 6:23 + Hebrews 9:27 - Because of sin we face death and eternal separation from God

Romans 5:8 + 1 Peter 3:18 - Christ Jesus died for our sin, taking our punishment upon Himself, so that we can be forgiven and declared right with God.

Romans 10:10 + John 1:12 - By putting our faith in Jesus, we are accepted as children of God and receive eternal life as a gift of God's amazing grace.

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Philippians #2 – Philippians 1:12-18– The Advance of the Gospel

Main Idea: Know that the gospel is on the advance despite _____ within this world and,
Be _____ that the gospel message has real power to change people’s lives.

Secularization Thesis: As the world became more _____, more _____, and
more _____ then belief in God would naturally decline.

Philippians 1:12-18 – Four Unexpected Developments in Paul’s work in defending the gospel.

1:12-13 Paul’s _____ had actually served to advance the gospel.

1:14 It has _____ Christians there in Rome to share the good news of Christ.

Colossians 4:5-6 – *What is our method in sharing the message?*

2 Corinthians 4:5 – *What is our attitude in sharing the message?*

1:15-17 God can use _____ messengers to send forth the word of Life.

Romans 1:16 *The gospel message is the _____ of God to bring salvation*

1:18 Like Paul we can _____ to see the gospel advance even if it is not by our group.

Romans 14:4 *What is our attitude toward “rival” Christian groups?*

_____ Christianity – The truths that believers of different churches generally have in common.

When you get a chance: Review the Five Key Elements of the Gospel and look up the
Scriptures on the other side of the handout.

Consider how you can explain each of those truths for a non-Christian friend.

Answers for the blanks:

- Opposition
- Confident
- Modern
- Educated
- Scientific
- Arrest
- Emboldened
- Imperfect
- Power
- Rejoice
- Mere