## A Chained Christian; An Unchained Gospel Philippians 1:12-18

Introduction:

|              | I.  | Paul's Situation   |
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|              |     | A. A man in chains. (vv. 7, 13; Acts 28:16, 20)  |
|              |     | B. In chains because of the Gospel (v.13; Acts 20:21, 22; 21:17-21, 27, 28)                  |
|              |     | 1. The expectation of persecution. Jn. 15:20; II Tim 3:12                                    |
|              |     | <ul><li>2. Paul was excessively persecuted for the Gospel.</li><li>2 Cor. 11:25-27</li></ul> |
| Application: |     |  |
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|              | II. | The Gospel's success (v. 12) 2 Tim. 2:9  |
|              |     | A. The origin of the Philippian church. Acts 16:22 ff  |
|              |     | B. Eyewitnesses to Paul's love for Christ. (v. 13) Acts 28:24                                |

- C. Others encouraged to speak up for Christ. (vv. 14-18)
  - 1. For wrong reasons. (vv. 15, 16)
  - 2. For right reasons. (vv. 15, 17)

## **Application:**

1. "Paul believed, with full energy, prayer is the grandest of all powers which we have of helping each other." "Lectures on Philippians" Robert Johnstone p. 69)

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