

Questions on Philippians chapter 1

1. Where is Philippi? Why is Timothy named as a sender of the letter? What three classes are addressed in the epistle? Verses 1-2.

2. What were Paul's feelings as he remembered the Philippians in prayer? What had they done that Paul described as fellowship? Verses 3-5. (See Philippians 4:14-16)

3. What was Paul's confidence? What is the day of Jesus Christ? Verse 6.

4. Why did Paul say it was meet (or appropriate) for him to feel confident? In what three ways were the Philippians partakers with Paul? What is meant by "the bowels of Jesus Christ"? Verses 7-8.

5. In what way did Paul pray for the Philippians' love to grow or abound? Why is it necessary for love to be accompanied with knowledge or discernment? Verse 9.

6. What three things did Paul pray that the Philippians should do or be? The margin of the American Standard Version renders that part of that as "so that ye may distinguish the things that differ." What does that mean? Verse 10.

7. What would be the result in the Philippians if Paul's prayer is fulfilled? Name the source of the fruits of righteousness. Verse 11.

8. How had Paul's bonds or imprisonment affected the progress of the gospel? Verse 12.

9. What was the Praetorian Guard (rendered "palace" in the King James Version) and what may we infer about Paul's influence with them and people in Rome? Verse 13.

10. What sort of bonds did Paul have? (See Acts 28:20). How did Paul's imprisonment affect the brethren at Rome? Verse 14.

11. What were the two opposing motives for preaching Christ? Did envy and strife describe heresy or wrong attitudes? Verse 15.

12. Barclay says that the word for envy came to mean self-seeking and selfish ambition. Is it possible that such would exist among preachers? Verse 16.

13. What were those who loved Paul and saw him in prison inspired to do? Verse 17.

14. What was Paul's attitude about Christ being preached, even by those who were unfriendly to him or contemptuous of him? Would that justify us if we approved of denominational doctrine mixed with the gospel? Verse 18.

15. What does Paul expect the prison experience to result in for him? What two great supports does he know he has? Verse 19.

16. If Paul is not ashamed and boldly preaches the gospel, what is his expectation and hope? How could Paul say "to die is gain"? What was his advantage to go on living? Verses 20-22.

17. What is a strait? What was Paul's preference about living or dying? Verse 23.

18. Why was it more needful for Paul to abide in the flesh? Verse 24.

19. What was Paul's conviction about whether he would live or die? Verse 25.

20. What purposes would be served by Paul's continuing with them? Verses 25-26.

21. What did Paul hope to hear about the conduct of the Philippians? Verse 27.

22. How was the Philippians' boldness a token of perdition to adversaries but a token of salvation to themselves? Verse 28.

23. Did Paul see suffering for Christ as a privilege or a dishonor to be endured? Verse 29.

24. Who was their example in bearing conflict and anguish? Verse 30.