

July 30, 2017 Scripture Reading NASU

Phil 1:12-20 NASU

¹² Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

¹³ so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

¹⁴ and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

¹⁵ Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even ¹from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

¹⁶ the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

¹⁷ the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

¹⁹ for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your ²prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

July 30, 2017 Scripture Reading NIV

Phil 1:12-20 NIV

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^b and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

¹⁴ Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

¹⁶ The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.^c

¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

July 30, 2017 Scripture Reading NLT

Phil 1:12-20 NLT

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters,* that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.

¹³ For everyone here, including the whole palace guard,* knows that I am in chains because of Christ.

¹⁴ And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers* here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message* without fear.

¹⁵ It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives.

¹⁶ They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News.

¹⁷ Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me.

¹⁸ But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

²⁰ For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.

Rom 8:28

²⁸ And we know that ¹God causes ^aall things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are ^bcalled according to *His* purpose.

Acts 24:1-27

24 After ^afive days the high priest ^bAnanias came down with some elders, ¹with an ²attorney *named* Tertullus, and they ³brought charges to ^cthe governor against Paul. ²After *Paul* had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying *to the governor*,

"Since we have through you attained much peace, and since by your providence reforms are being carried out for this nation, ³ we acknowledge *this* in every way and everywhere, ^amost excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. ⁴"But, that I may not weary you any further, I beg you ¹to grant us, by your kindness, a brief hearing. ⁵"For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout ¹the world, and a ringleader of the ^asect of the Nazarenes. ⁶"And he even tried to ^adesecrate the temple; and ¹then we arrested him. [²We wanted to judge him according to our own Law. ⁷"But Lysias the commander came along, and with much violence took him out of our hands, ⁸ ordering his accusers to come before you.] By examining him yourself concerning all these matters you will be able to ascertain the things of which we accuse him." ⁹^aThe Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

¹⁰When ^athe governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded:

"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense, ¹¹ since you can take note of the fact that no more than ^atwelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. ¹²"^aNeither in the temple, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city *itself* did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or ^bcausing ¹a riot. ¹³"^aNor can they prove to you *the charges* of which they now accuse me. ¹⁴"But this I admit to you, that according to ^athe Way which they call a ^bsect I do serve ¹^cthe God of our fathers, ^dbelieving everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; ¹⁵ having a hope in God, which ^athese men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. ¹⁶"In view of this, ^aI also ¹do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience *both* before God and before men. ¹⁷"Now ^aafter several years I ^bcame to bring ¹alms to my nation and to present offerings; ¹⁸ in which they found me *occupied* in the temple, having been ^apurified, without *any* ^bcrowd or uproar. But *there were* some ^cJews from ¹Asia — ¹⁹ who ought to have been present before you and to ^amake accusation, if they should have anything against me. ²⁰"Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before ^athe ¹Council, ²¹ other than for this one statement which ^aI shouted out while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today.'"

²² But Felix, ¹having a more exact knowledge about ^athe Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the ²commander comes down, I will decide your case." ²³ Then he gave orders to the centurion for him to be ^akept in custody and *yet* ^bhave *some* freedom, and not to prevent any of ^chis friends from ministering to him.

²⁴ But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his ¹wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him *speak* about ^afaith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ But as he was discussing ^arighteousness, ^bself-control and ^cthe judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you." ²⁶ At the same time too, he was hoping that ^amoney would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him. ²⁷ But after two years had passed, Felix ¹was succeeded by Porcius ^aFestus, and ^bwishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul ^cimprisoned.

Acts 28

28 When ^athey had been brought safely through, ^bthen we found out that ^cthe island was called ¹Malta. ² ^aThe ¹natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and ^breceived us all. ³ But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out ¹because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When ^athe ¹natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "^bUndoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, ²justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ However ^ahe shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and ^a*began* to say that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days. ⁸ And it happened that the father of Publius was lying *in bed* afflicted with *recurrent* fever and dysentery; and Paul went in *to see* him and after he had ^aprayed, he ^blaid his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us with many ¹marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they ²supplied *us* with ³all we needed.

¹¹ At the end of three months we set sail on ^aan Alexandrian ship which had wintered at the island, and which had ¹the Twin Brothers for its figurehead.

¹² After we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³ From there we sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ ¹ There we found *some* ^abrethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the ^abrethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the ¹Market of Appius and ²Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

¹⁶ When we entered Rome, Paul was ^aallowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

¹⁷ After three days ¹Paul called together those who were ^athe leading men of the Jews, and when they came together, he *began* saying to them, "^bBrethren, ^cthough I had done nothing against our people or ^dthe customs of our ²fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸ "And when they had ^aexamined me, they ^bwere willing to release me because there was ^cno ground ¹for putting me to death. ¹⁹ "But when the Jews ¹objected, I was forced to ^aappeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation. ²⁰ "For this reason, therefore, I ¹requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing ^athis chain for ^bthe sake of the hope of Israel." ²¹ They said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of ^athe brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you. ²² "But we desire to hear from you what ¹your views are; for concerning this ^asect, it is known to us that ^bit is spoken against everywhere."

²³ When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at ^ahis lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly ^btestifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, ^cfrom both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. ²⁴ ^aSome were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. ²⁵ And when they did not agree with one another, they *began* leaving after Paul had spoken one *parting* word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, ²⁶ saying,

^a*GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,*
¹^b*YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ²BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;*
AND ³YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;
²⁷ ^a*FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,*
AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,
AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;
OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES,
AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,
AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN,
AND I WOULD HEAL THEM."

²⁸ "Therefore let it be known to you that ^athis salvation of God has been sent ^bto the Gentiles; they will also listen." ²⁹ [¹When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.]

³⁰ And he stayed two full years ¹in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, ³¹ ^{1a}preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ ^bwith all openness, unhindered.

Rom 5:20

²⁰ ^{1a}The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, ^bgrace abounded all the more,

Rom 5:3

³ ^aAnd not only this, but ¹we also ^bexult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about ^cperseverance;

James 1:2,3

² ^aConsider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter ^bvarious ¹trials, ³ knowing that ^athe testing of your ^bfaith produces ^{1c}endurance.

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