

## **Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel - Philippians 1:12-30**

### **Topics**

Believers, Circumstances, Courage, Death, Faith, Gospel, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Joy, Life, Motives, Prayer, Reputation, Salvation, Suffering

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# **Bible Study**

## **Letter to the Philippians**



**Philippians 1:12-30**

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# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

### TOPICS

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Believers

Gospel

Motives

Circumstances

Holy Spirit

Prayer

Courage

Jesus Christ

Reputation

Death

Joy

Salvation

Faith

Life

Suffering

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## **PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30**

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# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

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## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

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Paul explained to the Philippians that they shouldn't despair over his imprisonment because what had happened to him was helping to spread the gospel. Paul's example encouraged many believers to willingly take a stand for Christ and preach the Good News regardless of the consequences.

# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

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### **Introduction**

Paul himself never stopped preaching, even in his confinement. The soldiers guarding Paul heard the gospel and they learned that he was in prison not for being a criminal, but for being a Christian.

# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

## **PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30**

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**Scripture**

# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

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### Scripture (KJV)

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<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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<sup>25</sup> And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

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# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

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**Explore It Questions**

# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

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#### Explore It Questions

3. How was Paul’s ministry affected by his bondage?  
(1:12-14)

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**“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:13**  
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**Explore It  
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# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:14

### Paul’s Incarceration Affects Testimony of Others

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**Explore It  
Questions**

5. How did Paul’s incarceration affect the testimony of others? (1:14)

# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

## **PHILIPPIANS 1:14**

### **Paul’s Incarceration Affects Testimony of Others**

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#### **Explore It Questions**

And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. **(1:14 KJV)**

# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

## **PHILIPPIANS 1:15-17**

### **Some Preached Christ From Envy and Rivalry**

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#### **Explore It Questions**

6. Why did some people preach Christ out of envy and rivalry?  
(1:15-17)

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**“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:15-17**  
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**Explore It  
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7. Why did some people  
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**“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:18**  
**Why Paul Rejoiced**

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Questions**

8. What made Paul rejoice?  
(1:18)



# **“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**

## **PHILIPPIANS 1:18**

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**“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:19**  
**Paul’s Expectation of Deliverance**

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**Explore It  
Questions**

9. Why did Paul expect to be delivered from his predicament? (1:19)

**“PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”**  
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**Explore It  
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For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,...

**(1:19 KJV)**

# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:19-20

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#### Explore It Questions

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# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:21

### Paul’s Main Purpose In Living

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11. What was Paul’s main purpose in living?  
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# “PAUL’S CHAINS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL”

## PHILIPPIANS 1:22-24

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## PHILIPPIANS 1:24-26

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## PHILIPPIANS 1:29

### Paul Encourages the Philippian Christians

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# “IMITATING CHRIST’S HUMILITY”

## PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

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LESSON**

