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Bible Study

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."
(Ps. 119:105)*

Study of Philippians, "The Epistle of Joy" [pt.4]

{Philippians 1:12-17}

v.12) *But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;*

v.13) *So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;*

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

v.15) *Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:*

v.16) *The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:*

v.17) *But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.*

v.12)

- The Philippian Christians were distressed by the apostle's imprisonment and wondered what was going to happen to the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But Paul's imprisonment did not hinder spreading the message of salvation.
- "furtherance", [Grk.] <prokope>: a Greek military term which referred to the corps of army engineers who went out in front of the advancing army to open up new territory for the troops to march through. (e.g., cutting down trees, removing debris)
- God sovereignly used the vehicle of Paul's imprisonment and created new opportunities for His word to be spread.
- The next time you endure difficulties in your life look for ways that God can still get the glory from it. [Jonah 1:3,4,12,17, 2:10]

v.13)

- *So that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else. [NASB]*

