JOY IN CHRIST BEING PREACHED

Philippians 1:12-18

- I. "Let Me Be <u>Clear</u>" vs. 12a
- II. Paul's Circumstances vs. 12b

Philippians 1:7

Acts 21:33-28:31

Acts 28:16, 30

III. The Gospel Is Advanced – vs. 12c-13

Praitōrion – palace guard

Philippians 4:22

Acts 28:30-31

Prokopēn – progress; moving ahead slowly in the face of obstacles.

1 Thessalonians 2:2

2 Timothy 2:8-10

1 Corinthians 9:16

Acts 28:20

Ephesians 6:20

IV. The Brethren Encouraged - vs. 14

V. Two Types Of Preachers – vs. 15-17

1. Paul's <u>Detractors</u> – vs. 15a, 16

1 Corinthians 1:12

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Phthonos - jealousy, envy

Eris - contention, strife, wrangling.

Eritheia - selfish ambition, implying rivalry

1 Peter 5:1-3

3 John 9

2. Those Of <u>Good Will</u> – vs. 15b, 17

Eudokia - what pleases, goodwill

Keimai - exist, with the implication of having been established; to be set or placed

1 Thessalonians 3:3

VI. Who Cares? Christ Is Being Preached!! – vs. 18

Jonah 4:1-9

Isaiah 55:11

Closing Thought: The Apostle Paul did not concern himself with his circumstances, nor with those who were jealous of him, wanted to exalt themselves or add to his affliction. Paul was concerned only that Christ was preached and men were saved; a single-minded devotion to spreading The Gospel. Oh, that that would be true of us as well Beloved; focused on our task, not our trials.