

Philippians 1:12-21

We will be out this week with some out of town obligations, family gatherings, and ADBC on Sunday. Darron will preach. Pray for him and pray for us...and me.

As we began our study of Philippians last week, we introduced the letter by focusing on the first 11 verses of the first chapter. As this first chapter continues to unfold before us, I think what stands out the most to me, is the numerous ways by which the gospel advances.

There are 6 key ways that the gospel advances that stand out in this first chapter. We will look at a portion of these this morning, and then finish them up in later weeks.

The gospel advances through...

**I. Partnerships v1-11**

**II. Persecution v12-14**

Michael Card in his book, "Wounded in the House of Friends" tells the story of a Masai warrior named Joseph. (pg 93-94 of "Let the Nations be Glad")

2 Cor 4:7-12

**III. Preaching v15-18**

Romans 10:13-15 "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"

**IV. Prizing Christ v19-21**

**A. To Live is Christ v21-25**

**1. In the world**

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| a. <u>John 20:21</u>       | He sends us                    |
| b. <u>Mark 16:15ff</u>     | His Name empowers us           |
| c. <u>Luke 24:47-49</u>    | He sends the Holy Spirit to us |
| d. <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u> | He is with us                  |
| e. <u>Acts 1:8</u>         | He is the one we witness of    |

**2. In the church**

a. Romans 12:4-5 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

b. 1 Cor 12:12-27

**3. In the home**

a. Ephesians 5:22-6:4

#### 4. As individuals

- a. Luke 9:23ff
- b. The GOSPEL
- c. Run from Sin....Run to Jesus

#### Conclusion:

For me...for me to live is Christ. What about you?

Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

#### Home Group Discussion Questions

1. Take some time to review the sermon notes from Sunday.
  2. Was there anything from this sermon that was difficult to understand or that didn't make sense to you? Discuss it with the group.
  3. What do you believe was the most impactful part of the sermon Sunday? Discuss
  4. How do you plan to apply this to your life? For example, "In response to this sermon, I will \_\_\_\_\_"
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